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Luke 24:49

In the secret of his presence how my soul delights
to hide!

Oh how precious are the lessons which I learn
at Jesus' side!

Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials
lay me low;

For when Satan comes to tempt me, to that se-
cret place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty, 'neath the
shadow of his wings,

There is cool and pleasant shelter and a fresh and
crystal spring;

And my Savior rests beside me as we hold com-
munion sweet;

If I tried I could not utter what he says when
thus we meet.

Only this I know: I tell him all my doubts, and
griefs, and fears:

O! how patiently he listens! and my drooping
soul he cheers.

Do you think he ne'er reproves me? What a
false friend he would be,

If he never, never told me of the faults which
he must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the
secret of the Lord?

Go and hide beneath the shadow—this shall then
be your reward:

And when'er you leave the silence of that hap-
py meeting place,

You will bear the shining image of the Master
in your face.

—Ellen Lakshni Goreh.

CURRENT EVENTS

A RIVER BECOMES HOT, THEN TURNS COLD

A temperamental river that loses its way, starts out warm and then turns cold, changes its name and generally qualifies itself for the title "river of doubt," may be found in West Virginia.

The spot where the river puts on its disappearing act is just west of Wardensville and is known as The Sinks. When the stream is but a trickle through The Sinks, one can walk dry-shod for almost three miles down the river bed. A cleft in the rocks through which the water disappears is visible under these conditions. When the water is high this opening in the rocks is not apparent, and the visitor hears the sound of a waterfall close at hand without being able to see it.

The mysterious cavern into which the water disappears is about five hundred feet south of where the road crosses the stream.

The water of Lost River is quite tepid before it goes underground. When it emerges as Cacapon River, after traveling under the shoulder of a mountain, it has become icy cold. What goes on underneath, to change the temperature of the water, has not yet been discovered.

Not far away is Caudy's Castle, a mass of perpendicular rocks rising five hundred feet above the valley. Early settlers used it as a refuge while retreating from the Indians. Any person who is nimble and sure-footed can climb to the top.—Publisher Unknown.

NEW LIBRARY FOR PRESIDENT'S PAPERS

The corner stone of the new library, which will house President Roosevelt's personal and private papers, was laid at Hyde Park, New York, on November 19. Mr. Roosevelt announced during the ceremonies that the new library will be opened to the public on July 1, 1941. The \$350,000 library building, financed by private donations, will be a story and a half structure of Dutch Colonial design, executed in Dutchess county field stone. One wing and the central portion will be a museum, containing such things as the President's collection of ship models and naval prints, books, and historical material about Dutchess county. The other wing will hold his 6,000,000 papers amassed since he became a New York state senator in 1910.—Christian Observer.

THE SLEEPING CITY

Olive F. W. Burt

A way out on Southern Utah, many miles from the railroad, is a most interesting city. It is called "The Sleeping City," but in truth no one sleeps there—no one lives there. This strange city covers something like ten square miles, and the buildings are entirely of stone. But they were not erected by human hands; they are the result of the untiring work of the wind and the rain, the sand and the gravel and the other forces of nature. These in combination have accomplished the work of a great builder.

Long, long ago—so long that nobody knows when—this little city was begun. All that the builder had was an enormous block of sandstone. This must be cut up into various shapes and figures to fashion the "Sleeping City."

The wind blew over it, lifting up tiny particles of sand and carrying them away. The heat of the summer days made the rock spread ever so little. The cold of the winter nights made the rock draw together. And so cracks appeared. Into these cracks the water could run, cutting away more and more of the rock.

And this is the way the towers and peaks that suggest a city were carved from the solid rock. The beauty of the city is enhanced by the wonderful colors that adorn it. Red, orange, yellow, tan, brown, every variation that sandstone may know is seen here. It is in very truth a fairy city, and every year thousands of people travel over many miles of weary desert to look upon it and marvel at the untiring energy that made Bryce Canyon.

—Publisher Unknown.

RADIO FOR CHINA

A powerful 35-kilowatt shortwave broadcasting station, constructed by British Marconi interests, is nearing completion in Chungking, Szechuan. By means of this station, China hopes to be able to broadcast, direct to radio listeners in England, Europe, and America, from Chungking, the latest information on the military situation in the hostilities between

China and Japan, presenting Chinese views. The new station is at present being tested daily at 10 A. M. to 12 noon and also from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M., Chungking time, which is roughly one hour behind Shanghai time, using four wavelengths—16, 19, 25 and 31 meter bands. Call signs are XGOX and XGOY. Broadcasts are in English and Chinese. It has taken more than one year to build this new station.—The Watchman-Examiner.

RUSSIAN CANAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Press reports from Moscow state that efforts are being made to complete Dnieper-Bug canal by April 15 of this year. The new canal connects Western White Russia and the Ukraine with the south of the Soviet Union. Oil, salt and other mass freight will go by this waterway. The canal in the Pinsk-Brest Litovsk section connects the Pripiet and the Bug rivers. From the Pripiet vessels will reach the Dnieper and thence the Black Sea. During the short period before April 15 eight locks, nine dams and fifteen miles of canal and other structures must be built. Up to 4,000,000 cubic meters of embankment must be constructed. This canal will connect the Black Sea via the rivers Dnieper, Bug and Vistula with Danzig Bay, into which the Vistula flows. A waterway already exists between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea by way of the Vistula, Bug, Pripiet and Dnieper rivers, but parts of it have been un navigable. The Russians apparently have been deepening a canal through the Pripiet marshes, connecting the upper reaches of the Pripiet river in the part of Poland taken over by Russia with the Bug river at Brest-Litovsk. The Bug river empties into the Vistula at Warsaw in a waterway that flows to the Baltic Sea. Development of this waterway into an active artery of commerce would open a new direct avenue between the Russian oil and wheat regions and Germany, although parts of the waterway freeze during the winter.—Christian Observer.

A FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

A Federal Anti-lynching Bill was passed by the House of Representatives on January 10 and sent to the Senate where a strong Southern bloc already has threatened, if necessary, to talk it to death. The House vote was 251 for passage to 132 against. House approval came after the Representatives had stricken out a provision which would have eliminated from the definition of lynching those crimes of violence occurring in connection with labor disputes. Senate action on the bill appeared improbable because a group of Southern Senators, headed by Senator Connally, of Texas, have announced their intention of blocking the measure if it comes up for consideration there. In past years similar bills repeatedly have been killed by Senate filibusters. The most recent instance was in 1938.

—Christian Observer.

RELIEF EXPENDITURES

On January 15 President Roosevelt reported to Congress that eighty federal agencies had spent \$11,776,501,569 of the \$12,930,201,033 in relief and other emergency funds appropriated since April, 1935. The report, correct to December 31, 1939, showed the monthly expenditure of emergency funds had dropped off from a peak of \$320,898,997 in April, 1936, to \$123,624,080 in September 1939, and rose again to \$157,752,654 last month. More than half of the total was spent by the W. P. A. which disbursed \$7,412,859,674. Next, was the old Federal Emergency Relief Administration, which preceded W. P. A. and spent \$934,166,889. By fiscal years, the huge sum was divided as follows: 1935, \$525,848,046; 1936, \$2,898,716,470; 1937, \$2,860,508,932; 1938, \$2,001,240,379; 1939, \$2,617,974,768; first half of current fiscal year, \$872,212,975.

THE WORLD'S LANGUAGES

Speaking of languages, do you know that men to-day use almost 3,500 languages and dialects? There are 800 separate modes of speech in Africa, 130 in India, 87 in the Philippine Islands, 46 in Europe, and "42 languages are heard on the streets of Jerusalem." The growth of the English language is remarkable. A hundred years ago we were told that it was spoken by 20,000,000 people. To-day it is the language of 250,000,000 and with 60,000,000 who are able to use it sufficiently for business purposes, some believe that English "bids fair to become the universal speech."

Walther League Messenger.

"Have You Any in Heaven Too, Uncle George?"

LITTLE Mary was sitting with her Uncle George one afternoon. Uncle had told her to keep quiet, as he had some accounts to look over; so Mary busied herself with a picture book. For an hour all was still; then Mary heard her uncle say, "There! I have quite a nice little sum laid up against a time of need."

"What are you talking about, Uncle George?" asked Mary.

"About my treasures, little girl, that I have laid up."

"Up in Heaven?" asked Mary, who had heard her father that morning read about laying up treasures in Heaven.

"I'm Doing All Right By Myself"

"Oh, no, Mary; my treasures are all on earth—some in the bank and some in other places," answered Uncle George.

"But haven't you any in Heaven, too?" asked Mary.

"Well, I don't believe I have," said Uncle George thoughtfully. "But run away to your mother, now, for I am going out."

Uncle George went out and was gone a good while, but all the time he was thinking that, after all, perhaps he was not so well off if he had no treasures laid up in Heaven to be ready for him when he left this world and his money behind him. He was so impressed with the thought that he wisely determined to lay up treasures in Heaven. He did so. Little Mary never knew until years after that it was her childish question that started Uncle George on a generous, active, Christian life.—Zion's Herald.

Amid the drudgery and hardship of life, keep this truth in mind and it will clear the fogs away and leave you in sunshine. We are on the road home, and the way is sometimes dark and dreary, but when we get there we shall see that every experience of earth was intended to fit us for higher joys of Heaven.—George H. Hepworth.

When one opens the door to the Divine Guest, He comes in with all the satisfying things of Heaven. All the rich provision is made by the Guest, not the host. The glorious Guest and the humble host feast in unbroken harmony and bliss.—Selected.

CAN WE TITHE IN HARD TIMES?

This is the title of a bulletin published by The Layman Company especially for these times. Layman bulletins on tithing, thirty-two in number, including 16 in new type form and just revised, are printed in regular two page church bulletin size so they may be used by every church issuing a weekly calendar. The two blank pages of each bulletin provide room for announcements of the local church. This arrangement not only affords valuable instruction, but also saves one-half of the printing cost as well as paper. A sample set containing 32 different tithing bulletins will be sent to any address, postpaid for 20 cents. When you write please mention the E. V. Publishing House, also give your denomination.

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GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE. Unfortunately for us, we must acknowledge our limited acquaintanceship with Eld. J. R. Charleston, a minister in the Brethren in Christ Church, whose death notice appears in this issue of the paper. We therefore, refer our readers to the above mentioned notice for more detailed information concerning his life and ministry. We are, however, not quite content to pass this opportunity by without offering a few comments upon the lives of those who are devoted to this sacred calling.

To my mind, lay members have never quite appreciated the ministry as they ought. Regardless of what may be said to the contrary, the minister who labors in the word and doctrine and in addition earns his living by farming or other occupation, is a wonderful man. He is truly unique and we doubt if there is anybody else in the world just like him. The job he has is actually a calling, but he doesn't call himself to it. If he actually knows God, he's one of the freest men in the world, and yet the most bound man. He has as much time as anyone else but there is none of it that he can call his own. If he is ever irritated and disgusted with the likes and dislikes and actions of others, he must not show it. If he is ever discouraged, he must keep it all to himself. Above all things, he must be absolutely cheerful in his ministry. It is expected that he will visit both rich and poor, never show any partiality nor neglect, or ever be out of place at either.

When he gets into the sick room, he must be sympathetic enough that it can actually be felt and when he comes into the presence of death, he must be grave and solemn and always know just the right thing to say at the right time. He must be clear-cut, earnest and positive in his preaching and yet have his language so mellowed that it will be unoffensive to the folks who always have their feelings sticking out. He must be absolutely fearless of everyone but God. There must be no fight in him, except the fight of Faith, but be an absolutely peaceable man in every respect. Each moment of his time must be occupied so that it can never be said he is idle and yet he dare never be in a hurry. He is supposed to provide and care for his family and yet, they never dare possess him, because he is not his own. He belongs to everybody else in the organization which he serves; and yet, they do not own him because he belongs to Christ, whose servant he is and whom he must implicitly obey. He is primarily the messenger of Heaven and is expected always to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith he is called, and since he is made of the same clay as others it takes a double portion of grace and stamina to qualify.

"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times." Psa. 12:6.



THE STING OF SIN. Most of us are aware of the Apostle's statement and of what he tells us the sting of sin is. It is death, it is the final conclusion, and yet we are startled and amazed when we see people who have been brought up under the sound of the Gospel and the light and love of the Saviour, through godly parents and other associations that have surrounded them all their life, to note how they continuously and deliberately walk away from God into the pathways of sin. We have heard them ask what was the matter with themselves, why they didn't get along, why everything went wrong, etc., but when you appeal to them to come back to God and get into fellowship with Him and walk in the way of righteousness, their eyes seem utterly blinded to the terrible extent and penalty which sin is already extracting from their lives. They fail to recognize how rapidly the works of the flesh are progressing and how the finer sensibilities and ideals of life are constantly being put to death and that finally the full effect of the sting of sin will be manifest and felt in spirit, soul and body.

It seems hard for people of this type to believe that they are actually walking step by step toward that place where they shall receive the sentence of sin and death in themselves. If men actually believed what the Bible has to say about sin and its results, about the standards of righteousness in the home and church and business life, about eternal punishment and the torment of the unsaved, as well as the beautiful things that are said to us concerning Heaven and immortal glory, we believe they would become so ashamed of their attitude that they would actually fly to God for help.

It is not only in this life that the baleful effects of sin are felt, but as the wavelets caused by the dropping of a pebble into the Pacific Ocean at San Francisco, are said to continue until they touch the shore of Japan, so men's sins continue in their influence and baleful effect long after death and unto the Judgment. If the effect of Adam and Eve's sin is being felt today, and it is, individuals and nations are wrecked, casualty and crime abound, we must believe that those who follow in the same evil pathway of sin and unbelief will as well leave wreckage and sin and havoc in the wake of their lives.

