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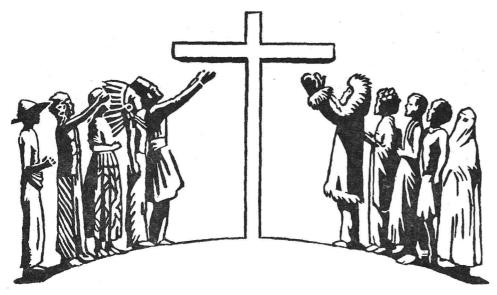
The Giver

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater, He sendeth more strength when the labors increase, To added affliction he addeth His mercy, To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.



When we have exhausted our store of endurance, When our strength has paled ere the day is half done, When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power no boundary known unto man, For out of his infinite riches in Jesus He giveth and giveth again.



A Primary Teacher's First Jewel

Frieda Martini Buchen

ONE CLEAR June Sunday there appeared in my Primary class a new pupil, "Henny" Piper. The sober, dark-eyed little fellow was carefully groomed and dressed in dark blue serge. As the school was located in a poor New Jersey fishing village, his neat appearance contrasted strangely with that of the other little ragamuffins. His parents, I was told, were newcomers in the community. Painfully shy, Henny handed me a large bunch of sweet peas, and managed to say,

"Mama'd like for you to come see her." I never failed to accept such invitations, and set out on my first free afternoon to look up the Piper family. Crossing the bridge between my home and the fishing village. I definitely felt that this was an unusual occasion and reconsecrated myself, asking God to inspire every word and act that day.

The Piper home was an isolated little house by the water's edge, and before it lay an old, dilapidated flat-bottom boat, salvaged as a flower bed, filled with sweet peas of all colors.

In answer to my knock, Henny appeared, smiling shyly, and pulled me into the house by the hand, without saying a word. The poorly furnished house was very clean. In contrast to this poverty, an expensive Oriental rug lay in the middle of the room.

Mrs. Piper was at the grocer's, so Henny tried timidly to entertain me with his baby pictures. He explained,

"Mommy said she asked God for a baby and then I came!"

Encouraged by this turn of the conversation, I asked.

"Do you pray every day, Henny?" "Yep. Mommy an' I do. I pray, 'Dear God! Come in Daddy's heart, so he'll be good to Mommy an' stop cussin' her.' But God don't answer. He don't care. An' Daddy don't want God."

All this was said with several embarrassed pauses. I could not answer at once, and looked around the room for a clue what to say. Then I spied a little plaque in the corner, "He careth for you."

"He does care, Henny! Look at that plaque, 'He careth for you!' Do you remember that magnet I showed you in Sunday school?"
"Yep!"

"And don't you remember that one nail must touch the magnet, if it wants to draw another nail toward the magnet?"

"Yep."

"Now I'm sure you love Jesus. Did you ever give Him your heart?'

"Nope, but I will!

This answer made my pulse beat faster. Henny had been standing up, leaning against a rocker, so I said,

"Come sit beside me, so we can talk it

Timidly he sat down on the edge of the bench where I was sitting.

"His love was so great that He died for you; just think how happy He will be when you give Him your heart. He will wash it white in His blood. Then His power will flow through you just like that magnet's power flowed through the nail. Then you'll draw your Daddy-

He interrupted,

"Mommy belongs to Him already!"
"Fine! See how important it is that Jesus lives in your own heart; then He can draw Daddy to Himself through you!"

"When'll I do it?"

"Right now. Kneel down and talk to

He kneeled down, gulped a little, and then prayed:

"Dear Jesus, You died for me. You said to give You my heart. So I'll come to You. Take my heart. Make it white. Come into Daddy's heart."

The sad little mother had entered and heard the last words. She sent the child to pick sweet peas, broke down, and confided her trouble to me. Her rich father had disinherited her because she had eloped with the coachman, who treated her abusively now. For Henny's sake she had not sued for divorce. It seemed a relief to find a discreet, understanding friend to talk to.

We moved soon after. Through correspondence with the superintendent we learned that Henny was a happy little Christian now and much less timid, and that the father had confessed Christ at a special meeting soon after.

This happened years ago. To this day the fragrance of sweet peas reminds me of Henny Piper and his flower bed in a flat bottom boat. No soul that I won to Christ later gave me so much joy.

-Hopkins, Minn.

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Editorial

Leadership

WHEN Solomon accepted the throne of his father, David, he made one of the classic statements of true leadership, in his prayer: "And now, O Lord God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David, my father. And I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. Give therefore, Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people." True leadership accepts the responsibility with considerable misgivings, so far as being able for the task is concerned. Moses said, when eighty years of age, "Who am I that I should go unto Pharoah." The virtue of meekness is indispensable in good leadership.

This editorial and succeeding ones, are dedicated to this important subject. The task is of major importance. In any sphere of operation, whether the oversight be pastoral, district or any other phase of direct administration, it is expected that leadership will LEAD. In a past issue we published an article on leadership by Dr. Oswald Smith of Toronto. Some value will be received if you go through your back

numbers and read that article again. (Feb. 6, 1950, Issue)

Leadership never was and never will be dedicated to personal advancement. As soon as the honor of the office assumes greater proportions than the responsibility involved, then the period of that man's usefulness will rapidly draw to a close. Spiritual qualifications stand out as a red letter requirement for this important responsibility. A people might disappoint a leader and not rise as high as is his passion and desire for them, but certainly as a congregation, they will not rise higher than the level demonstrated and called for by their leadership.

A positive personal knowledge of God's saving grace is a basic necessity. To stand the strain and resist the many temptations involved, it is equally important that leadership be and remain dead to self and fully consecrated to the divine will of God. A complete reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit provides the only effective avenue of leadership, whether in the field of administration or presenting truth from the pulpit.—I. N. H.

"Which Knew Not Joseph"

In the First chapter of the Book of Exodus we read that "there arose up a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph." This marked the beginning of a new day for the Israelites and what a time of suffering they endured.

We were reminded recently of this Biblical incident which followed closely on the death of Joseph, when the Dominion of Canada was caused to mourn from coast to coast at the rather sudden passing of her Ex-Prime Minister the Rt. Honorable William Lyons McKenzie King. He was leader of the Liberal Party for twenty-nine years and held the distinguished honour of being Prime Minister for a longer period of time than any other incumbent of the office in any of the countries of the British Commonwealth.

We make reference to this fact to point out a very important circumstance which should be deeply appreciated by all Christians, especially in Canada, and particularly those whose conscientious scruples prevented them from participating in carnal warfare. It was Mr. King who said in the House of Commons when the problem of the "conscientious objector" was being de-

bated, "No government of mine will persecute those people." He was reared near Kitchener, Ontario, and was well acquainted with the Mennonites and always endeavored to champion any cause which sought to honour their religious convictions. At the close of the late War, when he was approached personally by a delegation from the Conference of Historic Peace Churches who presented him with a written statement expressing their appreciation for his tolerance and kindness he very feelingly replied. "You men will never know how much I appreciate this gesture. We handled the CO problem the way any democratic government should handle it. Thus we are not deserving of any thanks from you."

He is succeeded by a regime we do not know so well and who do not know our situation like their predecessor did but may we pray earnestly for those in authority that we may continue to lead a peaceable and quiet life. If it should be designed, otherwise may we all have grace to endure until we are called higher.

-E. J. S.



Sunday School Evangelism

THE Sunday School has proved itself to be a substantial factor in church life. In fact, in most areas it holds Number One place in recruiting membership for the Church.

September 17 to 24 the General Sunday School Board is joining the National Sunday School Association in sponsoring "Revival Now Through the Sunday School." For good reasons, the Sunday Schools of our brotherhood should whole-heartedly support this evangelism program.

Time is running out and conditions point to a crisis in the history of the world. A corrupt type of creed and doctrine has engulfed some seven hundred millions of the peoples of the world and with its dreadful sickle, is harvesting new areas continually. Communism cannot be defeated on any battlefield for it has a peculiar way of thriving amid devastation and chaos. Youth are being viciously attacked by this anti-God philosophy and the only successful antidote to this virus is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel must be presented to have an opportunity to perform its service in the lives of people. That golden half hour on Sunday morning should be bent in the direction of making an impact on the life of the child, that will cause him to see the folly of sin and the greatness of salvation. In the breaking of the rock it was not the twentieth stroke that caused the break but the twenty strokes. A stroke each Sunday should add up to a taking of the citadel of the life for Christ.

Prayer, counsel and visitation should be strongly manifest during the special evangelism period. The superintendent and teacher who have as the burning passion of their hearts the salvation of their school, will be rewarded with successful evangelism. The passionless, indifferent and dilatory Sunday School worker should go on his knees and stay there till a passion is received, or resign his post of duty to another.

The Holy Spirit will help us to discern the areas that are ready to harvest. May this special week be used of God to lead Sunday School workers to a deeper consecration, Christians to a full surrender and the unsaved to the foot of the cross for salvation.—J. N. H.

Where Do Revivals Begin?

Evangelist Torrey M. Johnson, D.D.

(Preached April 16, 1950 in united revival campaign, Oakland, California.)

"And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 24:47.

Where do revivals begin? Here in Oakland and the East Bay these days we want, we pray and we plead that God will give to us a revival the like of which most of us have never seen. because most of the people in this audience tonight of my generation and my age have never felt that deep, powerful, searching, he ar t-moving, community-challenging kind of a revival of which we read in the Word of God and which our fathers have told us took place in other days.

The Bible Full of God's Command to Repent

Revivals begin with the repentance of sin, and this Book that I hold in my hand is God's challenge to repent of sin.

The very last words that fell from the lips of Jesus in Luke 24:47 were, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Repentance in His name in all nations. That was the last word that Jesus gave.

