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WHEN MOTHER'S GONE

Walter E. Isenhour

*It's lonesome 'round the old home place
When Mother's gone away;
When we no longer see her face
And cannot hear her pray;
When she has sung her last sweet song
And spoke her last farewell,
Then goes to join the heav'nly throng
Where saints forever dwell.*

*We may behold her vacant chair,
The bed in which she slept,
And walk into her place of prayer
Where she has sighed and wept;
But Mother isn't there to smile
Nor comfort when we sigh;
Her place is vacant all the while,
Although for her we cry.*

*The home has lost its sweetest charm
When Mother isn't there;
We find no one upon whose arm
We can so lay our care;*

*Or tell the burden of our heart
And find such sweet relief,
Like Mother who removes the dart
That causes pain and grief.*

*When Mother's gone you'll miss her so,
Then bless her while she's here,
If you have flowers to bestow
Don't lay them on her bier,
But strew them on her rugged road
And help to make it bright;
Reach forth your hand and lift her load
Or help to make it light.*

*If you love Mother tell her now,
And look into her eyes;
If you have laurels for her brow
Then crown her ere she dies;
For all the eulogies you speak
When Mother's with the dead,
And all your kisses on her cheek
Are vainly done and said.*

—Selected.

Relief and Service News

Sponsored by Relief and Service Committee

Relief Notes

Reconditioning Homes in India

Our four Mennonite India relief workers were completing final plans on a proposed house building project, according to their January report. The project aims to rehabilitate the homes of widows with small children and low-income laborers. Throughout the four areas where Mennonite relief is given the brethren found a minimum of 200 homes that seriously need attention. Approximately half of these need only new roofs, but the rest need to be rebuilt from the ground up.

Ten Tons of Clothing Shipped from Newton Center

A clothing shipment of 20,000 pounds, processed and baled at the Newton, Kansas, clothing center, is enroute to an eastern seaport, where it will be shipped to the Middle East relief area. Delvin Kirchhofer, director of the M.C.C. relief unit, has requested clothing, especially shoes, to meet the present needs of the refugees. The assurance has been given that, should the refugees return to their homes before the clothing arrives, the clothing would be transshipped to the Balkan areas. This could be done with greater facility than attempting to ship clothing to Europe directly from the United States.

Medical Activity in Puerto Rico Unit

Recent developments in the medical program of the La Plata unit are community advancements. The permanent x-ray equipment for the La Plata community arrived in February. The U. S. Public Health Service has loaned a dark field microscope to the hospital. One Monday, recently, 200 patients were treated at the hospitals and clinics by Dr. Amstutz, Troyer, and Stover.

Dr. and Mrs. Preheim have exchanged with Dr. Troyer, and have transferred to clinic work at the Buena Vista and Rincon medical dispensaries. Hugh Hostetler accompanying them as laboratory assistant. Dr. Troyer now assists at the La Plata Hospital.

Holy Week Spent in Palestine

Several of the Mennonite relief workers in the Middle East, between Palm Sunday and Easter, arranged to spend their accumulated "days of leave" among scenes familiar in the life of Christ. Of much significance to them were the opportunities to tour Galilee, to hold group worship by the Lake and on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, to follow the route of the triumphal procession on Palm Sunday, and attend the Easter service at the garden tomb. Henry Detwiler, Ervin Hooley, and Delvin Kirchhofer were invited to partake of the Passover Feast in the Jewish city, Tel Aviv, on the Wednesday evening of that week.

Kitchener Clothing Program Partially Approved

The Canadian government has given the Kitchener clothing center authority to resume their program to accept used and made over clothing for overseas relief purposes. They are restricted in collecting children's clothing of all types, underwear, or men's overcoats. Fortunately, they are permitted to accept footwear of all types. Permission to purchase new goods is still under governmental consideration.

Mennonite Aid Section

Mennonite Central Committee,
Akron, Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Brown was released from C.P.S. Camp early this month. John spent nearly three years in Civilian Public Service, having been at four different camps. Since John was at my camp at the time of his release, I am naturally interested in what he will be able to do now that he has returned home.

John and I talked about the possibility of securing some financial help from the Mennonite Mutual Aid Section of the MCC. I feel that John deserves help if anybody does. I of course do not know just how far along you are with your plans nor what help you are able to give at this time.

John was a laborer up to the time of induction into camp. Having been born and raised on a farm, however, he is most interested in farming. He has reached the age when men feel that they would like to farm on their own instead of working as farm laborers. He has prospects of getting a farm but needs financial assistance in getting such items as machinery, supplies, seed, etc. His father is not able to help him get started, however, the farm that John is interested in using is his father's farm but is under mortgage.

John's character and integrity are unquestionable. He is a willing and a hard worker. During the time that he has been in C.P.S. he has acquired and studied a good bit of soil conservation.

I would be interested in knowing what can be done in helping him get started. He is at present staying with his father. I would appreciate knowing what can be done and hope that I have given you enough of a lead to work on.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Camp Director.

Checking Refugee Registration Cards

"March has been a full month. Since the last time I wrote, I have been to visit most of the El Shatt camps to gather supplementary information from the refugees for their registration cards. At this time the opportunity came to visit the workshops. I had to marvel at the various articles the Yugoslavs were able to fashion from odds and ends. In the shoe shop there was a long assembly line busily repairing and making new shoes. Toward the end of the month, we were particularly busy transferring documents from one camp to another, pulling cards from the files, and checking lists in preparation for the first movement of refugees back to Yugoslavia."

—From Marie Brunk Letter.

The work of C.P.S. men in Mental Hospitals is described in The Anniversary Review #2, a booklet being published by the C.P.S. Unit at the Harrisburg State Hospital, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Numerous interesting pictures help to illustrate the methods used in caring for the mentally ill. The aim of the booklet is to answer

some of the questions about the work, that are often asked by our friends. Among the writers are physicians and a registered nurse, besides members of this C.P.S. Unit. The booklet is now at the printers—watch for further announcement.

C. P. S. Notes

1945 Relief and C.P.S. Canning and Drying Program

A program of canning and drying for C.P.S. camps will again be conducted in 1945. Jars and sugar ration points will be provided through M.C.C. as in last year's program. A folder, to be released later, will be distributed to all churches and further articles will appear in the church papers giving full information about the program.

A "Food for Relief" program is being planned this year as well as for C.P.S. It is apparent that unlimited amounts of staple vegetable protein foods can be used advantageously for foreign relief feeding. The following should especially be emphasized: 1. Dry beans, including lima, navy, soy, and other varieties. 2. Dry peas and lentils. Federal inspection requirements apparently prohibit the exporting of home-processed meats and fats. Announcement regarding canned vegetables, including beans, peas, and concentrated sweet fruits, will be made as soon as plans shape up more definitely.

Large Group of Campers to Go West

The uncertainty of life in C.P.S. is again being realized by many campers. During the month of May, 500 C.P.S. men from base camps in the East and Mid-West will be shifted to West Coast camps. Selective Service decided to make this move after the U.S. Forest Service declared an emergency situation on the West Coast in regard to fire protection and fighting during the coming season.

Women's Summer Service Units

Plans are progressing for setting up of an M.C.C. women's summer service program again this summer. A pamphlet presenting the challenge of this type of service and describing the proposed units has been published and distributed and is available for anyone interested in this type of service. Copies may be obtained by addressing the Editor, Jesse W. Hoover, Napanee, Indiana.

Five units will no doubt be set up at the following mental hospitals: Cleveland, Ohio; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Poughkeepsie, New York; Wernersville, Pennsylvania; and Ypsilanti, Michigan. A sixth unit will be set up at Akron where members will assist with the processing of relief clothing and serve in various capacities in the relief and C.P.S. offices. The term of service will begin May 30 or shortly after and continue for a period of twelve weeks.

The Churches and the Mentally Ill

A symposium with the title, "Should the Churches Establish and Maintain Hospitals for the Mentally Ill?" has been prepared by the C. P. S. Hospital Section. The viewpoints of a Church leader, state welfare director, superintendent of nurses, C.P.S. attendant, and others are given in this publication. Copies may be secured for ten cents each by ordering from the Hospital Section, M.C.C., Akron, Penna.

Family Week

THIS week is being observed throughout the nation as family week, culminating in the almost universal observance of Mother's Day. The purpose of this special designation is a very commendable one. It is seeking to strengthen the foundations of the home, which is the foundation of all society and all civilization.

Certainly the need for such strengthening is most urgent. The home foundations have been badly shattered. We do not need to read the alarming reports and appeals of the chiefs of police organizations or of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All we need to do is glance around us a bit. It does not require much insight to recognize that the home and family have disintegrated to an alarming extent. And that is true not only of the world in general, but of almost all homes in particular.

Certainly there are differing degrees of this disintegration. And there are shining exceptions to the general deterioration. Yet the trend has been so general, amounting almost to a tidal wave, that we need to be alert to the possibility of our being swept along in the current. When the general moral level has been critically lowered, it is more difficult to retain our personal standards unaltered. For we are social beings and subject to influences of environment.

The nation-wide observance of Family Week should serve to call our attention in a particular way to the essential and indispensable character of the home and family. This week of special observance will fail in its purpose, however, if the new interest and emphasis is not carried into the succeeding weeks and months.

May we venture to suggest some timely and effective means of giving this week its intended and proper emphasis? Take a little extra time for family devotions. We are assuming, of course, that every family deserving of the name Christian habitually gathers the family together for a devotional period. But this week, we suggest that you exert a special effort to make the devotional period significant, and an experience to be cherished by all the family. Get out of the rut of formality. Put some spiritual vitality into the family altar.

Then, it would be an opportune time for each one to check up on the little courtesies and kindly considerations which should characterize our family relations. Remember that children, as well as husband or wife, are persons and deserve the respect which is the inalienable right of all personalities stamped with the image of God. In our family relationships, we are too prone to take these little respectabilities for granted. But those most beloved to us have a right to courtesies and



considerations just the same as others. Try courtesy at home. Its results may surprise you.

J. W. H.

Expression of Gratitude

BISH. O. B. ULERY conveyed this message to your editor by long-distance telephone just as the Visitor was about to go to press. He requests that I should inform the Brotherhood that he is slowly but steadily recuperating from his latest severe attack, which occurred about four weeks previous to the date of this issue. He has been very critically weakened by these several attacks.

But the chief purpose of his calling was to thank the Brotherhood for their concern and prayers, as well as the very large number of greeting cards and letters received. It is impossible for him to reply to all, and he wishes to take this means of thanking all for their remembrance of him.

And he especially wants me to convey to the Church at large his testimony of victory in the midst of suffering. He said I should tell you that he still has a "Hallelujah" in his soul. And his faith remains strong and steadfast for complete healing and restoration to active service for our Lord.

Bro. Ulery did not ask me to say this. But I am taking the liberty, nevertheless. I believe we should unitedly remember him before the throne of grace. During this week and the following Sunday, why cannot the entire Brotherhood unite in supplication for his recovery? God will be glorified, and the Church strengthened by such united prayers. Brethren, let us pray!

J. W. H.

Conference Prospects

ONCE more the Brethren in Christ Church approaches the time of its annual General Conference, the Seventy-fifth, before the termination of the greatest world-crisis that has yet been known. The world situation has produced profound changes in every phase of life. Those changes have penetrated more deeply and subtly into our lives than most of us are aware.