THE BLESSED HOPE. One of the most encouraging things to a real Christian these days is the undergirding experience in the individual heart and life by the full acceptance and personal faith in the promise of Christ's coming again. John

says that "every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." It is this that enables every believer to forsake the sins and follies of this world and to set their affections on things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

Our Savior has tried to prepare us for many of the disappointing things that we experience in life. He said: "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." The world of sin in which we live is nothing short of what the Savior promised need be expected. We shall have tribulation and sorrow and disappointment but when it comes we should be encouraged by the fact that God has destined every true believer to shine as the stars forevermore, to enjoy the fulness of eternal life and heavenly blessing at the Savior's right hand. We shall see the King in His beauty, we shall dwell with Him forever. Let us not then be moved away from the hope of the gospel "for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

POPE CANNOT TAKE THE CREDIT. Recently Pope Pius, in addressing some of his followers, said, "Happy are those states who based their laws on the doctrines of the Gospel." He further stated that in countries where tyranny is unknown and where there is respect for authority and for that just liberty to which the dignity of the human person is entitled and where by virtual concord the power of the individual and state is increased, great undertakings are carried out and everything good developed.

This is stating exactly what the so-called Christian and Protestant countries have stood for and endeavored to accomplish. A quick turning of the pages of history and a glimpse at the world of today, fails to disclose a single country that has owned their allegiance to the Pope where any real good has developed and any worthwhile undertaking carried out. The fact remains that in every country that Catholicism has overrun, the good of mankind and the development of the country have been hindered on every hand. It is not the purpose of Rome to bring people out into intelligence and knowledge. If they really wanted to do this, they would have long since scrapped the hoax of purgatory and welcomed Bible distribution among the common people rather than to hinder it. Their bigotry and blindness would not light bonfires as they have repeatedly done in South America in an effort to exterminate the Bible.

Let us remember that the Catholic church does not change. It boasts that it does not change. The present incumbent of the Vatican may have a much broader view of things than his predecessors. Many a cub lion has been thought of as harmless and has been trained to perform many en-

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THE CHRISTIAN'S OBLIGATION

PRACTICAL TALK—NO. FIFTEEN

Henry G. Brubaker

OFTEN people speak of being obligated to a friend who has shared a kindness, or to a business firm who extended credit, or to a town which is making life comfortable for its citizens, or to a community for its high moral standards, or to a church for her Christian helpfulness and spiritual uplift. All of these goodnesses are to be appreciated wherever they are found. They do make one a debtor.

On the cross of Calvary, God did a good turn for the entire human race. By this great act all are obligated to God for providing salvation grace. It is by the power of this grace that a Christian has been made anew. As the Apostle Paul affirms: "For we are his (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ordained before that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:10.

For all that God has done for him, a Christian is deeply indebted to God. God bought him by the precious blood of Christ. He belongs to God. If we change the question of the Apostle Paul to the statement which he really asserts: we have an exhortation to consecration, as follows: "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," I Cor. 6:19-20.

Such a complete separation unto God,

puts one into full co-operation with God. We serve Him without a single reserve. We are aggressive in seeking to know His will, in order that we may render better service.

It is true that a Christian will keep himself under the microscope of self-examination, II Cor. 13:5; Jude 21, but his obligation goes beyond himself to his brother man. It is necessary for Christians: (1) to provoke one another "unto love and to good works," Heb. 10:24; (2) to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ," Gal. 6:2; and (3) "we then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves," Rom. 15:1.

The Apostle Paul, as a Christian, felt that he had an obligation to deliver God's message and to preach the gospel to the world-at-large, so that he "might by all means save some." Christians are not entertainers, or amusement makers, or vaudeville artists, but they are representatives of Jesus Christ. Christians "are ambassadors for Christ," II Cor. 5:20. Every Christian knows that in himself he has "nothing to glory of," even though he preaches the gospel. Yet, with Paul he realizes his obligation: "yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" I Cor. 9:16.

All Christians are therefore, hereby, called to discharge faithfully their obligations to God, to others, and to themselves.

What Time Is It?

Menno O. Brubaker

GOD'S great clock of time is very accurate. He has set it sometime in the eternal ages of the past, according to his own purpose and plan for the universe and the human race. He is now working and fulfilling his plan on schedule time.

It is very marvelous, and beyond all human understanding and comprehension, how God keeps all the created bodies of the universe, such as the sun, moon, stars, the earth, and the planets, in their proper place. Some of them travel through space at a tremendous speed. Yet they follow their course, and keep on schedule time so accurately that astronomers have been able to determine the exact time of an eclipse for years before it took place.

Thus God also keeps in time with His purposes for the human race. He has given us a limited revelation of His plans and purposes in His Word. These revelations were often not understood by those

through whom God gave them. The prophets prophesied of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. But they themselves searched diligently what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify. I Peter 1:11. God, in His own time, gives the full and more perfect understanding of these revelations to his people. Eph. 3:5.

God has limited His revelations to times and seasons. Days, hours, and minutes are not made known to men. Christ himself said in speaking of His second coming, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man no not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Mt. 24:36.

It is not the will of God that His people should be ignorant of the times and seasons. At the time of Christ's ascension, when His disciples asked, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power." But let us remember that these disciples were still kingdom-minded, that is, they were

still expecting His earthly kingdom to be set up. It was not until Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was given, and the fuller revelation of the mystery of the Church was made known to the apostle Paul, that God's people could more fully understand His eternal purpose for Israel and the Church.

It is evident from various portions of the epistles that the early Church was expecting Christ's return to be near, some expecting Him in their day. We have now come nineteen hundred years nearer to God's set time for this glorious event. The instructed and enlightened saints are looking for His appearing.

In order that we can more clearly understand and rightly divide the scriptures concerning Christ's second coming we should know its two aspects, namely, His coming for the Church. I Thess. 4:13-17, and His coming with the Church to reign on the earth, which will close the time of the Gentile nations. According to the scriptures the rapture is imminent, that is, it may be any time.

Following are a few of the signs or indications that we are in the last days of the present dispensation:

1. Perilous times. II Tim. 3:1-8.
2. A great apostacy. I Tim. 4:1-3; Matt. 24:11, 12.
3. Distress of nations, with perplexity. Luke 21:25.
4. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for those things which are coming upon the earth. Luke 21:26.
5. The Jews, the "fig tree sign." Lu. 21:29-33. Their return to, and activities in Palestine; their persecution and expulsion from anti-Christian nations.
6. The present European crisis, and the resulting divisions and alliances, the confederacy of the north and the forming of the boundary lines of the ancient Roman empire.

The world is looking for a man that can save them from the national catastrophe which, to many, seems inevitable. But they are not looking for Christ, God's appointed one, who alone can establish righteousness and peace on the earth.

Israel is looking for their Messiah and Redeemer, but they are not looking for the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus of Nazareth whom they have pierced. Rev. 1:7.

The true Church is looking for her Savior Jesus Christ from heaven. Her faith is firm and her hope is sure. She will not be disappointed.

In conclusion, we will say, "It is the last time," I Jno. 2:18, and high time to awake out of sleep. Rom. 13:11. Perhaps too many of us are keenly watching the signs and rapid developments of these days, but fail to exercise a corresponding diligence in making our calling and election sure. I perhaps should not pass by without calling attention to the apostle Paul's exhortation

Behold! He Prayeth

H. H. Brubaker

FOR many years Mjunkwa lived a life of sin and debauchery. The morning of his life was lived during the reign of the late King of the Amandebele, Lobengula. In the noontide an influence which was to affect his life and the lives of many others came into the Matopo Hills. It was Bishop Jesse Engle and party. But that was more than forty years ago and much has transpired since then both in Mjunkwa's life and in the history of the work begun by that heroic little band of missionaries. Twilight has come for Mjunkwa. The shades of night are drawing close; soon he will be entering the valley of the shadow of death.

Let us shift the scene to the village.

"Sa ku bona, Mjunkwa." ("Good day, Mjunkwa.")

"Yebo, Sa ku bona, Mfundisi." ("Yes, good day, Mfundisi.")

"How are you, Mjunkwa? I am sorry to find you so ill."

"I am dying, Mfundisi."

"Where is the chief pain?"

"My whole body is in pain, but my chest troubles me most."

"He cannot eat Native food anymore, Mfundisi. He wants only white people's bread and tea," interjected Bubi, Mjunkwa's son.

"How is Nkosikazi? And the children, Mfundisi?"

"They are quite well, Mjunkwa."

"I am so glad you came, Mfundisi," Bubi then said, "for my father wants to be prayed for. He wants to come to Jesus. He has been thinking so much of the older missionaries, especially Mfundisi Steigerwald. The day before yesterday he was telling me how he gave five shillings toward the cost of building the Matopo church."

"How are you feeling about repenting and giving yourself to Jesus, Mjunkwa?"

"Repent? I am too old to repent. And further I am only a dead thing. I cannot go to church. I am dying, Mfundisi. But I did repent long ago, I believed God. Mapiita and I repented. We were the only old men who did so."

"Yes, Mfundisi," explained Bubi, "my father did repent and tried to follow God but the other men laughed at him and sought to draw him back again. He yielded to their words. They told him he was a silly fool to be deceived by white people in this way."

"Well, now, Mjunkwa, would you not like to just ask God to forgive your sins and you accept Jesus?"

"Forgive my sins! What have I done? I have not been bad. Mfundisi, you have a fault. You missionaries took my son, Ndhlalambi, to Northern Rhodesia when Frances Davidson went there. Why don't you bring him back? I want to see my son. I will die without seeing him."

"No, father, Ndhlalambi refuses to come back. It is not the missionaries' fault," interposed Bubi. "He now likes it better there than here."

"Yes, Mjunkwa, I saw both Ndhlalambi and his wife last August and asked him to return to Southern Rhodesia but he says he does not care to return. His wife also has no desire to come back."

"Bubi! Come and turn me over. I am tired in this position."

"Yes, father," said Bubi as he came and clumsily took hold of one arm and pulled the bare body of his father to another position on the rough pile of blankets and karosses.

The low pole and mud grass thatched hut showed plainly that no hand of woman had disturbed the effort of man at house-keeping for many months. Spiders had unchallenged liberty to spin their webs where they liked. Their bridges were spanned from pole to pole and from the grass thatched roof to tattered hat upon the wall. Generation after generation of cockroaches had made certain pots and calabashes their home. The bedraggled blankets suggested that vermin infested their not too comfortable folds. Dust and lint had accumulated on the unswept floor and gave promise of rich reward for any germ seeker. The smoke-dimmed eyes of Mjunkwa and his son Bubi gave evidence that today's smoke filled room was not their first encounter with smoke from an open fire-place.

"Do you still know me, Mjunkwa? Who am I?"

"Yes, I know you. You are Mfundisi Brubaker. I am glad you came."

"Would you like me to pray with you? Shall we ask God to help you?"

"I consent, Mfundisi."

"How do you feel in your heart? Do you have any realization of God?"

"I feel only death and destruction," despairingly whispered the sick man.

"We will pray now, Mjunkwa. Let us pray."

We bowed our knees and in our helplessness and with a feeling of deep longing to bring light to this weary soul so near the gates of eternity we poured out our hearts to God asking Him to look down upon us in mercy. We prayed that the

burden and guilt of sin might be removed from the one whose body so plainly showed the scars left by long years of sin. After we had prayed we asked Mjunkwa to pray. He did so with wheezy, gasping breath in the following words:

"Lord Jesus, I pray to you. Help me. Forgive my sins. I am dying. Take me soon so that I might have rest. I am so weary of life. God! you know what I have done. I gave five shillings to help build the Matopo church. I remember the missionaries. I knew Mfundisi Engle, Cress, Doner and Steigerwald. I am glad that Mfundisi Brubaker came today. Bless and help him. Bless Nkosikazi Brubaker and the children. Oh, Lord! Help me. In the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen."

It was with mingled feelings that we left that lowly hut. The sun was setting in the West. Already the long shadows were reaching out over the village. Within the hut lay one so soon to pass through the vale, so near death's door, but still nearer the Father's Home we venture to hope.

A Letter from Sr. McTaggart

Beloved Readers:

GOD in His wonderful wisdom and mercy has spared us to enter into another New Year. Many that began the past year with us have passed on. And many that have seen the beginning of 1940 will not see the close of it. Who may it be?

*"Some one will enter the pearly gates
By and by, By and by,
Taste of the glories that there await,
Shall you, Shall I?"*

Blessed are those that have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb. They shall enter through the gates of the city. But on the other hand if they have not made their peace with God, and have their garments stained with sin, oh, how sad is their condition.

Neglected Bibles are the great cause of the terrible conflicts in the world today. How sad to go into homes and see the tables covered with journals, magazines, daily news, and in many cases, a lot of trashy literature, but no Bible to be seen. The Bible is read so seldom, it is stored away. The Book of all books, the Word of God that will judge us at the last day.

In these days, when young people are obliged to have schooling, what a privilege they have to what many of our forefathers had. They may know a little about airplanes, auto cars, etc., but are entirely ignorant about the Bible. Some may attend a Sabbath school, then spend the rest of God's holy day playing ball or other games. All the Bible they hear is in Sabbath school, as many parents never open it in their homes. Oh, unsaved, awaken to your duty, make a change in your life in

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to be watchful and sober, I Thess. 5:1-8. We will all do well to read and ponder this portion. Wherefore, beloved, seeing ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

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PEQUEA REVIVAL

Bish. E. J. Swalm, Duntroon, Ont., Can., is expected to begin a meeting at Pequea Brethren in Christ Church, two miles south of New Danville, Pa., on February 18, 1940.