The last word of Paul in Acts 26:20 was, "But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." As he visited among the Gentiles, the message that Paul had was repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ

The last word of the Apostle Peter in II Peter 3:9 is, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward. not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Isn't that a wonderful word? God is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. God does not propose that any man should be lost but that every man should be saved; and the avenue of salvation is repentance of sin and faith toward our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

What was the message of John—the forerunner of our Lord? Repent, repent, repent! He said it to the rich and to the poor; the wise and to the unwise; to the folk in the city and to the folk in the country; to those who were ruled and to him who was ruler over all. John even turned toward Herod in his day and said. "Repent. Repent of your sin." Herod didn't like that message of repentance, and John lost his head for it, but his soul was saved. He honored Christ, and he is glorified in the presence of his Lord anew.

What was it that Jonah preached in his day after he had had that submarine experience? The whale couldn't digest him and so spit him up on the shore. He went back again to the city of Nineveh. He cried, "Forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." "Forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." Up and down the avenues of the ancient city of 600,000 people he went preaching the message that they must repent of their sin and, thank God, the city heard and the people heeded. From the king upon his throne to the peasant in the field, from the top to the bottom they repented of their sin, in one of the great revivals in all history, and God spared the city that He would have destroyed. Here is the city of Oakland. God in these days is saying that repentance is the place where revivals begins. And God grant that in this city of Oakland there may be a revival with repentance in these days.

Again God's command in Acts 17:30— "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." What does God do? God commands all men everywhere to repent. What is God's message to you and to me? Repent of your sins.

Now what does repentance include? Turn with me to Joel 2:12, 13—"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of

Value of a Moment

At every motion of our breath, Life trembles on the brink of death; A taper's flame that upward turns, While downward to the dust it burns.

Moment by moment years are past, And one ere long will be our last; There is a point no eye can see, Yet on it hangs eternity.

This is that moment—who shall tell,
Whether it leads to heaven or hell?
This is that moment—as we choose,
Th' immortal soul we save, or lose.

Time past and time to come are not— Time present is our only lot; O God! henceforth our hearts incline, To seek no other love than thine.

-Selected by Omar G. Worman.

great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil." "Turn . . . to me with all your heart." That is what repentance includes. Then the prophet goes on with fasting, weeping, and mourning. I would to God that there were more tears in our meetings these days. They are so dry, and because they are so dry they are also cold. You never saw a meeting full of tears being cold, but you will always find a meeting where tears are absent being cold. Oh, there is something to weep over! There is something that will make you lose your appetite for food, when you see yourself as God sees you. My friend, you will have reason to weep, to fast, and to mourn.

Sin hurts. Do you know whom sin hurts? Sin hurts the person who commits it. Oh, I wish I could talk to the teen-age fellows and girls all over this audience. I wish I could talk to each one of you kids individually. I would like to talk right out of my heart to you. Will you let me for a moment or two? Let me say this to you kids. Every time you sin you hurt yourself. You hurt yourself. You can't escape it. You can't avoid it. It is utterly impossible. You hurt yourself every time you sin—whether it is a lie, a dirty story, a secret sin or something gross in the way of immorality or unrighteousness.

You do not only hurt yourself but you hurt others. You hurt the people whom you love the most. Right now, while I am on this platform my mind goes across the miles back to the West Suburban Hospital in Chicago. On a bed in that hospital tonight, having been there for 12 weeks, is a man whom I love more than any other man in the world-my old dad. He is in that hospital waiting every day for Jesus to come and take him home to Heaven. What a wonderful man he is! Until just recently I would see him in my audience as I would preach. When he and mother would come in, I'd see them bow in prayer, then dad would look up at me with his eyes atwinkle; mother would look up at me with the moisture in her eyes. Those grand old people were praying for their boy, that he might be God's servant and that God might use him to bring souls to Jesus Christ.

I have never looked into the face of that man and of my darling mother but what I remember those years when my dad vas so anxious and my mother could'n' sleep at night. Our home was filled with a great burden, the burden of parents for a boy wayward and lost, on the the broad way to destruction and hurtling on to eternal damnation. I remember many a time as I came home toward dawn of a new day, my mother would come into my room, bow beside my bed when she thought I was sleeping, and pray, saying. "Lord, I am glad You brought him home safe and alive again tonight. O God, save my boy!" I remember my

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Christians and Pentecost

J. B. Chapman

In the opening verses of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, we find an account of how the early Christians received the fullness of the sanctifying baptism with the Holy Ghost. This reception was a crisis. That is, it was approached by gradual preparation, but occurred as a definite and instantaneous epoch in the lives of those early Christians.

The symbols of fire, wind and tongues suggested and typified the essential elements in the experience received. Fire represents purity, wind inspiration, and tongues testimony. By means of the baptism with the Holy Ghost the hearts of Christians are sanctified and cleansed from all sin, endued with power for service, and given the facility of testimony by which to spread the good news abroad—even unto the uttermost part of the earth.

But in the concluding verses of this Pentecost chapter—the second chapter of Acts—is recorded the pattern life of the Pentecostal Christian as represented by those who, having received the blessing in the upper room, now went out to live out the implications of this inner grace in

everyday conduct.

Let us observe four things that are said of Pentecostal Christians: (1) they continued in the Apostles' doctrine; (2) they continued in the Apostles' fellowship; (3) they continued instantly and regularly to worship God; (4) they continued to serve men, as they were given opportunity.

Then let us think of what these things mean as applied to our lives today. First, in a time when there are many false doctrines and cults without number, the fully sanctified heart is satisfied and hence is immune to the inroads of heresy. No one can be counted on to be steadfast in doctrine whose heart is hungry. This is why Dr. Daniel Steele could call the Holy Spirit "the Conservator of Orthodoxy." There is no easy appeal to one who is no longer hungry, and the true Pentecostal Christian has found "what my soul so long has sought," and when some come with "another gospel," he does not respond for he says, "The old is better."

Second, the indwelling Holy Spirit keeps out anger and hate and envy and strife, and enables one to abide in love (in the Apostles' fellowship) even amidst the trying things of life. This blessing in the heart does not make everything about one and in others agreeable, but it does give grace to "overcome evil with good," and to continue to love, when the object of love

is not really lovable.

Third, we all need the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to be happy in prayer, in song, in testimony, in giving, and in worship. The promise is that "They



that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," and that "they shall mount up with wings as eagles" in lives of devotion and worship. The house of the Lord should be our joy, and the worship of God should be our delight. But such satisfaction in God's presence can be known only by those who "walk in the Spirit," and enjoy the "fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ."

Fourth, the indwelling Spirit in Pentecostal fullness enables us to be faithful in doing good to others, even when there is little or no indication of appreciation on the part of those we seek to serve. It often happens that those we try to help mistake our motives and resent our interference. At such times, the Pentecostal Christian "encourages himself in the Lord," as did David of old, and finds strength to carry on in spite of the want of human encouragement.

We are to be a holy people—a Pentecostal people. This means not only that we are to strive for the attainment of certain standards of excellence within ourselves, but we are to draw on the resources of God for inner grace and power to live victoriously in a world in which conflict is unavoidable, for those who will live godly in Chrîst Jesus "shall suffer persecution."

Someone has said that America's first line defense against Communism, is a Holy Ghost revival. If this is true, then it places a great responsibility on the Church, the place where the revival is to start. Mrs. Booth said, "God holds us responsible for all the good we might do if we had this Holy Spirit Power. Do not deceive yourself. He will have the five talents with their increase. He will not have an excuse for one, and you will not dare to go to the throne and say, 'Thou wast a hard Master.' You knew where you could get the power. You knew the conditions. You might have had it. Where are the souls you might have saved? Where are the children that I would have given you? Where is the fruit? 'Oh, friends these are solemn and awful realities."

Jesus, in seeking to impress upon the people of His day the importance of the Holy Ghost who was about ready to usher in the Dispensation of the Spirit, said, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him." (Matthew 12:31-32).

The message of this scripture is that sins committed against the Holy Ghost are more deadly, deceptive, and difficult to secure forgiveness than the hideous sins which men view as unpardonable. This makes the road to apostasy so deceptive that there is no alarm even when the foundation is giving way.

There are various shades and degrees of sin against the Holy Chost before one

sin against the Holy Ghost before one reaches the place of blasphemy. There can be a *silence* in our preaching and teaching

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Important Notice

A recommendation presented by the General Executive Board to the General Conference of 1950 had to do with the establishment of a Pastoral System in the churches of our brotherhood. The General Conference approved the recommendation and appointed a committee of nine to inaugurate and organize the system.

The committee have not convened as yet but are open for contacts from the church at large. These are the areas that are of particular importance to get this work

under way:

First: The committee must surround themselves with men who have a call to the Christian ministry and as such are open for appointment to serve.

Second: The committee will need the co-operation of a group of churches to have this system develop to a point of real, beneficial service to the Lord and to the church.

Third: Since policies and basic plans have not been developed at this point, the committee would welcome suggested policies and plans to be brought under consideration when the committee convenes.

Hence: Brethren who have a call from the Lord to the Christian ministry, churches that have caught the vision of the importance of a supported pastor who is able to give the needed time to the leadership and ministry of the congregation, and those who have and are giving some thought to plans and details that need to be worked out, are urged to communicate with the committee by writing to the secretary of the committee, J. N. Hostetter, Clarence Center, New York. Pray for this work.

Signed:

Charlie B. Byers Chairman of the Pastoral Committee

Conquering Fear

A radio address given on the "Youth Crusaders" program sponsored by the Morrisons Cove Brethren in Christ young people on WVAM Altoona, Pennsylvania, by Elder A. G. Brubaker, Jr.

A S A NATION and as a human race in general we find ourselves on the most nerve wracking page of all history. Dr. George W. Truett tells of an experience encountered in the latter 1920's when he had been asked to speak twice daily to the student body of one of the most influential of our American colleges. Previous to his coming to the campus of this college the authorities of the college had asked the students by means of a questionnaire to indicate any subjects upon which they wished the visiting minister would speak. When every student's questionnaire was presented and the results were tabulated the college officials as well as the visiting minister were astonished to find that the majority of that large and mature student body asked that the visiting minister tell them how they may conquer fear. It is amazing that this question should be offered at a time when there were no threats of war and no general danger to life. Those college students today are approaching middle age and others have taken their place. I would suggest that the request would be unanimous. "Tell us how we may conquer fear!"

