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How Do You Value Your Soul

Fannie Davidson

What is the value of your soul,
That hidden spark that never dies,
But lives through all eternity,
E'en though the body crumbling lies,
 Within the tomb,
 In death's costume?
Will God put down upon His scroll,
You paid too much for your poor soul?

Way back in Eden's fair estate,
Were two who talked with God each day,
With only one forbidden thing.
They listened to the tempter say,
 "Ye will not die,
 "But know the why".
And they gave heed to his cajoles,
And paid too much for their poor souls.

Remember Esau sold his right
To all his father's wealth and name,
For mess of pottage, spicy, good,
When hunger his good sense o'ercame.
 He gave his all,
 Beyond recall.
Hear him lament o'er empty bowl;
He paid too much for his poor soul.

And Samson, full-pledged Nazarite,
Succumbed before a woman's wiles,
Who sought the truth of his great strength;
For flattery and winning smiles
 Revealed the source.
 With what remorse,
He woke without God's sure control!
He paid too much for his poor soul.

Then Saul who knew the Spirit's power,
To please the people spared the best,
When God had ordered otherwise,
And wilfully he failed the test.
 A kingdom lost;
 How much it cost
When evil spirits o'er him stole:
He paid too much for his poor soul.

Then one time Ahab coveted,
A vineyard fair and beautiful,
Refused, he pouted though he had
Possessions great and bountiful;
 His wife with stones,
 Would grant his groans.
And though he reached his cherished goal,
He paid too much for his poor soul.

What is the value of a soul?
The Saviour died on Calvary
That souls of men might be redeemed,
And know again sweet liberty.
 He shed his blood,
 A crimson flood,
That all who will might be made whole—
He paid so much for your poor soul.

Accept His sacrifice, I pray;
Believe on Him, make Him your own,
The world's wealth, it's fame and pride,
Will leave you at the last alone.
 There's just one way,
 To endless day,
Inscribe your name upon God's roll,
He paid so much for your poor soul.

—Garrett, Indiana.

Relief and Service News

Sponsored by Relief and Service Committee

Relief Notes

Canadian Clothing Shipment

Ten tons of clothing, bedding, shoes, and soap were shipped, June 22, from the Kitchener Clothing Center to the Clothing Center in London, England. From the England headquarters it will be transshipped to Holland for distribution in connection with the Dutch Mennonite relief program. The shipment was valued at \$22,251.00.

French Relief Work Planned

Definite plans for a relief program in France were shaped in Paris, July 4, when O. O. Miller, Sam Goering, M. C. Lehman, and Henry Buller conferred regarding the actual relief situation in France and what we might do to bring a ministry of relief, especially in behalf of Mennonites in Alsace. Eldon Burke, representative of the Brethren Service Committee, was also present at the meeting.

No definite information has been received as to the date of M. C. Lehman's arrival in France, but his coming coincided providentially with the meeting at Paris. A more recent cable indicates that since the time of the Paris conference, Bro. Miller has arrived in the Middle East.

Refugees Continue to Leave

Recent correspondence from our workers in the Middle East indicates that "flight teams," or home-ward migrating refugee groups, are a weekly occurrence. Henry Detwiler writes: "I have been assigned to work as assistant to the repatriation officer here in camp. In this work it is our duty to supervise the necessary preparations for the flights that leave this camp. This varies from the final clothing issue to the working out of the truck-loading plan at the time of departure and the loading of the box-cars from the trucks." Another letter indicated that in a recent assignment Bro. Detwiler had charge of the refugees on one of the trains going from the El Shatt camp to Port Said where a group of refugee boarded a French ship.

List of Workers Available

A complete list of the names, addresses, and assignments of relief workers is available from the Akron office upon request. Such lists have been compiled to meet requests from Sunday-school classes, young peoples' groups, and others desiring them.

Changes in Middle East Unit

For some time the refugee camps in Egypt have been in the process of liquidation and Mennonite relief workers were uncertain as to where they would serve further. O. O. Miller arrived in Cairo, July 10, and after discussing the rapid changes with the Mennonite personnel it was decided to send five members of the unit to Italy during the coming month as part of the U.N.R.R.A. mission there; two workers are to proceed to Ethiopia; three workers will continue work in Egypt among displaced peoples; and four remaining workers continue to serve in refugee camps.

Special Notice

Canning Labels Available

We have received a supply of the 1945 C.P.S. canning labels from the printer and requests for these labels should be sent to M.C.C. Only the new 1945 label should be used for marking contributions of food for C.P.S. this year. The "Food for Relief" label should be used when marking contributions of relief foods and these too may be obtained upon request from the Akron office.

Helping Refugees to Go Home

Bertha Fast, a children's recreational director at the Tolumat convalescent camp, recounts in a recent letter a phase of the refugee migration:

"Several weeks ago I felt fortunate to be chosen as one of the people to escort the refugees (from Tolumat) to El Shatt in preparation for returning to Yugoslavia. Nancy (Hernley) also went along. It was one of those experiences I shall treasure: the refugees piling up their baggage, driving in the big lorries to the station where every one settled themselves on their luggage to wait for the order to enter the train, walking through the cars at night, stepping over sleeping children and trying to cheer them with my limited vocabulary, Nancy handing out aspirins and bandages, all of us crossing on a ferry, filling the boat to capacity with bundles, babies, and all. Back and forth we were on the way thirty hours, but I was ready for more. So tomorrow I am going again!"

C.P.S. Notes

C.P.S. Responsibility Increases

The number of men in M.C.C. camps and the responsibility of supporting and administering the program steadily increases. The termination of the war in Europe and plans for demobilization of inducted men have not affected C.P.S. as yet. In fact, prospects for discharge of C.P.S. men by the point system have waned considerably since the introduction in Congress of the Winstead Bill. Even if the bill does not pass it will postpone the beginning of demobilization for at least several months. Selective Service will not begin discharges while the bill is pending. In the meantime inductions into C.P.S. continue. Reports for the past month reveal that from May 31 to June 30, 96 new men were inducted into MCC camps bringing the total number up to 4,164.

Mrs. Roosevelt Visits at Poughkeepsie

The wife of the late President spoke to members of the C.P.S. unit and the Women's Summer Service unit at the Hudson River State Hospital on July 9, telling about her interest in relief work and pointing out the most crying needs of the world and how they might best be met. Mrs. Roosevelt commented on her visit in her widely published column, "My Day" for July 12. "The superintendent of the hos-

pital told me that they (the conscientious objectors) had undoubtedly raised the standards for the care of the patients, and that they had been of tremendous help in disclosing certain practices which existed there and about which we never before could get any real evidence. He said if they would stay longer they would probably improve the standards even more. . . This kind of work for the conscientious objectors is, of course, much better than many of the occupations which they have been given to do in the public service camps. Many of them are preparing to travel for their churches after the war and undertake relief work in different parts of the world, and what training they get in hospitals here will be of value in the future."

1945 Women's Summer Service Program

Eighty young women have volunteered and are serving in the M.C.C. Women's Summer Service Program during the present season. Besides ten, who are assisting at the clothing centers and headquarters office at Akron, seventy are serving in mental hospitals. Among them are two of our Brethren in Christ sisters.

Protest C.P.S. Demobilization

When the information became public that Selective Service had intentions to demobilize ten per cent of the men in C.P.S. during the coming year, considerable unfavorable reaction resulted. Veterans' organizations and patriotic groups brought pressure to bear, claiming that in fairness to servicemen, C.P.S. assignees should not be discharged until the War Department began to demobilize all branches of the armed forces. To date servicemen have only been released from the army.

Congressman Winstead of Mississippi has introduced a bill in the House asking that the demobilization of C.P.S. take place on the basis of a point system equivalent to that of the armed forces. Should this bill be passed, it would mean that a C.P.S. man would have to attain eighty-five points to be eligible for discharge and that no points would be given for a wife or for more than three children. To C.P.S. men who are not fathers this would mean practically seven years of service.

Most great inventions have been produced by men between the ages of 31 and 35, according to a recent survey by Dr. Harry Lehman of Ohio University. In chemistry the peak years lie between 28 and 32; in mathematics between 34 and 38; in physics between 30 and 34 and in astronomy between 43 and 47.

Alexander Graham Bell was only 28 years old when he invented the telephone in 1876.

Remember, if you expect a good harvest, just sow good seed. Whatever we sow, we surely will reap (Gal. 6:7). If you sow wheat, you cannot expect barley. When you sow wind, consequently you shall reap the whirlwind (Hos. 8:7).—T. F. Mayer.

He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well.—Bacon.

Appreciation and Anticipation

Another year of activity has passed:

WE take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation to our Associate Editors and Contributors for their cooperation during the past year. Without the working together of all concerned we could not have fulfilled our obligation in the task of publishing our Church literature. Whatever of success may have been realized is due to the earnest efforts of our loyal and devoted staff. May God richly bless and reward each one for the part they played.

And we also use this means of welcoming our new staff, some of whom are not new but are continuing. And yet it is a new staff, a new team of workers. We have been highly gratified at the response thus far, and are counting on greater things during this ensuing year under the providence of God.

We would also like to use this occasion to call attention again to some of the basic objectives which we have envisioned from the first. Our all-inclusive aim is, as it has always been, to publish the Gospel of the Son of God, the Gospel of salvation through grace, of sanctification by faith, of actual deliverance from sin, of practical Christian living, of effectual witnessing, and of powerful manifestations of the Spirit of God. Our platform is the unabridged Bible which we accept literally from cover to cover, and our foundation is Jesus Christ the chief corner stone.

We expect to continue to fearlessly expose sin wherever found, and to proclaim the remedy for sin, which is confessing it and believing God for forgiveness through the sacrifice of Calvary. We propose to continue our earnest efforts to unify the body of Christ in the Church which we represent; and the basis of that oneness must always be the "unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." We vowed when we joined the Church to uphold her doctrines, and we renewed that vow when we were ordained. We have no other purpose than to promote the Bible-centered teachings of our Church to the limit of our ability. Compromise never achieves real unity after all. Enduring oneness only comes when all are willing for all the will of God.

Beyond the general purposes outlined above, we have long felt the urgency for more of good literature from our own Brotherhood. We have established Bible Colleges to train our young people for service to Christ and the Church. And yet we get so little response to our appeals for a bit of service in the way of writing for our Church periodicals. One of several things must be to blame.

We either do not sense the importance of the ministry of the printed page, or we



have been inclined to think we are not qualified to write, or we are waiting for a specific call, or we are just indifferent.

Every little while we are impressed anew with the almost unlimited out reach of influence of the printed message. We get letters from people and places of which we had never known before, in appreciation of the message received from some certain article. If you want a *large* ministry, then consider writing. Its message continues on even after the writer is gone.

In answer to the second objection, that you are not qualified to write, it is surprising how many people are burying talents of this kind. Have you ever tried to write? Now be honest. Have you ever given God a chance to *try* to use you in this way? In this as in most things, practice tends to perfection. And you never can expect to learn to write until you try it.

Many doubtless are waiting for a definite call. But do you wait for a specific call before you testify? or pray? or engage in other forms of Christian service? Yes, God does call some for specific responsibilities. And He certainly calls some to write. But have you actually given Him an opportunity to call you? Have you ever given it prayerful consideration? This is designed to aid in calling your attention to God's call in the field of the publication of the Gospel. This may be your call from God to write.

And may God forbid that any of us who name the name of Christ should be indifferent! Stir up the gift that is in you! Write for the glory of God! If your first attempt is not suitable for publication, do not become discouraged. Try again. Practice more. Stir up the gift! And God will bless you for it. Perchance He may also bless untold numbers of others who read. May God stir us all from our indifference to the ministry of writing.