CANADIAN HOME MISSION TREAS.

Due to the loss in money exchange between the Dominion of Canada and United States of America, the Home Mission Board have again chosen a Canadian treasurer to whom all contributions from the Canadian Church for the Home Mission Board should be sent.

Orla L. Heise, Gormley, Ontario, has been designated to serve in this capacity. Canadian congregations and individuals will please send all offerings for the Home Mission fund to Brother Heise.

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A Letter from Sr. McTaggart

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this 1940. Read the word to your families and lead them in the way of truth.

I praise God that when in my father's house, every Saturday evening, papers, toys, and work were all laid by until Monday morning, and the Lord's Day was revered. He to whom all praise belongs may we serve Him and praise Him while He gives us breath.

Before I close this little article, I would say to those who so kindly remembered me with lovely letters and cards, thank you all and God bless you all.

Your Sister in His precious name,

Grandma MacTaggart,

Box 368, Stayner, Ont.

NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY

HOME MISSION TREAS. REPORT Oct., Nov., Dec., 1939

Receipts	
Balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1939	\$ 316.39
Hummelstown S. S.	30.00
Alpha Mishler	50.00
Grantham S. S.	16.47
Bro. and Sr. Roy Gingrich	20.00
Bell Springs S. S.	7.13
Maytown S. S.	26.61
Alice Hollinger Estate	50.00
Laura Turner	25.00
Martha Kuhns	15.00
E. H. Wenger Pledge	5.00
J. M. Eshelman	10.00
Des Moines S. S.	5.18
Zelda Keefe Pledge	10.00
Rosa Shrum	3.00
Cedar Springs S. S., birthday offering	4.35
Dallas Center S. S.	7.61
Joseph A. Myers	25.00
Zion S. S., Kansas	29.86
Saxton S. S., beginners	5.00
J. G. Engle	30.00
Chino S. S., Cal.	11.97
Hebron S. S., Kansas	22.80
Fairland S. S.	41.90
A friend of missions (Buffalo)	25.00
Rosebank S. S., Kans.	10.00
Bro. and Sr. (Donegal District)	50.00
Mastersonville S. S.	25.00
Mary Lyons, refund	5.00
Bro. and Sr., Elizabethtown	100.00
Bethany Cong., Okla.	56.00
Fox Hollow S. S.	4.43
Belle Springs S. S.	11.27
Sr. J. H. Kaufman	10.00
Mary Eshelman	10.00
North Franklin District	9.00
Green Spring S. S.	8.67
Dallas Center S. S.	6.54
Free Grace S. S.	20.00
Bro. and Sr., Lovers of missions, Elizabethtown	100.00
Bethel S. S., Michigan	13.99
G. G. Lyons	10.00
Bro. and Sr. Tyrus Cobb	10.00
Zion S. S., Kans.	35.50
George Reeter	5.00
Altoona S. S., Birthday offering	10.00
Cash balance and total receipts	\$1303.67
Expenditures	
E. V. Pub. House, hymn books	\$ 23.25
Samuel Wolgemuth, rent	30.00
Leroy Walters, traveling and transfer	34.50
Riddlesburg Mission	8.00
Samuel Wolgemuth, rent	30.00
Oscar Raser, part allowance	36.67
Jesse Hoover, traveling	50.00
Elizabth Anna Landis, Ann. Int.	5.50
Deficit for Ky. Tent Meeting	14.76
Waukena workers, 3 mo.	30.00
One-half rent for Clear Creek pastor	12.00
Riddlesburg Mission payment	16.00
Bert Winger, service at Iron Springs	15.00
Katie Musser, ann. int.	8.75
Workers allowance	1435.00
J. A. Climenhaga 3 mo. rent	54.00
Samuel Wolgemuth, 2 mo. rent	60.00
Total Expenditures, general	1863.43
Balance and total receipts, general	1303.67
General Deficit, Jan. 1, 1940	\$ 559.76

NOTE: The activities of the Home Mission Board have increased considerably in the last Conference year, so according to the present deficit, the funds must be increased accordingly. With this information, we are sure you will come to our help. Some of the workers assure us that we will not need to pay their rent in the future, so they are willing to help in that way.

Humbly Submitted,
Abner Martin, treas.

Received Special for Stowe Parsonage, Jan. 1, 1940

Rapho District	\$154.88
Maytown S. S.	21.39
North Franklin	35.72
Levi Sollenberger	100.00
Montgomery District, Franklin Co.	11.93
Forwarded to Gen. Treas., by Henry Landis, former Treasurer	471.63
Credit to Stowe to date, Jan. 1, 1940	\$795.25
Special: From Pennsylvania State Sunday School Meeting offering for providing places of worship at Blandburg and Reinsburg	\$124.00

We herewith express a vote of thanks to the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Board for their thoughtful remembrances of these needy mission points.

It is a pitiable thing that God cannot trust more Christians with success.—H. E. Eavey.

Illinois

CHICAGO MISSION REPORT

Dear Friends:
"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36. These words of Christ, who alone could speak of the value of the soul, come to us as we give our report for the last quarter. He did not deal with people in a wholesale way, but every soul was of intense value to Him as He thought of its immortality and destiny; so we thank God for the contacts we have had in visitation, services, Bible Classes, and open air, for the gospel's sake.

Thanksgiving day was observed by our Love Feast occasion, three services being held with communion in the evening and some of our attendants taking part for the first time. Rev. V. L. Stump and C. R. Shirk from Indiana ministered to us with a number of friends from Indiana attending, whose presence was an inspiration.

Children's Bible Classes, of which we have eight in number, continue each Wednesday and give each teacher a fine opportunity to impress the fearful results of sin and God's claim for each individual soul. We are glad to report seeing new faces in our regular services. A week ago Sunday night, a strange man came to the altar, and showed evidence of getting help. He was despondent and on his way to commit suicide, when he passed and read the scripture on the window. Last night, two men and one woman knelt at the altar for the first time. One man was only 24, only a month ago was released from the penitentiary where he had been for 7 years, for a robbery committed while only 17 and while intoxicated. He said he had no thought of coming to the service when he left home but as he passed he heard the singing and came in. He seemed to understand as we knelt to pray with him. The other man called on God in the Swedish language, in which he had first heard the story of salvation from his mother. Working with souls in sin as they are, impress us with the importance of making the gospel clear to the child mind before ruined by sin. Business men here are interested in the "blight" conditions of property in our community, this from a business standpoint, but we know it is sin that causes the blight of the soul. Man's great need is not an economic or social one, but spiritual. He needs a Savior and we know that Christ is the answer to the need of every human heart. Thus we are encouraged as we deal with frightful conditions in homes, caused by drink and gambling, which is ever on the increase.

Watch Night Service was observed from 8 P.M. till 1 A.M. After the message the service was continued by each one giving a short account of their conversion and the circumstances, etc., that led them to Christ. The hours passed so rapidly that it was midnight before we knew it and then an hour was spent in prayer around the altar, looking to God for guidance and His blessing the coming year. Specially do we mention the testimony of one man, who with his wife and family have been attending each service for the past six months. He had heard of the Mission while in Tenn., last spring and on his return to the city visited us. He had been a hard drinking man, though holding a good position in the Stock Yards. Other Christians pled with him to give himself to God, but to no avail, one night he was called to return home from work, when he found his small daughter severely burned, and in several days she passed away. He had taught this small child to drink and knew this was the voice of God. He immediately gave himself to the Lord, who delivered from the appetite for liquor and their home has been a happy one since. He said He was afraid to go back on God, because it would cost too much. We appreciate his presence at each service and his testimony. What God did for him He can do for anyone who will forsake sin and repent, and we despair of no soul.

Bro. Ray Heisey of Ohio spent four days with us Dec. 1st, speaking nightly and four times on Sunday. His messages to our young people on the Bible standards of our church were greatly appreciated. Other visitors in the past quarter include Eld. Joseph Vanderveer of Mich., friends from Kindersley, Sask., Mrs. James Hill of Wheeler, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Thural Brehm of Pa., Eld. and Mrs. Walters and Bro. and Sr. Zook and orphanage family from Morrison, Ill., Bro. and Sr. Betz of Ohio, Bro. and Sr. Church of Stamford Center,

Ont., Bro. O. M. Foote of Auburn, Ind., Bish. E. J. Swalm, Ont. and Bro. and Sr. Lewis of Detroit, Mich. The ministry of our brethren at these various services was greatly appreciated. Eld. J. H. Byer of Cal., who spent six months with us, left for his home Oct. 30. Bro. Byer's fatherly ministry and prayers were a great blessing to our people.

We are in the midst of our coldest weather in a decade, temperature registering 13 below, which is unusual for Chicago. This has heavily drained on our fuel supply, but God has supplied our needs and we here express appreciation and gratitude to God for each channel through which He has given. The battle is not ours but God's. During the Armenian massacres of some years ago a small church in the interior sent to the mother church asking for advice. If they recanted they would be spared. The small group would abide by the advice of the elders. The elder church replied their only message was that of Rev. 2:10, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Again thanking each and everyone and coveting earnestly your prayers in our behalf, we are,
In His love and service,
Carl J. Carlson.

Financial Report for Three Months Ending December 31, 1939

Receipts
Balance carried over, \$30.87; James Coughlin, Hillman, Mich., 3.00; E. Eckman's S. S. Class, Upland, Cal., 4.00; Zion S. S., Abilene, Kans., 18.00; Offering box, 3.00; In His name 5.00; Asa Kreider, Milledgeville, Ill., 5.00; In His name, 1.97; Primary S. S., 2.48; R. B. Good, Goshen, Ind., 1.00; Sr. Graybill, 1.00; Sr. Bainter, Goshen, Ind., 2.00; Sr. Mishler, New Paris, Ind., 2.00; Sr. Bucher, 2.00; Sr. Betz, Ohio, 1.00; D. Stump, Nappanee, Ind., 1.00; P. J. Wiebe, Ontario, 5.00; A. D. Baker, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1.00; Edith Clouse, Chicago, 2.00 Mrs. B. H. Weber, Chicago, 10.00; Congregation, 30.19; Y. P. Offering 14.45; Sr. W. Leed, Palmyra, Pa., 3.00; In His Name, 1.64; Total with balance carried over, \$150.60.

Expenditures
Table and Incidentals, 61.67; Gas, 14.45, Electricity, 30.19; Total, 106.31. Balance, \$44.29.

Fuel Fund

Receipts
Miss E. Dietz, Dietz Co., Chicago, 5.00; Miss Matthews, Ont., 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. E. Richter, Clackamas, Ore., 20.00; Locke Ind., S. S., 15.97; Elizabethtown S. S., Pa., 10.00; Tithing, 24.50; Total, 82.47. Total paid out for fuel since last report, \$87.76.

Relief Fund

Mrs. Miller, Tarzana, Calif., 2.00; In His Name, 3.00; J. M. Eshelman, Sedgewick, Kans., 10.00; Iva Gingrass, 5.00; Eva Hickerson Sedgewick, Kans., 5.00; In His Name, 1.00; Total, \$26.00. Paid out for provisions, \$20.00; Fuel, 4.00; Balance, \$2.00.

Other Donations

Bro. and Sr. Allan Foote, Upland, Cal., dried peaches and apricots. Thanksgiving offering from Garrett and Nappanee was that of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, apples, beans and eggs, 126 quarts of a variety of fruits and vegetables also chicken for love feast on Thanksgiving Day. Locke, Ind., Sewing Circle, by Mrs. C. Clouse, a box of clothing which contained many lovely articles, also a similar box of clothing and comforters from the Sewing Circle at Garrett Ind. Another gift of clothing came from Zion district Sewing Circle by Sr. Book. We were also remembered by Sr. Knoll of Abilene, Kans. We would not fail to mention the lovely little dresses delivered to us by Bro. and Sr. Lady, from the Sunshine sewing circle of Nappanee, Ind. Dresses to fit girls from 14 down to 7 years of age. We are reminded of Jesus' words: "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." For all these things we wish to thank our dear co-workers. At that day we shall alike receive our reward. Not only do we thank God for the material blessing but above all for the prayers of the saints for us. Surely this is the fast He has chosen for His people. To deal Thy bread to the hungry and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house, when thou seest the naked that thou cover him and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning. Isa. 58. We covet the prayers of all saints.

In His glad service,
Sarah H. Bert.

Iowa

DALLAS CENTER—Our winter revival began December 31, 1939 with Bishop Wilbur Snyder as evangelist. His messages were very much appreciated by all who heard him speak. We were made to realize anew the greatness of our God.

The weather was disagreeable but the attendance was good. A real interest was mani-

fested. Souls were made to see their need of a closer walk with God.

Two souls knelt at the altar of prayer and received definite help, one was a backslidden church member who returned to the Lord and to the Church.

We are by no means discouraged with the results because the Lord has said that His word will not return unto Him void, and if we keep on believing we will outshine the sun and we'll walk the golden streets on high! Amen.

Our work at the County Home and jail has been going forward for which we are very grateful. We visit both of these institutions the third Sunday of each month. We sing, pray, and testify and usually have a short message from God's Word. Many of the inmates have spoken their appreciation for these services. One man at the County Home just lately prayed through and his life is telling for Jesus in that place. Others have asked for prayer. We ask you to pray for the needy hearts in these places. Remember the work at Dallas Center in your prayers. We have a wonderful privilege to help in the work of the Kingdom by praying for souls yet in darkness.—Mary Landis, Cor.

Michigan

CARLAND, MICH.: Nov. 18 and 19 was the occasion of the Fall love feast at this place, and was enjoyed by those in attendance. The opening service of our winter revival began on Sunday evening, Bish. Henry Schneider of Merrill, Mich., giving the message in the absence of Bish. W. J. Myers of Massillon, O., who came on Monday and conducted the services until Dec. 6th.