Aristotle, perhaps the greatest of the Greek philosophers told us that the only aim of man was to be happy. It may be that he is correct but we can well ask, "When is one happy?" We can see that one who has as a crowning question, "How may I conquer fear?" is not happy. Men today fear almost anything. They fear the past, they fear the future, they fear the present, they fear life, they fear death, they fear poverty, they are afraid if they are rich, the ignorant are afraid, so are the educated. The big question of the day is, "Where may I find peace? Where is there security?"

Reading from the Revelation of St. John, chapter one and scattered portions between the tenth and nineteenth verses, these words:

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet. And I turned to see the voice that spake with me, and being turned, I saw one like unto the Son of Man, His head and his hairs were white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and He had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, fear not; I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

What is it that you are afraid of, my friend? Do you fear life, the present with its responsibilities? Are you afraid to face the realities of life, not even considering



Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.-John 20-24

its possibilities? Listen to the words of Jesus in Matthew 10:39: "He that findeth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." What does He mean? Simply this, "O ye of little faith take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or what shall we drink? or where-withal shall we be clothed? for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.' Matthew 6:30-33. Let these further words of the Master direct you into a new life, into a life of confidence and trust, out of the life of fear and unhappiness, into a Christ-filled life as He himself directed in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." This is your answer from the lips of our Lord, those of you who fear life.

Do you fear death? Is it the grave that holds terror for you? Does the silence and darkness of the departure from this stage of action strike fear to your heart? Have you never read from the pen of St. Paul, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord." Yes, if there is unconfessed sin in your life you need to fear death, but there is a remedy here also. I John 1:9 reports, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous-

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Exhorting One Another

Elder A. Hess Brubaker

Text: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25).

Prior to this verse the Apostle has been encouraging the church to "hold fast the profession of our faith" and to "consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." You will recognize these to be the two essentials for a well-rounded Christian life. First, faith, the only requisite to enter into the kingdom of God, is to be held fast. For without that faith it is impossible to please God. Second, consideration one of another is the working out of Christ's commandment of love.

It is no wonder that the Apostle included this exhortation to assemble together for worship. There are many reasons given as an answer to the critics of church attendance but these two are the cardinal ones. We need to assemble together in order to strengthen our faith. We will find that if we do not avail ourselves of this opportunity soon, from our lives will have escaped that confidence we had in God. But to meet with fellow warriors of the Cross will help strengthen that faith.

Secondly, we will find it very hard to be truly considerate of one another with that deep Christian love unless we meet together and bear each other's burdens to the Cross. It is only after you have prayed with that Christian friend that you can know anything about that true Christian companionship

ship.

As we view the world situation in the light of God's holy word we should be especially faithful in our church attendance. For the hour is upon us when Jesus said, "Lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh." Remember Jesus is coming! Are you ready?—Redwood Country Church. Reprinted from the "Grants Pass Courier."

The Rapture Of Saints

David Mohler

The rapture of saints is the theme of the age.

The world is the scene and the sky is the stage;

When lifted the curtain the saints shall behold.

A picture more fair than a sunset of gold!

All eyes shall be fixed on the chiefest One there.

Who sits on a cloud and rides in the air; The sound of His voice is as waters which flow,

And the hairs of His head are white as the snow.

The Prophet of God who did speak in His name,

Ascended on high in a chariot of flame; The horseman celestial there guided his steed,

And the Seer of Jehovah from mortality freed.

Thus the saints He will guide to their place in the sky,

And there to the Savior forever be nigh; Shall we share in their bliss when the universe bends,

And their chorus of praise to the Father ascends?

The decree has gone forth and we know it is just,

That all mortal men shall return to the dust;

No corruption was known by the Lord in the grave,

So the saints enraptured He also shall save.

Their change shall be quick as the bright lightning-flash,

And His voice as the sound of the loud thunder-crash;

His countenance brighter than the noon-day clear,

And all shall be like Him whose hearts are sincere.

The hope of the nations for permanent peace,

Cunnot be established till wickedness cease;

The armies of earth shall, in battle array, Be gathered when comes the great reckoning-day.

Who can measure the grief of those who shall feel

The grip of the dragon with fingers of steel;

The great tribulation shall cover the world, —Dayton, Ohio.

And the lovers of night to their prison be hurled.

'Tis alone through the love of the God of the earth,

That the children of men shall attain second birth;

And so 'tis alone through the merits of grace,

That the saints shall in rapture behold His blest face.

Then haste the glad day when the sickle shall reap,

The clusters of earth in a single broad sweep;

But woe unto all, when the wine-press is trod.

Who've resisted their Savior and slighted their God.

His rapture was seen by the disciples who gazed,

As on a bright cloud their Savior was raised;

So the hands of the angels will also assist, Those who doubt not His word nor His pleading resist.

The rapture of saints can never be guessed, The joy of that host who've their Father confessed,

Tho' countless their number they're all in accord,

And unitedly join in the praise of the Lord.

—Dayton, Ohio.

"DRINK ye all of this; for this is My Blood of the new covenant which is shed for (you and) many."

"He that is athirst, let him come: he that will let him take the Water of Life freely" (Rev. 22:17, A. S. V.).

A touching incident comes of a small lad who having met with an accident was, through the kindness of friends, taken to the hospital for examination and care. The little fellow came from a home where the number of the children was large, and the means of satisfying the hunger of the group not always quite sufficient. If served with a glass of milk it was never quite full, or if so must be shared with another of the brothers or sisters. After the little fellow had been made comfortable as possible in the hospital bed, a nurse came bringing a brimming glass of milk and set it beside him. The little fellow cast longing eyes at the tempting glass, but the memories of the experiences in the home when such a glass was presented at the table could not be forgotten or overlooked. With these memories in mind, he looked up into the face of the nurse and inquired, "How deep shall I drink?" With teary

Drinking At The Heavenly Springs

eyes and a constricted throat, the nurse replied, "Drink it all, Sonny."

Oh, how brimming and deep the cup of the love and goodness of God! How more willing is He that we should drink our fill of this refreshing and life-giving cap than was even the nurse in bidding the boy "drink it all." "How deep shall I drink of this brimming cup of love and goodness?" There can be but one answer. There is no limit. Drink again and again and again, even drink it all. An inexhaustible supply and a loving heart in the giver demand deep quaffing of the contents of the cup.

Jesus at the well of Samaria assured the woman that the Water which He would give her would spring up into a well of everlasting life. Like the woman, man today misunderstands the meaning of Divine injunctions. They would have wells digged in their own back yards and the water piped into the house that they might not have to carry it for their use.

Christ said, "He that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the Water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Whether she comprehended her own statement of request, "Give me of this Water", may not be known. But we do know that people still do not comprehend the spiritual interpretation of the Master's words. And so, the Master's words must echo down to us and all coming generations, welling from the same heart of love. "He that is athirst, let him come". "He that will, let him take the Water of Life freely". Drink deep and long and often.—The Brethren Evangelist.

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Weddings

BARR-KEEFER—Saturday evening, August 19, Doris E. Keefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Keefer, of Grantham, Pennsylvania, and Frederick K. Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Barr of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage in the Music Hall at Messiah College. Dr. A. W. Climenhaga was the officiating minister. This new couple will reside at Grantham, Pennsylvania, The bride is secretary to the deans of Messiah College. A most gracious reception was held at the home of the bride following the marriage ceremony.

Births

DETWEILER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland Detweiler, Souderton, Pa., a daughter, Ethel, on June 24.

HARTMAN—A daughter, Ruth Esther was born August 1, 1950 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hartman of the Hollowell congregation.

HOSTETLER—Bro. and Sr. Paul Hostetler of Clarence Center, N. Y. welcomed Beth Loraine on July 9.

HYKES—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hykes of the Hollowell Congregation, a daughter, Naomi Jane. March 18, 1950.

LONG—Bro. and Sr. Ira Long of R. R. 1, Tillsonburg, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Dale Erwin, born July 24.

McGALLICHER—Born to Bro. and Sr. Raymond McGallicher of Manheim, Pa., a son Dale, on July 19.

MARTIN—A little girl, Sandra Faye, was welcomed into the home of Bro. and Sr. Lester Martin, Clarence Center, N. Y. on June 4.

SCHROCK—On April 29, Cheryl Ann was born to Bro. and Sr. Mahlon Schrock of Clar-ence Center, N. Y.

SCHROCK—Lawrence Wade came to bless the home of Bro. and Sr. Willard Schrock of Williamsville, N. Y. on January 12.

SNYDER—Twins, a son Bobby and a daughter Barbara came August 5, to the home of Bro. and Sr. Paul Snyder. Manheim, Pa. Sr. Snyder is the former Esther Dourte.

THUMA—Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Thuma, Telford, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Phillip Eugene, born August. 11.

Obituaries

CORLEW—Jule Timothy Corlew was born in Paulding Co., Ohio, January 19, 1877, and departed this life July 27, 1950 at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 8 days.

He moved to Michigan when a young man, and has since resided in Gladwin Co. He was united in marriage to Miss Anna Major on May 26, 1901. To this union were born twelve children: six daughters and six sons. Surviving to mourn their loss are his loving, loyal companion and ten of the children.

About twenty years ago while Bro. and Sr. Henry Heisey were at Gladwin taking charge of the work there, they contacted this home while Sr. Corlew was ill and made a good impression which seemed to open the way for conviction. Shortly after, a tent meeting was held near their home in a school yard with Bishop Jesse Lady as evangelist. On a Sunday afternoon Bro. and Sr. Corlew bowed at the altar of prayer. a time never to be forgotten as they gave themselves to the Lord, and united with the Brethren in Christ Church.

Funeral services were held in the Gladwin Free Methodist Church, with a large assembly being present. Bishop Henry Schneider was in charge, assisted by Eld. Kenneth Starr, Eld. Melvin Stauffer and Eld. Lewis Thomas. Interment in Gladwin cemetery.