J. W. H.

With Former Editors

Preach the Word

THE great Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy instructs him to preach the Word. This no doubt was a very necessary instruction in the Apostolic age of the Gospel dispensation and it no doubt applies very well today. There are those who are hungry for the Word and it does their soul good to hear a real gospel ser-

mon made up of solid gospel truths that applies to the everyday Christian life. They are not so much interested in what the preacher has to say about himself as they are to hear about Christ.

If we are to preach the Word, however, we must know something about the Word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."—II Tim. 2:15.

A dear brother some years ago, after having a blessed experience, felt himself called to preach the Gospel in Oklahoma, and the Brethren opened his way to go and he obeyed what he believed to be a prompting of the Holy Spirit. When he got there he met with the people and told his experience, which was very good, but as he met again with the same people, they had heard his experience; and it would not do to repeat it again and again. Thus he found out that he could not preach the Word, because he did not have the knowledge of it; and his better understanding taught him that it was necessary for him to do as Paul says before he undertakes to preach the Word, namely, get a knowledge of the same.

Again we find Paul instructs Timothy and says: "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."—II Tim. 2:2. We do not wish to be understood that the faithful ministers of Jesus Christ must have a particular education; yet we do not despise intellectual development when it is sanctified. But we do say with all our heart that to be successful in the Lord's vineyard we must have the Spirit. The Gospel does not exist in the "enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and power." I Cor. 2:4. But we do say again that you must be instructed and established in the truths of the Gospel before you are capable of instructing others. We should make it a point to so study the Word that our quotations are reasonably correct, and in order to do this we must not depend on what we heard others say but go to the Bible and read for ourselves. Nothing gives more strength to the preacher before an audience than to show that he has really studied the Word of Truth for himself; and nothing weakens him more in the minds of an intelligent audience than a few blundering mis-quotations.

A spirit of fault finding is a very harmful disposition among ministers. It is a bad principle in any Christian, but much more so in a minister. The Christian that feeds on the faults of others will get very lean in his soul, if not lose his salvation. And the minister that gets into the habit of criticising will find that instead

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"GET THEE UP!"

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain . . . Lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up; be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" Isa. 40:9.

To the Lord's dear children who may be passing through a very deep and long valley of trouble, some special season of temptation and severe testing of faith, the words of the prophet come today with a clear ringing summons. Many at this time are weighed down with care and sorrow, and "weighted wings cannot soar." Some have death knocking at the door, and fail to recognize that.

*"Death is only an old door
Set in a garden wall.*

*On gentle hinges gives, at dusk
When the thrushes call.*

*"There is nothing to trouble any heart,
Nothing to hurt at all.
Death is only a quiet door
In an old wall."*

Some are passing through fire and flood on their way to a "wealthy place," and some of God's choicest soul winners have been deadly wounded by the enemy; Satan having robbed them of their armour, and instead of taking the shield of faith to quench his fiery darts, they are lying helpless on the highway, where millions throng.

The weapons Satan seems to be wielding so effectively in this crucial hour are a trio with dynamic power: Doubt, Depression, Discouragement.

There is the temptation to faint because of the hardness of the way; to look at the difficulties, the bitter trials, until life's days are filled with sadness and gloom and the nights are void of stars. Many have lost their soul's sky and failed to remember that to lose one's sky is to lose one's earth. To maintain an undiscourageable front in the face of the conflict of these awful days when Satan is seeking to "wear out the saints of the Most High" is not an achievement that springs from anything that a laboratory can demonstrate or that logic can affirm; *it is an achievement of faith*, and faith is the target for Satan's attacks. Guard well your faith, oh fellow Christian!

Somewhere a Voice is calling! Hark! We hear Him call our name! "Up, get thee up into the high mountain," and we would respond to that sweet Voice. By the help of the Lord we would climb up that hill that hath a cross planted on its top. Our feet would attempt the glorious ascent up where glory has its dwelling place. Ye who are weary and sad, feeling that God has forgotten to be gracious, permit-

ting you to remain in a furnace seven-times-heated, leaving your heart-cries seemingly unanswered — "Up; get thee up!" Will He take us up the long hill, the high mountain? Yes, He will not only take us, but He will bring us safely there with unspeakable joy, for He climbs with us—pilgrims Heavenward; not alone!

"Flee as a bird to your mountain"

Migrating birds fly high; often, very high, and they are said to do this for three reasons: They get a vaster outlook and know more clearly the points of direction: they are more secure from enemies and hindrances; and the greater refinement of the atmosphere enables them to accelerate their flight. The higher we soar the more clearly do we discern the will of God; the purpose of God; the plan of God.

Where will the soul find a refuge from these Satanic attacks? Not in Doubting Castle. Not in some low valley with face downward upon the ground. Nothing is gained by allowing depressing thoughts to fill the mind, doubting God's love when the storm clouds lower—nothing but broken nerves, sleepless nights, and miserable days follow in their wake. One utterly defeated, cast-down soul can inoculate an entire community with gloom and almost wreck the faith of youthful believers who look to their elders to be "radiant in the thick of it," "always to triumph!" "Above only" Christians.

The shepherd lad, David, called and ordained of God to wear on his breast the badge of honor as "earth's greatest songster"—not in his generation only, but in every succeeding generation—found himself one day listening to the voice of the tempter. The Master-Musician had placed him in the heart of a storm to teach him how to sing, but, listen to this moaning cry: "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove I would fly away this windy tempest!" Our all-wise God was too loving to answer his prayer and take him out of the storm and transplant him into some sweet, shady vale. No, the sweetest songs were born in a storm and out from the heart of the tempest rose loud notes of praise to God on high, and we have the beautiful 23rd and 91st Psalms—Psalms so full of comfort to the saints of all ages! What would David have gained had God granted his prayer and given to him a pair of doves wings? How far could he have flown away from trouble on such frail pinions? And what would the world have lost! Let us be watchful of our prayers in times of temptation and physical weariness!

We find another greatly tempted soul—an anointed prophet of God—Elijah. There he lay—an heir of God, a prophet

with a mighty commission—asleep under a juniper tree, wishing that he might die! To his cry God said, "No, you shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord; I am commissioning you to go forth and anoint kings and prophets and climax the service of the other days. *Get thee up!*"

And these are the days in which Satan is seeking to thwart the Lord's purpose in the earth and hinder the fulfillment of the last and great commission—"To Every Creature." He has sent out an announcement to all the world that he has closed the gateway to the lands afar, and proudly boasts that missions are henceforth at an end. Such news broadcasts have deadening effect, and it is well if God's children take heed "how they hear."

To all Mission Boards he has sent an advance notice advising them to close their offices, take a vacation, hang up their swords in their scabbards, for "the day of missionary service is ended."

To the lovely youth of the world, these free young lives in earth's fair morning, he has given careful instruction and counsel: "Don't waste your precious young lives in preparation for missionary service; conditions will be such at the close of the war that your wonderful talents will be needed in the homelands—build for business; help make a new world; do not think of burying your lovely lives among the wild, uneducated heathen people!"

And to that long line of invisible helpers, unsung heroes—the men and women in the homelands whose sacrificial gifts have made possible the almost miraculous spread of the Gospel in heathen lands—has he shown a deep interest and concern—especially to the aged saints, those facing the hour of sunset. To them he has said: "You have served your day and generation; take now a well-earned rest; lay up your treasures upon earth—your houses are old and you need new ones with all modern improvements for your comfort in your old age. Take your ease!"

Shall we eaves-drop and listen to their replies to Satan? Methinks that Heaven is eaves-dropping also, for are we not "encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses?" Here are the answers that fall upon our listening ears:

"The pathway to the Oriental and European fields may seem to be closed just now, but, there is the Hand of Another on the gateway to the seas; and ere long those gates will fling widely open and at the entrance of every nation will be an open door, standing ajar, waiting for God's ambassadors to enter." "Behold, I have set before thee an open door that no man can shut!"

To his word of caution to the Mission Boards we hear this reply: "We are in-

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GOD NEAR OR AFAR OFF

E. E. Shelhamer

"Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off?" (Jer. 23.23.)

HERE God is challenging backslidden Israel who have been taken captives by the king of Assyria. They are in great distress and have lost faith in false prophets. Yea, everything is so dark that they even wonder if God Himself can help them out. But from the gloom, God inspires the old prophet to say, "Am I a God at hand . . . and not a God afar off?"

We are in the same fix today, spiritually. Why is God afar off when it comes to our seeing Him display His power in convicting and converting sinners? Why so few answers to prayer for health and for finances? Let us see! Peter took five steps before he began to curse. We are told that he followed his Lord "afar off." In like manner we drift little by little, until God is out of reach. Here are some of the steps we take: *Carelessness, Coarseness, Compromise, Censoriousness, Cursing.*

Carelessness. It is easy to let down a little at a time and cease to be conscientious. People are careless about returning borrowed books, tools, umbrellas, etc. Sometimes even preachers get behind, and yet can afford to wear good clothes and eat big dinners. They make no effort to pay something on the old account.

Coarseness. Men are coarse in their thinking and sometimes in their conversation. Many women have ceased to be modest and are now coarse in their attire. Wesley said that an "awakened soul," (not yet a Christian,) would read only those books and sing those songs which "tend to the knowledge and love of God." A coarse mind leads to coarse conduct. It is impossible to go wrong until one has first let his mind dwell upon unholy imaginations.

Compromise. There are two classes of Christians: Those who live up to their early convictions and those who do not "look at things, as formerly." It is amazing how good people go back on past light, so that they and their children now look like worldlings. God help us! There seems to be a general collapse the world over! People can do things and go to places that at one time would have horrified them. Like Peter, they are following God "afar off."

Censoriousness. This is a disposition to find fault, and wherever it is found it indicates a backslidden state. It is certainly sad to see those who were once tender and kind, now given to criticism and scolding. No one can thus change until he first loses the sweet grace of God out of his heart. He may continue to pray or preach, but he

is "fallen" and should humbly acknowledge it. This is hard to do, especially before loved ones in the home, but it is the only way back to God. Few will do it, for they prefer to fix up the old profession and make believe all is well.

Cursing. It was impossible for Peter to curse while he was near his Lord. It was when he followed "afar off" that he lost all restraint. Satan watches with fiendish delight the cooling off of a red-hot saint. The more one boasts, like Peter, the more quickly will he curse, as a rule.

Beloved, do not take the first step away from God. There are men now smoking and cursing who once preached the Gospel.

But is there no way back?

Yes, James gives clear directions, when he says,

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

1. "Cleanse your hands," of all outward sins.

2. "Purify your hearts, ye double-minded."

3. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up."

So sure as any man or nation carries out the simple directions, the heavens will open and floods of grace and glory will be poured out. Try it!—Selected.

Get Thee Up

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creasing our missionary activities a hundred percent. In the yesterdays, when we sent ten new ambassadors across the seas, we are now preparing to send hundreds in the glorious and glad new tomorrow—God's tomorrow, the greatest of all days lying just before us." Praise God for men of vision!

The youth now come forward to give him their answer—an answer that thrills our very being, putting a fire in our bones, renewing our own "call to arms." "It was the youth who were sent out to the battle front to win this world war, to fight for freedom, to keep our churches open and Bibles in our homes, and it is the youth of our generation who will respond wholeheartedly to the call of God; we have seen a pierced Hand pointing to the farthest shore where human hands outstretched are begging for the Christ Who conquered, and, lo, it is enough. WE GO!"

Falling from the lips of those who have so loyally stood by holding up the hands of those who have gone forth to gather in the sheaves of gold, we hear these words: "Nothing lasts but God; we build no earthly nests, our home lies yonder within the

gates of pearl in the land of Beulah. It is quite true that often we're tried and spent with the stress of battle and of climbing the rugged way, but when the long day is ended, the journey all done, one look at His lovely Face will refresh us more than a plunge in the fountains of life; one Whom we love will go with us down the incline and through the shady vale to a place He is making ready for us." "Lord, Thou has been our dwelling place in all generations!"