And the churches are no exception. It is not our purpose to here discuss the repudiation by many of the larger bodies of some of the most loudly proclaimed ethi-

cal principles of Christianity. The repeated denunciations of such facetious attitudes on the part of those who profess to follow Christ are fully merited. They would undoubtedly draw the severest rebukes from our Lord, as did the Pharisees and hypocrites of nineteen centuries ago.

And yet, we have little time to sweep the doorstep of another church, when our own is so cluttered up. Perhaps Jesus would say to us, "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." So long as certain of our glaring inconsistencies go uncorrected, our posing as censors of other churches cannot but appear naive and pharisaical.

Doubtless the Conference of 1945 will go down in the books of God as one of the determinative ones in the record of the Brethren in Christ. We are approaching the Conference this year without the tension, which existed prior to the past few sessions of Conference. This may be a hopeful indication or it may prove otherwise. If it indicates a loss of interest in some of the unsolved issues, or a waning conviction for the standards of the Bible to which we as Brethren in Christ have always clung so tenaciously, or an insensitivity to the tremendous responsibility which we face, or an acquiescence to the inevitable even though we recognize the wrong in it — if these should chance to be the reasons for our quiescence, then may God save the Brethren in Christ Church! For this is not the rest that remaineth to the people of God, but the stupor that precedes death.

Truly, I am somewhat alarmed at the listlessness prevailing in relation to some of our fundamental issues. Can it be that the terrific impact of global war, not only in its physical aspects but in its mental, moral and spiritual as well, has numbed our spiritual senses and brought about a kind of soul paralysis, a spiritual coma? May God forbid! And yet, the indications are clear. The symptoms are unmistakable. We have been affected more than we realize by this spirit of Mars, the stultifying grip of war. Brethren, let us up and shake ourselves! We have been lulled to sleep in the lap of Delilah. We have been hypnotized by the sensational and shocking propaganda that is an integral part of all wars. We have been drugged by over-stimulation until we are scarcely capable of normal reactions. The toll of these war years has been heavy. The inroads into the thinking of the Church have been deep—too deep.

If the Brethren in Christ Church is to fulfill her destiny and to accomplish her mission in this age, it will require some very clear thinking on the part of her leadership. The function of General Conference should be to facilitate such think-

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Sanctification

Devoted to the Doctrine, Experience and Evidences of the Deeper Life.

Substitutes for Holiness

H. J. Olsen

THE grand climax in the seekers' experience is realized when "the love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 5:5. The disciples were commanded to "wait for the promise of the Father," but when the Holy Ghost came in His sanctifying fullness on the day of Pentecost, it was a signal for them to begin witnessing for the Master. Important as their mission was in giving the Gospel to a needy, dying world, yet they were held at Jerusalem in the place of prayer until the Holy Ghost was given. The disciple group, however, who were required to "wait" for the coming of the Holy Ghost, belong alone to the "tarrying" class. At Samaria there was no waiting after Peter and John arrived* at the scene of revival; at the home of Cornelius the Holy Ghost came before Peter had finished his first sermon; at Ephesus the elders received the Holy Ghost the same hour that Saint Paul ministered to them. Here is the difference: before Pentecost, the "Comforter" had not come into the world; after Pentecost He was ever present, ready to take up His abode in consecrated hearts.

The thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians is a treatise on true, New Testament religion. The fullness of Christian grace is there set forth and minutely described in sixteen particulars. Every Christian should be familiar with this remarkable chapter; verses four through eight should be memorized and practised daily. Even after sin has been cleansed from the heart, the natural man is not to be trusted without the guiding hand of truth. Adam and Eve broke down at this point, and their environment was much better than ours. The nature of true religion makes demands that flesh and blood does not enjoy. The long list of particulars referred to begins with suffering, and then demands kindness of the Christian while he suffers. Every characteristic of full salvation is a foe to the natural man.

A study of Corinth and the church of that city helps us to understand why this remarkable chapter should be written to them by Paul. Their wealth, their climate, their pleasures, their bathing-beaches, their visitors, and their daily rounds of carnal associations, were all at war against their souls. No wonder that the apostle listed eight distinct substitutes that men would choose rather than accept God's holy way. What was true of Corinth then is largely true of the whole world now, for a pleasure mad race is reaching out

for the same substitutes for holiness for which so many in Corinth were ready to sell their souls.

Paul begins his warning by pointing out that the eloquence of the most accomplished orator was possible without true religion. Real eloquence is hard to account for outside of Divine inspiration. The majority of men whom God calls are not eloquent. Some of the best soul-winners lament their lack of natural ability to speak. Moses nearly backslid over his slow tongue. The unconverted orator can please without offending the people by confronting them with Gospel standards for holy living, and many will sell their souls who accept mere human eloquence as a substitute for true religion.

A more subtle substitute is the pretense of speaking with tongues of angels—a heavenly language, that men are not supposed to understand. At Corinth, many people believed there was a heavenly, angelic language which was a key to many mysteries, a language which they claimed some of their men had learned. While professing to thus speak they are warned that their angelic talk is only a "sounding brass, or a tinkling symbol." All this fleshly show detracts from Calvary and true holiness.

Then there was the gift of prophecy. Wesley told of a soldier that foretold a coming battle, and that he would receive a musket ball through the calf of his right leg, and of the outcome of the battle. But he was a man of the world hardened in sin. Thousands today are burning midnight oil studying Bible prophecies who make no pretense of living separate from known sin. One of the greatest prophetic teachers the writer even listened to was charged with living in open sin with twenty different persons, and did not attempt to deny the charge.

Great, mountain-moving faith is another substitute for holiness. Doing rather than being; works instead of grace. This substitute is closely associated with giving all our goods "to feed the poor." Carnal men feed their greed while they amass a fortune, then try to ease their conscience by giving it away. God is neither recognized in the earning nor in the giving.

We have recently heard of a group who are intent on giving the Gospel to every creature. That they are insistent that men should be saved and sanctified wholly, we have no information. It is pointed out that they are ready to make sacrifices even to the point of starvation. They have set the time for the Lord's return thirty years hence (then we cannot look for His com-

ing today). There is enough mystery about the group to inspire awe in those who have overlooked the statement, "and though I give my body to be burned" and yet do not possess in my soul saving grace and sanctifying power, "it profiteth me nothing." The late Rev. Chas. E. Cowman was considered by many the greatest missionary of his day, and he insisted the first great essential was a genuine experience of salvation, and employed no one who was not in the experience of holiness. Beware of substitutes.—P. H. Advocate.

Editorial

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ing together, and to promote the working together of the several separated parts of the Church.

It will also require courage, if the Church is not to sink into a mediocre and purposeless obscurity among the myriad other churches. There is a profound conviction on the part of some of our Church leaders that God has preserved us for a definite purpose. With our unique position, as exponents of a more comprehensive combination of all Biblical truths than any other known group, we doubtless have also a tremendous responsibility before God. If we fail and frustrate the grace of God, our judgment will be so much more severe. For we have had much greater privileges.

Nor is the responsibility resting solely on the leadership. Each member has an obligation to support the principles and policies of the church of his choice. He has an irrevocable duty to fulfill his vows, which, being made to the Church, are also made to God. He has a solemn responsibility to pray for and support in fullest loyalty the God-appointed leadership of his church. And one of the most urgent obligations incumbent upon every member, is to pray. Specifically, let us unitedly pray for the leadership of the Church, in the several Districts and congregations as well as in the corporate body of General Conference.

We are in the midst of a major crisis. The seriousness of our situation is augmented by the air of complacency and listlessness which prevails. Brethren, let us to our knees in united supplication until God speaks with such unmistakable witness that the Church will move forward unitedly to new conquests!

J. W. H.

Lead our feet that we may bear
Joy and comfort everywhere;
Guide our hands, that they may be
Tireless in love's ministry;
Touch our lips that they may speak
Hope and courage to the weak;
Bless our eyes that they may see
Christ in others constantly!

A GOOD START WITH A BAD END

E. Buckler

II Kings 5:20-27

EVERYBODY'S loved by someone: everybody knows that's true"—so runs the opening line of an old song which expresses a fairly general truth. But there are some who, if "loved by someone," certainly appear, to the majority of their generation, to be most unlovable. Gehazi, servant to Elisha the Prophet, seems to have been such a one. The position he occupied when introduced to the reader (II Kings 4:12) suggests a certain amount of confidence between the man of God and his attendant (vs. 14) and carried with it unique opportunity—for had not Elisha himself "poured water on the hands of Elijah" (chap. 3:11) and, because of his faithful service, been chosen as the successor of the mighty Tishbite? And was there any valid reason why he—Gehazi—should not follow the son of Shaphat in the sacred office? But although he performed the same offices as those rendered by Elisha to his predecessor, he was a man of far different character. One can "see a big field through a chink in the fence" and an incident connected with the visit of the Shunammite to his master reveals Gehazi in a most unenviable light (chap. 4:27). The very word—"thrust"—implies a lack of gentleness in dealing with a woman in agony of soul. From the passage before us (II Kings 5:20-27) we may learn

1. What Gehazi loved (vss. 20-23.) He was not the first (Josh. 7:21) and certainly he was not the last (Matt. 26:15) to prove the truth of the, as yet, unwritten Scripture (I Tim. 6:9, 10). One almost wonders at the amazing foolishness of the man who would try to deceive an Elisha whose marvelous powers must have been known to his servant (II Kings 6:12). But covetousness blinds the eyes and warps the judgment. Consequences are forgotten in the desire for possession. And the sight of the silver and garments were too much for the avaricious servant; the grateful Syrian had taken his leave of his master (vs. 19) and it was most unlikely that they would ever meet again—who would know?—So he would reason; everything seemed so "easy"; he fooled with the temptation—and fell. It is an old story, repeated in some manner and measure in every life (that's why it is so familiar).

2. We may now see what he lacked. That he had little sympathy for any in trouble we know (chap. 4:27); his actions now revealed cunning and deceitfulness. Little apparent connection between the two, at first sight, but both springing from the same "root" (I Tim. 6:10); for the sordid passion—love of money—dries up all the springs of compassion in

the human breast. It was from no respect for her grief that he did not attempt to "take somewhat of" the Shunammite (II Kings 5:20) but his master's eye was on him (chap. 4:25-27). Now there was "none to see" and the opportunity (which makes the thief) was his. Obtaining more than he asked from the generous Syrian, he returned to the house, hid his booty, and dismissed the carriers. All seemed well as he went in and stood before Elisha (vs. 25); but his master's question sent a pang apprehension to his guilty soul. It is easy to understand.

3. Why he lied. A thief is generally a liar and a liar is always a coward. And so the ready denial added to his sin, whereas, who knows but that humble confession might have brought pardon. The fear in the culprit's guilty heart deepened as the Prophet spoke and he realized that every detail of his sin was known. Awful, indeed, will be the fear that will

grip the souls of those who stand—their shame and guilt patent to all eyes—before the Judge of all the earth (Rev. 20:11). Confession now secures the forgiveness of the Sin-Bearer. The attempt to "cover sin" will surely bring the criminal offender under His sentence. Not till too late did Gehazi see.

4. What he had lost. Everything he had valued—purity, possessions, health, home and friends: and everything he had not valued (until they were irrevocably lost)—character, opportunity for God and for good. As the words of the dread sentence fell on the ears of the shrinking leper hope died in his breast and he "went out" to a life more terrible than death—a life made the more unbearable by the memories of "what might have been." In the great cities of Christendom, seeking to hide their shame from others or to drown memory and conviction by drugs and alcohol—the devil's "remedies" for the ruin he has wrought—there are countless men—and women—who, beginning life with every prospect of an honorable career, have become social and moral lepers. For them there is hope, in the ever merciful Christ, cleansing in His Blood, renewed powers and possibilities through grace. For Gehazi there was none.