Our brother's messages of divine truth were presented with love and tenderness which held the attention of the hearer and were of much encouragement to the believer. One knelt at the altar of prayer for a re-anointing of the Holy Spirit.

There were some unsaved who attended and we trust the seed sown will lodge in hearts and yet bring forth fruit. We feel the Holy Spirit was still working in our midst after the close of the meetings as two souls received definite help a week later.

May God's blessing rest upon Bro. Myers as he continues to labor in the Master's vineyard is our prayer.—Gladys Green, Cor.

Ohio

VALLEY CHAPEL: To the beloved in the Lord: Greetings from Valley Chapel, Ohio. Another year has passed into history and what has been done throughout the year for Christ and the church will last.

Nov. 25 and 26, the brethren and sisters met together for our annual fall love feast, with Bish. Henry Schneider of Merrill, Mich., in charge. Bro. Schneider brought messages, freighted with love, devotion, tenderness and power, appropriate for the occasion of commemorating the suffering and death of our Savior, thus preparing our hearts with new devotion to the task of soul saving which is our mission assigned by the Master himself e'er he left His disciples.

Our revival meetings started the Sunday night of the love feast with Bro. Schneider as evangelist. Each night for three weeks the messages came under the unction and demonstrations of the Spirit, laden with practical truths for the believer, and also the unsaved. While the congregation throughout most of the three weeks meetings was composed of professing people the messages were directed along lines of Holiness, consecration, and the necessity of the sin principle and our nature being cleansed through the Blood—in order to be a fit subject for the coming of the Lord.

Calls were made daily with few exceptions in homes where we knew of needs of a spiritual nature. Contacting the various homes with their needs brought us to our knees around our altars pouring out our hearts to God in their behalf. One home where the sister has been faithfully attending church, the husband was bitterly opposed but in meeting him in the home, he finally saw his need of the Lord and he knelt in prayer and asked for forgiveness and pardon. He has been attending some of the services since so will you pray for him especially.

One day was spent in fasting and prayer for the work at Valley Chapel. The Lord again witnessed in a very special way. Some very definite work was accomplished among our dear young people as well as others who realized their need of consecration very keenly and openly confessed it, bowing at the altar of prayer and praying through to definite victory and have been definitely testifying ever since. Among the group of 15 or 16 who knelt at the altar was one young man who had never been saved before, and he testified to the fact

that he never experienced anything like it.

Bro. Schneider left us with encouraging words and helped us feel anew our responsibility as workers in the Master's vineyard, and that there are great prospects for Valley Chapel, as we stand together in this great work, each "having a mind to work" while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work.

As we begin this New Year, yet untried, may we have the prayers of the Visitor family. We want to make the time count for Jesus as He may soon come and then how glad we will be for all that has been done in His name. Yours till Jesus comes, Henry P. and Lela Fern Heisey.

Pennsylvania

GRANTHAM DISTRICT: The Messiah Young People's Christian Society was privileged to enjoy an inspirational musical program rendered by the Orpheus Quartette of East Petersburg. Leroy Yoder, a former student and former resident of the community, was a member of the Quartette.

The election of Sunday school officers for the year 1940 resulted in the following: Supt., C. Z. Musser; Ass't Supt., John Garman; and Treasurer, S. R. Keefer.

The Young People's Christian Society elected the following officers: Pres., Mark Winger; Vice-pres., Mary Stoner; Sec., Dorothy Myers; Ass't. Sec., Anna Taylor; Treas., Paul Winger; Chorister, Grace Stoner.

On December 24, a Christmas program was presented by the Sunday school. In the morning, the Primary Department presented a program centered around the thought of "Giving." In the evening, the Junior and Adult group gave meditations centering around the coming of Jesus in fulfillment of prophecy.

MESSIAH BIBLE COLLEGE NEWS NOTES: On Friday morning of National Bible Week, the Gideon Bible Society presented twenty-four Bibles to the college. One of these will be found in every classroom and office of the school.

December 17, Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Burkholder of Upland, Calif., were with us and brought greetings from Beulah College.

An audience of nearly 900 were present to enjoy the annual Christmas program given by the A. Capella Choir of M. B. C. in the College Auditorium, Dec. 20. The choir of 55 voices directed by Professor Miller thrilled us anew with messages of the joyous Christmas season.

When school opened following the holidays, we were happy to welcome into our group twenty-four winter term students and also one student who expects to remain for the entire school year. Nineteen of the winter term students are from Penna., three from Michigan, one from Maryland, and one from Illinois.

On Jan. 9, Dr. Wilhelm Sollmann, a native of Germany, spoke on "Moral Power in Politics". At the present time Dr. Sollmann is a teacher at Pendel Hill Graduate School. Having escaped a concentration camp in Germany, he was able to give authentic information on conditions existing in Germany.

Our annual Bible Conference will be held February 15 to 18. The revival meeting under Bishop Henry Schneider of Michigan will continue two weeks thereafter. Your attention is called to these services with the hope that your prayers will be offered for the blessing of God upon His work. All are cordially invited to attend these special meetings.

LANCASTER: On Dec. 31, 1939 a communion service was held at the Lancaster Church. This was also the opening of our evangelistic services. Elder Edward Gilmore of Tillsonburg, Ont., was our evangelist. His heart-searching and inspiring sermons were much appreciated and conviction was manifested. We were happy to see thirteen kneel at an altar of prayer, ten of whom were Sunday school children. Others received definite help in homes.

On the Friday of the last week, Jan. 12, a Bible Conference and Missionary rally opened. The speakers were Eld. Henry N. Hostetter, Bishop C. N. Hostetter, Sr., Bishop Peter Gress of the United Zion's Children, Eld. Irvin Curry of the United Christian Church, Sr. Anna Wolgemuth, a returned missionary from Africa and Elder Gilmore. The topics were well discussed and the messages appreciated.

May God richly bless our evangelist in his future efforts for the salvation of souls. —R. H. M., Cor.

STOWE MISSION: The last day of 1939 closed while the Stowe Mission workers with about sixty other souls from Stowe and Gratersford were on their knees in a watch night service. The whistles and bugles of the neighborhood blew announcing the ushering in of a New Year before they arose. Surely time moves on!

The last quarter of 1939 was freighted with

blessings, joys and responsibilities, in which we found sufficient sorrows and cares to keep our feet upon the ground yet with our hearts in tune with the Infinite for oftentimes we had the pleasure of sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The last three months of the old year were ushered in with a Harvest Praise service in October at which time vegetables, fruit and groceries were placed before the mission pulpit as an offering for the workers by members from Stowe, Gratersford and Philadelphia. Apples, potatoes (both Irish and sweet) eggs, pumpkins, apple butter and canned fruit were donated to the Mission at various times, by members from the Donegal and Rapho Districts. We have tried to thank all but we desire herewith to express our thanks in a general way to be seen by all the readers of the Mission reports. Also some of our members from Souderton, Gratersford and Stowe donated food supplies from time to time during the quarter. All this enabled us to reduce our food costs exceedingly. May God bless one and all.

We are happy to report a little balance in our current expenses for the year. The automobile expense is greater than reported but private donations from parties whom at times we accommodated with donations from other sources have made up the difference. A certain person living miles from here sent five dollars to help defray expenses incurred by making trips to Llewellyn in Schuylkill County. A ten day meeting was held there during which time nineteen souls knelt at an altar of prayer. Some of these received very definite help and according to reports would like to go forward in baptism and unite with the church. The meetings were held in an old schoolhouse between Llewellyn and Minersville. It is a needy place and worthy of our consideration as a people. Bro. & Sr. Cyrus Landis of Millersburg are doing a good service there by going there at least once a week for their week night prayer meeting. We are praying for them.

Near the close of the quarter we bought an oil burner for our kitchen stove. The total expense for the stove and the installation is approximately \$24.00. We are hoping that God will lay it upon the heart of some individuals or some district to pay for this burner so that the money need not be taken from our general fund. Needs are met by hearing and thus the announcement, Last January Bro. & Sr. Howard Hess visited us during a cold day in which it was difficult to keep our kitchen warm. They remarked "We pity the Climenhagas." Thus far this year we have had colder weather than last year but thanks to the oil burner we have been very comfortable and warm.

The workers feel that Stowe members should be given special mention in this report for the way they have stood by the work with their financial gifts. Over a hundred dollars a quarter is no small contribution to come from Sunday night offerings during the three months of the last quarter. We feel that they are making sacrifices to support the work. May God richly bless them.

In the Sunday school a change has been made. Bro. Henry Landis from Souderton who has so faithfully labored in behalf of Stowe Sunday School asked to be left out of the nominations for the coming year. His past labors have certainly been appreciated. A fifty mile drive each Sunday has been no small task. Bro. Harvey Buckwalter has been put in his place as Sunday school superintendent. Bro. Aaron Shaner is the assistant superintendent. Will you pray for these two brethren and for all the Sunday school teachers as well as for the other work at Stowe.

In deep appreciation,
The Workers.

Receipts

Hall offerings	\$101.95
Harvest meeting offering	21.06
Elizabethtown S. S., class	5.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S.	10.00
Mothers in Israel, Upland, Calif.	8.25
A sister for coal	3.00
Total receipts	149.26

Expenditures

Last quarter deficit	9.38
Table supplies	25.79
Household necessities	34.51
Water rent for Mission	1.80
Fuel for home and mission	44.15
Gas & electricity for home and mission	12.59
Car expense from general fund	15.00
Total expenditures	\$143.22
Cash on hand	\$ 6.04

RIDDLESBURG MISSION—The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Ps. 126:2, 3. Surely when we think of the terrible conditions in the world and what some are suffering, we can say that even the natural blessings which we enjoy are great. And how wonderful indeed are the spiritual blessings.

The past year the Lord has helped us through some hard places. During my illness everyone seemed so kind and willing to help. Some of our Sunday School children often helped with the little household tasks, such as cleaning and other chores. The other workers

relieved me of as much of the spiritual work as possible. We praise the Lord that I am now able to reassume responsibility.

Our revival meeting started here Nov. 12 and closed Dec. 3. The interest was good from the first night, there was much conviction. On Sunday nights our room was much too small. We can seat (by crowding) around 100. One night we had the room crowded and twenty-six in the upstairs hall and stair steps. One young woman came to the altar in the first week of the meeting, she prayed but did not get saved. She became very ill and was taken to the hospital, before she went we prayed with her and she said she was saved. They had no hope that she would live. Much prayer went up for her and she is now home and gives God the glory for sparing her life.

Others were at the altar. Many were deeply moved by the Spirit but the cost seemed too much. Some are so bound by the power of darkness that it seems hard for them to break loose. But we are not discouraged for we can see that with each revival meeting some of these folks are coming closer, and we hope that soon their hearts will be opened as the Lord opened other hearts.

Much could be said in appreciation of the Martinsburg folks that helped in song, prayer and testimony. Bro. and Sr. Conda Miller missed only a few nights and their financial help made it possible for us to have an evangelist come in. Eld. R. K. Ebersole preached the first week and Eld. Eli Hostettler from Ohio preached the remainder of the meeting. The brothers preached good and the Holy Spirit did His part; if souls would only have yielded we would have had a revival. Many said they were not saved. Some that would never before confess their need asked for prayer and we still think if the meeting could have continued longer more would have been accomplished.

The attendance since the meeting closed has been very small as some are sick and the weather has been very severe. We are glad that the Sunday School attendance is increasing and with it about all we can handle.

Many of the children are wild and allowed to do as they please at home, they will not sit down and listen unless force is sometimes used. So far most of the parents send word or tell us to make them listen, the Lord help us if we would let them have their way.

We thank all who have helped in any way. Sr. Wengert's people remembered us in the fall with canned things, also potatoes and apples.

We received some boxes of clothing from Franklin Co., also some from Bro. David Martin.

We appreciate all the financial help and even though we may forget to write it down, God does not. In every way all our need has been abundantly and richly supplied.

Continue to pray that the blessing of the Lord may be upon us.

In His service,

Sara Iola Dixon.

CARLISLE—Sunday morning, Jan. 7th, Rev. R. H. Wenger, pastor of the Carlisle, "A" St. Brethren in Christ Church, began a two weeks revival meeting here. His messages were heart-searching, reminding us of the real need of consecration and the sanctified life as taught in the Word of God.

The interest and attendance was very good, considering that the weather was very cold and quite a number of our members were sick.

We are glad to say that the truth of God's word as brought to us was much appreciated and fifteen precious souls responded to the call of God. The last Sunday morning of our revival was Decision Sunday in our Sunday School and our pastor gave special attention to the young. That was a service long to be remembered as there was conviction among old and young. Many were in tears; some because of heavy conviction and others because of a burden for those who were not willing to yield themselves to the Lord. We are happy to say that twelve young people were willing to give their hearts to the Lord.

President C. N. Hostetter, Jr., of Grantham, Pa., and Rev. Charles Rife of Fayetteville, Pa., were guest speakers during our revival and I am sure that everyone enjoyed the messages they brought to us. We greatly appreciated the various quartets, from our neighboring districts, who furnished us with special music. They certainly were an inspiration to every one who had the privilege of hearing them.

The finishing touches are being put on a new addition to our church which we have very much needed for some time. This addition, ten feet wide by forty-five feet long, may be used independently or in connection with the auditorium as it is provided on that side with accordion doors. This is the second addition to our church building in recent years. We trust and pray God's blessing may so continue to be on the work that soon another addition will be necessary. Will you pray for the work of the Lord in Carlisle?