"The day is softly sinking in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.

Sweet, is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."

Fellow workers, scattered throughout the earth, called and commissioned of God to the glorious task of World-Evangelism, what will be our answer when Satan comes to cast us out of our inheritance, to rob us of our eternal reward? We will boldly say:

"Silence, thou lying tempter, we believe God!"

and grasping our swords afresh we will obey His summons to "Get thee up into a high mountain!" We will lift up our voices with strength and not be afraid; we will lift them up and shout to the ends of the earth, "Behold, your God!"

Arise! Let us be going!

—Selected by one of our Missionaries from the Oriental Missionary Standard.

The Word of God

"I have worked at the Bible, prayed over the Bible, lived by the Bible for more than sixty years, and I tell you there is no book like the Bible. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder Book of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct, and an unspeakable source of comfort. Give no heed to people who discredit it, for they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God in the inspired speech of humanity. Read it for yourself. Read it through. Study it according to its own directions. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts. No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man is wise who is ignorant of its teaching. Every day is begun at its open page. It lies close at hand in all my work. I never go anywhere without it, and in it is my chief joy."—Samuel Chadwick.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend.

—Shakespeare.

Nothing is cheap that you do not need.
—Benjamin Franklin.

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LOVE FEASTS

Pennsylvania

Saxton September 15
Ganister September 16
Altoona September 22
Ray's Cove September 23
Clear Creek November 11

Canada

Wainfleet, Saturday evening 7:00 P.M., Sept. 1
Waterloo, 2:00 P. M., Sept. 8, 9
Clarence Centre, 3:00 P.M., Sept. 8, 9
Bertie, 10:00 A.M., Sept. 15, 16
Howick, 2:00 P.M., Sept. 15, 16
Nottowa, 10:00 A.M., Sept. 22, 23
Springvale, 2:00 P.M., Sept. 22, 23
Markham, 10:00 A.M., Sept. 29, 30
Frogmore, 2:00 P.M., Sept. 29, 30
Boyle, 2:00 P.M., Oct. 6, 7
Welland, 2:00 P.M., Oct. 14
Cheapside, 2:00 P.M., Oct. 20, 21

Ontario Joint Council will convene September 1 to 3rd, 1945 at the Wainfleet Church near Winger, Ontario. The Council begins Saturday at 2 P.M., with Communion Services in the evening. Sunday is given to the Ministerial, Educational and Missionary programs and the Council concludes on Monday.

SECOND ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

— at the —

Memorial Holiness Camp in Southern Ohio
(Along Butter Road, between West Milton and Highland Church)
Under the auspices of The Brethren in Christ Church
August 18 - 26, 1945

Daily Program

6:30 A.M.—Rising Bell.
7:00 A.M.—Worship.
7:30 A.M.—Breakfast.
10:00 A.M.—Prayer Period.
(Except Sunday mornings)
10:30 A.M.—Devotional Service.
12:00 M.—Noon Meal.
4:00 P.M.—Evening Meal.
7:00 P.M.—Prayer Groups.
(Except Sunday evenings 6:30)
7:30 P.M.—Song and Praise.
(Except Sunday evenings at 7:00)
8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic Message.
Sat. Aug. 18
7:30 P.M.—Evangelistic Service—
E. J. Swalm.

Program

Sun. Aug. 19
9:30 A.M.—Sunday School — Daniel Engle, Supt.
10:30 A.M.—Song and Praise.
11:00 A.M.—Beauties of Zion — Bish. E. J. Swalm.
2:00 P.M.—Song and Praise.
2:30 P.M.—Y. P. Service—Eld. C. J. Ulery (Childrens hr.)
3:15 P.M.—The Fire of God—Eld. A. H. Engle
Mon. Aug. 20
10:45 A.M.—The Genesis and Exodus of Holiness and Holiness in Genesis and Exodus.
11:15 A.M.—Mountain Climbing—Bish. E. J. Swalm.
2:30 P.M.—Song and Praise—(Childrens hr.)
3:00 P.M.—Exposition of Paul's letter to Philippians—Eld. A. H. Engle.
Tues. Aug. 21
10:15 A.M.—How we may acquire the Experience of Holiness—Eld. A. H. Engle
11:00 A.M.—The Uncontainable Blessing — Bish. E. J. Swalm.
1:30 P.M.—Question of Normal Youth; What shall be my life work?—Eld. A. H. Engle. (Childrens hr.)
2:30 P.M.—Intermission.
2:45 P.M.—Devotions.
3:00 P.M.—Message.
Wed. Aug. 22
10:15 A.M.—Bible Holiness and Human Imperfections—Eld. A. H. Engle.
11:00 A.M.—Divine Healing service—Bish. E. J. Swalm.
1:30 P.M.—The Power of a Crooked Stick—Eld. A. H. Engle (Childrens hr.)
2:30 P.M.—Intermission.
2:45 P.M.—Devotions.

News of Church Activity

3:00 P.M.—Message.—Eld. O. B. Herr.
Thurs. Aug. 23 - Missionary Day
 10:15 A.M.—Home Missionary Program —
 Chairman—Bish. Wilbur Snider.
 Speakers to be supplied.
 1:30 P.M.—Foreign Missionary Program —
 Chairman—Eld. C. J. Ulery.
 Speakers - returned Missionaries.
Fri. Aug. 24 - Memorial Day
 10:15 A.M.—Adorning the Doctrine of Holiness—Eld. A. H. Engle.
 11:00 A.M.—Maintaining our Peace Principles —
 Bish. E. J. Swalm.
 1:30 P.M.—What Meaneth these Stones?—
 Eld. O. U. Herr.
 2:30 P.M.—Intermission.
 2:45 P.M.—Devotions—(Childrens hr.)
 3:00 P.M.—Ancient Landmarks — Eld. A. H. Engle.
Sat. Aug. 25
 10:15 A.M.—Bible Study—To be supplied.
 11:00 A.M.—Bond Service or Love Slavery—
 Bish. E. J. Swalm.
 1:30 P.M.—Special Young People's service.
 Special group singing—Eld. Wm. H. Engle—Leader.
 Speakers—Eld. A. H. Engle and others.
Sun. Aug. 26
 9:30 A.M.—Sunday School—Daniel Hoover; Supt.
 10:30 A.M.—Song and Praise.
 11:00 A.M.—Entire Sanctification — Bish. E. J. Swalm.
 2:00 P.M.—Song and Praise.
 2:30 P.M.—Reports.
 3:15 P.M.—The Masterpiece of God's Workmanship—Eld. A. H. Engle.
 6:30 P.M.—Ring Meeting.
 8:00 P.M.—Evangelistic message — Bish. E. J. Swalm.
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Canada

WELLAND MISSION — Life for the workers at Welland Mission has taken on new interest with the arrival of a new worker, a daughter named Glenna Faye. Some of the Sisters of our nearby districts gave us a demonstration of real practical Christianity by helping over the time of the arrival of our baby and until Sr. Diller was able to be about again. Sr. Vernon Pye helped us for one week and Sr. Esther Winger for two weeks.

On Sunday afternoon, April 22, we were favored with a program of Gospel singing by the Ontario Bible School Mixed Chorus. It certainly was an uplift to us to see so many attend this musical program.

The activities of the past quarter have been more or less of a preparation for future events, but the next quarter will certainly be a busy one. July 30 we are planning to open a two weeks' Summer Bible School and on August 15 an evangelistic tent campaign. We are also planning some changes at the front of our chapel. The present entrance is a lean-to arrangement that gives no church-like appearance but rather suggests a private dwelling. A vestibule with a peaked roof and of sufficient size to be used as a cloak room have been decided upon. The cost of this new part has been estimated at \$250. Any financial or manual assistance in this project will be greatly appreciated.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of the Church in behalf of this work that souls may be saved and the name of God glorified.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April, May, June, 1945

Receipts	
Hall Offerings	\$127.15
Katie Haugh Est.	50.00
Exch. on above	4.72
Sr. Miller	1.00
A Mission Brother	32.00
Bishop & Sr. Alvin Winger	2.00
Emily Thompson	2.00
Bro. & Sr. Craten Bitner	5.00
Mrs. Myrtle Cadwell	1.50
Bro. from Penna.	5.50
Bro. Jesse Sider	2.00
Total Receipts	\$232.87
Expenditures	
Groceries	\$ 78.14
Milk	14.81
Gas bill	11.32
Gasoline and Oil	17.95
Telephone	8.95
Advertising	7.20
Garden	4.05
Ice	3.75
Elec. bill	2.21
Water	3.15
Taxes	19.38
Auto Repairs	11.24
Tire repair and recapping	11.00
Hardware and Kitchen	8.17
Lawn seed and lawn mower repair	1.90
Ruth and Myrtle Steckley (Love Offering)	25.14
Misc.	4.80
Total Expenditures	\$233.19
Balance on hand April 1	250.68
Total Receipts	232.87
Total	483.55
Less Total Expenditures	233.19
Balance on hand July 1	\$250.36

We wish to acknowledge with thanks contributions of food from the following: Joseph Wideman, Benjamin and Jesse Winger, Earl Vanatter's, John Chambers, George Sider, Bro. Byer, and Christian Sider.

California

LIFE LINE GOSPEL MISSION—The past quarter has seen the work of the mission pushing forward in the conflict with sin and satan. Often we are made to marvel at the stupidity of men and women when we see them selling themselves for so little into a life of wretchedness and misery. It is consummate folly and out of reason until we go into the house of the Lord and there learn that the god of this world hath blinded the mind and eyes of these people of the world and that they are dead in trespasses and sins and need some one to show them the way and lead them back to a real life in Christ. A mere profession will not work here, nor anywhere else. A man or woman bound by sin needs something very real and powerful to deliver him from that strangle grip.

We are constantly meeting people who say they are Christians; they were baptized and belonged to church, etc, but now they are anything but a Christian in their conduct. They recognize their defeat, but are hard to deal with to lead them into a definite experience of a salvation that works every day of the week, where old things have passed away and all things have become new. They need a dynamic Christianity, the only kind that will work and ever did work. This is where holiness teaching comes in and is proving its worth. Men and women bound by the devil do not fight holiness, for they see the sensibleness

of it and that Holiness is the only thing that will work in their lives and give them what they need, but to get them to take the steps necessary to obtain this wonderful experience is the work of the mission, and is not always successful in every case. Many are called but few are chosen. It is God's will that all men come to repentance, but there are few who will to accept God's will for them, and herein lies the problem of the mission to persuade men with prayer and love and much patience, for souls are not born into the family of God without travailing prayer on the part of the mother church.

During the past quarter there were no less than forty two who knelt at the altar of prayer and professed to have received definite help from the Lord. One man came to us early in April from our people in Pennsylvania who had been drafted into the navy. He came to the mission and without much persuasion came to the altar and prayed his way through to victory and a wonderfully bright experience and live testimony. He was a great help to the mission and his testimonies were a real inspiration. God did a real work for him, because he willed to do what God willed for him to do. He just willed to do God's will and the result was electric. He has since gone to the Pacific and our prayers follow him.

A man stopped us one day on the street and said, "Can God save an Irishman?" We visited him several times in his room and then later he came into the mission and after praying with him he threw up his arms and cried, "I have Him." He arose with joy in his face and in his heart. Continue to pray for the work in this wicked city.