—Selected.

Jesus Saviour Friend Divine

Annie E. Dice

*Jesus Saviour friend divine
Live within this heart of mine;
Keep me patient, pure and true
Every hour the whole day thru.*

*When in sin the lost I see
Touch my heart with sympathy;
Guide and teach me how to win
Poor lost souls far down in sin.*

*When my faith and hope is tried
Help me trust in Thee my Guide;
When discouragements I meet
Help me draw close to Thy feet*

*When temptations I must face
Give me overcoming grace;
When the victory is mine
All the glory shall be thine.*

*When my way seems dark and lone
Turn my eyes toward the throne;
When with weakness I must bear
Make me conscious of Thy care.*

*When my way seems to divide
Give me wisdom to decide;
When with duty I am faced
Help me do it by Thy grace.*

*When my work on earth is done
May I hear Thee say "well done."
When I reach the swelling tide
Land me safe on Canaan's side.*

—Contributed.

Religion in a Dark Day

Dean Shailer Mathews

First of all, religion may refuse to be depressed! Churches may reduce their budgets, funds may diminish, and all the irritating and discouraging elements of financial worry may assail the Church. But the Church is more than its finances. A financial depression ought to call forth a religious faith. And religion ought to be a minister of sanity and hope. God has not forsaken His world because men have lost paper profits. The Church has the great opportunity of driving home the fact of human solidarity and the community of human needs. When men are creditors and debtors to one another, they need to learn that they are also brothers. The Church has the opportunity to show civilization must recognize the worth of human beings if it is to succeed. At the heart of this message is the fact that God will certainly help men to find an intelligent expression of their brotherliness. We are something more than a world of material wants and animal instincts. Faith, hope, love—let the Church be the herald of these in a day when credit shrinks, hope weakens and love is not always seen to be the greatest treasure in the world."

—Selected.

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LOVE FEASTS

Pennsylvania
 Silverdale May 26 and 27
 Beginning at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.
Fairland 1:30 Sat., May 19 and Sun., May 20
 Donegal District at Elizabethtown Saturday and Sunday June 2 and 3
 Beginning at 1:00 p.m. Sat.
Mechanicsburg, Pa. May 12, 13
Mt. Pleasant May 30, 31
Pequea—Sat. and Sun. May 26, 27
 Beginning at 1:30 P. M. Saturday
Free Grace, Millersburg—Sat. May 26, at 1:30 and Sun. May 27
Gratersford May 19, 20
Cedar Grove, Juniata County—Sat. May 19 at 1:30 and Sun., May 20.
Air Hill, N. Franklin Dist. May 23, 24
Martinsburg May 12, 13
Springhope June 24
Granville May 26, 27
Canoe Creek June 16
Ray's Cove June 17
Saxton September 15
Ganister September 16
Altoona September 22
Ray's Cove September 23
Clear Creek November 11
United Zion Church
Ephrata, Pa. May 12, 13
Anville, Pa. May 27 - all day

Ohio

Valley Chapel—Sat. and Sun. May 12, 13
Highland—Sat. and Sun. May 26, 27
Sippo—Sat. and Sun. June 2, 3

Kansas

Bethel May 12, 13
Brown County May 19, 20

Kentucky

..... April 28
Evangel Chapel—Sat. afternoon and night, May 19

Michigan

Carland May 12, 13
Merrill May 19, 20
Leonard May 26, 27
Mooretown June 16, 17

Canada

Springvale, 2 p.m. May 19, 20
Waterloo, 2 p.m. May 19, 20
Wainfleet, 1:30 p.m. May 26, 27
Howick, 2 p.m. May 26, 27
Nottowa, 10:00 a.m. June 2, 3
Boyle, 2 p.m. June 2, 3
Bertie, 10:00 a.m. June 16, 17
Cheapside, 2 p.m. June 16, 17
Markham, 10:00 a.m. June 23, 24
Clarence Centre, 3 p.m. June 23, 24
Frogmore, 2 p. m. June 26, 27

Indiana

Locke, beginning at 2:00 P.M., Sat. June 2, 3

General Conference Notice

Now that all the material is in for the work of General Conference, it is quite evident that the transaction of business will not be finished by Saturday evening. It will therefore be necessary for all delegates to General Conference to arrange to stay over Sunday to conclude the business sometime on Monday.

As announced in a former issue of the Evangelical Visitor, the General Conference will convene on Thursday morning June 7, 1945 at 8:00 a.m. for a devotional service, and a roll call of all General Church Boards. After a short recess, the business session of the General Conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. of the same morning. The usual Communion Service will be observed on the Wednesday evening preceding the opening of General Conference.

Let all the people be in prayer and supplication for the General Conference of 1945. Some very vital and far-reaching decisions are to be made. Much prayer is needed to guide the General Conference this year.

Henry G. Brubaker, Sec'y.

News of Church Activity

Special Notice

GENERAL CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION

Upon instructions from the Board of Directors of the General Conference, entertainment is being provided by the General Conference Executive Committee for members of boards, delegates and officials.

Persons motoring to Conference coming from the North and East, follow U. S. Route 15 from Harrisburg toward Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and follow signs to Messiah Bible College. Motorists traveling from West of Pennsylvania Turnpike, turn South at eastern terminus just beyond the bridge at Middlesex. Follow the main road indicated by Conference signs to Grantham.

Those traveling by train, come to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Buses leave the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Harrisburg at 8:40 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. A train leaves the Reading Railroad Station at 5:20 p.m. for Grantham. Conference members who find it impossible to meet this schedule can board Valley Transportation Company buses for Mechanicsburg, call Messiah Bible College, 665J-11, and request transportation to Grantham. Buses leave Harrisburg for Mechanicsburg at the corner of Second and Market Streets, west side of the City Square.

Lodging accommodations will be ready for Board members Tuesday night, June 5. The first Conference meal to be provided will be breakfast, Wednesday morning, June 6. Special lodging and meal arrangements may be made for General Church Boards and Committees, who find it necessary to meet before Tuesday evening, by notifying Kenneth B. Hoover, Lodging Committee Chairman, Grantham, Pennsylvania, the accommodations desired.

We extend a cordial welcome to the members of the 1945 General Conference and again gladly place the facilities of Messiah Bible College and the services of the Pennsylvania church at your disposal.

Fraternally,

General Conference Executive Committee
C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Chairman
Mark B. Wolgemuth, Secretary

California

AT BEULAH COLLEGE

Chapel Guests

The Rev. Irwin Ross from Wichita, Kansas visited us several mornings in Chapel.

Bro. Ross is a pastor and an evangelist in the Mennonite Church. He is also an educator, having spent a number of years on the teaching staff at Hesston College. He knows young people, and his messages have a definite challenge for all.

Dr. J. C. Masee, former pastor at Tremont Temple, Boston, Mass., brought us a message that was freighted with unusual inspiration. At present Dr. Masee is serv-

ing as a national evangelist for the Baptist Church.

Dr. C. Ernest Davis, president of La Verne College, La Verne, Calif., is always a welcome guest at Beulah College. His recent message on "Life Investments" was indeed outstanding.

Youth Rally

A very inspirational Youth Rally, sponsored by Beulah College, was held in the Brethren in Christ Church, Saturday evening, April 7th.

The Rally was open to young people of all denominations, and the full house testified to the interest manifested.

The Rev. and Mrs. Don Mallough, musicians and evangelists from Los Angeles, very effectively rendered a number of hymns and gospel songs on their Musical Cow Bells, followed by an evangelistic message by Bro. Mallough.

Commencement Calendar

April 20	Music Recital.
May 11, (A.M.)	College Senior Day.
May 11, (P.M.)	Wenger Speech Arts Contest.
May 23	Fellowship Prayer Meeting.
May 24	Speech Recital.
May 25	Alumni Banquet.
May 27	Baccalaureate Sermon.
May 30	Commencement Exercises.

Cor.

LIFE LINE GOSPEL MISSION—The Lord has been blessing during this quarter, and His blessings have brought spiritual enrichment. There have been some remarkable answers to prayer. One of our men had been having heart trouble for years and lately it was becoming serious. At a Sunday afternoon service an altar call was given for all who needed help either spiritual or physical. The presence of the Lord was very manifest and our brother was definitely and instantly healed. Since then he has been enjoying new strength and vigor. All the men in the plant where he works soon found it out and wondered how he was healed. Even the superintendent came and inquired how he was healed, for he needed healing also. It gave our brother a wonderful opportunity to witness for his Lord.

In the home visitation work some blessed results have been achieved. One woman was beautifully saved and has been progressing nicely. In another home a mother was found grieving over a son in the service. She once had a bright experience of salvation, but the cares of this life had caused her to cool off and lose her joy, and now she had no One on whom to roll her burdens. These home visits have increased the hall attendance and found new children for the Sunday School.

During the quarter the following were visitors in the Mission and guests in the mission home: Eld. Reuben Climenhaga, Bro. & Sr. Sam Engle, Bro. & Sr. D. A. Slagenweit, Eld. & Sr. O. B. Herr, Srs. Lois and Edna Hess, Sr. Hazel Compton, and Mrs. Mary Drange.

The Workers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January, February, March, 1945.

Receipts

*Balance on hand January 1, 1945	\$124.64
Hall Offerings	323.92
Garage rent	10.50
Broadcasters (Harrisburg)	5.00
Locke S. S.	15.52
Mrs. Doris Williamson	10.00
Manor & Pequea	80.12
Pasadena Church	25.00
Lt. & Mrs. J. Buckwalter (Board)	20.00
Bro. Reuben Climenhaga	15.00
Bro. & Sr. Sam Engle	10.00
Srs. Lois & Edna Hess	10.00
Miss McGinnis	3.00
Upland S. S.	65.08
Bro. & Sr. Dozier	4.00
Bro. & Sr. Mabrie Goins	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Slagenweit	10.00
	\$636.78

Expenditures - House

Table	\$131.28
Public Utilities	43.89
Repairs	4.71
Interior painting	54.43
Supplies	7.00
Misc.	4.67
Blanket	7.07
Incidentals	13.58
	\$266.63

Expenditures Hall

Rent	\$150.00
Public Utilities	20.91
Transportation	33.89
Incidentals	13.37
Tracts	5.00
Hall Equipment	15.42
Misc.	3.00
Auto & tire repair	21.71
Cards	6.00
	\$269.30

Receipts	736.78
Special for Barjora C. F.	36.50
Total Receipts	773.28
Expenditures	535.93
To Barjora Church Fund	36.50
	\$572.43
To Emergency Fund	100.00
Cash on hand	\$100.85

Donations

Bro. Egling, Bro. & Sr. Bingham, Mr. & Mrs. Laban Burkholder, Sr. Reuben Asper, Sr. Minnie Asper, Bro. & Sr. Cyrus Winger, Sr. B. L. Byer, Bro. Hale, Srs. Lois & Edna Hess, Bro. Sprague, Bro. Basich, Bro. Luteran, Bro. & Sr. O. Herr.

Michigan

GLADWIN—Another three months has quickly passed, and we thank the Lord for His continued presence with us. Truly, we can say, the Lord has been very good to us.