Yours in Christian love, Mrs. N. Eber Lehman.

CEDAR GROVE—September 29. Reception services in the evening when five souls were received into church fellowship. Two of these (husband and wife) were reclaimed, having previously been members of the church at this place. Our hearts rejoice that God still answers prayer.

Sept. 30. A.M. Baptismal services. Three young souls obey the Lord in this command. We are glad for these new recruits, and pray that they may walk in all the light that God gives them.

In the afternoon harvest meeting and in the evening communion services, we were glad for the visiting brethren and sisters who met with us in these services.

Sept. 31. Bish. J. T. Ginder remained with us and preached for us from Hosea 6:3. We always appreciate his forceful messages.

Oct. 22. All Day Meeting. Bro. Gutshall taught the S. S. lesson, Eld. Abner Martin and Bish. Henry Miller gave us rich gospel truths. Bish. Miller also gave a talk to the children. May we not be as forgetful hearers.

Dec. 16. Our annual District Council Meeting.

Jan. 7, opened our revival meetings, Eld. J. Lester Myers being with us. The first night his subject was "Revivals and their Effect," basing his remarks on Paul's missionary tours. His pre-sermon talks on prophecy were appreciated. The first week his messages were from the book of Revelations, each evening using one of the messages to the seven churches in Asia, making it applicable to the churches today. The attendance was not so large for various reasons: cold weather, sickness and other meetings close by. But in spite of it all we had some faithful attendants. A number raised their hands for prayer and the third Sunday evening, seven of our S. S. boys knelt at the altar of prayer. We earnestly long to see them go all the way with the Lord. Will you also pray to this end? The meetings closed Jan. 25. We believe that Bro. Myers left with the well wishes of the brethren and sisters. We feel that he is free from the blood of this people, because he denounced sin and held up a standard for us. May we be stirred to greater activity in His service.—Ella M. Louve, Cor.

SILVERDALE - SOUDERTON — Eld. Bert Winger and Sr. Anna Wolgemuth were at Silverdale on Jan. 28, 1940. Sr. Wolgemuth gave James 1:22-23. The Apostle Paul was a great missionary and gave what he had. In order to be a missionary, one must be submissive. Missionaries need our prayers. A missionary must be friendly to natives to win them and they must be jack of all trades as farmer, preacher, doctor and peacemaker. Eld. Bert Winger said most of the natives are little farmers and must pay tax. The towns are more modern than what we think they are. Their chief food is mush. They also eat sweet potatoes.

Eld. William Keeley of Philadelphia spoke for some time at Souderton in the evening. Text: Matt. 6:1-18. We should render a willing service to our heavenly Father. Jesus came to do His Father's will. Further sermon by Fred K. Bowers. He said Paul was not proud of his accomplishments but was humble. We should be in the will of God—see when we come to die, that we can say that we have finished our course. May God's messengers prosper in His service.—George Benner, Cor.

CLEAR CREEK, Ray's Cove, Rainsburg—Dear Visitor Readers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. It is now six months since we came to this locality to serve in the capacity of Mission Pastorale. We feel like reporting, for the glory of God, that we love the work here, and that our efforts thus far have been blessed of the Lord.

We are very busy, to say the least, with such a large territory to cover. Our local helpers are certainly much appreciated. Our driving distances covers a radius of approximately 15 miles. Included in our schedule are three services on Sundays, and four weekly prayer meetings.

On Dec. 3, Elder C. H. Moyer from Elizabethtown came to labor with us in a series of meetings. Although we cannot report having had a revival, in the truest sense of the word, we are glad for those who knelt at an altar of prayer and definitely sought God, thus receiving the desire of their hearts. We notice a decided lack in definite seeking, therefore a lack of definite experiences. We pray God's blessing upon our Brother as he works for God and the salvation of souls.

For several months after moving here Brother Raser had worked at manual labor on the new Penna. Highway, and our visitation work was sadly neglected. But he has not worked since the middle of December. During the month of January a very extensive program of visitation was carried on. We were in 35 different homes. We deem it a great privilege to seek out those who are hungry for God, and endeavor to help them.

There are physical needs to be met as well as spiritual. In one community a dear sister

and her family were burned out of house and home. Pray for her and her family, especially that her husband might be saved. In spite of the extreme cold weather they are trying to rebuild small living quarters.

On the whole we feel the work is making some progress. The Lord has been with us and that to bless; and has manifested His presence in definite ways.

Our efforts are not without problems. However, "the battle is not ours, but God's." We are trusting Him to fight for us in defeating the power of the enemy.

Your prayers are coveted for the work here in this part of the ripe harvest field of the Lord. Phil. 4:19.

Yours in His glad services,

Oscar and Rosa Raser,
Everett, Penna.

REVIVAL AT CROSS ROADS, FLORIN, PA.

A series of evangelistic meetings started at Cross Roads Church on January 9 and continued until the 28th, with Bro. Marshall Winger as evangelist. The attendance was good and Bro. Winger brought heart-searching messages from God's Word. Forty-six knelt at the altar of prayer, about twelve of these for conversion and the others for a definite work of grace. May these souls continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We sincerely pray that God will continue to bless Bro. Winger as he goes to other fields of labor.

—B. Irene Wolgemuth, Cor.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER

Harrisburg, Pa.
January 19, 1940

The Evangelical Visitor:

I will write a few lines for the "Visitor", as we all like to hear from each other through the Visitor, don't we? I do, especially am I anxious to look around to see if some of the saints have a testimony. I like to hear of how God is dealing with souls and of victories won over the flesh and the Devil and the world with all its allurements. We need to be wide awake in these days that we be not ignorant of Satan's devices and since he comes as an angel of light deceiving many, we must have our eyes anointed by the Holy Ghost to detect his workings. As long as we remain dead to sin and alive unto God and continually keep hid away in God, He will keep us out of the clutches of the enemy. Thank God for the promises for His people! He declares that He will keep the feet of His saints. Hallelujah! He that walketh uprightly and speaketh righteously, he that despiseth the gain of deceits, that shaketh his hands of holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears of hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high; his palace of defense shall be the munitions of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Our eyes shall see the King in his beauty, we shall behold the land that is very far off.

How true it is that our sanctified eyes can not bear to look upon evil, our sanctified ears rejoice to hear good reports instead of evil reports. If we have that faith that worketh by love, and the charity that Jesus says we must have above faith, yet that endureth all things, is kind to them that we had to endure with all their hardness of heart, God will give us the charity that suffers long and He will help us to fulfill this love chapter and add all these others, the last is thinketh no evil, will not harbor it in his heart and will pray for the one who loves to harbor the evil. The saint loves the highway of Holiness and is seated in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus where the Holy Ghost can witness to us like to Enoch that we please God. I thank God that as we are training in the school of Christ we are more and more educated to live out the Charity Chapter and be ready for the coming of the Lord. O to be clothed with the robe of righteousness and have on the breastplate of righteousness and be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen, and Amen.

Adda Wolgemuth.

Canada

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Tillsonburg, R. R. 1, Ont., Can.

Dear Readers of the Visitor:

I greet you all in the name of Jesus. I have been impressed for some time to give my experience how the Lord has helped me during my short seven years of Christian life. When the Lord asked me to unite with the church I found it very hard to become willing to wear the plain clothes. I realized that I needed the Lord to help me raise my family as the depression had set in and I found it very difficult to get along. I learned to ask the Lord and trust Him for small things. I remember when my husband was out of work and we had no coal oil, I told him to take the can and go to the store but he said he had no money,

but I told him to go while I prayed and as he entered the store some one handed him the money, thus God met the need.

At another time in very cold weather when every thing froze in the house, just before Christmas and my baby was just three days old; we had nothing to eat but a few beans and I told my husband it was about time we did some real praying and it was wonderful how God came to our help in sending in food and toys for the children. We then knelt down and thanked God for His goodness to us in answering prayer.

Things went along very nicely for awhile. We always had family worship. I attended church regularly and prayed for my husband as he was still unsaved. He finally got work in a relief camp twenty-eight miles from home so I was left alone with my little children and they had whooping cough and chicken pox and pink eye so the devil got after me with a spirit of discouragement. One cold morning when I had carried my last armful of wood in, our house caught on fire and burned down and I didn't get much out but the five children. I began to feel I was being tried like Job only I had my children spared. But as I prayed and trusted the Lord, He again supplied my need. The neighbors planned together and built us a nice little house and helped us furnish it. Praise God. When I think of God's goodness to me and the grace He grants me in time of need I surely praise Him. He is abundantly able for the needs of His children. I'm glad for the mission workers who have always been an encouragement to me.

One time some missionaries were to have a service in the Frogmore church where I attend and I was so sorry that I didn't have any money to give them; so I went to the Lord and told Him about it and that afternoon an iron man came along and bought some old iron and I received one dollar for it. How I thanked the Lord for it. The devil thought that it was too much for me to give and my husband thought the children needed shoes worse but since it came in answer to prayer I was glad to give it all.

Again our home was to be sold for back taxes but in answer to prayer things worked round so that our home was spared and we enjoy it yet today.

I would like to relate yet one wonderful experience when the Lord undertook for me. I was taken down with plural pneumonia which led to lung abscesses. I was in the hospital for months and they couldn't operate to drain it for it was just before the baby was born. Six doctors gave up hope for my recovery and phoned to my husband to come quickly but back home was a praying band who held on to the Lord in my behalf and the Lord undertook and I was spared and my baby is a healthy child today and I am able to care for my eight children. About a year ago my husband took sick with typhoid fever and pneumonia and in a short time passed away; but before he died he sought the Lord and I believe was saved. Now I'm left alone with my family, four have made a start in the services and are trying to live Christian lives. I am not very strong in body and need wisdom to raise my children so will you pray that God will sustain me and keep me faithful. I would appreciate letters from Christian people and will try to answer any such.

Your sister in Christ, Violet Wilson.

New York

BUFFALO MISSION—We send greetings of love to all the Visitor family through the precious Name of Jesus. We praise Him for full salvation. He saves to the uttermost all who will trust and obey Him, praise His dear Name!

Many months have passed since our last report. It would be impossible to relate all that the dear Lord has done for His people here, but we shall tell you some. Bro. and Sr. Buckwalter, who are now in India and Bro. Smith were with us early in the summer. The brethren and sisters here were thrilled as they heard Sr. Buckwalter tell of conditions on the field, and of their zeal to get to their God-called field. Eld. and Sr. A. Burkholder were with us for one service, which was enjoyed by all. One soul raised their hand for prayer.

The attendance has not increased as we desire, but the Sunday school shows a small increase in the average attendance. Infantile paralysis raged in the city during several months. Many of the Sunday schools closed, but by the grace of God ours was kept open, and He did not allow one child to become afflicted. We praise Him for this. Several new children are coming.

The dear Lord has manifested His healing power in most definite ways. One who was afflicted with pneumonia, was healed and able to be at the service the third evening after having been prayed for. A young mother of four children was suddenly attacked by a severe pain in her back and side, which paralyz-

Messiah Bible Conference Program

February 15-18, 1940

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Morning Session
The Universal Problem
 9:00 Song Service and Prayer
 9:15 Sin—Its Origin and Nature..... Jesse Hoover
 10:00 Its Consequences and Punishment.... Charles Rife
 11:00 Christ the Solution.... Jacob T. Ginder

Afternoon Session
Christian Experience
 1:00 Song Service and Prayer
 1:15 Why Do We Emphasize the New Birth? John H. Martin
 2:00 Why Do We Emphasize Sanctification? Henry Schneider
 Music Number
 Experiences

Evening Session
Evangelism
 6:00 Call to Prayer..... Missionary Circle
 7:00 Fellowship Service Testimony and Congregational Singing
 8:00 Evangelistic Message Henry Schneider

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Morning Session
Nonresistance
 9:00 Song Service and Prayer
 9:15 Life's Highest Motive—Love..... Jesse Hoover
 10:00 Nonresistance in Theory and Practice Wesley P. Martin
 Music
 11:00 Open Conference
 "The Conscientious Objector in Time of War"
 11:45 Recess

Afternoon Session
Nonconformity
 1:00 Song Service and Prayer
 1:15 God's Purpose and Plan in Salvation John H. Martin
 Reading
 2:00 Why Observe A Distinctive Garb?.... E. J. Swalm
 Music
 Question Period

Evening Session
Evangelism
 6:00 Call To Prayer..... Missionary Circle
 7:00 Fellowship Service Testimony and Congregational Singing
 8:00 Evangelistic Message Henry Schneider

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Session
Guidance and Security
 9:15 Song Service and Prayer

ed her right side. The Lord most graciously healed her so that she could be at her work the next day. He is teaching us to trust Him for all, and it is blessed to realize the Divine in our souls.

A number have been at the altar for salvation and some for deeper work. One young sister who had backslidden for three years was blessedly reclaimed. She made a full confession one evening after Bible Class, and the Lord forgave her, and blessed her soul. She has clothed herself with modest apparel again and is enjoying fellowship once more. The Lord is convicting others who are cold, and we ask your prayers that they will yield while it is day. The Lord willing, Bishop Shoalts expects to be with us in a revival effort in February. Please pray that God will have His way in these meetings.