—The Four Workers.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April, May, and June, 1945

Balance on hand April 1, 1945	\$100.85
Rent	10.50
Hall Offerings	564.49
Marie Uthein	3.00
Bro. & Sr. Dozier	4.00
Bro. & Sr. Hoke	5.00
Oak Park Mission S. S.	9.04
Mrs. Drange	2.00
Bro. & Sr. Titus Books	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Linkletter	2.00
Bro. Schmidt for Frieda's board	100.00
Chino S. S.	29.52
Emmanuel Chapel S. S.	4.67
Sr. Thomas E. Stoppard	1.00
Sr. Elenor Poley	1.50
Fannie Longenecker	2.00
Bro. & Sr. Reuben Wingerd	10.00
Bro. & Sr. Swartzendruber	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Amos Buckwalter	10.00
Total	869.57
Expenditures - House	
Table	\$142.89
Public Utilities	40.24
Incidentals	9.01
Repairs	29.23
Canning	6.40
Incidentals for Frieda	4.42
News	2.50
Total	234.69
Expenditures - Hall	
Rent	\$150.00
Bro. & Sr. Hoke	99.50
Bro. Burkholder (Overseer)	15.60
Public Utilities	21.72
Incidentals	17.96
Transportation	27.10
Tracts	6.00
Auto repair and stamp	11.00
Sr. Fannie Longenecker	28.40
To Emergency Fund	95.00
Total	472.28
Total Receipts	869.57
Total Expenditures	706.97
Cash on hand	162.60

(This balance includes \$15.00 as a starter for a special fund for the purchase of a loud speaking system for the mission hall.)

Donations

Mrs. Fetzner, Bro. & Sr. Hoke, Bro. & Sr. Bingham, Bro. & Sr. Snow, Bro. Egling, Florence Royston, Bro. Sprague, Bro. & Sr. Musser, Sr. Eva Melhorn, Bro. Wagner, Bro. & Sr. Swartzendruber, Sr. Cyrus Winger, Mrs. Schmidt and Frieda, and Bro. Thomas.

ONTARIO AUTO CAMP—I'd like to tell you about a little Sunday School, which I think many in the brotherhood have never heard about. How would you like to go along with me one Sunday?

Well, here we are at the camp. You will go with us as we gather the children. The first one we meet is Tommy with his shining face. With his workbook under his arm, he is all ready to go. We go from trailer to trailer, and soon we have a nice group around us ready to start for Sunday School.

Yes, I see you are looking around for a Sunday School Chapel. But we have none. Our chapel is the great out-of-doors. There under the great, green pepper trees the children gather and sit on benches for Sunday School.

Now their little voices are ringing out in choruses. Little three year old Annette asks to sing the "Bible". Ruby wants to sing "The Birdies in the Treetops," which is another of their favorites.

Bro. Cyrus Winger, our superintendent now tells all to rise, and after all the boys have taken their hats off, he leads us in prayer. Most of the children fold their hands and shut their eyes during prayer.

And, now as Bobby is taking up the collection, the children are singing, "Dropping, Dropping, Hear the pennies fall," etc.

We separate into classes. Mary Elizabeth Young takes those over seven years and I keep all under that age. Mary has an alert class. You'll have to visit her class awhile and listen to the questions they can ask. They keep her busy finding answers.

Little Arthur, my youngest pupil, is not quite three. Today, as is often the case, while I am telling them a story, he sees a cat walking by. He runs away after it. We go bring him back, and I continue my story.

I'm so glad you came with us today, because it isn't raining. When it rains we cannot have Sunday School. We take their papers to their homes. Also we have a good number here today. I'll ask our secretary, Elinor Poley how many are present. She tells me there are fourteen in the younger and six in the older class.

We give all a paper, and besides each is given a little award. Next Sunday we are presenting a New Testament to each one present.

"And now children, we will sing our Good-by Song, and then you can go home. But be sure to come back next Sunday for a Testament. Try to find a new boy or girl to bring along." Bert got a prize today for bringing Ralph.

Bert has been with us for a longer time than most of the children. We cannot depend on children from one Sunday until the next. They are moving in and out all the time. This you can see is a disadvantage. But we pray that the seed sown while they are with us will take root.

This Sunday School was started by a member of the Upland Church. It has been carried on now for a number of years. We are thankful for the increased interest this last year. You can pray for us that we will be able to get a building. This will be a protection in bad weather and make

it possible for any interested parents to come. Also, there are more children that we would like to favorably contact. And pray for us that we will faithfully sow the seed, and lead these dear children to Jesus.

We enjoyed having you visit us today. If you cannot call again, you can pray for us.

In His Service,
Eva Melhorn.

Kansas

ZION—During the past few months we as a congregation have had the privilege of having a number of visiting brethren and sisters in our midst. Some of them were Bro. H. R. Alderfer and son Owen, Roy Franklin, Eld. Jesse Lady, Mrs. M. F. Bert and daughter Lois, Mrs. Alvin Gish, Harvey Lenhart, Bro. Switzer from Oklahoma, Rhoda Lenhart, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Lenhart and family. Some of these have at one time been members of our Sunday School and we are always glad to have those back to attend our services whenever they can. We are also glad to have Sr. Fannie Longenecker in our community. She is visiting her parents and preparing to go into foreign mission work in the near future.

On the evening of June 17, Bro. George Lenhart was in our services and gave a report of the General Conference.

We have an interesting and growing Sunday School, with an enrollment of 118. A number of our children had the privilege of attending a Vacation Bible School, which was held in the Church of the Brethren in our community.

New York

BUFFALO—We greet all our friends in the words of Romans 8:28. Here is a little verse which expresses the same thought:

"How sweet, how blessed is the thought
That Thou dost hear Thy people's cries!
And whether Thou dost give, or not,
'Tis love that grants, and love denies."

Dedication of children: On Sunday morning, May 6th, five small children were publicly presented to the Lord by their parents. The five were Dwight Donald Winger, Sandra Mae Winger, Faith Crystal Nickerson, Beth Elaine Musser and Gerald James Moore. Lord, bless the children!

New Workers: We are more than happy to report that Sr. Helen Bowers and Sr. Florence Hensel have been assigned to Buffalo by the Home Mission Board at this year's Conference. There is so much visiting that should be done—it must be done—if the Sunday School and mission are to prosper. May the Holy Spirit bless and use the lives of these two consecrated Sisters.

General Conference: It was our privilege to be in Pennsylvania for a few weeks. We enjoyed immensely the opportunity of being home and seeing our loved ones and friends. Commencement Week and Conference were unparalleled for spiritual blessing and growth.

Building Fund: As you will notice in the report that follows, this fund has more than doubled during this last quarter. This was made possible by many gifts, both large and small from interested individuals and Sunday Schools from far and near. But the money is now starting to go out!

The plumbing for the bathroom is completed. The plumber gave 10% off on his bill which we thought was a very kind consideration on his part. There is still much work to be done before it is worthy of being called a "bathroom." Bro. and Sr. Irvn Winger donated two lights and some other fixtures for this purpose. A medicine cabinet with a mirror, a small gas heater and other improvements are yet needed.

Since neither the painting of the mission nor the installation of the bathroom are completed, we can not give an accurate report of these expenses. But approximately half or more of this total will be required to pay these bills. Pray and give to this fund as the Lord directs because the remodeling of the kitchen and other improvements which the Board of Trustees have in mind will require far more than what we have at the present time.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April, May, and June, 1945

Balance on hand April 1, 1945	\$185.35
Chapel Offerings:	
April	77.68
May	54.91
June	32.50
Sr. Florence Hensel	1.00
Bro. & Sr. John Moore	5.00
Sr. Ivery Corbin	5.00
Total	\$361.44

Expenditures

Groceries and milk	\$104.97
Telephone, Gas, Electric & Water	38.71
Automobile Expense (Gas, oil, grease, oil filter and head lamp)	32.92
Household Supplies	15.07
Postal Supplies	1.75
Daily Vacation Bible School Supplies ..	12.40
For minor improvements	18.49
Misc. items	7.18
Total	\$231.49

Balance on hand July 1, 1945	\$129.95
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BUFFALO BUILDING FUND

Balance April 1, 1945	\$306.58
Bro. & Sr. Harold Heise	3.00
Birthday Offering	4.19
James Robinson	4.00
Air Hill Sunday School	15.00
Bro. & Sr. Joe Sollenberger	5.00
A Friend	17.51
Sr. Fern Williams	5.00
Bro. Paul McBeth	2.00
Beulah Chapel S. S., Springfield, O.	152.40
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Bro. & Sr. John Z. Martin	10.00
Mrs. Thomas E. Stoppard	1.00
Bro. & Sr. Paul Shoalts	100.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S.	25.00
Total	\$653.68

Ohio

CHESTNUT GROVE—A week of special meetings has just been concluded here at Chestnut Grove. Bro. E. J. Broyles from Upland, California was with us to bring us messages direct from God's Word. He nearly always said that the Lord has given him his text, and that he didn't need to worry what to preach about because the Lord always showed him. We felt that this was true for his message seemed to fit us and our needs.

The meeting was held at a very busy time—June 24, 31—and therefore, was not too well-attended. But if those who did come would apply to their lives the truths heard, this church and community would feel the results. May we who name His Name be zealous in winning souls for Him.

On Sunday morning, June 17, we were privileged to hear Sr. Anna Mary Royer from Harrisburg tell us of the work at Messiah Lighthouse Chapel. She had many experiences which were intensely interesting to us as well as inspirational.

Pennsylvania

CANOE CREEK—This report finds us closing our work. The Lord has been good to us and on Him we can depend. To the Church at large we wish to express our deep appreciation for you stood nobly by us. Your prayerful help and assistance made the work so much lighter. May the Lord bless each one. We greatly appreciated the assistance of the Home Mission Board. Their visits and fatherly advice are a help to any mission station.

Our tent meeting at Ganister was held in June by our faithful Bro. A. C. Rosenberger. We feel our Brother was sent of God to be our evangelist. God wonderfully used him in this service. He stressed getting saved, established, and living what you profess. The last week of the tent service we had a Bible School. How the children did enjoy this. We had an enrollment of 44 and an average of 40 despite the fact that the Catholics had Bible School at the same time. The last day of Bible School was decision day. We experienced one of the most touching scenes of our lives when 28 boys and girls knelt around the altar for prayer. Many of these children may not realize the seriousness of this step but will you help pray that they may stand true and faithful? When we saw the eagerness and sincerity of these boys and girls to follow Christ it really touched our heart, and gave us more determination to tell the old, old story of His love. May the Lord grant us such love and wisdom that we may lead these children aright.

Our Brother also stressed the responsibility the parents should have to lead their children aright. There were seventeen others who expressed a desire to follow Christ. Will you as a church pray for this work for they have some problems which are hard to solve. Pray for us as we go that we may be fitted to do more effective work for the Lord.

Yours for Souls,
Arthur and Anna Grove.

FINANCIAL REPORT

April, May, and June, 1945

Balance on hand	\$ 22.89
Chapel Offerings	33.21
Buffalo S. S.	20.00
Bro. Miller	6.30
Friend	10.00
Bro. & Sr. Grey	25.00
John Estep	5.00
Local Friend	6.50
Bro. & Sr. Long	4.00
Bro. & Sr. Alfred Wenger	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Oldham	10.00
Bro. Glenn Nicewonder	10.00
Mt. Pleasant S. S.	10.00
Denver Traxler	1.00
Lanker S. S.	28.57
Air Hill S. S.	42.00
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	239.38

Expenditures

Groceries	\$ 57.34
Milk	16.52
Electric	14.25
Feed	7.50
Canning	10.00
Garden Needs	15.00
Mission Needs	22.06
Stove Gas	10.00
Car Repair	26.50
Tires & Gas	48.50
Money orders, stamps, stationary	4.00
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	\$231.67
Balance on hand	\$ 7.71

CHAMBERSBURG — A Vacation Bible School was held at Chambersburg Church, North Franklin District, from June 4 to June 15. Sessions were held each evening Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 o'clock. The school was under the direction of Sr. Dorothy Wenger, Supt, and seventeen faculty members.