I count it a privilege to labour in the Kingdom of God. We are glad to report, that during this quarter we have had some very special and precious services. God has manifested Himself in many different ways. There are several new ones attending our Sunday School and Church services from the community. God has been saving souls and others have renewed their covenant with God at an Altar of prayer following our regular services. We are thankful, indeed, for the budding forth of the seed of God's word, and also, for that which is already bringing forth fruit in the Kingdom of God.

On Easter Sunday Morning there were seven children dedicated to the Lord. The parents of these children asked for prayer that they might bring the children up for God. On Easter Sunday night the Spirit of God came upon our services and a number of souls made their way to an altar of prayer. One young-man fifteen years old, was the first one to the altar. He prayed through to a definite experience of salvation. He testified to a call of God's work and is planning on attending Bible School. Will you help pray for these different requests.

One young man will be baptized and taken into church fellowship during our spring Love-Feast the last Sat. and Sun. of April.

The Workers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Local Church Offering	\$ 33.54
The Broadcasters H'bg.	5.00
Elizabethtown Sunday School, Pa.	10.00
V. B. School, Granville, Pa.	16.65
Friends of God's Work, Millersburg, Pa.	15.00
Bro. & Sr. A. C. Winger, Pasadena, Calif.	10.00
Fairview Sunday School, Englewood, O.	39.56
Carland Sunday School, Mich.	10.00
Bro. Raymond Starr, Snover, Mich.	10.00
John Keller, Iowa'	1.00
Sr. Mearle Craighton, Gladwin, Mich. ..	10.00
Bro. & Sr. Frank Klassen, Gladwin, Mich.	15.00
Bro. & Sr. Tyrus Cobb, Wheeler, Mich.	10.00
Eld. & Mrs. G. G. Lyons	5.00
Beulah Chapel, Springfield, Ohio	101.80

Expenditures

Light for Church & Parsonage	\$ 13.30
Telephone	3.00
Coal for furnace	15.00
Kitchen expense	73.36
Gas, oil and grease for car	37.50
Radiator cleaned	3.00
Car repair	12.84
Half of small beef	17.50
Misc. Hwd., etc.	11.88
Deficit carried forward from last quarter	98.84
April 1, 1945, Balance on hand	\$ 6.33

We wish to express our sincere thanks for each gift which has come in to help in the work here at Gladwin.

The Workers.

Ohio

VALLEY CHAPEL, Stark Co. — Eld. Abner Martin was to have been our Evangelist in November, but the week he was to have come he took sick which resulted in his death, which we all felt very keenly. We were glad that Eld. Harry Brubaker of Mt. Joy, Penna. was able to come in his place. The Lord met with us in a definite way as Bro. Brubaker delivered soul stirring messages. We appreciated his ministry very much.

We were happy to have with us nearly three months this winter our father and sister, Jacob L. and Fannie Heisey. Their presence and testimonies were greatly appreciated in our services and many spoke with deep appreciation of Father's words and admonitions and experiences which he gave at different times.

We planned special Easter Services over Easter. Eld. Wm. Engle and wife from Dayton were here as well as the "Messengers Quartette" from the Ontario Bible School. Bro. Engle gave some very stirring messages Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night as well as Sunday morning and afternoon, as we had an all day meeting on Easter. The Ladies Quartette rendered special musical numbers at all the services and also gave a special program Sunday evening. These special services were well attended by our own people and were certainly a spiritual uplift and encouragement to everyone. We had personally called in over a hundred homes in the community and had given a personal invitation to these people to attend these special services and some responded but not as many as we had hoped.

We are planning another Vacation Bible school as soon as the local schools close with Sr. Elsie Bechtel in charge. We trust you will pray with us that these efforts be not in vain. So many around us need Christ and our desire is that we may some way get the Gospel to them.

Oklahoma

THOMAS—A two weeks revival meeting began at the Bethany Church on Easter Sunday, with our Pastor, Bro. Friesen, in charge. We were unable to have services several nights on account of heavy rains and bad roads. But we certainly wish to praise the Lord for his gracious presence in our midst during the meeting.

Bro. Friesen faithfully preached the Word with no uncertain sound. May the Lord richly bless and reward him for his humble, steadfast ministry among us. Souls were convicted but only a few sought the Lord and many more who realized their need were unwilling to pay the price. We wonder how they will answer in that Great Day when they have had so much light and so many golden opportunities to accept Christ.

We are glad to report good services the first Sunday following the close of the meeting. One young man prayed through in the evening service. Help us to pray that the revival fires will continue to burn at this place.

Cor.

Pennsylvania

CANOE CREEK—Our evangelistic services closed April 18th with our hearts vibrating anew from hearing the gospel messages given by a spirited heart who has experienced the faithful leadings of the Holy Spirit. Our Bro. Allen Brubaker left us with a greater responsibility to keep the gospel banner unfurled. There are souls in darkness and need light. May the Christ Spirit be so contagious that it might intensify their desire to come to the light of His love.

We want to thank each one who has been so kind as to send financial aid for the building project, which is a basement under the chapel. It is not finished as yet but trust it will be completed this summer, to use as Sunday School rooms next winter.

Continue to pray for us.

Your Co-Workers,

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Chapel Offering	\$ 15.77
William Miller	8.40
Revival Offering	42.00
Bro. Willie Robinson	10.00
Bro. Allen Brubaker	3.65
Bro. & Sr. George Gray	10.00
Bro. & Sr. Shanon Oldham	23.05
Bro. & Sr. Hayden Walls	5.00
Dorcas Rohrer	10.00
Elizabethtown S. S.	10.00
Cedar Springs Y. P. Class	10.00
Chestnut Grove Cong.	65.25
Sale of Beacon	3.85
Total	\$216.97

Expenses

Groceries & milk	\$ 59.66
Electric	16.25
Goat feed	6.72
Wall paper	7.50
Coal	16.80
Evangelist	42.00
Window Sash	5.90
Wood Sawing	5.00
Gas, oil & licence	25.10
Misc.	9.24
Total	194.17
Balance on hand	\$ 22.80

Food Donations

Longs - 2 chickens, eggs; Oldham - canned beans, peas, meat; Fraxlers - eggs; Allen Bru-

baker - eggs, milk, meat; Edward Grove - eggs; Walls - bread, buns; A Friend - bread; Heleman's - eggs, milk; J. L. Myers - beef, eggs, milk; Bowser - eggs, milk, bacon.
We sincerely thank each one.
The Workers.

ELIZABETHTOWN—For two weeks, from March 11 to 25, Eld. Henry Ginder labored with us in special evangelistic services. This was a time of enrichment for the Church and of conviction for sinners.

Bro. Ginder gave four talks to the children. These proved to be a very vital interest to the children. Quite a number accepted Christ.

Bro. Ginder's messages were of special interest because they made one do serious thinking. May God richly bless and use our dear brother as he continues in the Master's vineyard.

HILLSIDE CHAPEL LLEWELLYN

MISSION—We thank God for richly supplying our needs here at this place. Some of you may recall that a former issue of the Visitor carried an appeal for financial aid which was badly needed to repair our little Hillside Chapel. We are happy to say that God has answered our prayers in that behalf and laid it on the hearts of individuals to give toward this needy cause. We have repainted the interior and shingled the outside. By God's help we were debt-free on the date of the Rededication service which was March 25. We were also privileged to have with us on this date the Minsker family, highly talented gospel singers from Mechanicsburg.

We wish to take this means to thank Bro. John Byers of Chambersburg for his faithful labors with us here in a two week revival campaign. Although no soul knelt at the altar of prayer for definite help, we know God was really working and that many souls were greatly helped as they gave ringing testimonies of spiritual uplift.

We had several anointing services as well as many other spiritual treats. We pray that God will continue to bless Bro. Byer's efforts as he goes to other fields to sow the "gospel seed." We ask that you would pray that God would help us keep the Llewellyn field cultivated that these seeds might sprout and that some day there may be a great harvest and home coming of souls here at the Hillside Chapel.

"Llewellyn Labours."

STOWE MISSION — Among the unique things which occurred at Stowe Mission during the first quarter of 1945, at least two shall be given special mention.

Brother Jacob W. Sherman, who had served the Stowe Mission group as steward from its beginning asked the Council to consider a younger man for the task, stating that he felt that he was getting too old to do the work of a steward efficiently. Due to ill health Brother Sherman was not able to visit the members in the yearly visit program. Brother Harvey T. Buckwalter was elected as Steward for the year of 1945.

Five years ago the Church purchased the Stowe Mission parsonage in order to get away from paying rent per month. Three trustees were appointed to look after the properties in the Stowe Mission District. These three signed a contract whereby the parsonage and adjoining lot would be the property of the Church upon the payment of twelve monthly payments per year over a period of fifteen years. Through the

blessings of God the H.M.B. has been enabled to pay off the whole indebtedness the first quarter of this year, making it possible for us to burn the mortgage the last Sunday of January. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Bish. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., was elected as a member of the trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder Abner Martin.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

Mission Hall Offering	\$187.07
Beginners Class, Fairland S. S., Pa.	7.50
Elizabethtown, Pa., S. S.	10.00
Pequea, Pa., S. S.	80.00
Oak View, Ia., S. S.	15.57
Buffalo, N. Y., S. S.	20.00
Michael Musser	25.00
Friends of the Mission	5.00
Beulah Chapel, Springfield, Ohio	15.00
	\$365.19

Expenditures

Deficit carried over from last Quarter \$	15.05
Table Supplies	88.21
Electric and Gas	21.13
Telephone	22.38
Fuel for Heating	20.50
Car Expense	43.73
Mission Upkeep	99.33
Water Rent	4.05
Misc.	12.50
	\$326.88
Balance on hand	\$ 38.31

Stowe Workers.

Kentucky

We are happy to recognize the blessings of the Lord upon our workers and the work during the past quarter. It is a pleasure to work for Him when we are conscious of His Smile and blessing.

Over the entire field, the schedule of services have been carried on with very little irregularity. The annual Fellowship meeting was held at Fairview the fourth Saturday in March instead of the last Saturday, so that Bro. Marshall Winger could be with us. A large representation of members were present, the best for several years, including a good representation from Knifley. Bro. Wingers messages proved a great blessing to the church.

Bro. Albert Engle and Bish. Wilbur Snider were with us for the annual Council Meeting. This was held at Beulah Chapel. The time of council was so arranged that both could attend. Their presence with us and the contacts at each station were much appreciated and proved a blessing to the work.

Vacation Bible Schools are now in progress. Much time had been spent by our sister workers in preparing for the twelve schools. Materials, plans, and schedules had to be formulated. A complete Bible School report will appear in the next issue of the "Kentucky Bulletin".

We are very grateful for the way God has blessed our workers with good health during the winter months. We also appreciate the fine cooperation of our corps of workers. With this kind of effort the Lord will continue to allow His blessings to be felt in our midst.

Furthermore, we are indeed happy to recognize the donations for the work during the past quarter. The out-of-state and local response to our need was splendid. This backing from "the Church" is an encouragement. With the Lord's help, we shall endeavor to keep the confidence of the Church and be of help to our fellowmen in helping them find the Kingdom. May the Lord bless each one.

—Assistant Superintendent.

GARLIN—Considering the rainy weather and bad roads, good interest has been shown in our services. There has been an increase of interest at some places. One of these places is Beulah Chapel Sunday School. Easter Sunday 26 were present in the Bible class. Sr. Snider is superintendent here.