We wish to thank the brethren of Wainfleet for a donation of fruit and vegetables. The

9:30 Panel Discussion—Youth Looks At Life
 10:15 Youth's Sufficiency In Christ Luke Keefer
 Reading
 11:00 How Shall I Find My Life Work?.... Albert Engle
 11:45 Recess

Afternoon Session
Musical Program
 1:30 Song Service and Prayer
 1:45 Music's Appeal E. J. Swalm
 2:30 Musical Program

Evening Session
Evangelism
 6:00 Call to Prayer..... Missionary Circle
 7:00 Fellowship Service Testimony and Congregational Singing
 8:00 Evangelistic Message Henry Schneider

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Morning Session
Worship
 9:00 Sunday School
 10:00 Worship in Africa Anna Wolgemuth
 Music
 10:45 Sermon: "Lo, I come to do Thy Will" Henry Schneider
 11:45 Noon recess

Afternoon Session
Missionary
 1:30 Song Service and Prayer
 1:45 Witnessing to God's Chosen People.... Martin Z. Miller
 2:15 A Lost World! A Waiting Savior! A Sleeping Church!..... Bert Winger
 Music
 3:00 Who Will Go For Us?..... Albert H. Engle

Evening Session
Evangelism
 6:00 Call to Prayer Missionary Circle
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INFORMATION

The Winter Revival will continue for two weeks after the close of the Conference.

The College supplies meals for Conference attendants at twenty-five cents per meal.

Lodging will be provided free of charge, but it will be necessary to make advance reservation.

Song Leaders: Earl Miller, C. Z. Musser.
Presiding Officers: C. N. Hostetter, Jr., A. W. Climenhaga, J. L. Myers, Enos H. Hess, Jesse F. Lady.

Lord opened the way for us to secure the use of a commercial trailer, and both custom houses allowed us to go over and bring the load back. This is a great help here. May the Lord bless all who contributed.

Financial for May

Receipts—Sr. Catherine Sherk \$2.00, Sr. Bernice Henderson 5.00, Sr. Clara Lyons 5.00, Sr. Melba Martin 2.00, Sr. Grace Sider 4.00, Sr. Etta Putman 5.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 3.00, Sr. Eleanor Mater 5.00, Sr. Alice Blunt 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Lapp 1.00, Sr. Bessie Milne 4.00, Bro. Max 4.00, Sr. Velma Climenhaga, 5.00, Total \$60.00. Balance from April \$9.74.

Expenditures—Provisions \$36.76, sundry 4.06, gas 2.60, electric 3.81, telephone 3.00, water 1.48. Total \$51.71.

Financial for June

Receipts—Sr. Evelyn Mater \$5.00, Bro. and

“ “ OBITUARIES “ “

Sr. Trost 8.00, Sr. Bernice Henderson 9.00, Bro. and Sr. J. Moore 1.00, Sr. Catherine Sherk 3.00, Sr. Lena Lapp 5.00, Eld. C. Cullens 1.00, Eld. H. Heise 1.00, Sr. Pearl Winger 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Sr. Bessie Milne 2.00. Total 52.00.

Expenditures—Provisions 36.08, gas 3.90, electric 3.24, telephone 3.00, sundry 2.74, repairs 2.25, fruit for canning 4.88. Total \$56.09.

Financial for July

Receipts—Sr. Velma Climenhaga 4.00, Sr. Etta Putman 1.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 10.00, A friend 5.00, Sr. Grace Sider 5.00, Sr. Mabel Sider 10.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 5.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00. Total 52.00.

Expenditures—Provisions 37.82, gas 3.25, electric 3.24, telephone 3.00, sundry 1.93. Total \$49.24.

Financial for August

Receipts—Bro. and Sr. Milne 2.00, Hall 13.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 8.00, Sr. Pearl Winger 4.00, Bro. and Sr. John Moore 1.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 6.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 3.00, Sunday school 15.00, Sr. Alice Blunt 1.00, Sr. Melba Martin 2.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Bro. and Sr. Calvin Sider 2.00, Sr. Lillian Sider 5.00. Total \$79.00.

Expenditures—Provisions 37.81, sundry 5.60, gas 2.60, electric 3.39, telephone 3.00, water 1.26. Total \$53.66.

Financial for September

Receipts—Bro. Earl Heise 1.00, Bro. and Sr. Frey, Irene, and Bro. and Sr. Brubaker 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Brechbill 2.00, Bro. and Sr. Moore 1.00, A friend 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 3.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 7.00, Hall 3.00, a friend 6.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00, Eld. P. J. Wiebe 1.00, Sr. Grace Sider 3.00, Sr. Melba Martin 2.00. Total \$49.00.

Expenditures—Provisions 37.86, sundry 1.75, gas 2.60, electric 3.63, telephone 3.00. Total \$48.84.

Financial for October

Receipts—Sr. Evelyn Mater 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Moore 2.00, Sr. Bernice Henderson 5.00, Sr. Catherine Sherk 3.00, Sr. Alice Blunt 5.00, Sr. Etta Putman 4.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 10.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 7.00, Bro. and Sr. Milne 2.00, Bro. and Sr. Wolgemuth 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00, Bro. and Sr. P. Comfort 2.00, Sr. Clara Lyons 3.50, Sr. Mabel Sider 5.00. Total \$64.50.

Expenditures—Provisions 39.06, sundry 8.29, gas 3.25, electric 3.51, telephone 3.00, fuel 9.00. Total 66.11.

Financial for November

Receipts—Sr. Evelyn Mater \$5.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 8.00, Hall 2.00, a friend 7.00, Sr. Esther Shoalts 6.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 5.00, Sr. Bessie Milne 4.00, Sr. Alice Blunt 4.00, Sr. Robert 5.00, Bro. and Sr. J. Milne 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Moore 1.00, Sr. Bernice Henderson 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 3.00, Sr. Mary Lyons 2.00, Bro. and Sr. Jesse Winger 5.00, Sr. Minor 1.00, Sr. Emma Sider 5.00. Total \$76.00.

Expenditures—Provisions 37.44, sundry 3.32, gas 4.60, electric 3.45, telephone 3.00, fuel 18.90, water 1.68. Total \$72.39.

Financial for December

Receipts—Bro. and Sr. Teel 5.00, Hall 3.00, Sr. Lillian Sider 5.00, Bro. and Sr. Hexemer 5.00, Sr. Catherine Sherk 3.00, Bro. and Sr. Monkelbaan 2.00, For Christ's service, Harrisburg 10.00, Sr. Anna Johnson 5.00, Sr. Minor 1.00, Sr. Alice Blunt 5.00, Sr. Bessie Milne 4.00, Sr. Stevenett 1.00, Bro. and Sr. Trost 10.00, Sr. Pearl Winger 5.00, Sr. Susie Troyer 5.00. Total \$69.00.

Expenditures—Provisions \$36.38, sundry 2.42, gas 2.00, electric 3.71, telephone 3.00, fuel 18.90. Total 66.41.

Balance on hand—\$46.79.
May the blessings of the Lord rest on all who contributed in any way.
In Christian fellowship,
Bro. and Sr. E. C. Bossert.

“ “ MARRIAGES “ “

GROFF-WOLFINBARGER—In the Chino Brethren in Christ Church, Jan. 28, 1940, there occurred the marriage of Bro. Lawrence Eber-sole Groff, son of Bro. and Sr. Jonas Groff to Sr. Olga Thelma Wolfinbarger, daughter of Bro. and Sr. J. N. Wolfinbarger. The ceremony was performed by Eld. J. R. Eyster, pastor of the congregation.

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matt 17:20).

Editorial

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tertaining tricks and feats but the lion nature remained and as he grew older and the setting was just right for the manifestation of that wild nature, it took no extra provocation to bring it forth.

The reason that America and Britain have become the great countries that they are today is because they have championed the open Bible. They have sought to free the oppressed and to place their peoples as much as possible on an equality. There has been freedom of worship and an actual divorce of church and state. For all of this, Catholicism can never take any credit.

PERSONAL CONVICTIONS STILL HELD AS THE HIGHEST RIGHT.
The Lutheran Church has always maintained that a Christian citizen is duty bound to bear arms and offer his life, if need be, in defense of his country; but a recent declaration by the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church has declared that the conscience of the individual, informed and inspired by the Word of God, is the final authority in determining conduct. They have, therefore, given every conscientious objector their right to follow the Word of God and the dictates of his conscience in determining the attitude and conduct in the time of war.

THE DEATH OF A GREAT STATESMAN. The recent death of Senator Borah, from Idaho, at Washington, D. C., is mourned by many millions of citizens in the U. S. A. His passing is especially lamentable at this particular time when the country is overrun with politicians but seems incapable of developing any statesmen of worth or note. It is the duty of Christians to pray for those who are in authority and we need to continue to lift our hearts to God in earnest prayer, that He may raise up such men to fill important places in our government that acknowledge and believe in the Bible, in a personal and living God and to whom the foundations of American liberty are infinitely dear.

Faith Without Works

Rev. John R. Sunn

“THERE is a good deal of vain religion in the world. That is, religion that makes no difference and means nothing in one's life. But we should not blame religion, because some people make a vain thing of it. Religion held and practiced in sincere belief is a very real thing, a force that shapes character and controls conduct, a strength and stay in all the chances and changes of life, a sure comfort in adversity, a light that sets immortal hope in the heart.”—*The Friend*.

CHARLESTON—Rev. John Rudolph Charleston, a minister in the Brethren in Christ Church of Cumberland District, Pa., for a period of thirty-two years, passed on to his eternal home, Jan. 20, 1940, aged 77 years, 4 months, and 26 days.

Surviving are an only daughter, Mrs. William Heisey, step-daughter, Mrs. Alice Blane and three grandchildren.

Bro. Charleston for many years has been a faithful member of the church. Faithful in preaching the Word.

Faithful in his conduct as a Christian he had a very keen conscience, always ready to confess Christ every where he went.

During his ministry many changes have come in the church, in her methods and in her teachings. He could not always accept these things too readily but would search the Scriptures and study and compare the subjects.

Bro. Charleston was an outstanding Bible student. He seldom, if ever, courted the favor of men. He had little, if any, fear of men.

In Church councils he was bold to declare his opinions, he would stand alone rather than give his voice in any matter to please the people.

In humility he was great. Shall we not emulate his good qualities and follow him as he has followed Christ.

Shall we not be more studious of the Word of God. And stand on the foundation of God's truth, and not waver because of the fear of men.

Funeral services were held in the Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ Church. Officiating: Rev. J. R. Asper, Rev. R. H. Wenger and Rev. Bert Winger. Text: II Cor. 5:1. Burial in adjoining cemetery.

BRUBAKER—Aaron B. Brubaker was born Oct. 1, 1854, died Jan. 27, 1940, aged 85 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

He was a native of Lancaster County but lived in Cumberland County nearly 70 years. For many years he was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clara A. New-comer Brubaker and the following children: Albert N. and Morris Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, Also Mrs. Elsie Railing of Mechanicsburg, at whose home he died. Three grandchildren also survive, and these brothers and a sister, Albert L., Henry B., Daniel B. of Mechanicsburg, and Rev. John B. Brubaker of Florin, Pa., and Mrs. Emma Neisley of Mechanicsburg.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30th from the daughter's home. Rev. J. Roy Asper officiating, assisted by Rev. J. O. Weigle of Elizabethtown, and Rev. Hugh R. Lebb of Mechanicsburg. Interment in Mechanicsburg cemetery.

HERR—Sister Elizabeth H. Herr of Florin, Pa., daughter of the late Benjamin and Anna M. Herr was born Nov. 25, 1863 in Manor township. She resided in Florin for the past thirty years, at which place she died after an illness of nine weeks. On Jan. 26, 1940 at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 1 day she died. She was a consistent member of the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, Florin, Pa.

She is survived by four sisters, Martha, wife of A. B. Frey of Mt. Joy; Anna, wife of John M. Forry, of Manheim; Emma H. Engle of Marietta and Fannie, wife of Rev. L. O. Musser of Mt. Joy.

Funeral services were held at the Cross Roads Church, Bish. I. W. Musser and Rev. Harry Brubaker officiating. Text: Rom. 8:18. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

MOYER—Henry R. Moyer was born May 18, 1858 in Lancaster County, Pa., and departed this life Jan. 19, 1940, at his home in Talmage, Kansas at the age of 81 years 8 months, and 1 day.

Early in life he united with the Brethren in Christ Church in Pennsylvania before coming to Kansas in 1883 at which time he settled near Milford. A few years later he moved to Abilene, where he was employed by Henry C. Litts. In the year 1886 he came to Talmage where he worked at the shoe and harness business.

He was united in marriage to Lizzie Book, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Book. To this union were born five children—four daughters and one son. His wife and four children preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Mrs. Roy Stewart of Talmage, and five grandchildren, George Stewart, of Abilene, Orland and Wayne Stewart, of Talmage, and Edward and John McVicker, of Talmage. Also nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Mr. Moyer has resided continuously in Talmage since 1886.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church at Talmage by Bishop M. G. Engle assisted by Rev. H. Lorson.
Burial was made in the Zion cemetery.

Foreign Missions

Entering the East

Leoda A. Buckwalter

APPROXIMATELY one hundred years ago, Adoniram and Ann Judson first set foot on the low river flats of Rangoon, Burma. We too are in Rangoon, Burma, or rather our steamer is moored in the wide, yellow, muddy river right outside of that city. But in all probability, the scene which I can see from where I sit writing is quite different than that which met the Judson's on their first arrival. Then there were only low, river flats along which mud huts were huddled together. Now, Rangoon, although distinctly oriental, is also indicative of having contacted the western world. From where I sit I can see three large Buddhist temples or pagodas, which at night are lighted with electric lights, so that the domes of the temples show for miles. On my right are the docks, backed by large modern looking buildings. To my left is a flat, river bank, on which there are lots of beautiful, overspreading trees, native huts, a foundry and a saw mill. On the river are all kinds of boats, everything from little sampans (they look like canoes with the ends turned up), Chinese junks, modern speed launches to ocean liners—and even one battleship.