Attendance and interest throughout the entire school was exceptionally good. The first night the school opened with an attendance of 86 children and the closing night the enrollment totaled 137 exclusive of staff and faculty. The children greatly enjoyed the talks given before class session by visiting ministers and members of the congregation, and sang with enthusiasm the choruses and songs taught by the superintendent. The Bible lessons and memory work as well as the construction work which was of a religious nature proved to be a means of enlightening the pupils and imparting to them Biblical truths in a practical way. An offering was given each night by the children to help a missionary in some foreign country teach others about Christ. At the close of the school this offering totaled \$55.00.

The last night of the School parents and friends were invited to see "Our Bible School in Action". It was truly an inspiration to hear the children sing so heartily the choruses and songs they had learned and see them with eagerness display the handwork and lesson material covered during the two weeks. We are very thankful for this opportunity to sow the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of our youth and pray that it may bring forth much fruit unto eternal life.

We also pray that God may richly bless the superintendent, staff, and faculty for their sacrifice in giving time and effort to make the School a spiritual benefit to the community. We trust that they may continue to use their talent for the increasing of God's kingdom.

GRANTHAM—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow". Surely the Grantham District can be thankful for its rich blessings during the past three months. The Lord has been good to us again. We praise Him for everything.

The Easter season came and brought us renewed joy in the resurrection of our Lord. On Easter morning during the Sunday School hour the children gave us a lovely little program in song and recitation. In the evening the Young People's Society very beautifully portrayed a miracle of Jesus.

Over the Easter season we were privileged to have Nelson Hostetter home from C.P.S. We were glad to have him worship and move among us again.

April 25-29 we had the rare occasion of having Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Shelhamer with us. They spoke to the students in their chapel services and to a large audience in the evenings. These two people of God gave us much from their rich store of experiences. Many souls were led into the deeper life and many new resolutions were made. May God bless these servants as they preach the Gospel.

Sunday evening April 15 the Male Chorus of Messiah Bible College gave their final program of the year to an appreciative audience in the college auditorium. In the same auditorium on Sunday evening of May 6 the Ladies Chorus gave their final program. The home church enjoys hearing the well trained voices singing the praises of their creator.

During the morning worship service of Sunday, May 6 three young people were received into church membership. Immediately following the service we went to the campus entrance where four young people were baptized. One young lady from the Free Methodist church had not been baptized so she also received the rite. We earnestly pray these young people will

prove steadfast members of the church and serve their generation to the glory of God.

May 10 we again had a rare privilege. This time two converted Russians met with the students in the morning and the community in the evening. Rev. Peter Deyneka and his co-laborer gave us much concerning the need of the Gospel being given to the Russians. Rev. Deyneka represents a large work being carried on among the Russians all over the world, especially those in Russia and America.

The College Commencement was enjoyed again. More than thirty young people completed their Academy and Junior college work, and have left us to go into life or continue their education. Grantham District feels a responsibility in helping these young people to become established in their Christian lives. And we pray God will be their guide and portion through life.

Sunday evening June 3 we were once more happy to hear a "native son" preach the consecration sermon to us in the Young People's hour. Eld. Henry G. Brubaker of Upland, California gave us an inspiring message.

June 6-11 General Conference convened on the school campus for the third consecutive year. The people of Grantham and surrounding districts hardly realize the privilege we have been having in being able to sit in on the sessions. God guided the discussions once more and much was done to further the work of the Church and the Lord. The services on Sunday which were in charge of the various Boards were much appreciated and well attended. We pray God's blessing on the work of the Church.

Sunday evening June 24 a farewell service was held for Bro. and Sr. Earl Brechbill who are leaving in the near future for rural work at the North Star Mission in western Canada. At the same time Bro. Brechbills were ordained to the ministry and consecrated to Home Mission Work. The District feels a personal interest in this couple for Bro. Brechbill has lived in this community for over twenty-one years and with his family has made this their home for over three years. The District earnestly prays the Lord will bless Bro. and Sr. Brechbill with their three small children as they leave us to labor in that needy field.

We would not forget how our hearts were stirred Sunday evening May 20 when we gathered in the chapel to commemorate the feet washing and communion services. We had a nice group and the Lord impressed us once more with the sufferings of Jesus and the need of a Godly walk until He comes.

This has been a busy and rich spring. The students have gone to their homes. But we are pushing the work of the Lord on in this place. We ask the prayers of the Church that we may remain true to the Lord during the heat of work and battle.

PHILADELPHIA — We wish to praise God for the opportunity to labor for Him another quarter. We feel that God has accomplished much and to Him belongs all the honor and glory. Praise the Lord.

Tuesday night, April 24th, closed our Cottage Prayer Meeting for the summer. The attendance at these meetings were for the most part fair. They were definitely up-lifting, and spiritual. Some of the services developed into a free discussion while the message was being given and this added to the effectiveness of the message.

During the first week-end in May, Philadelphia Mission enjoyed its first Annual

Youth Conference. Since it was our first we were anxious to see its acceptance by the people, and also to see its results. We were satisfied in both points. The attendance was good, and the speakers, who were, Sister Mary Sentz, Elder Luke Keefer, and Elder Henry Ginder spoke as moved by the Spirit. We appreciated many constructive remarks of enjoyment by our young people. Four meals were served and these were planned, prepared, and served by the Young People's Society. We know God's blessing rested upon this Conference and we are looking forward to a greater time next spring.

May 7th started our Spring Revival Campaign with Rev. David Gorman as Evangelist. God, through our evangelist, gave us some mighty, Holy Ghost, and soul stirring messages. Rev. Gorman delivered his messages, under the anointing of the Spirit, in a way that his listeners will not soon forget. Nineteen souls bowed at an altar of prayer—some to be justified and some to be sanctified. At this writing the seventeen who prayed through still have the victory, six weeks later. This was the greatest revival we experienced in the last two years and we are believing God that each one in the future will still be better until we see hundreds saved. Glory to God. Since the revival two more souls were to the altar, one to be saved and the other to be sanctified. Praise the Lord the old time Fire still will burn if we open up the drafts and dampers and keep putting new fuel on. Amen!

Our average attendance in the Sunday School was 70 and our average enrollment was 85 for this quarter. This is no material change from last quarter.

The attendance in the worship services continue without any great change.

June 17th the Crusaders for Christ held a special Saturday night service. The attendance was only fair, but a good spirit was enjoyed in the service. Elder Harold Paulus, formley from Detroit, gave his testimony and Bishop Wilbur Snider, from Ohio spoke.

Special music was provided for by our own young people. The Crusaders for Christ distributed approximately 4200 tracts this quarter. God bless and cause each tract to be a conviction.

One hundred and thirty-seven visits were made this quarter.

We continue to solicit your prayers and thank each congregation, Sunday School, and person who donated to the cause of Christ at the Philadelphia Mission. God bless you all.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts	
Rhoda Erickson	\$ 10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Fricke	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Richard C. Odgers	6.00
Bro. & Sr. Bechtel	2.00
A Friend	10.00
Air Hill Sunday School	15.00
Sr. Lovina Jarrell	3.00
Young Peoples visit to Mission from Mt. Joy	16.00
Mrs. Spaulding	1.00
Mrs. Sally Myers	2.25
Bro. Howard Landis	5.00
Sr. Mary Sentz	3.00
Bro. & Sr. Webster Eshelman	10.00
Bro. & Sr. Reuben Tyson	2.00
A Friend	3.25
Sr. Durstein	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Ben. Watkins	5.00
Tithe Offering	27.00
Sr. Helen Bowers	2.00
Sr. Ruth Hammond	2.00
Bro. John Myers	15.00
Sr. Thomas Stoppard	1.00
Bro. Daniel Engle	2.50
Bro. & Sr. Jacob Hess	3.00
Beatrice Martin	5.00
Bro. & Sr. Root	2.00

Robert Sentz	1.00
Kurtz Sisters	2.00
A Friend	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Bro. & Sr. Light	25.00
Christ's Willing Workers Class from Mastersonville Sunday School	5.00
A Friend	5.80
Mrs. Sauers & Daughter	2.00
Mrs. Koch	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	15.00
Joseph Brechbill	2.00
Joseph Engle	2.00
Mrs. John Davis	1.00
Edna Mae Davis	1.00
Chapel Offerings	168.69
Revival Offerings	99.83
Telephone Tolls	22.62
Anita Brechbill (Board)	75.00
Alvin Thuma (Board)	38.50
Meryle Grasse (Board)	38.50
	\$671.25

Expenditures

Deficit April 1, 1945	\$ 12.24
Kitchen Expenses	170.50
Milk	38.50
Electric	33.15
Telephone	54.62
Gas	7.26
Car Expenses	23.29
Wholesale Groceries	38.78
Filing Cabinet and Cards	5.15
Messiah Bible College Ladies Chorus	30.00
Revival Signs	6.80
Floor Coverings for Living Room	76.02
Rev. David Gorman - Evangelist	99.83
Repairing of Clock	2.00
Lumber	10.40
Cesspool drain & soil pipe	12.90
Coal	12.30
Stationary	3.20
Misc.	4.10
	\$640.50
Balance on hand June 30, 1945	30.75
	671.25

Benevolent Report Financial

Balance forwarded April 1, 1945	\$ 93.91
Receipts for April, May, and June	31.10
	125.01
Expenditures for April, May, and June	26.99
	\$ 98.02

Balance on hand June 30, 1945

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following for food stuffs and provisions so graciously devoted to God's Workers: Robert, Stewart, Elizabeth Kraybill, Sr. W. J. Rosenberry, Mrs. Florence Arenberg, American Stoves Co., Mrs. Edgar Holty, Anna Glass, Bro. & Sr. Shelly, Amelia Brubaker, Helen Bowers, Ruth Brubaker, Bro. & Sr. John Brubaker, and Bro. & Sr. Charles Clark.

—The Four Philadelphia Workers.

ALLISONIA—"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." The Christian, moreover, has another bond uniting him to the Lord besides that of creation implied by the Psalmist. Bought with the great price of the blood of Jesus, there can be no doubt of God's love and fatherly interest in all that concerns us.

Recently we have been enjoying evangelistic services with Eld. H. O. Musser of Mount Joy, Pa. in charge. About eight persons knelt at the altar, the most of whom, we trust, received a real work of grace. At a baptismal service during the meetings seven persons were baptized, two of whom we received into membership. A communion service on July 1 was a blessed and encouraging service. Nineteen persons, including Eld. and Mrs. D. E. Jennings and several others from Bethel Mission, shared in the sacred rites.

Services at the Farris Mines school house and at the Spencer Church continue as our regular appointments. The work here, like that at many other places, no doubt, is mostly one of sowing. But we do rejoice in some harvest. We are grateful indeed for the prayer support of the brethren and sisters who are engaging in the blessed ministry of intercession. We earnestly desire you to continue to do so not only for us

workers, but more especially for about ten children and young people who have started out to live for the Lord. Some show a purpose of heart to continue, but others seem to be drawing back.