HEISEY—Mrs. Annie N. Heisey, widow of the late Eli M. Heisey was born October 7. 1869 and departed this life at her home Mount Joy, R. D. 1. Pa. on August 1, 1950, aged 80 years, 9 months and 24 days.

Sister Heisey was converted shortly after her marriage and united with the Old Order River Brethren. She lived a devoted Christian life, Because of affliction and the infirmities of old age she was confined to her home for the

last few years. She manifested a cheerful and contented spirit in her affliction, and gave testimony to her Saviour by word and life. Her husband preceded her in death by six years. She is survived by three sons and one daughter: Daniel and Musser, Mount Joy, R. 2, and Norman and Rhoda at home; and two sisters, Katie N. Musser, Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa., and Fannie, wife of Charles Weidman, Manheim, R. 2. Six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held from her home on Friday, August 4 at 1:30 P. M., with further services at the Crossroads Church, Florin, Pa., conducted by Bishop Jacob Horst, assisted by Bishop I. W. Musser. Text: John 14:1-6. In terment in the Crossroads cemetery.

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HOFFER—Elsie May Hoffer, Manheim, Pa., daughter of the late John S. and Harriet Ruhl Heagy, passed on to be with her Lord on July 17, 1950. at the age of 54 years, 5 months and

Although Sr. Hoffer had been ailing for some time, she was suddenly stricken with pleurisy and died two days later.

She was a faithful member of the Church as well as a faithful mother of her home.

Surviving are her husband Bro. Henry H. Hoffer, and two children: Dorothy M. Hoffer, at home, and Richard G. of Manheim, Pa.; two brothers and one sister: Willis H., of Wernersville, Pa., Mrs. Phares Young of Millersville, Pa., and Isaac H. Manheim, Pa.

Funeral services held at the Mastersonville church were conducted by Bishop Henry A. Ginder, and Rev. Monroe Dourte. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery.

Conquering Fear

(Continued from page six)

ness. Is this an easy answer? It is the only answer that God has given us for we are saved, not through any merit of our own but only as we believe in the shed blood of the Christ of Calvary? Do you fear death? Christ invites you to trust in Him for he has conquered death.

Or is it the vast expanse of eternity that you fear? You know, whether it is scientific or not, that there is life after death. Down inside, you know it and even if there weren't plenty of evidence outside ourselves we would still know it. But what of the future? Christ has the keys of death and of Hell. Listen as he speaks: Revelation 2:7, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." Is that a picture to fear? Read the second chapter of the Revelation. If you have put your trust in God through the blood of Christ you can face eternity with glorious anticipation.

Finally, my good friends, let us not think that we are speaking of a half-hearted belief in religion, nor of church membership. We are rather talking of a personal association with Christ, born of a crisis experience in which one touches God by faith and comes forth in newness of

Hear the words of Jesus in Matthew 11: 28: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Some people have wheelbarrow religion; they move when they are shoved.

—Baxter.

Announcement

A cable from Brother Brubaker informed the Foreign Mission Board, August 22, that Brother Elmer Eyer's physical condition is not at all satisfactory. Will you not join in special prayer in his behalf?

The same cable asked for the supplying of an urgent need by sending Alvin Books to the field at once by air. After prayer and consultation they have decided they should accept this call. According to present plans, they will leave for the field sometime in October. Pray that God shall over-rule for His glory in their preparation and going.

Foreign Mission Board Henry N. Hostetter, Secretary.

Your Christmas Offerings

Usually just before the holidays, we receive personal offerings to be forwarded to our missionaries on the field. If you are planning to do so this year, we have the following to suggest, so that the offerings will reach the field in time for distribution before Christmas.

We send funds to the field, just once a quarter. So if your offerings are in our hands by September 25, we can promise that they will reach the field in ample time for the Holidays.

Foreign Mission Board Carl J. Ulery, Treasurer

Announcement

An all-day Young People's Conference to be held in the Brethren in Christ Church, High and Marble Streets, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on October 8. The theme of the Conference, "Courageous Youth in a Perplexed World."

Come and enjoy the day with us.

Harvest Meeting

Harvest Meeting, Mastersonville, Pa., 10:30 A. M.September 10

The Diver's Decision

A professional diver has in his home two oyster shells with a piece of printed paper fastened between them. While diving one day, he observed at the bottom of the sea an oyster on a rock with this paper in its mouth. He detached the oyster, and held the paper close to the goggles of his head-dress, and in reading it found it to he a little gospel tract earnestly calling upon whosoever should read it to repent at once and give his heart to God. He said, "I cannot hold out any longer against God's mercy since it pursues me thus." And down there at the bottom of the sea he repented and gave his heart to God.

—The Fisherman and His Friends.

With the Church

In The Homeland

Saxton, Pa.

June 10-29 was the date of your Saxton Bible School. The enrollment was 152, the largest we have ever had at this place. The rargest we have ever had at this place. The average attendance was 114. There was good cooperation among the teachers and parents. We were thankful for the young girls that helped in the school. Some of the parents brought the children and stayed until the school was out to take the children have with them. home with them.

Six Christmas bundles for needy children were prepared from the children's offerings, they were sent to the MCC. This project was a real delight to the children as well as the teachers, some new things were brought in for the bundles. The offerings were very good.

The children gave an interesting program, it was well attended by parents and friends, We are sure many of these children learned things they will never forget.

Sister Bertha Wingert left Saxton June 10th for the Messiah Home where she is working in helping to care for the old folk, that too is mission work. Sister Bertha was here nearly fifteen years, and served as Sunday School teacher and did some visiting among the people. Sunday night, June 7, she gave her farewell message and was given a small gift by the members. We pray the Lord will bless her and make her a blessing in her work.

We ask for special prayer for the work

and workers here.

-S. Iola Dixon.

Bethel, Kansas

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held at Bethel from July 10-21. Sessions were held in the morning from 9 to 11:30.

The attendance was very good, and the weather was cool for this time of the year in Kansas. Bible School closed on Sunday evening with a special program by the children. The church was well filled, and a splendid program was given.

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Also a message to the children by our pastor, Brother David Musser.

At present our pastor is in Oklahoma holding meetings. Brother Gramm is filling the pulpit in his absence.

We are looking foreward to the camp meetings at the Bell Springs church, which will start August 20. Bishop Charlie Byers as evangelist. Our prayers are that much as evangelist. Our prayers are that much good will be done and many souls saved. We were sorry to lose Brother and Sister Robert Bushnell from our congregation,

who moved back to Iowa.

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Visitors are always welcome at Bethel.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister
Samuel Keefer and family with us today.

—Mrs. Roy Landis.

Greenville, Ohio

We were happy for the privilege of hav-

We were happy for the privilege of having another tent meeting in Greenville, Ohio, at the same location as last summer. The first service was Sunday evening, July 23, continuing for two weeks, closing Sunday evening, August 6. Elder Harold Paulus of Dayton, Ohio, was our evangelist. The presence of the Lord was with us in the presence of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was with us in the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the Lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the lord was such as the second control of the lord was such as the second control of the lord was the lord was such as the lord was such as the lord was such as each service, helping our brother to deliver the messages God laid on his heart. The truth came straight and heart searching, and in such a manner that all could easily

understand. We believe quite a few realized their heart-need but weren't willing to pay the price. While we didn't see the visible results, we had hoped to, we are trusting and praying some will yet get ready to meet God, as a result of these meetings.

We appreciated very much having the Engle family and Sister Brandt helping in the children's meeting, which we had twice a week. The Gospelaires Quartette and the Engle family gave us special singing different evenings which everyone enjoyed.

We were glad for the Christian folk in the vicinity who attended and helped, by their testimonics and present

their testimonies and prayers.

-Elizabeth Thuma.

Hollowell, Pa.

A special service was held at the Hollowell Church on August 9, for the reception of six new members into the church. We thank God for those who enter into fellowship with us and help to bear the work of the Lord.

-Mrs. H. E. Zercher.

Mechanicsburg, Pa.
On Sunday afternoon, June 18, at 2:00 p.m., our congregation gathered along the banks of a local stream for a baptismal service. Eight young people followed the Lord in this ordinance. Bishop E. H. Wenger officiated, assisted by Elder Reuben Simmons.

In our regular morning service on June 25 a dedicatory service for children was held, when four couples dedicated their children to the Lord. Bishop Wenger and Bro. Simmons also officiated in this service.

Perhaps a number of the readers of this column will recall of the young man from Mechanicsburg who was stricken with paralysis on the Thursday of General Conference, when special prayer was offered for him. I am happy to report that this young man less than six weeks later was in our Sunday evening service, able to walk with a cane and a little assistance. Not only was

******** I Look to Thee in Every Need

I look to Thee in every need, and never look in vain;

I feel Thy strong and tender love, and all is well again.

The thought of Thee is mightier far Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Discouraged in the work of life, disheartened by its load,

Shamed by its failures or its fears, I sink beside the road;

But let me only think of Thee,

And then new heart springs up in me.

Thy calmness bends serene above my restlessness to still;

Around me flows Thy quickening life to nerve my faltering will;

Thy presence fills my solitude,

Thy providence turns all to good.
—Selected by Omar G. Worman.

he able to attend that meeting but he and his wife were both saved when they along with four others sought an altar of prayer in that meeting. Surely God does hear and answer prayer.

On Sunday evening, July 25, we closed our Vacation Bible School with a review of the work covered in a program by the students. This was our second year and we had classes for all ages including a large adult class. Our average attendance was 276. Our class. Our average attendance was 276. Our project this year was furnishing a room in the Mission Hospital now being completed in Africa, a total of \$280 was given for this. We are most happy though for the large group of young people, between 40 and 50. who accepted Christ on Decision Night. It was a busy two weeks for all, but we feel well repaid we feel well repaid.

-Dorothy E. Senseman.