A decided increase of interest has been noticed at Bloomington Sunday School where Sr. Kraybill was serving as superintendent.

Sr. Kraybill has been released from the work here to take up further training at Mary Breckenrige Hospital in eastern Kentucky. "Her address is now Hyden, Ky." She plans to take the spring course which lasts six months after which she will resume work here.

After the Home Mission Board consulted Sr. Hane, from Ohio, she kindly consented to come and fill the vacancy. We are all happy to have her with us and are sure she will prove a blessing to our work.

Our first V. B. School was held at Bloomington. The school was well attended and a very impressive program was given on the closing night of the school.

During the winter months there has been a lot of sickness but the workers in general have enjoyed good health. The Garlin group has contacted approximately 125 homes, with prayer in the home. This does not include a large number of calls.

One interesting visit was with a young man who is confined to the Louisville Hospital. He had been saved for some time and requested to be taken into the church fellowship. We had a very solemn service in the sun parlor where he was accepted as a member of the church.

We also visited a friend who is confined to the Lexington Hospital. God definitely blessed our visit as our friend found Christ as his Savior, and we are looking forward to his soon return home to be with the family. Thank God for new victories!

The Workers.

HOME EVANGEL—With the coming of spring, we are reminded of the words of the great prophet, "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest—shall not cease." Gen. 8:22.

In the vineyard of the Lord, seedtime and harvest are ever present. Since our last report was written, a number of souls have been claimed for God. We are very grateful for this. The interest in general has been on the increase. For the past month, the Sunday School attendance at Knifley has averaged almost 70.

On March 27, at Gospel Hall in Knifley, we were privileged to have Bro. Marshall Winger with us, for a special service. The spirit of conviction was felt by many and a number of hands were raised for prayer.

The call has come from several communities for regular appointments. Pray with us that these needs may be met.

The Workers.

FAIRVIEW—Eld. Marshall Winger was with us in our revival meeting beginning March 13th. Bro. Winger threw himself into the work, not sparing a thing, which is characteristic of him. Stirring, heart-searching messages were given. Although the visible response was not as large as anticipated, yet a victorious atmosphere prevailed. One sister was saved and later experienced holiness to God's glory. Much light has been shed in these services. Help us pray that souls may walk in it and not continue to harden their hearts.

The roads this winter have been exceptionally bad due to much falling weather. However at the present, they are in good condition.

Our first Vacation Bible School was held at Tartar, March 7th-16th, with Sr. Esther Ebersole as Superintendent. Sr. Sherman assisted the first few days. Interest was good and the school was enjoyed by all.

All of our Sunday Schools are encouraging with Fairview as the most outstanding. An increase here in average attendance of 53% for this quarter is another of those things for which we praise God.

The Workers.

SPOUT SPRINGS—"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." Psalms 125:2.

Surely the Lord has blessed us through another quarter. There have been three souls saved in our regular services during the past three months. We praise God for this, but there are other souls for whom we are burdened. Surely the harvest is ripe, but laborers are few. Let us pray earnestly for these souls.

We want to thank the people for the way they contributed to the work here at Spout Springs.

The Workers.

Receipts

May Conover	3.00
Maxine Koomer	4.00
Clarence Strange	1.00
"A Worker"	5.00
Imogene Snider	5.00
"Lover of Kentucky Work"	10.00
Nonie Ballou	2.70
Belbert Ballard	5.00
Harold & Alice Wolgemuth	5.00
Pleasant Grove Congregation	21.00
Beulah Chapel Cong. (above 15.01 for light, fuel, Ins.)	4.16
Bloomington Congregation	10.00
Grassy Springs Cong.	8.63
Gladys Kraybill	5.00
Nettie Calhoun	5.00
Tartar Cong.	4.55
Sr. Foley	6.00
Millerfields Cong.	19.09
Fairview Cong.	3.20
Mary Ann Gaskins	2.00
Warren & Anna Mae Sherman	4.00
Esther Ebersole	2.00
Evangel Chapel Cong.	1.85
Ruby Clapper	3.00
W. R. Goodin	6.00
Rebecca Albertson	1.50
Beulah Arnold	3.00
Nina Arnold	5.00
David & Faithe Musser	3.00
Bonnie Burton	1.00
Gospel Hall, above expend.	5.03
Albert & Marjje Engle	10.00
Anna Noel, Calif.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Musser, Martin, Pa.	10.00
Bethel S. S., Kans.	17.67
Ralph & Beulah Musser, Pa.	10.00
Bethel S. S., Kansas	17.67
P. B. Freeson	5.00
Ruth Moist, Ohio	10.00
Wayne Ebersole	5.00
Cheerful Givers S. S. Class, Pa.	10.00
Cross Roads S. S., Pa.	100.00
J. L. Charles, Hamlin, Kans.	50.00
Sr. French, Ohio	1.00
Agnes Eyster, Okla.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Stern, Pa.	100.00
Chino S. S., Calif.	22.85
Harry Lehman, Pa.	10.00
Mens Bible Class, E'town S. S., Pa.	30.00
Upland S. S., Calif.	5.00
Total Receipts	\$571.23

Expenditures

GARLIN:

Car operating	41.26
1 tire, 2 tubes	25.20
Battery & license	15.25
Table	36.39
Light & fuel	18.66
Garden & orchard	15.50
Garden tractor repair	11.60
Misc.	12.10
Manheims S. S. Offering for Ky. cars, 1/3 to Garlin \$25.00 - (175.96 minus 25.00 equals) Total	\$150.96

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"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

C. H. Dooley

Philippians 4:4

SINCE the Lord does not use words just to fill up space, it is worth our effort to search carefully the sayings of God's Holy Book. When God says a thing you need not fear to believe it, for it is truth. When He commands a thing you may dismiss your fears with regard to your ability to practice it, for He is faithful that promised and His grace is sufficient, thank God. But why such a statement as that of our text? We readily see that we should rejoice when things are moving nicely, but the Apostle says, "Rejoice always." Why always?

First, because the Gospel is a message of joy. We read in Acts 8:8, "There was great joy in that city" and it was all because they gave heed to the Gospel as preached by Philip. Isaiah says, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation". This world does not need more gloom and sadness, but it does need to be stimulated by seeing some people rejoicing in God, even in the dark hours of life and when trials and burdens are pressing in on every side. Some one has said: "To rejoice in the Lord means to act as though salvation does not hurt you."

Then, to be other than a rejoicing Christian is to show a lack of trust in God and to misrepresent the glorious Gospel in Christ. Let us look up and be a blessing to others, for this spirit is contagious. If we rejoice, some poor heart will be made glad. But if we look down at our nose some one will feel that there is no use to try, for we are as sad as they who are without Christ.

Second, provision has been made for rough roads, and joy will be supplied for all occasions. If things go right or if they go wrong, the God of battles never changes. It is written, "I am the Lord, I change not". Again, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation". "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever". If the purpose and end of their manner of living was to tell others that Christ was the same unchanging One, and it was, then a life of victory and joy will go a long way toward convincing men to-day that Jesus is the same life-giving source.

We can joy in tribulation because "Tribulation worketh patience", and we surely desire this grace. We rejoice in affliction because we know that it "worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory". We rejoice even in the darkest hour because of the fact that

"There waits for us a glad to-morrow,
Where gates of pearl swing open wide;

And when we've crossed the vale of sorrow,
We'll camp upon the other side."

It is like a little boy who was on a trip with his father for the first time. As the train sped on he called his father's attention to new things he was seeing. Then the train went into a long tunnel, and it was dark out there where he had been enjoying the wonderful sights. He grew still and looked sad. But the train came out into the sunlight again and the little fellow looked up and said, "Oh, Daddy, we are in to-morrow!" Praise the Lord, we will come out of the darkest tunnel into God's great tomorrow and look with praise to our God for the grace that brought us safely through.

Third, let us notice some ways by which men lose the joy. It has been said that worry kills more people than work. Worrying and fretting will certainly rob one of the joy of the Lord. Worry crosses the bridges before it gets to them, starves with food in the pantry, and will freeze you in July thinking of the cold spell that is coming next winter. The doctor asked a lady who had been suffering for some time, how she felt. She replied, "Fine, now, but I know I'll feel worse in a little while." He turned and said to others, "She doesn't want to get well."

Another way of losing the joy is by getting the mind off of God and failing to stay blessed. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee" (Is. 26:3).

The important thing in life is to keep the joy of God on board for it is invested with strength (Neh. 8:10). Men or devils will have a hard time to get the joyful Christian, but Satan will soon snare the soul that has lost the joy. This old world looks cheap to the overflowing heart and there will be no longing glances to the right nor the left as long as this joy is flowing. Joy is to the church what music is to a tired soldier on the march. So let us look up, pray the joy down, and march on with a conqueror's tread to the City of our God.—P. H. Advocate.

Prov. 18:10: The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

This is our only place of safety. Let us not lose any time getting there.

God is everywhere—

Between us and about us,
Within us and without us,
There cannot be a place for woe,
For God is joy itself, we know!

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HOME EVANGEL:

Car operating	\$ 15.66
Repairs	38.50
Tire	19.18
Table	35.71
Light & fuel 9.00 to Batt. Acct.	21.14
Garden & orchard	12.07
Misc.	6.73
Total for Home Evangel	\$148.99

Fairview:

Car operating	\$ 42.87
Tire	18.25
Partial overhauling	20.00
Table	37.60
Garden & orchard	12.32
Light & fuel	19.86
Misc.	11.72
Total for Fairview	\$162.62
Partial cost of "Bulletin", Stamps material etc.	6.00
Mission Insurance	15.49
Total Operating Expenses	\$484.06
Deficit, Jan. 2, 1945	49.49
Total Expenditures	\$533.55
Balance, April 2, 1945	37.68
We thank you.	

— MARRIAGES —

GILLAUGH-LEHMAN — Mrs. Bertie Gillaugh became the bride of Mr. Frank Lehman, Friday evening, April 20, 1945. The ceremony was performed by the brides pastor, Rev. R. H. Wenger, at his home in Carlisle, Pa. May God's rich blessing attend this happy couple.

HEISE-WINGER—On Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, April 4, a wedding was solemnized in the Boyle Brethren in Christ Church, when Verna Mae, second daughter of Rev. and Sr. Marshall A. Winger, was united in Holy Wedding to Harold Merle, oldest son of Bro. and Sr. Orla L. Heise of Gormley, Ontario.

The ceremony was performed by the brides father, Rev. Marshall Winger, assisted by Bishop Bert Sherk who had officiated at the marriage of the brides parents thirty-two years ago last January.

The scene was witnessed by many relatives and friends. May God's blessing be theirs as they travel lifes pathway together.

— OBITUARIES —

BOWSER—Lawrence Harrison Bowser was born August 11, 1888 at Spruce Hollow in Bedford County. He was the son of Jacob C. and Anna Kell Bowser. He departed from this life on Monday morning April 2, 1945. He was united in marriage with Orpha Clapper at Loysburg on February 21, 1914. He is survived by seven children and eleven grandchildren, one sister and five brothers.

He was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church in Martinsburg. He lived close to the Canoe Creek congregation and worshiped with us. His presence will be missed.

Services were conducted at the Martinsburg Brethren in Christ Church. Elders Hayden Walls and Arthur Grove officiated.