We thankfully acknowledge the contributions you have been sending us. The list below covers the offerings received during the four months, March through June. Following that there is a summarized list of our expenses for this period.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

March through June, 1945	
Balance from previous quarter	\$ 76.57
Leonard Mich., Church	21.00
Elizabethtown, Pa., S. S.	10.00
Manheim Pa., S. S.	5.00
Mt. Joy Pa., Mt. Pleasant S. S.	10.00
Farris Mines S. S.	37.96
Mr. & Mrs. Christ Herr	10.00
Alice Blunt	10.00
Mrs. P. W. Mc Beth	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Merle Miller	6.00
Esther Greenawalt	17.20
Eld. & Mrs. H. M. Wolgemuth	2.00
George Deihl	50.00
Charles Myers	15.00
Mrs. S. H. Lowell	10.00
Edith Davidson	10.00
Leroy & Vida Yoder	30.00
Sarah Wagner	5.00

Total Receipts

Expenditures

Table account, Yoder	\$141.11
Table account, Greenawalt-Davidson ..	55.90
Auto account, Yoder	51.18
Auto account, Greenawalt	74.95
Chicken feed	12.00
Pigs and pig feed	24.92
Dairy feed	13.17
Bible School Supplies, etc.	12.90

Total Receipts

Less Total Receipts

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Yours for souls

The Workers.

BENEFICIARY BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT

April, May, and June, 1945

Balance on hand April 1, 1945	\$3,724.94
Receipts	
Dallas Center Cong., Iowa	20.44
Free Grace S. S., Lykens Valley, Pa. ..	25.00
Pasadena Missionary Prayer Band, Calif.	15.00
Canadian Bank Correction Credit	48
Bethel S. S., Kansas	19.61
Wainfleet Cong., Ont., Canada	90.45
Sherkston Birthday Box offering, Ont., Canada	22.00
Hummelstown S. S., Pa.	20.00
Juniata & Mifflin Co. Dist., Pa.	19.81
North Dickinson Dist., Kansas	25.00
Bertie Cong., Ont., Canada	60.00
Markham Cong., Ont., Canada	47.71
General Conference Offering, 1945	542.94
Total Receipts	\$4,633.38
Expenditures	
Paid to Beneficiaries:	
April 1945	283.00
May 1945	283.00
June 1945	365.07
Total	931.07
Balance on hand July 1, 1945	\$3,702.31
Jacob H. Bowers, Treas.	

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

April, 1945 Canadian

Black Creek	\$ 15.00
Markham Cong.	86.89
Mr. & Mrs. David Cober	6.00
Cheapside S. S. Support of Native Missionary	40.00
Boyle Cong.	98.00
Bro. & Sr. David Byers, Special for Sr. Anna Steckley	5.00
Clear View Mission Band:	
Native Teacher	12.50
Woman Worker	10.00
Tuition fees for native student	10.00
Christian Service League	10.00
Sr. Mable Page	10.00
Markham S. S.	100.00

Black Creek Cong.	67.25
Girls Bible Class, Markham, for Orphan India	17.50
Bro. George Winger, Sherston \$10.00 Bertie \$10.00	20.00
Bro. Charles Baker	10.00
Bro. Earl Winger, Special for Bishop H. H. Brubaker	20.00
Bro. & Sr. Wm. Phillip, Special for Educating Native Preacher	100.00
Disbursements	
Cabled to Africa to Bro. R. H. Mann ..	\$410.00
Wm. Charlton, Canadian Treasurer.	

— MARRIAGES —

MCNIVEN-BOSSERT — Bro. Andrew McNiven son of Mrs. McNiven of Cobourg, Ont., and the late Mr. McNiven and Sr. Mary E. Bossert, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Fred Bossert, Fenwick, Ont., were united in marriage on Wednesday, May 23, 1945 in the Boyle Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. Earl Bossert, uncle of the bride performed the ceremony. May God's choicest blessings accompany them as they journey through life.

Editorial

(Continued from page three)

of feeding the pure minds of earnest believers they are feeding a corrupt principle which has a tendency to destroy spiritual life. Ministers get the idea that they must uncover sin and instead of preaching the Word of Truth and letting the Holy Spirit locate sin they become judges themselves.

Feed my lambs, said Jesus to Peter after he was restored. The lambs need the sincere milk of the Word if they are to grow. Hence Paul's instructions to Timothy, "Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." — II Tim. 4:2-5.

—From the "Visitor" July 15, 1899, selected by P. J. Wiebe.

Go break to the hungry, sweet 'charitv's bread,
 "For giving is living", the angel said.
 "Must I be giving again and again?"
 The weary, wondering question came.
 "No", said the angel, piercing me through.
 "Just give till the Master stops giving to you".

—Edward Markham.

How great the virtue and the art to live on little with a cheerful heart.

—Alexander Pope.

FAITH IN DIVINE GUIDANCE

Joseph H. Smith

YOU have prayed to be led; have faith that you are. Not all Divine guidance is sensible, but if the conditions are met in your case and you have faith for Divine guidance you will be guided, whether you have telegrams or sudden impressions. Sometimes my guidance and yours will be like a flash of lightning showing the turn in the road. Sometimes guidance is by direct impression, but not always: and you want, not only the craving sense of guidance, but you want faith for your guidance—a trust in the promises of the Guide.

Guidance, like everything spiritual, is a matter of faith, and you are—when conditions are met—guided, whether you are sensible of the guidance or not. You have confidence in your pilot when on shipboard; you have confidence in your captain. You have confidence in your Guide.

Now, God's guidance is not absolute control. He is not going to do the going; you are to do the going. He is not going to abrogate your will. Neither is He going to despise your faculties that He has created in you. "The meek will he guide in judgment."

The Holy Ghost is anxious for the developing of our own manhood and womanhood. He does not supplant us; He supplements us. He orders His guidance so that our going will be in the development of our own personality.

God's guidance is often through what we call circumstances and events. You hear us talk about providence as if it were a sort of automaton. No, no, beloved! The laws of nature do not go of themselves; the laws and processes of providence don't go by themselves. There is a personal God who administers all the affairs of nature and of providence. When you and I are praying for guidance, God does not control our will but He does control events and circumstances. Sometimes our prayer for guidance is answered by the change of circumstances, or by some single event and we see the thing altogether differently. We see what to act and how to do. That is as truly Divine guidance, if you met the conditions of guidance, as if it were by impressions. God personally orders nature and directs providence; and guidance is sometimes through circumstances; sometimes through the process of judgment; and sometimes by direct illuminative flashes.

Here are the three conditions, beloved. The prime condition of guidance is, first, childhood relationship to God. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." He is not leading everybody; they won't let Him. The children of God consent to be led by the Spirit of

God. Our following evidences that we are led by the Spirit of God. That is basic. You and I can not be where we can claim Divine guidance if we are in a rebellious attitude or if we have never repented. Men are swayed by the course of the world, by the tide of the sea, by their ambitions, by their passions. They are not guided of God, and it takes us to be in the family to be led by the Spirit of God.

Guidance of the Child of God is also conditioned, secondly, upon prayer for guidance, and by prayer I mean, not simply verbal prayer, but I mean the consciousness of dependence—"I must be guided by God"—the prayer of dependence, and a desire and request. You want to learn to pray earnestly for everything you pray for. You want to pray earnestly, but not anxiously.

The third condition is trust—faith for guidance. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Trust Him to bring it to pass. I have faith that God will guide me so that I will always be at the right place at the right time. It says, "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." It does not say — the miles. Take this promise with you for your life: "The Lord shall guide thee continually"; and then add this postscript, "What thou knowest not now, thou shalt know hereafter." I don't care which syllable of that word hereafter you emphasize, either. When Jesus said that to Peter, He explained it to him that very night. But what is not revealed to us here-after, if it is important enough, will be revealed to us here-after.

—Selected.

Bible Reading in the Public Schools

Back in the days of the thirteen original colonies wherever there was a church there was a school. And everywhere the chief textbook of the schools were the Bible. It is plain history to say that the public-school systems of our land originated as Bible schools.

In the public schools of America today the reading of the Bible is a matter on which each of the 48 states makes its own ruling.

The American Bible Society, in a recent survey, finds that Bible reading in the public schools is required in 11 states, prohibited by 4 states and in the remaining 33 it is permitted although not required.

—Selected.

They who make the best use of their time have none to spare.

Foreign Missions

To India's Coral Strand

A. M. Steckley

"AND when He putteth forth His own sheep. He goeth before them" John 10:4. These were comforting words as we set sail from New York on April the 26th. for the second wartime journey in two years.

Our readers will perhaps remember the account of my trip from India in the August 1943 issue of the *Evangelical Visitor*, entitled: "From India's Coral Strand". That journey of 44 days was very unusual, and was made by a circuitous route, namely, from Bombay, via Australia and New Zealand, to San Pedro, Calif., on one of the largest and fastest war ships of the troop transport class. It was carrying thousands of troops as well as quite a few passengers. The ship, which was too fast to be convoyed, was formerly an Italian luxury liner, which was seized by the Allies and converted into the above type.

The fact of God's marvelous protection and guidance on that voyage, gave us courage to undertake another wartime journey which was to bring us back to India according to His will.

On April 26th we set sail on the ship provided by Him in direct answer to our prayers, and which was sailing direct to India. It was a cargo ship which could offer accomodation to six passengers only. It was to sail in convoy, and the convoy commander usually sailed on this ship, but at a late hour changed his plan, and for this reason only, could our Agency get this passage for me.

Fortunately, I was in a position to accept this sudden sailing offer, because plans had been made to sail on a neutral ship, therefore all preliminaries had been attended to, but due to a Portugese visa not having come through for me I was detained. It was a very easy matter to get my baggage over from Philadelphia where it had been stored for a month, to New York. However, this was only possible by the kind help of our Philadelphia Mission Pastor, Eld. William Rosenberry, who worked hard to get my baggage taken to the station from the custom's warehouse where it was held under bond. May the Lord richly bless him and all the workers for their hospitality and help during those days.

Brother Musser accompanied me to New York, and we were able to get all the last minute details fixed up nicely.

On reaching the pier, I found that there were two lady missionaries among the few passengers, one whom I knew going to India, the other going to China.

This formerly German Ship had been seized by the British during the war, and then sold to the Dutch who had put it in good shape, and have been navigating it under British control. The passenger cabins, were line and the sea being smooth, we had a most restful journey.

The Dutch Captain and officers were most kind, and were concerned for our comfort. The Captain had been recently decorated by the Dutch Queen for bravery. He has been navigating ships throughout the five years of war. Three of his ships were sunk by the enemy.

We were to cross the Atlantic in convoy and it was a matter of considerable interest to see all the ships of the large convoy get lined up for the voyage, as well as to see them keep their respective places as we went on from day to day.

Our captain instructed us to keep our life belts with us. He said that a few submarines were lurking around but advised us not to get excited. He said, "I have been in convoy when fifty U-boats were attacking. This is not many but one is plenty, so be careful at all times."

Shortly before we reached Gibraltar, the war in Europe ended, and although U-boats were ordered to get into Allied ports, our Convoy Commander was running no risk, so it was after we reached Gibraltar that our Captain was given instructions to proceed to India alone. It was also possible to travel at a greater speed and with no blackout. We were shown many places of interest as we went along—places where intense fighting took place, such as Tunisia and Malta. We also saw ships which had been sunk but were partly out of the water.

After passing through the Mediterranean and Red Seas, we again had to travel in blackout, until we reached India, but we were not escorted.

We arrived at our destined port on May 28 after a pleasant and comfortable voyage. Due to the extreme traffic on the Indian Railroad lines, it was impossible to get a reservation for four days, and unadvisable to go without one as the journey was going to take four days and nights, and in the hottest time of the year. The first 24 hours was almost unbearable while passing through the Sind Desert where the heat was terrific. Even though we were favored with electric fans and tubs of ice in our compartment, and with windows and shutters closed, the thermometer registered 98 degrees.

I reached Saharsa on the 4th of June. The Mission folks were of course expecting me. On Monday night while passing through Begusarai, two of our Indian workers came to the train to have a chat with me. It was surely grand to meet

some one I knew. Then at midnight I reached Mansi Junction which is 26 miles from Saharsa, and where I had to wait 14 hours. This was due to a faulty railroad bridge over which it was not considered advisable to take the train in the night.