Mooretown Center, Michigan

Our two weeks Bible School closed with a program on June 30. The average attendance was 57. We are looking forward to a larger and better Summer Bible School next

On July 2 our two week revival service began with Bishop Jacob T. Ginder as evanbegan with Bishop Jacob T. Ginder as evangelist. What good messages we enjoyed every evening and many were encouraged by the truth. However, there are many unsaved around here, they need our prayers. The Conquerors Quartette were here for a musical program on July 21, accompanied on their tour by Bishop Jesse F. Lady. We enjoyed their program and also persuaded

enjoyed their program and also persuaded them to make a recording to be used on Tuesday afternoon transcriptions over WMPC. Lapeer, Michigan.

We were also privileged to have with us Elder and Sister Albert Brenaman and their children. They gave us a service Friday, August 4, and presented the needs of the missionary field. They also made us acquainted with several of the native workers and their particular work and needs, so that we might know better how to pray for When you think of the work at Mooretown, please pray for a real revival

I would also like to mention, for the in-formation of those who have a love and concern for the work at the little Log Church at Gladwin (Oak Grove Log Church) that Sunday School has been organized there again, by the American Sunday School Union The interest is very good. They Union The interest is very good. They also hope to have preaching services there whenever it can be arranged. Elder Melvin Stauffer is responsible to give a service there the third Sunday of each month. They do need your prayers for this work. There are very few Christians in this little community and the people are hungry for the

Messiah Lighthouse Chapel, Harrisburg, Pa. With the passing of time and the close of another quarter, another report becomes due. When one is engaged in a very full life, such periodic reckonings arrive almost before one is aware of them.

At present the summer work is in full swing. Outdoor meetings are again being he'd Sunday afternoons on the grounds of the State Capitol buildings. This privilege of preaching the gospel to new and un-known individuals cannot help but challenge the Christian worker. Sunday afternoon strollers through these lovely capitol grounds fom a most varied, if changing human audience. Plenty of shade is afforded for those who sit and listen. And this

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On The Foreign Field

Saharsa Mission

To the Visitor Family,

Greetings in Jesus' name. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: after many days." for thou shalt find it (Ecc. 11:1-6).

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that on whether they had shall be this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The Bible women and I have been going to the villages with the gospel message trying to persuade people to turn to the true God. The people in most cases welcome us, and often say, "You haven't been here for some time!" Their lives are very empty and at any rate enjoy a visit from someone. Often the second person takes up the strain and gives a second message to the same group, in order to try to nail down the truth or awaken their stupid, darkened minds with the fact that we have not come to beat the air but to tell them something very important.

Not long ago we visited in our cook's home. The only person at home was the youngest daughter, as the mother had gone to visit relatives. A number of other children gathered about us to hear and see. While the gospel story was being told, this girl of possibly twelve on fourteen years said, "People say this religion is the true religion." I did not ask her what people but I do happen to know an older brother of her's has been interested in becoming a

Christian.

In another home where I visited for the first time a young lad of about fifteen years manifested a great interest. He also made an expression similar to the above one. A second time visiting in his home, he manifested the same interest. He purchased a copy of all four gospels.

In another home the wife was manifesting interest, but it rather seems as though she is being hindered by her mother-in-law's

sister.

My special prayer is for the people among whom we visit, that the Holy Spirit may draw, and single out such as will be saved. May we have your prayers to this end?

Sister Erma Hare held a very profitable Vacation Bible School for the orphanage children for two weeks during their school vacation days. The children off in other schools for higher education not given here, were home for their vacation and enjoyed helping in the Vacation Bible School pro-

Each morning the children marched into the church singing, "Onward Christian Sol-diers." After the worship period they also went to their classes singing the same song.

There were four classes, kindergarten, primary, junior and intermediate. The three smaller classes studied the Life of Christ and the intermediate class from Genesis on through the life of Abraham. This class made notebooks, outlining their study. The intermediate class made a large map of the ancient Bible world. The junior class made several large pictorial maps of Palestine. All classes had a portion of Bible memory work and other hand work. The junior class also made picture note books of the Life of Christ. In making these note books they appreciated the Sunday School picture cards which were on hand.

A short period each day was spent in singing and learning new songs. On Sunday afternoon following the close of the Vacation Bible School the children gave a program in the church using material learned.

> Yours for Christ in India. M. Effie Rohren



Christian and Pentecost

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which will reflect the place of value that we give Him. He can be grieved, quenched, neglected, insulted, and blasphemed.

As we approach the time in which we have the opportunity to commemorate the advent of the Holy Ghost to the Church at Pentecost, it would be fitting if all of our preachers would take advantage of this occasion to stress the value of the Holy Ghost in our day, just as preachers seek to honor Christ on the stated occasion of Christmas and Easter by singing appropriate songs and bringing a message fitted for these days in the history of the Church, so it would be a good opportunity for the preachers to set a new record if he has not taken this occasion seriously enough to change his program so as to remind the worshipers of the value of commemorating the coming of the Holy Ghost to the Church in its beginning. It would be a fine opportunity to remind the people of the great change which came to these men and women who received the Holy Ghost and of the fruitage which followed. If revivals come to our lives and the Church in this day when apostacy is swiftly bringing about the "Fulness of the Gentiles," when the door will be closed to those who have set aside God's Representative in this Dispensation, we will have to hasten and be sure that we have not set aside or failed to value the Holy Ghost who holds the key to this dark hour. He is God's Executive of this Dispensation.

—The Wesleyan Methodist.

************************************** How?

W. O. Winger

OW SHALL THEY call on him in whom they have not believed? Not knowing on whom to call, or how to call, leaves the poor heathen in a pitiful plight. How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? This implies that some one could have told them, but did not. How shall they hear without a preacher? And why so few preachers? So few embassadors? And of those to warn of the wrath to come? When Ezekiel plainly tells us the blood of those slain shall be required at our hands if we hold our peace when the sword comes.

How shall they preach, except they be sent? And is our God who Isaiah said is waiting to be gracious unto us, or our Christ who came that we might have life and that more abundant, in fault? A thousand times no, for he is anxious to beautify the meek with salvation, where the joy of the Lord will be their strength, in which blessed condition it must be said of all, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things," and whether found with a Joseph, Daniel, or others, and later with such who met Jesus as the man with a legion of devils, the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, Zacchæus, or Paul and Silas in the Phillipian jail, the feet of all proved to be beautiful as they joined that grand company of whom Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world."

Nevertheless, the following question remains. Rev. A. B. Simpson founder of the C.M.A. was asked, "How would it be with the heathen in the judgment?" While believing that salvation could be obtained only through the name of Jesus, he answered that he was more deeply concerned as to how we shall escape who have neglected to tell the heathen of so great and needsful salvation. Finally, how shall we escarch, if we neglect to accept, to obey, to tell ours ver to others, and spread so great salvations. to others, and spread, so great salvat

In the Homeland

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they do, very respectfully and appreci-

This summer we are equipped with a full strength PA outfit, which gives us excellent assistance in outdoor work. Being able to play good gospel recordings, we find that these splendid renditions greatly assist us in our program. Certain parts of this PA outfit were purchased last summer. But the major parts producing full strength enlargement and installation for use in either cur car or the mission home is the gift of wo friends of missions, who wish to be unknown.

We praise God for this answer to prayer of several years standing and for the realization of a long cherished hope. With a permanent installation in the mission home as well as a portable use, we now play gospel records preceding our evening service. Also we use this medium to give a brief word of gospel enlightenment and invitation to the house of the Lord, to our immediate neighbors.

In the month of May an outdoor sign, size 8 feet by 4 feet, was erected on Market Street, at the foot of Twelfth Street, inviting the passers-by to our services. This sign was the project of the Senior Ladies' Bible Class of our Sunday School with the exception of a single gift, given by an interested party, several years ago, for this very thing.

Baptism was conducted on the last Sunday in May, when two adults followed the Lord in obedience to this ordinance. It was a time of rejoicing.

On that same Sunday our Sunday School enjoyed a unique missionary project, with a balloon ascension. Three significant returns have been received thus far. One came from

a Greek Catholic, about 50 miles away, who requested further correspondence.

This novel method of Scripture seed sowing captured the imagination of our boys and girls. The Harrisburg morning paper, "The Patriot," likewise was interested, and saw fit to print a picture of the releasing of the balloons in the edition of May 29.

We thank the Lord that our Sunday School continues to grow. The records indicate an average of 116 per Sunday for the first 6 months of this year.

Our summer revival meeting was held in the chapel July 2 to 16, with Elder John A. Climenhaga as evangelist. The meeting was unusual in the number of visitors and strangers who attended the services.

Our workers situation has been somewhat difficult in the past quarter. In April, Mildred Winger was required to go home, to help out there. Her way did not open to return. In May, Anna Wolgemuth was called home, on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Sister Winger was here less than two years. Sister Wolgemuth was in the work for over eleven years. For the contribution each one made in her period of service, we are grateful. We pray God to use them now their home circles.

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meantime we have endeavored to regular program of this mishout any new workers havas little curtailment as curtailment, obviously, is

However, certain assignments have been made, and we have hopes for more help in the not too distant future.

Mention should be made, with appreciation, for the temporary help of Marilyn Minter, between the time of commencement and General Conference. This was a short,

but very helpful service.