MAGGERT—Jud Michel Maggert, son of Glen and Opal Murphy Maggert, was born February 24, 1941. He slipped away into eternal bliss on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945, at nine o'clock P.M. at the age of 4 years, 1 month and 8 days.

A happy child, he was always very active. Everything he did, was done with all his might. He loved his parents and sister dearly, and revelled in the joy of living. He loved to go to Sunday School, and also loved the little New Testament that was given him by his teacher at Christmas time. As a child, he had unusual love for John and Belva Hoke, who loved him as their own. At play, he never tired of playing church, and it was a very familiar sight to see him kneel and lead in prayer, often accompanied by his sister Jennie. Although his words were faulty, his expression was almost perfect.

But when God in His wisdom, saw fit to call him home, he quickly answered, and very peacefully, without pain or suffering, slipped away. Those left to mourn his sudden passing are his loving mother and father; one sister, Jennie two years of age; three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Murphy and Mrs. Alice Maggert; one great-grandfather, Mr. Marion Hoover; also a number of uncles, aunts and cousins, and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held at the Brethren in Christ Church at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and interment was made in the Highland Cemetery. Eld Ohmer U. Herr was in charge, assisted by Bish. Wilber Snider and Rev. Claude Coppock. Text - Matt. 19:13-15.

THOSE DAYS SHALL BE SHORTENED

Dr. J. E. Shelley

CAN GOD SHORTEN DAYS? He assured Hezekiah that He could, for He asked that king if the shadow should go forward ten degrees or go back ten degrees (II Kings 20:10). That is, would Hezekiah prefer that the day be shortened by about three-quarters of an hour or lengthened by that amount. The king chose that the day be lengthened, for he rightly considered that this would be the greater sign or miracle. God did the greater thing. He is therefore not unable to do the lesser wonder.

One realizes that the acceleration of a movement already in progress—in this case the going down of the sun—is but a light thing compared with the complete reversal of the movement. What a miracle! The whole universe is one. We are assured by Sir James Jeans that a baby cannot throw its rattle out of its perambulator without affecting the movements of the farthest stars. What then must have the combinations involved in bringing the sun's shadow back ten degrees? But it was done! So the Almighty is able to shorten days since He can lengthen them. "At the mouth of two witnesses . . . shall the matter be established" (Deut. 19:15). For we have another example of God's power over the great clock He has made. In Joshua 10:12-14 we read:

Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened to the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

In this instance, God did not reverse the apparent movement of the sun, but arrested it for many hours and so lengthened this day. That some great astronomical crisis was in progress is evidenced by the meteoric shower which accompanied this miracle (Joshua 10:11). God has arrested the sun's movement upon occasion. He has even reversed it. He has given unmistakable evidence that He is able to accelerate it. (Of course, we are aware that it is the earth's movements which are chiefly affected by these miracles, or to put it more accurately, the relative movements of the sun and the earth.)

Now the Son of God has said that certain days just before His (visible) coming are to "be shortened." Which are the days referred to? It is generally agreed that they are the days of the Great Tribulation. In fact, our Lord says so in Matthew 24:29. He identifies them as those beginning with the setting up of "the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet" in the holy place. By reference to Daniel and the parallel passages in Revelation, we find that the period covered by the Tribulation is "twelve hun-

dred and sixty days." (See Daniel 7:25; 12:7—though here thirty days are added to the period; Revelation 11:2, and 12:14). Now the Word of God changeth not—the full tale of these days must be endured.

How then can they be "shortened" and yet the fixed number not be lessened? The previous considerations perhaps give us the clue. God can accelerate the axial movement of the earth and so shorten the days, while at the same time accelerating the movement of the earth around the sun, so that the year still contains three hundred and sixty days (the Jewish year, O. T.). Is there any evidence that this is what the Lord is about to do? During this period, so vividly described in the Book of Revelation, mighty astronomical convulsions are numerous and showers of meteorites fall to the earth, as they did when God arrested the relative motion of the sun in Joshua's day. "And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind (Rev. 6:13). At the same time the heavens depart "as a scroll when it is rolled together" (Rev. 6:14). It seems from the latter passage as though God increased the rotation speed of the "film" of Time.

The ages have rolled by at a fixed speed with the two exceptions given above. But now the program is nearing its end. God in mercy accelerates the terrible moving picture, the horrible drama entitled "The Results of Sin." No need to multiply the references which give the mighty cosmic changes accompanying the unfolding of the final victory of Christ. The Old Testament prophets give awe-inspiring pictures of "that great and terrible day of the Lord" (see the Book of Joel). Our Lord Jesus himself says, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days . . . the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." It seems as if after the terrific acceleration of tempo, terrestrial and celestial, of those back into the claim of the Millennium.

God lengthened the day of Joshua in order that Israel might fully triumph over His enemies and those of Israel. He will shorten the "days of tribulation" lest His enemies triumph over the "true Joshua" and His people Israel, and the whole human race perish.

—Biblical Research Monthly.

Brethren are apt to err in two ways. They either flatter or omit the word of encouragement.

Prov. 18:24: A man that hath friends must show himself friendly.

Are you wondering why you have so few friends. Try the remedy.

Props

Fannie E. Davidson

*Do you need props to hold you up,
Well just remember, friend,
Sometime those props will let you down,
Embarrass you, no end.
And 'tis a sign of weakness, too,
Admitting you must lean,
Upon another for support;
Thus you, yourself demean.*

*Sometimes a prop seems reasonable,
Especially when the prop,
Agrees with everything you do,
And what you say; but stop—
You soon may find this trusted prop,
Repeats the things you say,
Ah, then you'll tell your secrets, friend,
To One who'll not betray.*

*And how we long for human props,
When troubles fill the air!
We lean on them for sympathy,
For help in our despair,
Until we learn there's only One,
Can really comfort give,
For once He walked down sorrow's lane;
Triumphant we can live.*

*No Christian, worthy of his Lord,
Will let you lean on him,
For well he knows that he might fail—
Your courage then would dim;
So why not lean upon the Christ
Who saved you at the first;
For He alone can save your soul,
And satisfy your thirst.*

*Oh, yes, there's only one sure prop,
Your Jesus, Friend and Guide,
To you, redeemed by precious blood,
His arms are open wide;
So lean upon this faithful Friend,
He loves and cares for you;
Rest your head upon His breast,
And He will see you through.*

—Garrett, Indiana.

Foreign Missions

January at Sikalongo

Esther Mann

"Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus". Phil. 3:13, 14.

"Another year has ended, for some it is the last;
Whatsoever be the record, we cannot change the past,
But stretching out before us, the New Year lieth fair
God help us to be careful what shall be written there."

WE thank the Lord for His great goodness and faithfulness through another year. Though there has been and is much around which would tend to discourage,—the future is "As bright as the promises of God." One of those promises (Gal. 5:9) says; "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." So we stand there and expect and daily pray for an outpouring of His Spirit upon us. It is good to know that the "good seed" of the Word—which is living—must germinate sometime and bring forth fruit.

Boarding School: After having a five week holiday the boys returned on the 9th for their second term of school. There were a few boys who returned late as some of the rivers were full and also some were not well. So far there are four who have not yet returned. But most of these were weak in their lessons and rather than having the shame of not passing, they decided to stay at home. From our standpoint it is not too bad an idea, as the weak ones only hold the class back as a whole.

School Inspector: During the second week of school, Dr. Winterbottom, the Government school inspector spent three days with us. As yet we have not received his report but he seemed very fair in his comments and criticism. Needless to say we hope and pray that we will continue to find "favor in his sight." While he was here he paid special attention to Teacher Sampson Mwaanga, as he was inspecting him in order to receive his certificate.

Sickness: For the last several weeks there has been quite a lot of sickness among the babies in the villages, those of the Christians who are living near the mission. We want to especially give God the glory in answer to prayer for Peter's baby and also Steleki's baby. Peter's baby Joseph hadn't been feeling so well but was not seriously ill, until last Sunday night it became worse. This is part of

Peter's testimony in prayer meeting on Thursday. "My baby Joseph was very sick on Sunday night. He would not sleep, but seemed weak and would cry a little. He fainted and my wife thought that he was dying and she began to cry. I told Him that we were trusting Him, that He was our helper and our healer. He gave the child to us, and that we were His children." The child then got better and rested the rest of the night. In his testimony he also mentioned how his son Isaya was healed over a year ago. Now Joseph is quite well.

Steleki's little girl has been sick for some weeks. For days we thought she would leave us. Many prayers were offered for her healing, medicine was also given. One day she would be better but then the next day she was very sick again. She didn't have enough strength to nurse so we fed her with a spoon. One day while we were in prayer, Steleki prayed very earnestly. He prayed, "Oh, Lord if there is any sin or any unclean thing in my heart, I want you to take it out. You are our Medicine. We, ourselves are very weak and poor. You are the Strong one. You have Power." Steleki's have three boys, then they had a girl, but she died about three months ago. This baby was their second girl and is about three or four months old. So to see this second girl die was very hard for them. Now the babe is gradually getting better and we believe she will soon be well and strong again, for which we give God all the glory.

We continue to ask for your prayers, that we as your representatives might be kept strong for *work* and *warfare*. You are helpers of our faith by your prayers.

Serving the King

Esther George

WE had planned to go to Malole outstation for the Sunday service, but at 9 o'clock a call came from a village to take a mother to the hospital. Bro. George said he would not be able to take them to Mnene hospital where they had wanted to go as he did not have the petrol. It was suggested that I would try to help the one in need and if our efforts failed we could take her to the Filabusi hospital. We prepared a bit of lunch and all necessary things for our trip and we were soon on our way. The man put his bicycle in the car and directed us to his village. We had a small river bed to cross which we did not look forward to with pleasure. We all walked across while Bro. George tried to make the run. Sure enough the car stalled. By shoveling away the dry

sand and on reaching a spot of grass and sand before climbing the bank, the second attempt was successful. Junior said, "Thank the Lord Daddy got across." This was the sentiment of all our hearts.

We stopped at Sauli Moyo's village for a greeting and soon were met by those there. Sauli is one of our faithful men. Would to god we had more like him in the African church! We soon reached the village to which we were bound. In the hut we found four women trying to help the one in need. Three of these were heathen women. I had the privilege of speaking to them about the Lord. We were pleased that God went before us and that it was not necessary to take the woman to the hospital. When one sees the filth of some of these huts one wonders that more mothers are not taken by infection. It was too late for us to attend the service at Malole so we returned home, thanking the Lord that once more He had not failed us. I am truly thankful for His promise to help me in this work and He has never failed.

The boys are coming in with their application forms to enter the Boarding School at Wanezi which will open January 24. How pleased the parents are that they can now send their boys to school closer home!

Wednesday we began preparing for the arrival of Bro. and Sr. Brubaker, Bro. Winger, and Sr. Wengert. The brethren came over to place the teachers in the outstations for 1945. Early in the morning I became afflicted with lumbago. The last time Sr. Wengert was here I had the same affliction and had not had it between her visits. The natives would say she has put a spell on me or perhaps she is bewitching me, which would make them very fearful. We thank the Lord we have no such fears. About 3:30 our co-workers arrived and they brought ice and a freezer. What a treat to have ice cream! The men soon went about their business, and others began to make ice cream. The day had been very hot and the ice cream was very refreshing in the evening.