However Brother Dick had sent an Indian man down to Mansi with a bed, a mosquito net, and drinking water, as there are no accomodations at this station for Europeans since the 1942 rebellion, when things were destroyed. In the morning I went over to the railroad engineer's house. They are Scotch folks, and their hospitality was much appreciated, after such a long tiresome journey in the heat. I do not believe I ever enjoyed a good bath and breakfast as I did that morning.

Sister Dick with two Indian lady teachers came to Mansi that day to meet me, and took me to Saharsa, where we were greeted by quite a few friends. Part of my baggage arrived the following day, and the rest came through eight days later.

Surely in all my journeyings the Lord has faithfully guided until I have at last reached my place of service where I delight to be, because His will is sweet to me.

I love needy India and her people in spite of the great unrest at present. There never was a greater opportunity for the followers of Christ to bring the glorious message which India needs above all else. The work may be more difficult under present day conditions, but His Grace is inexhaustible, Praise His Name!

Your prayers will be much appreciated for us and His great work in this needy land.

Sabbath Desecration

The Lord's Day Alliance of Canada in a published statement draws attention of the Christian churches there to the increasing tendency to make use of Sunday for political meetings and propaganda.

"In some elections of recent years in Western Canada, we are informed that campaign meetings were held on the Lord's Day and also meetings for political propaganda are becoming more and more frequent on Sunday in our chief cities.

"The Alliance takes the position that aside altogether from the principles for which the parties stand, the introduction of propaganda on Sundays, and especially during a political campaign, is out of keeping with the traditional character of the day and is an unwarranted invasion of its sanctities. We shall be grateful, therefore, if Church Courts would early discuss this matter and take such action as they deem best, reporting to us the result."

The United States is not free from this desecration.—*Christianity Today*.

HOW GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

A. M. Anderson

ELIAS was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months, And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. James 5:17.

Let us notice in the first place that "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are." He was not a superman or out of the realm of the human. He was just "as we are" — "subject to like passions." That is, in other words, he was just an ordinary individual—a man who walked on the earth and acted like we do. He was hungry, thirsty, tired—just like we are at times. We must dislodge him from the mystic to the natural man. This is according to the Word.

Let us notice in the second place — that he prayed earnestly. Now, earnest prayer is a wonderful medium whereby men get in touch with God. When men really pray in earnest, God will reveal conditions—human and divine. Evidently, Elias' life was clean and his motive in harmony with God's divine character. His earnest prayer penetrated the ear of God. His request was granted.

No doubt unbelievers laughed at the suggestion that Elias had shut up the heavens by his prayer. But after three and a half years he prayed again (the people no doubt knew he did), and it rained. Now, what could the infidels answer? That God had listened to a man's prayer was evident.

I wish to call the attention of the readers to the fact that the God who heard Elias is still living, and is still in the business of hearing and answering earnest, sincere prayer. In the following issues of this paper, I will give a few sketches of my personal experiences as a missionary on the foreign field, as evidence that God has a wonderful way of manifesting His wisdom and power in behalf of His children who really depend upon Him.

After we had moved into our little, modest, mission home, in Pondoland, Africa, we found the house infested with hordes of cockroaches—big fellows—little fellows—all sizes and ages. At night our kitchen and pantry walls and ceilings were covered with the swarming, squirming, flying pests. We were at a loss to know what to do. Night after night we tried to sweep them down and burn them in the kitchen stove, but to no avail. We made no headway in destroying them. Of course, prayer was made for help in every trying circumstance. We were led to read in a certain American weekly paper that powdered borax would destroy cock-

roaches. We immediately experimented and found to our great joy that the borax worked. In a few days roaches were no more.

Another pest was a great trial to our lives and a nuisance—a small, black ant. This pest would get into our food in the pantry and on tables. In order to be partly free from them, tins of water were placed under every cupboard and table leg. The water had to be changed every week and tins cleansed. This was a tedious job with all the other duties of a mission home. Providence, however, again directed our attention to an article in a weekly magazine telling of camphor gum as a sure means of driving away small, black ants. We were not slow in trying this remedy. To our great relief, after three days' time, the black ant pest was gone. We lived in that house for fifteen years afterwards, and were never overrun by those pests again. God had met our need by giving us a sure remedy.

On our first arrival in that country, I tried to convince the heathen natives that the God of the missionaries heard and answered prayer according to His promise in His Word. I was quite positive in my preaching. I felt the Lord wanted me to be. The natives were indifferent to the Gospel message, and I desired them to know that He would manifest Himself to them if they would believe on Him and trust Him.

To my great surprise, one day, a delegation of heathen natives came and requested of me that I would pray for rain. The rain was late coming that year and, it seemed as though the people were in for a famine. The corn was drying up, and the grass for the cattle was becoming scarce.

"We are going to die," they said, "if we do not get rain. Our cattle do not give milk for the babies, and we have no food in our gardens. Our rain doctors have also failed us. Would the missionary be kind enough to ask his God to bring rain? We have been listening to your preaching. You tell us God answers prayer."

This was a direct challenge to my preaching and to my faith in my own preaching. To say that I was not tempted by Satan to side step the issue and make some excuse would be false to the enemy. God, however, gave me courage to tell the people that we would pray for rain on a certain day, and would meet with them at a certain hut. The delegation returned to their homes apparently very much relieved.

The day of test finally arrived. I mounted my horse and rode down to the native

kraal. I found the hut crowded—packed full of anxious, interested, red-blanketed heathen. I believe there were only two or three professed believers among them. Being a very hot day, to enter that crowded hut with no windows, and but one small door, was not very inviting. This was no time nor place, however, to quibble over conditions. The great question in the minds of all present was, "Will the God of heaven hear the missionary's prayer?"

In a few simple sentences I told the assembled people that God heard prayer if they would humble themselves and become obedient to His will. They all assented with a grunt, and bowed themselves to the floor while I prayed a few simple words. Before I had reached home that afternoon, the desired rain came and refreshed the earth. The drought was broken. Was it a happenstance or did God answer prayer? Let the doubters answer.

(To be continued)

Lo, A Channel!

"A week or two ago a woman came to the dispensary with a note from the chief asking that she be treated for a sore eye. She said that one of the chief's favorite wives had given her permission to come to the mission only after she had refused the ministrations of the medicine man and also the government doctor. With the permission to come here she was warned that she was to come only for medicine and not for the accursed *Nadji Alla*, or the words of God. But no one ever receives medicine here without also getting this *Nadji Alla*. She received it gladly. We found that she read the Gospel of John in colloquial, and not only read it but believed it also, and moreover taught it to the other women of the inner court. She somehow managed to come to several women's meetings and gave a clear testimony that the thing that made her heart sad was the fact that she was not able to get away to be baptized. She risked coming to services on Sunday morning, and although she sat with her head covered she was recognized. We have never seen her since, but we feel assured that she is still working for Him. Several times she has sent a little money to be put in the box for God's work. She is one of many who need your prayers."

—Moody Monthly.

Sailors do not dread contrary winds so much as they do a calm, for they can adjust their sails to the wind.

What you are speaks so loudly that I cannot hear what you say.—Emerson.

Worship is not doing something—it is discovering something.—Day.

CAUSES OF DIS-UNITY

Orrie D. Yoder

IN seeking to discover the causes of unity among the people of God, likely the most important place to take inventory is within. Before we start shooting at the wreckers outside, we had better get rid of the termites inside.

As we have before noticed in both Old and New Testaments, God's work of redemption begins by fostering unity out of dis-unity, and then, maintaining that unity. When God's plan was followed, unity was not secondary, but unity itself was an outstanding testimony to God's power and work. It was nothing less than a miracle that united twelve patriarchs and their descendants into one nation for God when they had been born with the inherent spirit of envy and jealousy. God's marvelous ways brought unity out of dis-unity!

The sufferings of Joseph, the sufferings of Israel in Egypt, and the sufferings of many statesmen and prophets who like Moses and David were great leaders of this nation, all, was a part of the program of God to make a united nation out of a people not inclined by nature that way. Perhaps the great pictures which portray the climax of Old Testament Unity and dis-unity, are the glory of the reign of Solomon, and the schism which followed so soon during the reign of his son Rehoboam. Cf. II Chron. 1:10).

It was doubtless the untiring self-denial and sacrifice of David, the man "after God's own heart" that had now brought Israel to their long desired goal of an established monarchy with a centralized place of worship. But alas, as these outward goals of unity were realized, inward decay was rending the kingdom asunder.

We might notice here that the greatest schisms of religious history were not brought about by the wrecking crews of schismatists like Korah, Dathan and Abiram, (Cf. Num. 16) but by inward decay. More spiritual buildings are disintegrating because of inside "cracks" due to sandy foundation and faulty building, than because of the darts of outside enemies. To be sure, the apostle warned of the "wolves" coming in, but he also warned of the enemies from within. (Cf. Acts 20)

But we can well, ask the question, why did the great unifying energies of David so soon become defeated by the schism that followed during the reign of his grandson? Why does it take only a generation or two to-day to undo the unifying power of some great church leader?

One evident thing to notice is that the self-denying and sacrificial spirit of David soon became out of date during the luxurious reign of Solomon, and thus the

unifying life of their religion was quickly lost. While the schism under Rehoboam had been growing for centuries because of the neglect of centralized worship as God had commanded, yet it came to a head and defeated in a measure the great spiritual work of father David, when Solomon in his luxury gave up Spiritual life for a systematized formal religion that would no longer hold things together. When the religious life was lost and the worship of the temple became a bur-

Heaven

Alfred S. Rotz

*There is a place we call sweet heaven
Beyond the starry sky
Where human hearts are never broken
And friendships never die.
Reunions there will have no ending,
They never say good bye.
There'll be no heart aches and no weeping,
And pleasures never die.*

*There'll be no gloomy days in heaven,
No burdens there to bear;
No sin to make you heavy laden,
For there's no devil there.
Perpetual peace reigns in that city,
No war to leave it's stings;
The Lamb of God, the King of Glory
Will be the King of Kings.*

*More than ten thousand thousand voices
Will join that happy throng,
And sing their Saviour's worthy praises
In everlasting song.
They sing sweet melodies in heaven,
The sweetest ever heard;
The perfect chords will not be broken;
No sin to make discord.*

*They need no sunlight in that city
Where all is peace and love.
The Lamb once slain in all His glory
Will be the light thereof.
The streets of that eternal city
Are paved with purest gold;
The gates of pearl of wondrous beauty
Will nevermore be closed.*

*They never hunger in that city
Nor do they thirst again:
They rest from all their pilgrim journey
And with their Saviour reign.
In that grand city there are mansions
Most beautiful and rare:
O joy beyond all expectations
When we get over there!*

—Chambersburg, Pa.

densome system, unity snapped, and the Ten Tribes revolted.

It is astounding to see to-day, the same principles of decay at work. As Apostasy sets in and the unifying life of religion is lost, or crowded out, at once thru culture, materialism, or legislation, our Christianity takes on a systematized, imposing formality. Our Christianity becomes burdensome rather than drawing and unifying in its nature. The warmth of our fathers and grand-fathers is lost as it was in Israel of old, and where we would least expect it, schism and disunity break out like an alarming disease. Congregations, families, or conferences are rent asunder because that which once held them together is lost.

It needs to be noticed here that the legislation of Rehoboam works no more effective to-day to heal such disease than it did then, and makes a poor substitute for that which was lost.

How sad that we so often judge outside wreckers and legislate against them for the apparent disunity among us, and so sadly forget that our building may be falling apart because of inward decay, caused by the lifeless and cold systematized and formal Christianity we are to-day too much living and proclaiming. Disunity must always follow a cold burdensome religion such as Solomon introduced after his apostasy and during his luxurious, dissipating life. It can only follow a Christianity fostered by the materialism, culture, and self-indulgence of these "last days".