For a year, our finances have been free of deficit, for which we justly honor the Lord. At this writing, however, it is necessary to report an accumulating liability of about \$250.00. After a service of 7 years, extensive repairs are now necessary to our stoker. Also this property has certain insurance obligations which arise in the not too distant future. Therefore we lay before our readers this financial situation. Will you help us pray that God will supply this

we warmly thank all who have prayed for us in the past. We feel the support of those prayers. We acknowledge with appreciation all gifts and contributions received we are contributions received. We pray God's rich blessing on you

MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHAPEL Harrisburg, Penna.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL

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 Receipts
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 Balance on Hand, April 1, 1950
 \$ 7.50

 Cnapel Offerings
 394.01

 Ethel Eitherington
 23.00

 Pequea Congregation
 20.74

 Jacob H. Bowers
 50.00

 Paul and Ethel Bigham
 4.00

 Lionel Dukes, Sr.
 12.00

 Minoff Family
 10.00

 Primary II—Joash Chest
 3.00

 David Bitner
 5.00

 Anna Mary Royer
 5.00

 John J. Keller
 2.00

 Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Halliday
 10.00

 Samuel F. Minter
 3.00

 Bishop M. G. and Anna Engle
 5.00

 Lamar and Frances Engle
 5.00

 Bill Haldeman
 1.00

 Bishop and Mrs. Monroe Book
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Grace Flood Balance and Receipts \$587.25 Less Expenses 558.95 Approx. Deficit and Liabilities\$247.70 Expenditures
 Table
 \$181.74

 Milk
 33.87

 Pastors Offerings
 75.40

 Utilities
 25.40
 Car Expenses
Maintenance and Service
Easter Offering for Building Fund
Miscellaneous

The following offerings, other than for the maintenance fund are reported: Manor-Pequea District, \$153.41 for Trustees Fund; Mildred C. Winger, \$10.00, for Trustees Fund; Mrs. Samuel Brehm, \$2.00 for Building Fund; Miss Ella Gish, gift of silverware for the Mission Home. Also the following gave provisions, etc., E. McCorkel, Guy Van Dyke, Ethel Bigham. Mrs. Keister, Sam Brehm, Rosie Snook, Ethel Eltherington, Lloyd Yoders, Walter Heiseys, Harold Eckers. Elda Cooper, David Brehm, Anna Wolgemuth, Pearl Wolgemuth, David Heiseys. May the Lord bless each contributor and reward each for every thoughtful remembrance.

Yours for souls.

Yours for souls, Joel E. and Faithe Carlson Elizabeth Kanode

"Some churches place much stress on their church machinery, but they give no thought whatever to the type of products their machinery is turning out!'

First Navajo Camp Meeting

For many months the groups of missionaries in this area had felt the need of a camp meeting among our Navajo friends.

We had been meeting for prayer and fellowship every Sunday evening. Offerings were taken at each meeting.

We wrote to the most spiritual Navajo Christian men whom we knew and they consented to come as speakers and workers.

One of our group has a large tent and this we pitched in a sheltered canyon at the foot of one of the Navajo sacred mountains. At one end of the tent we erected a "cook shack" of boxes with sagebrush for a roof. Our cooking equipment was too large iron kettles and a small stove. We bought two lambs, potatoes, beans, vegetables and coffee. We gave the people their noon meal.

Not all of our speakers were able to come, but one brother came filled with the Spirit; and we began our services Sunday morning, July 2. We were able to secure the services of a fine young Christian Navajo student for the latter part of the camp.

Two Navajo families came to camp on the grounds for the week. Others came in wagons and cars for the day. Each morning we had Bible classes for all ages and Navajo reading classes conducted by the Wicliffe Translators for adults. The afternoon and evening were devoted to evangelistic services.

One evening, especially, a spirit of conviction settled upon the group. Two Navajo mothers were saved. After the service a Navajo man who is partially paralyzed in speech and body accepted the Lord. Thus, throughout the week the interest continued to grow and more folk came each day. Eight Navajos sought the Lord to be saved.

The closing Sunday noon we fed sixty Navajos and fifteen white people.

Mr. Canuto, the paralyzed man, and his married daughter Ruby were two of those saved with whom our mission has worked the past few years. We rejoice to see their faces beam with joy.

Since the camp meeting we have been conducting a Sunday service at the Mission, and the interest is increasing from Sunday to Sunday. Ruby is now acting as our interpreter and helper. Her enthusiasm and concern for her people is a challenge to us. Her heart's desire is to be a missionary to her people. Will you pray for Ruby and for her husband who took a stand for the Lord about a year and a half ago?

We sense a growing interest and conviction among our Navajo people. Please pray that many more of them will turn from their superstitious religion to Christ. -Rosa Eyster.

Dormitories Needed

With another school year in prospect at the Navajo Mission, we have been taking inventory of our mission resources in light of the experiences of our first year and in light of information gained in a number of days of traveling here and there over "Navajo trails" contacting Navajo families and sounding out their sentiments in relation to the Mission School.

You can never be quite sure about what a Navajo really means or what he is going to do, but we are expecting eighteen or twenty children to register for school on

This increased enrollment along with a possible increase in our mission staff makes an enlargement of our building space imperative. With the opening of a medical clinic and more space needed for living

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Where Do Revivals Begin?

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dad putting his hands on my shoulder and saying, "Son, Son, I wish I could make the choice for you that you ought to make. You ought to be a Christian." I know that the lines on those faces, the gray hair coursing through those heads and the burden that has come prematurely upon their lives have been a result of the sin, the waywardness, and the heartache this boy gave to their hearts. When I saw that, I wept over my sin; I didn't care if I didn't eat again; I mourned over my waywardness, and I told those dear people many times. "Forgive me! Forgive me!" But I hurt them and I can't undo all the hurt of those years that have gone by.

Young man, young woman, husband, wife, remember that when you sin you hurt those people who love you more than any other people in the world; and I wish you would quit sinning. The married man in this audience—leaving your darling wife and kids with your eyes on another woman, the woman turning from her husband to another, and young people-sirof all kinds, you hurt yoursef, you hurt others, but worse than that, when you sin, you hurt God. Do you choir members know that? When you sin you hurt God. If I did that to my mother, my father, oh, how must the heart of a holy God, and the tender heart of a loving Saviour be broken and crushed when they see us persisting in our sins. When you see your sins like that, you will want to run to Jesus, and confess your sins, because repentance does not only include repentance for sin but confession of sin. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unright-eousness." I am so glad for the day when as a college freshman I walked down the aisle of the church, I took all the sins of all my years and I said, "O God, here is a college freshman who knows so much sin, so much shame and has caused so many heartaches to so many people-God be merciful to me a sinner, and save me for Jesus' sake," and He saved me.

Repentance Includes Forsaking of Sin

It includes also the forsaking of those sins. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and . . . he will abundantly pardon." You see, when you repent of your sins, you feel them, you hate them, you confess them, you break them, you turn your back on them, and you say, "I'm through with them. I'm through with the Devil and with the wickedness of the days that have gone by. I'm going through with Jesus from now Have you broken with sin?

A little boy fell out of bed and he asked his mother, "Mommy, why do I always fall out of bed?'

She said, "Son, I think you don't get in far enough when you go to bed."

Receive Christ as your Saviour, and get as far away from the Devil and sin as you can, and get as close to Jesus as you can. Repentance includes all these things that I have been talking about tonight. Who hasn't sinned in this audience? I am so afraid that there are people in this audience who are listening to every word that I say, but you are very carefully applying them to somebody else. God wants you to have this word for yourself. God gave me this message, I believe, for the vast, overwhelming majority of people in this audience. Who is there that has not sinned? "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "There is none that doeth good. no not one." "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

From What Sins Ought We to Repent?

Sins in the realm of the body. Is there a nation on earth that is more guilty of sins in the realm of the body than America? I don't know. You read in the paper the other day that when they made an investigation in one of the departments of our government in Washington, they had to remove almost one hundred employees whom they had discovered to be homosexuals. Sin, corruption, unbelief. They tell me that this film, "Stromboli," with that immoral, wretched, wicked woman, Ingrid Bergman, and that wretched, wicked fellow. Rosselini, in the first few weeks that it was shown in the United States had netted a profit of almost \$2,-000.000. People such as that should be barred from our shores, and films like that should not be permitted through the censorship into the United States. Yet masses of people have gone to see a woman who still is advertised as a mother of a second child born out of wedlock and she isn't vet married to that man. Let me cry from the housetops against sins in the realm of the body. Is there a man in here that is guilty? Is there a woman here who is full of shame? Is there a boy here with secret sin? Is there a girl who has sold her virtue? Are there people within this audience tonight who, in the realm of this body that would be the temple of the Holv Spirit, have debauched, degraded. defiled it, an it is full of sin? Then you need to

Sins in the realm of the mind. In the days of Noah we read that every thought and that every imagination in the hearts of men were only evil continually. When I think of the magazines, the books the pictures and now what is being shown on the television screen in only too many in-

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quarters in the school building, we must have dormitories for our children this year. It is planned that these dormitories will be hogan-type buildings—rough logs plastered with adobe, rectangular in form and with gabled, shingled roof. Perhaps some Sunday School class or individual may desire to sponsor one of these hogans at \$150

Will you pray with us that the Lord will supply the immediate needs for the erection of these buildings?

-Dorothy Charles.

Palmyra, Pa.

April 16. Brother Elmer Books talked to the Sunday School about the work and needs of the Messiah Orphanage at Florin.

May 14. Mother's Day there was a short program following the teaching of the Sunday School lesson. Also Brother Howard Landis was visiting us and gave a short talk.

June 11. Services were withheld in the evening because of General Conference. Brother John Engle, who was elected as delegate of the Sunday School prepared a report which was read by Robert Keefer on June 25.

June 17. Bishop Henry N. Hostetter, after an invitation given him by the Missionary Prayer Circle, brought the Africa and India Mission work before our eyes with his colored slides. Sister Anna Eyster, who was also present talked a few moments about her work and the work of our home church missionaries, Mary Kreider, Anna Wolgemuth, and Anna Graybill. The offering taken was given toward furnishing the new hospital in

June 18. Sister Eyster spoke to the children and there was also a short Father's Day program. A father's quartet sang several selections. On the same evening the program committee had planned an extra evening service with a children's day program which included adults as well as children. Sister Pearl Wolgemuth, a guest speaker, gave a flannelgraph lesson entitled "God's Stairway to Heaven." There were also several selections in song by a quartet from Elizabethtown.

June 19. Our two weeks Daily Vacation Bible School started at seven o'clock with Brother Wayne Ebersole superintendent. There was no adult class this year and this was the largest Bible school we have yet had with an average attendance of one hundred and fifty and almost half the children who came had a perfect attendance. June 13, the last night of Bible school, the children gave an hour's program of songs and memory work to an audience of parents and friends. The offerings taken during the two weeks were given to the orphanage at Florin.