We have been here a little over four days now. According to schedule we are supposed to leave for Calcutta this afternoon, and glad we'll be to know we are almost to our destination. It will be seven weeks from the time we left Los Angeles Harbor until we arrive in Calcutta. We have gone ashore—by launch—almost every day of the four days we have been in Rangoon. Ashore, we step immediately into the Orient, for right away we see cool-

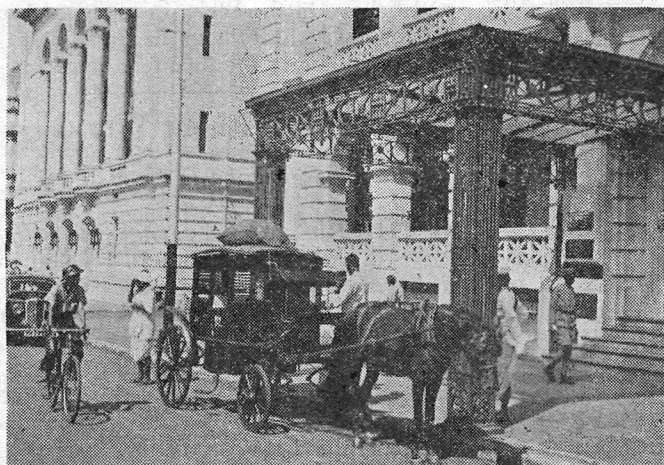
ies working on the docks, rickshaws waiting for us, garries (they look like small editions of U. S. stage coaches) and their drivers on every street, and yet with it all, large modern electric busses go up and down the main thoroughfares. There is much here that reminds me of India. The coolies are as "undressed" as I remember them to be from "Indian" days. They wear the turbans on their heads, and quite often we have seen ladies (they look like high caste) walking the streets dressed in beautiful saris. The other evening while walking through the bazaar—the Indian and Burmese business section of town—I watched an Indian make chapatis (an Indian bread) and some of their Indian sweet meats. Quite a few things I had forgotten are coming back to me, and on the whole things do not seem nearly as strange as I thought they would. Bro. Allen seems quite at home in the East, and looks quite like a "Sahib" in his khaki colored topi.

There are lots of ordinary things here that bear interest. For instance, we see signs "To Let" instead of "To Rent". The elevators are called "Lifts" and the stores are "Shops." Some of the men wear jewelry—I saw one today that had rings on his toes! A lot of men have long hair. Yesterday, a fellow on one of the flat, river boats, from which the coolies had been loading, took his bath in this yellow, muddy river, and I suppose when he finished he thought he was quite clean. The dress of the people is really colorful, for so many of the men and women wear very bright colors. Then, too, I like to hear them sing. Along the wharf, in the park, or wherever they get the notion, they start up some village tune which sounds like the bhajan tunes that I remember from childhood days. All of these songs are in the weirdest minor.

The coolies sing when they work. They have a leader who starts the refrain, and then as they all sing together, they pull together. It seems to be rather psychological, but I daresay it is a good way to get things accomplished.

The other evening we went to see one of the large temples of the city. Because of the requirements that everyone going inside has to go in barefooted, we put aside our curiosity and just "looked in". There is the most intricate handwork all around the archways and corridors leading into the temple proper. This is all covered with gold leaf, which brightly reflects the sunlight and may be seen for miles. The main dome of the temple is entirely covered with gold leaf. The temple was reputedly started before the time of Christ, and therefore is one of major importance. My heart was saddened to see the spiritual darkness of the people, as we noted the many that came to worship the god Buddha. Surely we have a gospel message for people such as these. The priests here in Rangoon dress in bright orange colored cloth. They arise every morning at four o'clock and start their morning's work of begging food from the people. We were told that they are supposed to eat all that is given to them, but they dare not beg after twelve o'clock noonday. Some of the priests are just boys and young men.

After having seen the temple, we attended a prayer meeting for Anglo-Indians at the Immanuel Baptist Church in this city. Imagine the difference, coming from a place of heathen worship to a place where the worship of the one true God is upheld. We had a blessed time of inspiration and uplift in the prayer service, and appreciated, not a little, meeting Rev. Lloyd, the pastor. As a witness to this world affirming the fact that missionary work does pay, there are a number of fine Baptist churches here. Also we visited the American Baptist Book Room, a place of no mean dimensions. Incidentally, the building reminded



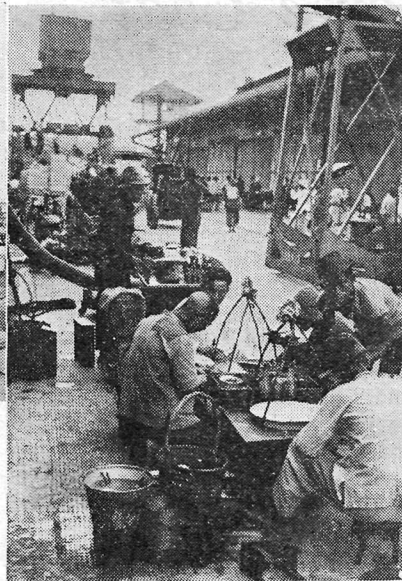
A "garry" in front of the Strand Hotel, Rangoon, Burma. (The driver carries feed for the horse on top of carriage.)



A usual street scene, taken at Penang, Malay State.



Above—Coolies unloading on dock at Rangoon.



Right—Lunch time on the docks. Notice the portable soup kitchens. Rangoon.

us quite strongly of our own E. V. Publishing House!

And now, let me add a little concerning the Christian friend we have met aboard ship. His name is Mr. Smith, and he is from a mission school in Kalampong, not far from Darjeeling, India. He is Anglo-Indian, has been working on this boat as assistant purser for four months, and has a good experience of salvation. At least he isn't afraid to speak to people about their souls. He carries a full line of tracts, gospels and books with him, and makes contact with each one of the passengers on Second Class. So far as we know, he is the only Christian on board. He is a young man and speaks very good English. It was through his interest that we found

and attended the prayer meeting ashore. Let us pray that God will make him a mighty soul-winner in this ministry of his, and will hold him true in his experience.

And so we enter the East. It is a joy to do so, especially when we realize that the promise "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." is ours. Even the little we have seen thus far has given us the urge to tell these lost ones of the Savior. May we earnestly solicit the prayers of every reader of the Visitor, and all others in our behalf. Above all, let us as young people ever maintain and live up to a high standard of Holiness that we may be a witness to all people. Let us be faithful in the work that is ours to do.

The Importance of Soul Winning

WE may judge the importance of soul-winning by remembering the place soul winning has in the Mind of God. The whole machinery of Redemption was set in motion in order to accomplish this work.

We will notice that His name indicates it. Seven times in the Old Testament it is said that God is the Savior of His people. Ps. 106:21, Isa. 43:3, Isa. 45:15, Isa. 60:16, Isa. 49:26, Isa. 63:8.

The same name is applied to God in the New Testament. Luke 1:47, I Tim. 4:10, Tit. 2:10, I Tim. 1:1, Tit. 1:3, Jude 25.

God expressly desires the salvation of all. Ezek. 33:11, I Tim. 2:4, Ezek. 18:23, II Peter 3:9.

Our Father sent Jesus to accomplish this salvation. I John 4:14, Acts 3:26, Gal. 4:4, John 3:16.

We are to see the place salvation has in the mind, life, and work of Christ. His name indicates salvation. The name Savior is given to our Lord throughout the New Testament. Matt. 1:21, Luke 2:11, John 4:42, Phil. 3:20, II Tim. 1:10, Tit. 1:4, Tit. 2:13, Tit. 3:6, Acts 5:31, Acts 13:23, II Peter 1:11, II Peter 2:20.

We have previously seen in the scriptures

how God the Father and Christ the son was anxious to see all mankind saved from all sin and sins.

The earthly ministry of Jesus Christ indicates the importance of soul winning. Luke 19:10, John 3:17, John 10:9, John 12:47, Matt. 9:2.

We will notice that His death on the cross accomplished salvation. John 12:32, Titus 2:14, Luke 23:32-43.

The Master's great commission to the church commands us to go out and win souls for Him. Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:15-16.

The early church proved itself to be a soul-saving church. Acts 2:41, Acts 4:4, Acts 6:7, Acts 19:18-19.

If we neglect soul-winning we shall be guilty of treachery to our trust, and treason to our Lord. Ezek. 3:18-19.

The Soul Winners Themselves

We are told that "He who winneth souls is wise." The man or woman whom God qualifies to win souls could probably do anything which God might ask of them.

Divine wisdom is needed in the work of winning souls, and the one who labors without it is foolish indeed. Jas. 1:5.

We should be individuals of deep spiritual life. Nine-tenths of men and women only possess natural, mental and moral life.

Deep spiritual life is the life of the indwelling Christ. I Peter 1:15.

There must be a heavenly character. If our spiritual life is unhindered we shall develop a heavenly character. It is not what we say, but what we are which tells upon others. Isa. 52:11.

We must be men and women who will pray much. Successful soul-winning has two parts: Going to God for sinners, Going to sinners for God. It is in this way that we are workers together with God. Matt. 6:6.

There must be a definiteness of aim. James 5:17-18.

There must be an unwavering faith. James 1:6-7.

There must be an appeal and dependence on Christ. John 14:13-14, John 15:16.

The Soul Winner's Qualifications

Already we have noticed that soul winning is no easy child's play, but a work demanding energy, wisdom, and skill. Our work is the winning of the soul for God, and if we fall short of this in our work it will be insufficient. If you and I are going to be real soul winners we must possess a deep love for the souls of men and women. If we have not this love our labors will be mechanical and powerless. Phil. 1:8, Rom. 10:1.

We are to have an overwhelming passion for the soul's salvation. Luke 19:10, Rom. 9:1-3.

There must be a deep and heart-felt conviction of the soul's worth. There is nothing great on earth but mankind. His soul is worth the wealth of the world. Matt. 16:26.

We must recognize that there is something for the soul to be saved from. We must realize the fact of sin and sins. Souls are lost, and if unsaved will perish. Rom. 3:23, Matt. 13:50-51.

The soul winner requires tact in his work for God. Tact is a quick appreciation of what is fit and proper in an emergency.

The Soul Winner's Success and His Message

The work to which we are called is to that of leading men, women and children to Christ by the presentation of the message of the Gospel. Our lessons should be full of God's word from beginning to end.

We must ever keep before them the old fashioned doctrine of man's ruin through sin. This is not a fashionable truth in these wicked and evil days. Isa. 53:6, Rom. 6:23.

We should present the message of reconciliation. God's great plan and purpose is that humanity should be brought into union with Himself through Jesus Christ our Savior. II Cor. 5:18-19, Rom. 5:8-10.

We are to show sinners that Christ offered them His salvation freely. Luke 19:10, John. 6:37, Matt. 11:28.

We are to expect success in our labor for souls. Success is promised. We are not to fret at the lack of success, but we are to take a fresh hold on the promises which tell us that our Father will hear and answer us. Psalms 126:6, Dan. 12:3, James 5:20.—*The Living Word.*

The soldier who sleeps on sentry duty is a traitor, however patriotic his intentions may be; the best purpose in the world will not help him when the line he was set to guard is broken and the enemy has passed through. *He must not only mean well, he must keep awake.*—Hamilton Wright Mabie, in *Essays in Lent.*

The Blue Serge Coat

Elizabeth W. Livermore

MISS RANDALL shivered. Try as she might, there seemed no way to hide the fact that she was uncomfortable. The fall breeze which swept in from the lake and chilled Detroit, bit through the none-too-heavy suit the missionary wore.

Yes, she was a missionary. And this was her first trip home from India. The weather in Kansas had been reasonably warm when she left her home to attend this meeting on the lake. Clothes for her stay in America had not been purchased, and she had hoped to make this trip and return to the sunflower state before time to buy a winter coat. But she was cold.

"Edith, your suit is not warm enough for this fall breeze," said the cousin with whom she was riding.

"No, it seems not to be," agreed Miss Randall. "I had hoped to make this trip without the need of buying heavier clothes but it seems that will be impossible. If you will advise me as to what shops to visit, I think I must purchase a coat in the morning."

"Wait until we reach my home this afternoon before you definitely decide on that," suggested Miss Waite. "I bought a new wrap just last week. If my blue one from last year fits you, you are more than welcome to use it. If it should not fit as a coat, you may be able to use the material for a skirt or cape."

Laughingly the missionary agreed that she would be pleased with the gift and was very sure it would make a welcome addition to her furlough wardrobe. Later in the day the coat was brought out, tried on, and found to be a perfect fit for its new owner. So the remaining days in Detroit were enjoyed in comfort.

Then the coat traveled on to Kansas. Here it was ripped, cleaned, pressed, turned, and re-sewed; becoming a garment which was worn into many states and attended many a rally for the cause of Christ and missions. A year later, when Miss Randall returned to India, the blue serge coat was taken along for constant use during the voyage.

"Mary must have paid a fine price for the coat," the missionary often mused to herself as she handled the garment. "It does not yet show the steady wear I have given it. My only fear has been that the givers to missions will think I spent for myself the price of a coat like this."

Thirty-seven and thirty-eight years ago in 1900 and 1901, famine and drought swept through India, leaving in their wake thousands — nay, millions — of homeless, starving orphans and widows. In the district of Phalera, where Miss Randall went in 1910 as a teacher, the missionaries of every denomination gathered the sufferers in great groups and ministered to their

needs. Bodies weakened with famine became easy preys to disease and fever. Thousands of the sufferers died.