The brethren had a late session in the office that night. Bro. George and Kumalo began their business matters the next morning at 5 A. M. The other brethren joined them about 6 o'clock. It is not a small matter to place teachers in twenty-five schools. Some teachers are dismissed or ask to be released from teaching and new ones are placed. Some applications are discussed as well. The brethren were finished by noon and after lunch Bro. Brubaker's and Bro. Winger left for Matopo, a drive of 120 miles. Sr. Wengert remained to spend about ten days with us. We have looked forward to her visit as we seldom have visitors.

Saturday we prepared to leave for the outstation, Gwatemba. There were so many native callers that we were hindered in

leaving as early as we had planned. We visited the home of our former teacher and preacher of Shamba in the morning and before the service at noon. Daniel and his family had moved away over a year ago. Our hearts are burdened for this man as he has fallen into sin and was released from church fellowship. Before I had this article typed for the Visitor Daniel wrote us thus, "Please pray for me as it is not my wish to be at the place that I am." Will you dear readers remember this man in your prayers. He was once a spiritual man and we are sure he will not be satisfied in his present condition. He has a fine wife and one who knows the worth of prayer. After the service and when all matters were finished at the church we drove to our deacon Tenkas' home. His daughter is afflicted with T.B. and has been discharged from the hospital as there seems to be no hope for her.

We returned home about sunset feeling well repaid and blessed, yet, with a burden for the needy ones about us.

Sunday we attended services at Shamba. Mfundisi Kunalo was present and he gave a stirring message to a well-filled house of attentive listeners. A number from the out-stations were present. And so ends a busy week for the King of kings.

Aboard S. S. Joao Belo,
March 1, 1945

Greetings to the Brethren and Sisters in the Church at large:

This journey of ours seems to have developed into three phases. First, the ocean voyage to Lisbon; second, the days spent in Lisbon and the voyage to Africa; third, the trip in Africa to God's appointed place. After many days we are approaching the end of the second phase. Thus once again we write of doings major and minor, which go to make up the complex pattern of life.

We say three phases and yet for Sisters Hunt and Wolgemuth the second phase as far as the stay in Lisbon was concerned was short. We landed on Thursday, January 25 in the morning. That afternoon after getting settled in several hotels we went down to the Cooks-Wagons Lit office. Any mood to leisure we had was disrupted when the travel agent said, "Get your passports immediately; I might be able to get some of you out on Saturday on the S. S. Angola if you are willing to go as far as you can." That meant two things to our group. We had to go to Beira thus changing our travel plans, and the party might be split. Well, we knew that many missionaries had been held up in Lisbon for weeks, even months, in fact, as you probably know, the Winger-Brubaker party had obtained passage six weeks after arriving in Lisbon. So we felt we must get out as opportunity afforded.

The next morning told the story. Sisters Wolgemuth and Hunt were to sail. What a day that was! As the day before so then we became acquainted with the Lisbon taxi driver—that paragon of speed who drives as if today were the last one. And one almost feels that it is either for you or the poor pedestrian who barely jumps out of the way. Sometime it seems as if the driver deliberately aimed for said walkers.

Saturday came. About 3:00 p.m. the ladies went aboard. In a throng numbering into the thousands we stood and watched the S. S. Angola pull out into the river and start for the sea. Yes, we had a tug at our hearts for the breaking up of the party. But we felt we would meet again in the not too distant future, and that it was all in God's will.

Back to Hotel Florida we went. There I learned that a Mr. Barker of Oporto (the second largest city in Portugal and two hundred miles north of Lisbon) wanted to talk to me by telephone. However I couldn't make connections. That evening at the evening meal one of the attendants tapped me on the shoulder and said, "Telephone." I presumed that the call was now through. Can you imagine the surprise when the voice said, "Hello Arthur, this is Bert"? The Wingers and Brubakers had sailed Monday, January 22 for Lobito but practically all ships clearing Lisbon for Africa have to go Porto. Now the Angola didn't because she was carrying so many government officials. But that meant that her cargo had to be taken by the S. S. Cubango, a freighter on which the Winger-Brubaker party had passage. So they were still in Porto and would be there until Monday. It didn't take Brother Amos Ginder and me long to decide to catch the morning train up to see the folks.

Can we describe that trip? Well, the train going up was one which had been built in the United States and wasn't too bad. When the thing picked up steam the speed was fair, but both going and coming the innumerable stops reminded one of the most local of local trains in Pennsylvania, only much worse. Especially the train coming back made one think he was only a few steps removed from the days of George Stephenson. There we were in quaint, low, squat, yet very wide wood coaches. And eleven were squashed into one compartment. And one wondered if there weren't some other occupants sometimes, too.

But what of the folks at Porto? There at the station at 11:30 p.m. was Brother Winger and Edna Brubaker. Our hearts were again rather full when we met them and again the whole party the next morning on their ship. We would like to say a word of appreciation here of that party for in a very real sense they were trail blazers for the rest of our group in Lis-

bon. They arrived there at a time when it was hard to get passage out. Then they went through the coldest winter Lisbon had had for many, many years. The fact the first snow ever to fall in Lisbon in the memory of present Lisbonites, fell this last winter. Besides that the baby cut six teeth and so on. And here we had caught up to them. Yet when we met them not a word of complaint. That, brethren and sisters, is an example of God's grace.

Back in Lisbon again and we learn that we are booked to go out on the Joao Belo in about two weeks. Oh well, there are smaller ships even than the Joao Belo. And by this time we have developed quite an affection for her.

Two weeks in Lisbon. Two weeks that make quite a tabloid of memories. One could speak of different points of interest which we saw. For instance Sintra where were three castles of historic interest. Or the ruins of St. George castle overlooking Lisbon. One remembers the many, many sad looking beggars on the streets. Or again the distressing shriek of the lottery salesmen hawking their tickets so impertinently.

But perhaps the most interesting matter to you would be the fellowship we had with evangelical Christians in Lisbon. Two brethren stand out as the friends of missionaries in their stay in Lisbon. One is a Mr. Grancha, a layman in the Baptist church. He has organized a Missionary Circle whose main interest is to help missionaries going to the field by way of Lisbon. What would we have done without this man's help? He helped us through customs in and out with minimum effort and bother. He was a constant friend while in Lisbon even to the point of meeting Brother Ginder and me when we returned from Porto at 1:30 in the morning. It was unsolicited and just his desire to make sure that missionaries were getting along all right. But it was certainly comforting to see him standing there on the station platform. May God bless his labors.

Then we remember with appreciation Brother Oliveira who worked in the Banco Pinto e Sotto Mayor and pastored a flock in Lisbon known as the Plymouth Brethren. Through his kindness at bank we were able to cash our travellers checks without any difficulty or even exhibiting our passports. He trusts the missionaries. May the trust never be defaulted. When we attended his mission hall, he gave us the substance of what was being said and in turn interpreted our testimonies to the people. So interesting was it to have to pause every once in a while that Brother Ginder said, "It makes one feel that he wants to get to the field quickly to tell the Gospel story."

Just a day or so before sailing we received the good news that Sister Moyer
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Our Sunday Schools

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The Importance of the Teaching Ministry

The Teacher

Sr. Leah Dohner

FOR a teacher to be able to adequately fill her place in this important ministry of teaching, she must first of all have a vital Christian experience. The life of the teacher makes a stronger appeal and more lasting impression than her words. She must be what she expects her pupils to become. She must also be given to prayer. Teaching reaches the head but prayer reaches the heart. Furthermore she must live up to the church doctrines and practices if her efforts are not to be lost to the church. The teacher should feel the burden of her task, not only to impart ideas and a knowledge of the Bible, but to foster the growth and development of Christian character.

Her personality must be appealing, not merely pleasing. There must be that in the teacher that makes the child aspire to be like her. To do this she must really love them: she must be able to get next to the pupils and win their affection. If she can't win them to herself, will she be able to win them to Christ? Personal contact in the home, especially the non-Christian home, is a big help in this matter.

The teacher must have a thorough knowledge of her textbook, the Bible, as well as adequate preparation of the immediate lesson. A very able public school teacher said he always went over his lesson before class as though he had never seen it before. If this is necessary in teaching how to find the unknown quantity in an algebra equation, how much more necessary it is in teaching how to find the Known Quantity, Jesus Christ.

To adequately present the lesson the teacher should know something of modern teaching methods and child psychology. Jesus said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light". (Luke 16:8b.) Public school teachers must be thoroughly trained before they are given the responsibility of imparting secular knowledge. Would we not do well to provide our teachers, who are imparting knowledge of eternal value, with a similar training? Here is a challenge to our young people. This is not as impossible as it may sound, even for our older teachers. Our Bible schools are equipped to give courses in Religious Education. For those for whom this is impossible they will recommend teachers who are trained to come to the local

church and conduct a class in this field, or the course may be taken by correspondence. The least one can do is to read books which they will be glad to recommend. This will lead to an enlarged vision of the field of usefulness. Some will say this was not necessary in the past, why should it be now? Neither were there so many outside attractions to lure the children away. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Furthermore, a good teacher will also be a disciplinarian. To keep a child interested is a large part of the battle. In small children this is no light task, for their minds travel fast and remain focused for a very short time. So the teacher must think even faster, keeping a jump ahead so she can direct their thoughts. Beyond this she must keep a firm but kindly hand. The teacher must carry out a program that makes them want to come. If appreciation for the Sunday School becomes deeply rooted and is sustained, they will not be so apt to drift away.

By this time it is needless to say that a teacher must be ready to sacrifice time and personal interests. To be a teacher worthy of the name is a life time job. Too many teach because they have been drafted. They do just what is necessary to get by. They say they don't pretend to be a teacher; that others can do it better than they. It is right to "in honor prefer one another" but not to the point of throwing off responsibility. Jesus said "Go-teach." That means to the Sunday School as well as across the ocean. How far would our mission work prosper if it were conducted in the half hearted way that some of our Sunday School classes are conducted?

Let no teacher be discouraged because she is not a 'born teacher'. If you are a 'born again' teacher, diligent study and practice will help you to develop. Use the talents already possessed and others will be added and developed.

—Ashland, Ohio.

Shell Your Pod of P's

W. G. Montgomery

A successful Bible class teacher, who had succeeded in winning an unusually large number of his pupils to Christ and the church, was asked one day how he did it. For forty years he had taught in the same school. Literally hundreds had come into his class during those years, and left it as Christians and church workers. Being pressed for the answer to his

marvelous success, he humbly replied, "Whatever success I have achieved in winning students to Christ is largely due to the fact that I just keep on shelling my pod of P's."

Being asked to explain further, he said, "All my life I've tried to simplify my teaching, and a good many years ago I ran across my present formula of five P's in a pod, and all I do is to keep shelling. I pray, plan, prepare, pour out, and pull in, that's all—five P's you see. I call them my pod of P's."

After all is said about teaching methods, we wonder how much more is actually needed to bring success. This little formula contains so many of the prime elements of great teaching.

The word *pray* is put first, for we doubt if any teacher can do much without praying. Nothing can take the place of sincere, unselfish prayer. That successful teacher said that he prayed over his lessons; prayed for his pupils; and prayed that he might do his best. Can you think of any better way to start with a class?

After his prayer period this teacher would plan. With a mind cleared by communing with God, he could plan his lessons and the teaching procedure most effective with his class. His plans were outlined for several Sundays, so that he always knew what was to be done and could find the best ways of doing it. Planning each lesson and recitation in that way makes teaching orderly, informative, and spiritually uplifting.