July 29. The Free Grace Church chorus under the leadership of Bishop Luke Keefer rendered a program in the church. Bishop Keefer also gave a short message. The offering taken will go toward our building fund. The Kings' Daughters class at their August meeting decided to give enough money to the African hospital for a bed and bedding.

On Tuesday evening, August 8, the missionary group from the Lutheran Church entertained the Women's Missionary Groups entertained the Women's Missionary Groups were the manufacture of the work of the state of the of the town at their regular monthly mee'

ing in the Lutheran church. Reports were given on the work the different groups are doing. Sister Anna Kettering spoke for the United Christian group on the work in India and Africa, very ably giving the number of missionaries and stations and the work that is being done there. Sister Esther Bohen the work our own church circle is accomplishing. The committee appointed to plan the latter half of the year's Christian Worker's programs which are held every other Sunday evening are Brother and Sister Harry Gerber and Robert Keefer. Children's meetings are also held these same evenings under the leadership of Sister Catherine Gerber and Mabel Herr.

-Mrs. Harry S. Lehman.

Clarence Center, N. Y.
April 30 marked the day when ground was broken for an addition to our present church building. Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., was present for that ceremony and gave a short talk. Since that date many hours have been spent by our brethren in the work of erecting the new addition. The date set aside for dedication is November 12 (D.V). We are anxious for the time when we will have more Sunday School rooms as well as more room in the main auditorium whereby we can more adequately serve our com-

June 4 was the date of our spring com-munion services. Elder Roy Sider and Elder H. W. Buckwalter spoke to us on this occa-

June 17. Our vision was broadened and our hearts were touched and challenged as we were privileged to listen to the illustrated talk which Elder Norman Wingert presented to us of his recent experiences in

July 5. We enjoyed music by the Conquerors' Quartet of Upland College. We were happy to have Bishop Jesse F. Lady give us a message in the interest of Chris-

tian education.

Missionaries who have visited our congregation recently were: Brother and Sister Joe Smith, outgoing missionaries to India and Sister Smith's parents who represent the "Go Ye Fellowship."

The Albert Brenaman family were with us for prayer meeting on July 26 and spoke to us concerning our mission activities in

On Sunday morning, August 13, Russel Glazier, recently returned from China, spoke to us about China in the worship service.

Ringgold District News, Pa.

On June 18 a very impressive baptismal service was held at Good's Dam near Waynesboro. Sixteen men, women and children were led down into the water thus showing to the world their determination to go the whole way with the Lord. Bishop Samuel F. Wolgemuth and Elder Eber Dourte both shared in baptizing the applicants as a large group of relatives and friends prayerfully watched from the banks of the stream.

May 17 was the date for the dedication of children at the Hollowell Church. Nine children were publicly presented to the Lord by their parents. They were: Caroline Deihl, Ginny and Judy by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hartman; Ruth by Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Martin; Esther by Elder and Mrs. Eber Dourte; Ralph Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Egolf; Carol and Donna by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cordell and Doniel with Mr. and Mrs. Cordell and Dwight by Mr. and Mrs. Avery Wingert.

The following Sunday the Waynesboro Church held its special service for the dedi-cation of children. Those participating were

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hykes and Gladys, Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Book and Ethan, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Zercher and Fred.

Our Vacation Bible School held this year Our Vacation Bible School held this year from June 26 to July 7 was one of the largest we have had. There were over five hundred enrolled and several nights more than four hundred attended. The children were brought in by a large truck, a school bus, a small truck and individual cars. Many people have asked us how we ever care for so large a group of children. Fortunately there is a one-room school house just across the road from the Hollowell Church where the primary department meets. This year there were frequently 125 children there. This year We also pitched a large tent on the church grounds where the intermediate department meets. The adult classes meet outside and the rest of the group have their classes in

the church.

This year our Bishop, Samuel F. Wolgemuth, was the full-time evangelist. Each evening he met with some of the children, and our hearts were blessed as we saw the children accept Christ. There were about one hundred and fifteen definite decisions made. We feel that God has greatly blessed our efforts in giving us so many of these precious souls. Surely the work done with these children will count for eternity.

Delisle, Saskatchewan
"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of God." (Psa. 107:8).

We take this opportunity to magnify the Lord for His kindness, and for the way He

has been mindful of us.

Our summer meetings are in the past. We are grateful for the visitation of God in our midst. The people of God were encouraged and deepened in their experience. New consecrations were made, for which we are thankful.

Elder Joseph Vanderveen won his way into the hearts of the people and the attendance was good. We enjoyed fellowship with those who came from Kindersley. Brother Vanderveer's messages were solmenized by the Holy Spirit. Only eternity will reveal what has been accomplished. At the close of the meeting a young man told Brother Van-derveer, "He had freed himself, the rest was left to the people." Let us continue to

we appreciated having Sister Vanderveer and Sister Martha Sentz. They were faithful School praying and serving in our Bible School, also in visitation. May God bless lives to

the salvation of souls.

Our Bible School had the enrollment of eighteen, with the average attendance of sixteen. The number of children in public school is only eighteen. Eileen Winger from Bertie, Ontario, was a teacher for the Be-ginners' Class. We have enjoyed having her with us this summer. May the Lord bless her life.

A new boys' class has been added to the Sunday School with Elmer Zoerb as teacher. Elmer also serves as our superintendent. We appreciate his service and trust the Lord will continue to use him.

We feel that the church would be interested to know that the Linkletters opened their home to the evangelist and workers. thank God for homes that are dedicated to the cause of Christ and the church.

May you continue to pray that greater works may be accomplished.

Offerings from June to July 10 Mr. Dempster (Mission to Lepers)\$13.95 Rev. John Garman 9.58 Rev. Joseph Vanderveer 51.70

-Pearl A. Jones.

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stances, I think then of the things that are defiling the minds. Listen, young people, be careful what you see, because you are taking pictures all the time that you will have to look at sometime when you won't want to. Even after you are saved some of the pages of the past will come back and haunt you, and you will say, "Would God that I had never allowed those thoughts and ideas to penetrate my mind through my eyes, through my ears and through my understanding." What has been in your mind? Would you tell others the rot, the filth, the dirty stories, and the uncleanness?

Sins in the realm of the spirit. Those sins are in the realm of the intangible but they are very real. Backbiting, criticism, jealousy, hatred, faultfinding, disagreeableness, lying, maligning, passing on stories about someone else that are doubtful. I would to God that such a revival would come to the city of Oakland that Christians, regardless of church affiliations and denominational connections, would be able to love one another in sincerity and in truth, and that the differences would be done away. and you could say, "We are one body in Christ, and with terrible enemies in the world, the flesh and the Devil, we must stick together on this thing." Do you know that if the divisive sins which come into our families, our local churches and between our churches were repented of, and we would go to the room of prayer, and say, "O God, I am guilty of the sins of the spirit. I have criticised my preacher, or found fault in our Sunday School. I have been making fun of some of the folks in the home. I want to get these things straightened out. God. I repent. Forgive me of these sins."

Who doesn't need to repent? Brother, sister, neighbor, it is time. It is past time. It is far later than we think. We need a God-given, a Holy Spirit-impressed spirit of repentance in the hearts of one and all. May God smite our hearts with conviction in the measure that sin occupies our

Sins in the realm of the eternal. What are they, preacher? Neglect of the Word of God! That is like lying. That is like telling dirty stories. That is like robbing somebody else when you neglect the Bible. This Book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this Book. You sin when you neglect the Word. You sin when you neglect prayer. One of the great sins of our day is the sin of neglecting family worship in our homes. How many of you are thankful for the cherished memory of family worship with father and mother in a devout Christian home? I thank God every day of my life that my home was very ordinary and that we were raised in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. When my father bought a house he bought it as near to the church as he possibly could so that he could get there all of the time. We lived two doors away from the house of God. I was carried there in my mother's arms, and nourished in body in my mother's womb in the church while my mother was being nourished in her soul with the Word that came from the Book; and both of us prospered.

It is a sin, father, that you haven't taken time to read the Bible with your wife and kids. It's a sin, mother, that you have not taken time besides combing their hair. washing their faces and giving them their vitamins, to sow the seed in their hearts. Where are those young married people just starting out? Do you know what the center and the foundation of a successful home is? One thing-family worship! The family that prays together stays together. The family that reads the Word together stays together. The family that is in church together stays together. The family that is out and out for God stays together. We need to repent, "God, I have neglected the Word, I have neglected prayer, my own life is hollow and empty. My home is filled with differences and unkindnesses, and there are differences growing up between us. It is unhappy and sometimes it is hell." God let it be hell for you so that He can make it heaven for you when you repent.

Preachers. sometimes we need to repent. The fact of the matter is, until we repent we cannot expect much from the people. The burden of my heart is that we be right with God and before the people in the early days of this campaign.

What Unrepented Sins Do

Now what about those sins if we do not repent? Sins unrepented, block revival and hinder the Holy Spirit. Sin is the only thing that can keep Oakland from revival in these days. Sin, unrepented, can block revival, and brother. I would hate to stand in your shoes in that day before Jesus and have Him say to me, "If you would have repented those sins and turned to God, you would have had a great revival in Oakland, but you wouldn't repent. You were too proud. You were too selfish, you were too hard. You hindered the work of revival in that city."

Achan—one man—hindered a victory. Do you remember him? He blocked the victory for a few dollars and a garment for his wife. That goodly Babylonish garment that she might string around her head, and the few nickles that he might have jingling in his pocket—for that, thirty-six people were killed, an army was routed, a nation was changed, and God was dishonored. You, if you do not repent of your sins, will block revival and hinder the Spirit. Somebody in Oakland is waiting to see

how these meetings are going to affect you. He knows you. He is in the office, the shop or the school where you are. He is saying, "Well, yes, he goes down there to that revival meting, but if that preacher and those people knew him like I do! Believe you me, I could tell that preacher something about him." He has the goods on you. You know he has the goods on you. God knows he has the goods on you, and you, because you won't repent, are standing in that fellow's way, and he will go to Hell while you hang on to that pet sin or pleasure which you won't let God take away from you. I would crawl on my belly from here to the gates of Heaven, but let me not be a stumbling block to anybody else to come to God.