Among the many who flocked to the "Phalera Famine Orphanage" came a woman by the name of Noli Mama. Hard had been her lot, for she had seen in a few months the death of her beloved husband and five precious children. She only was left of the once happy family; that is, she and a tiny blue skeleton, pressed very hard against her heart, which she said was her son, Prem Lal. The missionaries shook their heads in doubt over the fate of the wee creature, but he did not die. Little by little the tiny body took on flesh and the spine became so strong that the head did not dangle helplessly from side to side whenever he was handled. Gradually the seemingly helpless arms and legs became active, and Prem Lal was delighted to thrash and weave them about in true infant fashion.

As her son became stronger, and Noli Mama herself was refreshed by the food the mission provided, the grateful widow spent more and more of her time as the compound's garden woman. Faithfully she worked for those who had befriended her and was soon so valuable that the missionaries began paying her a small salary. Carefully this money was put away, and what was taken out was spent only for the necessary clothing she and her son must have. Everything else was saved for Prem Lal's education.

Would he go away to school? Yes, indeed. To some fine school where he would have the best of teaching. Nothing was too fine for the future of her son. Year by year the little fellow grew and was soon a regular attendant at the mission school. By the time Miss Randall was sent to that locality as a teacher, Prem Lal was large enough to enter the boys' school some fifty miles distant. Proudly his mother outfitted him for his new home and sent him away with many a prayer and a few secret tears.

Each of the next ten years passed in a similar fashion for Noli Mama and her son. At school time, the boy was sent away to further his education, and during vacation time he worked as a laborer on the mission compound.

"I am going to be a minister, Mother," he had one time confided to that lady. With great pride and joy, Noli Mama then turned all her attention toward sending him to the theological school when his immediate education was complete.

"I need you in the school, Noli Mama," Miss Randall had announced one day. "Now that Prem Lal is so far away and in the theological school, I want you to be

the special mother to ten of the tiny tots and care for them as if they were your very own."

"Yes, Missasahib, as you wish," was Noli Mama's only reply, but she had blushed with pleasure over the trust that was now hers. Very lovingly she tended the ten little charges. Seeing that they did not appear as healthy as had her own Prem Lal at the same age, she began feeding them a mid-afternoon lunch of gruel and brown sugar. How the flock did respond and how they grew!

Fall came on and Noli Mama began to shiver.

"Does not Noli Mama have a wrap for this weather?" asked Margaret, the newest missionary.

"Well," said Miss Randall, "her old coat is in tatters. She had a lovely shawl, but that is her Sunday shawl. She simply would not wear it on week days, despite the unpleasant weather."

"She makes a small salary here. Why does she not buy a wrap?" Margaret questioned further. "She is too old a woman to wear scanty clothing when cool weather will soon be here."

Miss Randall smiled with understanding. "When you have known Noli Mama as long as I have, you will appreciate her view. Prem Lal is studying for the ministry. Was it not Jesus in the hearts of the missionaries who caused them in 1900 to care for the widow and orphan when they were homeless and starving? Is it not this same Jesus that entered her heart and saved her from sin? Then, is it not the greatest privilege a mother can have, to see her own precious son preparing himself as a minister to tell others of the wonderful love of this Jesus? Oh, Margaret, every penny Noli Mama can spare goes to Prem Lal for his education."

Margaret was impressed and said so. Still, she was uneasy concerning the older woman's health.

"Do you suppose she is taking the malaria? That would cause her to shiver," she suggested. "I shall find out at least," and away she went on that errand.

"Noli Mama, you do not seem well," she announced to the old woman on the verandah. "Let me feel your pulse."

Calmly, but with a knowing smile, the brown hand was extended and the newest missionary felt it with experienced fingers.

"No, you have no fever," she informed the waiting lady. "But you are cold. Why do you not buy a coat?"

"Whenever the sun comes out, I am very well," declared Noli Mama. Calmly walking away to where her small family were playing, she refused to say another word.

November came and then December. The watching missionaries noticed that Noli Mama shivered more and more often. But the proud look on her brown face kept them from saying anything to her concerning clothes.

Going to her room one day for an added wrap, Miss Randall pulled from its hiding place the Detroit blue serge coat. A newer garment had taken its place in her wardrobe, and the blue coat had been entirely forgotten.

"Noli Mama," she gladly called as that woman passed her door.

Noli Mama quietly entered the room.

"Look at this coat," the missionary excitedly said. "It is warm and it will fit you. Will you take it for your own and wear it during this cold season?"

"Thank you, thank you," the dark woman said as she bowed herself from the room. And again, "Thank you."

Margaret was delighted when she heard the story and smiled with real satisfaction when the coat appeared next prayer meeting night, satisfactorily serving its new place in the world.

January passed. February with all its dampness and chilliness descended upon the compound. Noli Mama again appeared without a coat!

Miss Randall and Margaret suggested to each other all the possible fates that might have been met by the blue serge, but with no satisfactory explanation, as to its whereabouts.

"If Prem Lal were a daughter, I would know she had sent it to him," Margaret suggested. "But he is a son, so that's out of the question."

"I wonder if she has soiled or scorched it and is ashamed to confess," surmised Miss Randall.

"Where is your warm coat, Noli Mama?" she asked that lady the next time they met. "This is the time you need it most."

Searching the missionary's face for any hint of distrust, the older woman bowed and answered very simply, "I am quite comfortable, Missasahib," and then hastened away, fearing more questions.

"It is beyond me," Miss Randall confided to her companion that night. There is nothing more that I can or will do. This seems to be Noli Mama's secret."

Spring came and with it Prem Lal's graduation. Noli Mama seemed to glow with the pride that was rightfully hers. Prem Lal would soon be a full-time minister of the Gospel and she was his mother.

One morning's mail brought to the compound a pink and silver envelope addressed to Miss Randall and Margaret.

"Who could this be?" they guessed. Ruth Singh and Prem Lal. The wedding was to be at their own church and they were both invited.

"Did you know of this?" Margaret gasped.

"No, did you?" the other quickly answered. "And Noli Mama has probably not breathed a word to anyone. No wonder she has been so happy."

With the wedding day came Prem Lal and the girl who was to be his bride. She

was a beautiful girl, and an educated Christian who would do honor to any parsonage. Noli Mama hovered lovingly about as the missionaries were allowed to arrange the bridal sari and bouquet. Together the little company of women crossed the compound to the church steps where Prem Lal proudly waited with the preacher.

What a splendid pair they made as they marched together to the altar!

Miss Randall sat on one side of the small church with a group of the school girls under her supervision. With the care of a similar charge, Margaret sat on the opposite side, thus facing her superior.

Suddenly the eyes of both Americans became riveted on the groom. Then all the mischief that poets have sung concerning Irish eyes became a reality, as Margaret, that true daughter of Erin, nodded to Miss

Randall. Realizing who she was, where she was, and what was expected of her, the senior missionary fought to keep any smile from crossing her face.

Again she looked at the groom. Proudly standing by his bride, poised with the dignity that so becomes a son of India, Prem Lal presented a picture that was not common to such an occasion.

An inexpensive muslin coat to match the flowing trousers, was that what he wore? No, indeed. Or was it a black cotton drill coat? Most of the seminary boys could afford one of those, if they were very careful in their other expenditures. No, it was not even a black cotton drill. For his wedding, this man was wearing a tailored coat of beautiful blue serge!

Noli Mama, momentarily forgetting all other things, sent an appealing look toward

Letters of a Gentile to His Daughter

(Supposedly written from Bethlehem, A. D. 3)

No. 8

My Dear Daughter:

OUR dear friend and neighbor agreed to show me what is written in the books by Moses and the prophets, concerning a king who is to sit on the throne of David.

I have just finished the first book of Moses, called Genesis and I found that eleven promises have been made in this book, and while it is written about a time before the flood, it is a story handed down from father to son, and finally written by Moses, who was born in bondage in Egypt, but was saved from bondage to become the leader of Israel, and the first one to preserve the history of creation in writing.

In this book of Genesis, there is the story of how God in the beginning made all things both great and small, and how he made man in his own image and gave him dominion over the earth which he had created; and how he placed man in a beautiful garden. God made man, male and female and "God blessed them, and God said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creepeth upon the earth.'"

After God had given Adam and Eve, everything that was needful for them, they disobeyed him, by doing that which he told them not to do, having been tempted by the Devil, in the form of a serpent, and it was then they, the man and woman, lost their fellowship with God, and lost their divine nature, becoming spiritually dead. It was then that they were driven out of the beautiful garden that had been prepared for them.

God pronounced a curse upon the serpent because he, or the Devil through him had tempted Adam and Eve, and caused them to disobey, and God said to the serpent "Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and

dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life." Then God made the first promise which has finally been fulfilled in the birth of this Jesus in Bethlehem. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. Other reference to this same Jesus, are: Genesis 9:27, 12:3, 17:19, 18:18, 21:12, 22:18, 26:4, 28:4 and 44, 49:10.

With all these references made even in the dawn of creation about this babe—

There is quite a noise out in the street. I hear women screaming and crying, and men cursing, it is getting on my nerves, I am going out and see what is happening.

Let me compose myself. How can I write what I have just seen? Such cruelty is beyond description, Herod, that beast, that monster, (Be sure and destroy this letter my daughter, because if its contents should become known, I doubt if our lives would last 'till night-fall) had decreed that all the children in Bethlehem and in all the coasts, two years old and under must be killed, because the Wise Men did not go back and report to him.

The sight I have just seen is the most cruel that can be thought of. From one mother the soldier took a child while she begged and pleaded for mercy, they took this child by the feet and smashed its brains out on the street pavement. Another one, two soldiers took and tore it in two by pulling its legs and arms, still another, the soldier cut its head off with his sword, and the poor mothers, gathering up the mutilated bodies of babies, it is a sight I can't describe, and in my dreams I will hear the screams of the innocents and the moans of the mothers.

I am glad you have been spared this sight, and I do hope that by taking Jesus to the temple He has been saved.

Good-night my daughter.

Love from
Pop

the older missionary. And in return, the proud mother received such an understanding smile that she knew she was entirely forgiven.

So the blue serge from Detroit entered the ministry in India, and here ends our part of the account.

—*Light and Life Evangel.*

Constraining Love

Mary Forsyth

"PLEASE, sir, I've brought you this. It's for the missionary work we heard about last week."

Rachel Brown, a young dressmaker, stood by the study table and thrust a small packet rather hastily into the rector's hand. She turned to go, her errand over, but Mr. Clayton called her back.

"Wait a minute, Rachel, till I open it," he said gently.

He did so, and counted out a pound in silver coins.

A whole pound—from Rachel! Like a flash there came before his mind a vision of the room from which the girl had just come—the bare, poverty-stricken little room she called "home." He remembered the long, weary hours of ceaseless work, year in and year out, by means of which she kept herself alive, for her scanty earnings were all she had to live on. And now she had brought all this!

"Rachel," and Mr. Clayton's voice was husky, "I can't take it, dear girl—it's too much. It wouldn't be right," and he held out the money.

"No, no," she cried: "take it, take it! Oh, sir, the love of Jesus has got into my heart. It's for Him, sir, and for those poor, dark souls in China." And she was gone.—*Glad Tidings.*

Have You "Believed" and "Committed"

YEARS ago there lived a famous tight-rope walker, named Blondin, who performed most astonishing feats.

On one occasion he walked from one end of the center transept of the Crystal Palace, in London, to the further side, along a rope stretched at a tremendous height, and not only so, but he stopped in the middle and cooked an omelet.

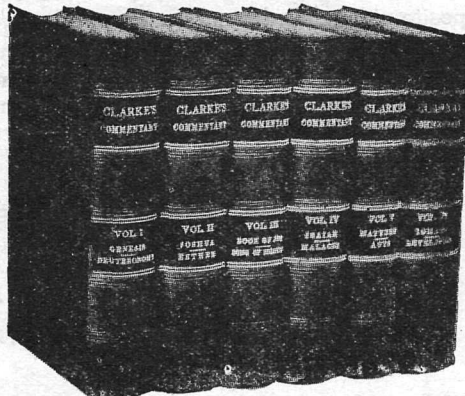
On another occasion a rope was stretched across a ship-building yard, also very high, and Blondin carried a man across, at this dizzy height, on his back, thousands of spectators gazing with awe and wonder at this remarkable performance. When he had completed his perilous journey, and descended to terra firma, he noticed a boy gazing at him in speechless amazement and admiration. So, approaching the lad, he said, "You saw me carry a man across safely, do you think I could carry you?"

"Certainly you could, for I'm only a little fellow, and he's a big man." "Well, then," returned Blondin, "jump up, and I will take you," whereupon he suited the action to the word, and bending down, said, "Well, jump up!" But the boy instead of doing so, speedily disappeared in the crowd. He did not care to trust himself to him; he was afraid to do so.

This true story is a good illustration of the text, "He that believeth (or "commit-

teth himself to") in the Son hath everlasting life, etc." (John 3:36). The boy believed Blondin was able to bear him safely, but at the moment the invitation was given he would not commit himself to the keeping of Blondin. *The word translated "believe" ninety-six times in the gospel of John is only once (John 2:24) translated "commit", and ninety-five times "believe", which is a very different thing.—With Tongue and Pen.*

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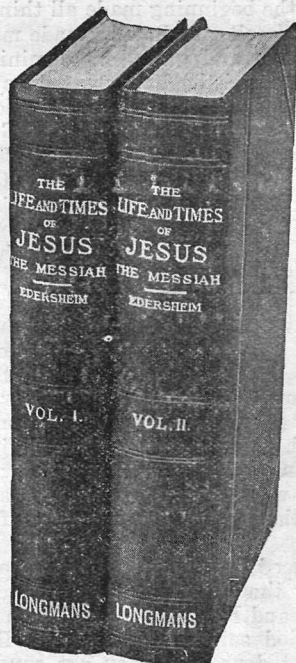
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