—Bannock, Ohio.

This Pastor Exercised Faith and Won

Four years ago, a minister was called to a church in a workingman's community—a hard field—in which officials used all sorts of devices to raise money to pay the preacher's salary and other expenses. Before the minister gave his answer, he required the leaders of the church to agree not to attempt to raise money through their usual devices including bazaars, sales, entertainments, and "stunts." The leaders at first demurred, then "by faith" agreed to let the minister work out his ideas of teaching the members of the church to practice "tithing." The minister accepted the call. Now the church is on a soul-winning basis; its budget is almost treble of what it was; a local radio program is used every Sunday to help in promoting the ministry of the church; missionary and other benevolences have been increased; joy reigns and Christ, The Savior and Lord is being glorified.

—Layman Tithing Foundation.

THE MINISTER IN HIS STUDY

E. J. Rees

Many things—too many—have I forgotten which were taught to me during my seminary days. One experience is indelible. It will not leave me. Gathered at the dinner tables on Beacon Hill with some of the members of my class, one of our professors was asked to speak to us on the subject, "The Minister in His Study." That which I remember rings in my soul today. Said he: "Young ministers, my first point in this brief after-dinner speech is this: Have a study." Then he asked: "Where shall that study be?" Answering, he said: "Let it be in the attic of the parsonage, and enter that attic-study through a small hole; put some planks over that hole; put your chair on those planks; sit down on that chair and *study, study, study.*"

The sainted Jowett thought it his duty to be in his study at the same time the laboring men were passing by the doors of his manse on their way to their early morning labors in shop and factory. Wesley thought that he should be out of bed at four o'clock in the morning, studying for an hour, and preaching at five. The daily schedule of the minister, if conscientiously kept, is more commanding and more demanding than that of the daily laborer, or the shop girl, or the downtown lawyer, or city physician, or the farmer who faces the rising sun. A devoted father said to his minister-son: "Keep on your knees and your head in a book." A schedule like that pulls at the heart, tugs at the brain, seeks after the soul's depths.—*Nashville Christian Advocate.*

Expository Preaching

Opening up the Scriptures to the minds and hearts of the people of God is the great work of the Christian preacher. Such a ministry is not a popular one. It involves time and labor. It means hours spent alone with the Bible, when the spirit is quiet before God, that He may enlighten it with heavenly understanding. It means a close walk with the Lord, for only the obedient believer can obtain a really deep insight into the Word. It means a fullness of the Holy Ghost, that the Author Himself may reveal hidden meanings, and clarify obscure passages, and enrich with divine illustration, and breathe upon the message as it goes forth. It is easier to prepare sermons, using the multitudinous helps that abound, and decking them with stories, and strengthening them with human logic and philosophy. But it must be remembered that it is His own Word that God has promised

to bless, not the product of human reasonings.

The Presbyterian quotes Dr. Ironside as follows: "Dr. James M. Gray remarked some years ago, when lamenting the dearth of expository preachers and Bible teachers, 'I am afraid the great trouble is that there are few men humble enough to be willing to teach the Word of God. They much prefer to soar to heights of eloquence, and give rein to their own fancies rather than to soberly and seriously open up the truth.'"

The same journal continues: "An outstanding New York preacher has said, Expository preaching is the poorest of all types of preaching, because it leaves so little scope for the imagination.' But those who value eternal things for their own sake are not anxious to listen to the empty vaporings resulting from the imaginations of the human heart; they prefer to be nourished by the milk and meat of the Word itself."—*Christian Missionary Alliance.*

Compel Them to Come In

BISHOP JOSEPH BERRY

THE KING's palace is full of light and warmth. His banquet has been spread. Music fills the air. The guests are glad. They felicitate each other that they have been invited to the lavish hospitality of the King.

But out in the streets, chilled by the storm, are many hungry ones. For them, too, the lights are blazing. For them the fires burn. For them the tables are spread. For them a kingly welcome was prepared.

Why are they not here? Do they really know about the feast? Have they been told that they also are on the list of welcome guests? Do they realize that the royal Host is disappointed?

Have you no concern, O happy guests, for the starving ones in the streets? Out, out of the light and warmth! Out into the chilling storm! Out into the dismal streets! Invite them to join you at the royal banquet. Invite them to come. That is not enough. Persuade them to come. That is not enough. Compel them to come!

The evangelistic passion is one of the first fruits of the Spirit. Said George Whitefield, "As soon as I was converted, I wanted to be the means of the conversion of all I had ever known."

William Carvosso said: "I felt such a longing desire to save souls that I said in my heart to the Lord that if He would condescend to use me to bring one more soul to Himself, I would forever praise Him for it."

Mr. Finney states that in the revivals of his day people would pray "whole nights, and until their bodily strength was quite exhausted, for the conversion of souls around them." He says of himself: "I felt that I would stagger under the burden that was on my mind, and I struggled and groaned and agonized. I could not present the case to God in words, but only in groans and tears."

A young lad was converted at night after a long struggle with unbelief. He was advised by his friends to retire at once and seek rest. "What!" he exclaimed in surprise, as the light of Heaven beamed from his face, "do you suppose I could go to sleep until I have told all my friends that I am saved?" And at midnight he started out to awaken his friends, and tell them that he had become a disciple of Christ.

That is the Christian's normal attitude. The man who sits down to the banquet and selfishly enjoys its light and warmth, with never a thought of the hungry multitude outside, is a caricature of a Christian. He has caught no true vision of his Lord; nor have the fires of Christian evangelism been kindled in his heart. He may be a church member, but he is not a Christian.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He was moved with compassion toward sinners. He yearned to have them come to Him. Is any one a real disciple of the Christ who is not also swayed by this consuming passion?—*Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.*

"Praying Hands"

Fear famous works of art have a more beautiful story behind them than the one that is told about Albert Durer's "Praying Hands."

According to the legend, both Durer and his best friend wanted to study art, but neither had adequate means. After considerable thought it was decided that one should study while the other worked to support the two. In time the position would be reversed.

Durer was selected to study first but when the time came for his friend the laborer's fingers were too stiff, his hands too calloused, for the fine art. The friend's career was lost, but not the spirit of his friendship. The toil-worn hands of Durer's friend are the ones we see in "Praying Hands."

It is said that few people look at the famous picture without having their own thoughts turn to God in prayer. Hands that have led people to God! Who of us can estimate the value of the hands of Durer's friend!—*Young People's Teacher.*

I will study more how to give account of my little, than how to make it more.
—*Bishop A. C. A. Hall.*

REPENTANCE, ITS MEANING

J. H. Byer

REPENTANCE means a deep sorrow for sins that have been committed against God our heavenly Father. When this sorrow is deep it at once causes a ceasing from sinning. When Peter saw his terrible sin, he went out and wept bitterly. Where there is real sorrow for sin, tears of penitence will freely flow. David says, "I am weary with my groaning: all the night make I my bed to swim; water my couch with tears." A dry eyed repentance is too often entirely meaningless.

God's great love and goodness should bring real repentance to every soul. "As I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." A serious mistake is sometimes made by urging seeking souls to confess to men before they confess to God. Confession of every known sin against God will bring peace, joy and victory. The confessing sins against man will be easy and delightful indeed. David said, "Against thee and thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest and be clear when thou judgest."

The record of each life with every sin, is indelibly written and inseparably attached to each one. And unless it has all been blotted out through faith in the atoning blood of Christ, it will stand against that soul on the judgment day. Each one will be honest enough then to say, "Yes, that is my record and I cannot deny it."

A sure result of repentance—if it be genuine—is a changed life. A poet says, "Tis not enough to say, I'm sorry and repent—and go on from day to day just as we always went." If the guilt of sin has been heavy enough and the repentance deep and thorough the joy of pardon and liberty will cause a glad following of every commandment found in God's Word, not only will there be joy in the individual's life at the wondrous change, but others around us will see the change, very clearly. Old things are all passed away and behold all things are new. Acts 16:31 as used by Paul in telling the jailer what to do to be saved is often used in telling souls what to do to be saved in these days, but without the penitence that the jailer so clearly showed. Without true repentance saving faith can never come. When Paul was bidding farewell to the Ephesian elders at Miletus just before leaving them for the last time he says, "And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying to both the Jews and also towards

the Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." (Acts 20:20, 21). This is the only safe way to instruct seekers to-day. It is our sins that separate us from God and to know they are all washed away inspires faith in God. It is the precious blood of Christ that cleanseth away all our sins. Praise God for that precious blood!

We use an old fashioned illustration to show the need of having the old account, which was standing against us, entirely

"The Shining of His Face"

Anna L. Dreyer

"I cannot go," a woman said,
 "To do my work today,
 I am too frail—in too much pain—
 Ah, wait a bit! I'll pray."
 She prayed, and from an unseen Source
 Was strength and grace bestowed:
 From morn till night she worked with
 God,
 Nor staggered 'neath her load.

"I cannot sing," a sad one sobbed;
 "Life robbed me of my song!
 Yet I would faithful be and trust,
 Death will not wait too long."
 But as she prayed for faith to stand
 And not deny her Lord,
 She sang a sweeter, happier song,
 With Heav'n in full accord.

"I am so tired," a toiler sighed,
 "Oh, let me rest awhile!"
 Just then he saw a waiting child,
 Who sought a friendly smile.
 He put aside his weariness,
 And cheered the little one;
 And as he gave sweet rest was his,
 Though extra tasks were done.

"I'd like to give," the good man said,
 "But have not gold to spare;
 What is it I can do without
 And thus in God's work share?"
 He sacrificed, now here, now there,
 The price he gladly gave
 To those who gave their lives to tell
 Of Christ who came to save.

What is this rich, exhaustless fount
 From which God's people take
 The strength, the joy, the rest they need.
 When living for His sake?
 It is the shining of God's face,
 With them from day to day,
 That works with them and gives them
 pow'r,
 And joy and rest alway.

—Christian Home.

settled, and not simply turning over a new leaf. Fifty or more years ago it was the custom of some farmers in the western states to make arrangements with storekeepers to let them have their supplies on credit, till they were able to raise a crop and settle up their bills. But we will suppose some one grows tired of that way of doing and decides to pay cash hereafter. He goes to the store buys a bill of goods and lays down the cash, and says to the storekeeper 'I am tired of the old system, I will pay cash hereafter'. The next time he does the same and says he likes that way much better. How long will it be till the merchant says, 'How about that old account that is not settled?' As the poet says, "The old account may be settled down on our knees."

"Repent and be baptized every one of you, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38).

—Upland, Calif.

Penitence Absent from Wartime Prayers

Perhaps it is too much to ask that our national leaders shall learn in wartime how to pray. Other responsibilities have a way of crowding in and reducing this discipline to secondary importance. That at least is a natural inference from the kind of public intercession they have raised. A case in point is the prayer read at the Easter sunrise service in Arlington National Cemetery by Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King. In many respects this petition, which was carried on the following day by the press of the nation, contained more of the elements of real prayer than any we have seen from other war leaders. It was cast in the noble language of devotion. Its author was aware of many of the unsearchable riches of our heritage of faith. But it completely omitted one element without which prayer ceases to be prayer, or at least ceases to be Christian prayer. There was no penitence in it. As in all other such appeals made during the war by men who undertake to address the Creator on behalf of the nation, Admiral King's prayer was devoid of any suggestion that our own people also stand in need of forgiveness. This is an omission whose gravity requires comment. It reveals how deeply the sin of pride has bitten into the soul of the nation and how poignantly we need to learn anew the simplest truths concerning our relationship to our Maker. We could learn this lesson from a penitent restudy of the Lord's Prayer. But that is very difficult, especially for a victor. Will it be necessary for us to learn the hard way which history reserves for the proud?

—The Christian Century.