The land will be cursed, and that is what I am afraid of for America because I know this gang of fellows who are preaching out across America today. I know Jack Shuler, Bob Cook, T. W. Wilson, Merv Rosell, Billy Graham and John R. Rice, and God bless dear Dr. Harry Ironside. He sent word to me that he is praying for me every day of this campaign. I think that Harry Ironside is anxious for what happens in Oakland. This is his home town, and he is one of the great men who came out of this city for God, and has walked up and down the avenues of our nation.

I am so afraid that somebody will not repent, and that America will have to pay and be cursed, because II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." If my people—church people of Oakland—religious people of Oakland—better people of Oakland moral people-whatever they are-will repent and humble themselves. You know that you are going to have to humble yourself, brother. You will either have to do it now or then, for every knee shall bow and confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God. You will either bow before Jesus now in repentance, or you will bow in that day in submission and for judgment. ". . . seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will heal their land.'

My friends, I don't care who is in Washington, or who is in Sacramento, we will get nowhere in the United States until we have revival, and revival begins with repentance. Do you believe that? Will you do it? Then there is hope and not unless. If you won't, we might as well close the campaign and go home. My unsaved friend, if you will not repent of your sins and turn in faith to Jesus Christ, you are going straight to Hell. Jesus said in Luke 13:3 and 5, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise per-

ish . . . I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

I remember that sailor boy in Norfolk, Virginia. He was saved in the meeting Saturday night. Sunday he was out on his motorcycle going down the way, and over a culvert he went and off the motorcycle into a tree. When we got to the hospital, we heard him breathing out his last. We heard him saying, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, thou

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The Decatur Revival

The great canvas cathedral under which Evangelist Hyman Appelman had been preaching to several thousand people nightly in Decatur, Illinois, was set afire by vandals early Sunday morning, August 6. The fire, which was discovered about 3:00 A.M. destroyed the tent beyond repair, but by the goodness of God, damage to the equipment was light. The speaker's platform with three pianos and a Hammond organ remained intact.

It is a significant fact that on the very eve of the fire, Dr. Appelman had preached fearlessly on the subject of Communism and its threat to Christianity to a crowd of more than 4,000 people in Central Park in the very heart of the city. In that meeting there had been several minor demonstrations of opposition with an attempt to break up the service by individuals who had to be escorted away by the police. Several persons had also tried to start arguments with the Evangelist after the service.

From the human point of view, it was a tragic interruption to the revival campaign that was about to start its fourth week, but God overruled for His glory. As soon as the fire was put out, a band of about eighty volunteer workers, determining that Satan should not have the victory, began to clear away the burned and charned debris, and by 1:30 that afternoon, on the very spot where the tent had stood, they had arranged a great outdoor amphitheater where the afternoon service was held at the specified hour.

The interest in the meeting, which was sponsored by about forty churches of Decatur and vicinity, had been running high throughout the entire three weeks, but after the meeting place had been destroyed. the rose to even greater heights and people flocked in from everywhere to witness the victory God was giving. It became next to impossible to number the attendance. On Sunday afternoon, over 1,000 people crowded into the prayer tent, and the open area in front of the speaker's platform was well filled; however, because of the terrific heat from the blazing afternoon sun, a great many folks carried their chairs to the shaded shelter of small hills and wooded areas close by. For blocks around, people sat in their cars listening to the message over loud speakers Consequently, the huge congregation was scattered for acres, but the voice of Dr. Appelman could be clearly heard as he told the story of his life and conversion that afternoon. On Sunday evening another record crowd turned out for the meeting under the stars. One preacher from the little town of Mason City, sixty-five miles away, loaded up a cattle truck with his members and drove to Decatur for the evening service. It is estimated that the attendance at the final service, Sunday evening, August 13, was over

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shalt be saved." That was the only verse he learned the night before, and the only verse he could remember the afternoon after, and it was the verse with which he went into Heaven. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). You can be saved!

I am glad tonight that as far as I know my heart, I have repented of all my sins. The sins before I met Jesus face to face, and the besetting sins along the way. I said, "O God, take this poor broken preacher-a failure and unprofitable at his best-and cleanse me from sin, and let me hate sin, love God, love people, preach the gospel and bring many to Jesus. Insofar as lies within me, I have repented, and I pray God, give to us in Oakland not a campaign but a revival. If you will repent tonight, we shall have the beginnings of revival. Won't you come?

"When children 'play church,' it's interesting, amusing, and inspiring; but when grown-ups do it, that's far different!"

News Notes

About the Draft

What should a young man do, who had been classified I-A (or for that matter, deferred as veteran, for occupational reason, on for dependency), and since then has been sincerely converted to the Christian non-

resistant position?

He should immediately request from the Local Board a copy of the Special Form for Conscientious Objectors (SSS Form 150), fill it out carefully explaining his belief, and particularly how and why he has come to the CO position, and return it to the Board. The Regulations provide that "the Local Board, upon request, shall furnish to any person claiming to be a conscientious objector a copy of such Special Form for Conscientious Objectors."

The Board is authorized by the Regulations to re-open any classification if the registrant presents new evidence in the case. Claim of having come to a sincere nonresistant conviction should be presented to the Board of this grounds. If the Board does not grant the desired Class IV-E, the man should appeal.

Acceptable Classification for CO's

It has been said in general that all CO's should seek classification IV-E. It should be made clear, however, that the local board considers eligibility of registrants for the inactive classes of V-A (men 25 years of age and thus over the age of liability for service) and IV-F (physically unfit for service) before making decision on his CO claim. It is therefore in order for men who are given either of these two classs, to accept such. It does not affect the future claim as a CO.

Keep Draft Boards Notified

Local draft boards have recently been reporting that numerous registrants have

failed to notify the board of changes of address, so that official notices do not reach the registrant. It should be noted that it is the registrant's obligation to notify the Local Board of any change in address, or change in marital, occupational or other status since registration. Respect for duly constituted authority ought to characterize the nonresistant Christian, insofar as regulations do not conflict with higher loyalty.

There are Service Opportunities

More young people may wish to enter service opportunities offered by the church, particularly as a witness in this time of "wars and rumors of wars." A variety of significant MCC projects continue as a witness to the way of peace and Christian service, in which a considerable number of additional persons could be used to good ad-

Six young people have just completed a onemonth period of training at the MCC Headquarters at Akron, Pa., and are leaving for their respective places of Voluntary Service assignment—one to Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont.; one to Mexico; two to the Industrial Home School Annex in Washington, D. C.; and two to Gulfport, Miss.

There are also a number of opportunities for service at the MCC Headquarters, and in various MCC units. Among the people needed are secretaries, several nurses, a unit matron, an acountant, a teacher with German language ability; attendants, and an office worker for MCC Mental Hospitals, and other workers. Some of these may be on either Voluntary Service or allowance basis.

Persons feeling a call to serve, whether applying for a specific opening, or desiring to offer themselves for work wherever needed, should write to the Personnel Department, MCC, Akron, Pa.

Group Discusses Draft Situation

On July 21 members of the Peace Section Executive Committee, several MCC staff members and others met to study and evaluate the present situation; to take counsel on future actions; and to consider what counsel should be given to young men at this time.

It was felt that contacts with various governmental agencies should be made to keep informed on current developments, in order that the churches as well as individual young men may be given reliable counsel,

An informational letter is being sent to the pastor of each affiliated congregation. Young men are encouraged to seek counsel from their pastors; information and assistance is also available from the Peace Section. Frequent releases will appear in regular church periodicals.

Peace Conference to be Held

Plans have been made by the Peace Section for a meeting to be held Nov. 9-12 at Winona Lake, Indiana, to discuss various vital subjects related to our peace witness to the world and to the church at large. Several study papers are to be written in preparation for the conference. Delegates are being chosen by each constituent Mennonite and Brethren in Christ group.

French Mennonite CO in Prison

At present there is no recognition for the position of CO's in France. Jean Widmer, a member of the Mennonite congregation of Montbeliard, was recently called for military service. Since he was unable for conscience sake to perform duties within the armed forces, he was arrested, and tried for disobdience; since he appeared to the judge to be sincere, was given a suspended sentence. However, his trial was that for the "disobedient" act and not for holding the position of CO, so he would simply be taken back into the army again where he would have to refuse again, be tried again, etc. In the meantime Jean has taken the step of refusing the army uniform. He needs the prayers of the brotherhood that he may stand firmly and witness for his convictions.

Will CO's be Assigned to Camp?

The present draft law defers men with conscientious objection to combatant and noncombatant military service, whom the local draft boards have classed in Class IV-E. We have information that Selective Service does not anticipate any change in this provision in the immediate future. On the other hand, there is high regard for the relief and service work done by agencies such as the MCC, and into which a number of deferred CO men have gone to serve. The community level, will probably depend to some degree on whether deferred men spend their time and energy selfishly, or in seeking to make some Christian contribution to the welfare of humanity.

The MCC has had in operation a number of Voluntary Service units, which now could utilize the services of as many as 50 additional young men, in various types of work and using a variety of skills. Other avenues of work within the church are also open.

Status of ex-CPS Men Under The Draft

Certain veterans of the armed forces are given Class IV-A and are deferred under the present draft by virtue of their past service. However, since CPS was not a part of the armed forces, this veteran status is not given to ex-CPS men. Therefore, all men within the 18 to 26 age group, whether ex-CPS or otherwise, who hold conscientious objection to war, should accept only Class IV-E (except those physically impaired, who should have Class IV-F, and those 26 years old or over, who should have V-A.)

UMT Bills Presented

Several bills have been presented for consideration by Congress, to introduce universal military training. The provisions of these bills are much like those of UMT bills presented but not passed during the past number of years. The MCC Peace Section is keeping in touch with the further developments regarding UMT.—Akron, Pa.

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