The third "P" stood for prepare. After praying and planning, this teacher prepared himself. "There's no use planning our work unless we then work our plan," he would say, "and our plan will not work unless we prepare to work it. And to prepare means more than merely learning the lesson we expect to teach."

The teacher's moods and spirit need to be prepared. His mind needs to be spiritualized. Preparing his inner life for the class session is as important as knowing the subject he teaches. A teacher may talk with the tongues of men and angels, and be as full of knowledge as a walking encyclopedia, but without love for God and for the pupils entrusted to him for instruction, he will not win anyone to Christ.

The fourth "P" in this teacher's pod stood for two words, *pour out*. And to pour out, as this teacher understood it, is not to pour out a volume of rambling talk, as it might imply, but to give the best the teacher has to his class. It means giving of his own soul, life, and spirit to others, along with the lesson he teaches. It means the enrichment of other lives; it means that he has so absorbed and lived the great truths of the lesson that they have become a part of himself so that he can give them to others. It means that he is not merely pouring out facts and fig-

ures, historical data and events but is pouring out his heart, sympathy, love, and understanding with all he says. In doing all this he may not talk much. But what he says is pointed, poised, and laden with spiritual truth that his pupils can feel.

With these four "P's" properly shelled and applied, the pull in, or last "P," comes naturally as a result of the others. Thus we easily understand why this famous teacher, busy at shelling his pod of "P's," was successful in winning so many of his pupils to Christ.

Should some teacher at times feel his utter emptiness in teaching, we suggest that he try this formula for praying, planning, preparing himself spiritually, then pouring out and pulling in.

—David C. Cook's *Problem Studies*.

The Church vs. the Movies

A writer in the *Chicago Daily News* recently tore the mask from the reasons given by some persons for not attending services, by using those same reasons against going to the movies. This was his method:

"I'm out of the habit of going to the movies; I better not go tonight."

"I have not been to the movies for so long the walls would fall in if I went."

"I know a man who has gone to the movies for years, and he is no better than I am."

"There are as many good people outside the movies as inside."

"Too many hypocrites attend the movies."

"I stay away from the movies because of the kind of folks who support them. I would not sit in the same room with Mr. So and So."

"The performer gets more money than I do. Why should I help keep him in a good car and fine clothes?"

"I stay away from the movies because I went so much when I was a child."

"I need new clothes before I can go to the movies."

"I have a friend visiting me, and I do not know whether he like movies or not; I never meddle with a man's private opinion."

"I do not go to the movies, because directors never call on me."

"I do not go to the movies, because when I went the last time, no one greeted me."—*Now*.

Building a Workable Sunday School Library

Chester E. Shuler

A Sunday-school library has only one good excuse for existence—to furnish readers with the very highest type of read-

ing matter obtainable. Therefore, the books put upon its shelves must be selected with the greatest care.

It is a mistake to think that because a book has a "religious" title or tone, young people will not read it. It is also erroneous to take for granted that because a title sounds religious, the book is safe for your library. There are "religious" books which are poisonous. There are others which show the way of life simply and effectively, yet withal carry a sustained interest that holds the reader to the end. But the latter sort are difficult to locate, and can seldom be procured at random. When found, however, they stand forth strikingly amongst the thousands of low-type volumes to be had on every hand.

The selection of books for a Sunday-school library ought to be placed in the hands of a committee composed of at least three persons. These people should be selected with great care. They ought to be consecrated Christians who have sincerely at heart the best interests of others; who enjoy and appreciate really high-type literature, are interested in their important task, and have sufficient time to read carefully every volume which they recommend for the library. If possible, at least two should be parents who haven't forgotten their own youthful days and how things appeared to them then. The third member might well be a young person of high ideals and good sense.

The committee ought to be furnished with a reasonable amount of money at regular intervals for the purchase of books. This could well be appropriated from the general Sunday school treasury, but there are other methods: (1) Give opportunity to classes, organizations and individuals in the school to contribute; (2) locate "tithers" and suggest a place for a portion of their tithes; (3) stimulate interest by giving proper credit on the fly-leaf of each volume to the class, individual, etc., who made possible the book's purchase.

Reliable publishing houses are glad to assist by recommending books generally considered suitable for Sunday school libraries. But the committee ought to become thoroughly satisfied, even then, that the books are of the highest type. The good is ever the enemy of the best.

There should be books for all ages. For tots and very young children, it is comparatively easy to find suitable material; but even here care must be used. "Know thy books—"

The test of any book for entrance to a Sunday-school library might well contain the following questions:

Are its principles true?

Does it honor God's Word?

Does it uphold those who are true to Christ's teachings?

Has the hero or heroine the courage to follow Christian principles when tempted to do otherwise?

Does it draw a clear line on immorality, divorce, and sin of any character?

Do its boy and girl characters live clean or do they do wrong and "get away with it"?

Is law-breaking condemned or condoned?

Is fighting disapproved or encouraged?

Is war pictured as gory instead of glorious?

Is obedience to parents and teachers upheld?

In brief—will the reader be better for having read the book?

Will his ideals be higher?

Will he have gained something that will strengthen his Christian life?

But a library filled with the best of literature is useless if nobody reads the books. Therefore, its contents should be properly advertised. This can be done in various ways: (1) Typewritten or printed lists of books should be provided and distributed, posted on bulletin-boards, or mailed to members of the school and church. (2) The librarian, a member of the book committee, or a reader should be given a few minutes frequently in Sunday school to call attention to new books received. (3) Let some young person give a very brief book report in Sunday school, or during the young people's meeting in the evening. "I read it; it's fine," from a young reader will do more to induce others to read a book than almost anything else. Try it.

Everyone admits the powerful influence of the printed page for good or evil. Young people can secure reading matter of the ordinary type everywhere today. This makes all the greater the opportunity for real service through the medium of a properly equipped Sunday school library.

—*Brethren Teacher's Monthly*.

Mr. Librarian, check each book in your library by Mr. Shuler's Check Chart. Use it in purchasing new books. Christian teaching is enforced by Christian reading. Make your Sunday school library the center of your youth work. Many schools are setting aside a room, completely equipped, as a library where scholars are free to spend their reading time.

Prov. 17:9: He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

Have we betrayed some one's confidence, let's go and confess.

WHAT GRACE DOES FOR US

J. T. Mawson

I KNEW a man who was brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour in his old age. His gratitude for the grace that had saved him was very deep, and it was always a pleasure to talk with him.

He was, on his eighty-second birthday, to partake, for the first time, of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of the Lord in death—the greatest privilege that any Christian can enjoy on earth—and I called at his house on that Lord's Day morning to help him to the gathering where this was to take place. He told me that he had passed through a great conflict during the night. He had been thinking of his long life of sinful selfishness, and of his own utter unworthiness, and the devil had attacked him in his self-occupation and said, "You are not fit to sit down with God's people and take the Lord's Supper. You are altogether unworthy, and had better give up your intention of doing so." He told me that his distress was very great for hours, when quite suddenly the thought came to his mind, If His Majesty the King of England were to invite me to feast with him at his palace, he would have to provide me with a suit of court dress, for I am a poor man and could not purchase one myself. And if the Lord invites me to His "banqueting house" to feast with Him, will He do less than this? Then he remembered the parable of the prodigal, upon whom the best robe was put. He remembered the wonderful words of Ephesians 1:6, which tell us that God "hath made us accepted in the Beloved". These thoughts banished all the darkness and distress from his mind and made him exult in that abounding grace that does everything that is needful for its objects, and in that great love which had put him in Christ and clothed him in all His perfection. In the consciousness of this he rejoiced that morning; and being set free from self-occupation was able to glory in the Lord.

There may be some amongst our readers who are often in similar distress about their unworthiness. Let us say to such that self-judgment is always wholesome and needful. Grace looked for no merit in you when it labored to win you. The Lord did not save you because of your worthiness, for you had none to plead before Him, and it is not now a question of what you are, but of what He is—

"Thou are healed by His stripes,
Wouldst thou add to that word?"

And He is thy righteousness made,
The best robe of Heaven on thee He's put;
Oh, could'st thou be better arrayed?"

Your unworthiness, if you think of yourself, could not be more absolute than it is, but Christ who bore your load of sins upon the Tree, and who is now raised from the dead, is your righteousness, your acceptance, your beauty in the sight of God, and the highest angel in Heaven is not so well clad as are you, nor so fit to be in the presence of God as you are in Christ.

Then give "thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12); and gratefully and with lowliness of mind take up every Christian privilege that He puts within your reach for His Name's sake.

So shall the devil's intentions be thwarted, for he would make your heart miserable and your mouth dumb so that God shall get no praise from you, for he knows that whoso offereth praise glorifieth God.—*Help and Food.*

The Found Sheep

Anna L. Dreyer

*Far, far on the mountain, in ways rough
and steep.*

*Through wood and through bramble, one
sought his lost sheep.*

*At last in the distance he heard its faint
cry.*

*He found it, weak, trembling, and ready
to die.*

*Torn, bleeding and hungry, for wild
beasts a prey.*

*'Twas fast in a thicket, could not get
away.*

*The shepherd so gently the thorns thrust
aside,*

*The poor sheep bore homeward, with him
to abide.*

*I once was a sinner, afar from my Lord;
I loved to go straying, unheeding His
Word.*

*Then, wounded and bleeding, my sins
held me fast;*

*I cried for the Shepherd—He found me
at last.*

*All night He had sought me, and wound-
ed was He;*

*But, oh! His compassion was only for
me!*

*And gently He lifted and bore me away;
Now, healed and forgiven, I'll His voice
obey.*

—Selected.

Foreign Missions

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is coming on the Serpa Pinto and will probably get out in a couple of weeks. Who knows? She may get a faster boat than this one and even beat us yet, or at least catch up with us. We shall see when we get to Lobito.

Friday, February 9, and once again we board the Joao Belo to sail for Africa. We sailed by the way of Porto and the Cape Verde Islands. We were rather disappointed not to get to see the famous little pearl of the Atlantic, Madeira island, but St. Vincent of the Cape Verdes was interesting enough. Dwellers of desert spaces in Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah would have felt right at home if they had stood with us looking at St. Vincent. The formation, the blowing sand, the cool heat (if you know what I mean) made us think so much of our trip to Ripley, California last May. And we did get a little sense of nostalgia as we remembered the pleasant times we had driving over the desert on our way to General Conferences.

And now we are nearing Africa. Sailing has been smooth but as we approached the equator it began to get hot. Rain in the air is the most redeeming feature, but at nights unless we have some breeze, we swelter. Wednesday we crossed the equator and now we feel we are going down the hump to the Rhodesias. We will probably arrive at Pointe Noire in French Equatorial Africa sometime Saturday or Sunday morning. From there we sail seventy or so miles up the Congo to Matadi where we lose many of our fine missionary traveling companions. After that two more stops and then Lobito and the train across Angola and the southern part of the Belgian Congo to the Rhodesias. But more of that in a later letter. Until then, Keep looking up,

Arthur M. Climenhaga.

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."—Job 13:15.

There are some spiritual conditions that cannot be accomplished in a moment. The breaking up of the fallow ground takes time; the frosts of winter are as necessary as the rains of spring to prepare the soil for fertility; and God has to break our hearts to pieces by the slow process of His discipline, and mellow us, and saturate us with His blessed Spirit, until we are open for the blessing He has to give us. Oh, let us wait upon the Lord with brokenness of heart, with openness of soul, with willingness of spirit, to hear what the Lord will say.

—A. B. Simpson.