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The Upland, California Church and community welcomed the opening of this new Christian Light Press Book Store there in July. With this extension to the west coast, this chain of outlets links east and west in providing Christian merchandise for Church and Sunday School needs. Turn to page thirteen for full report.

VOICE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

Spiritual Issues Call for Clear Thinking

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance." I Pet. 1:13-14.

This portion of an article by John R. Rice (Reprinted by permission from "The Sword of the Lord") is not intended as a tirade against aesthetic enjoyments. As to the pipe organ, we recognize that there are spiritual churches who have them and there are spiritual churches which do not have them. But it holds a timely warning for the consideration of the Brethren in Christ.

MANY churches these days are greatly concerned to obtain what they call an air of "reverence." They think that people can worship better with stained-glass windows, with pipe organ music, with formality in worship, with robed choirs, with responses patterned after Catholics and Episcopalians. Actually, the effect is not reverence at all in any Bible sense. It is a certain enjoyment of sensual, fleshly pleasure which has nothing to do with the Holy Spirit. It appeals to the æsthetic nature. It may give enjoyment, but it is not really spiritual enjoyment. It is mental enjoyment. It may give a sense of exaltation, like any kind of beautiful music, secular or sacred, like a beautiful painting, an autumn scene, majestic mountains, or the awe-inspiring waves of the sea. Cultured and sensitive un-saved people may enjoy fine music or beautiful colors or scenes of nature just as much as Christians do. And in exactly the same way, the unconverted sinner may enjoy a formal church "worship" service. In exactly the same way that Christians do, multitudes of Catholics and Episcopalians who are unconverted, enjoy such a formal church service. Blasphemers, drunkards, infidels, agnostics alike, may enjoy the sensual appeal to the æsthetic mind. But that is not true reverence for God, and it has nothing to do with worship. Actually, it is a carnal human substitute for Christian worship. It often becomes a form of idolatry.

Formalism in the church is abominable. It precludes revival, it offends the Holy Spirit, it shuts out hungry-hearted people. Formalism itself is a tendency toward idolatry. It is the mark of all human religions, as differentiated from the Bible kind of spiritual worship of a true God and faith in His Son, Jesus.

New Testament, Bible kind of churches should have their services center around the Bible, testimony and soul-winning, not about any forms of service. God must be offended and jealous when any church house or church auditorium is called "the sanctuary." God has no sanctuaries on earth except the bodies of saved people. The Holy Spirit does not dwell in houses made with hands. When any place or house or form of worship or altar or worship center becomes essential to the worship, then it is an abomination to God.

Many people love to hear the pipe organ during prayer. Actually, that is purely fleshly, carnal, unspiritual. The more the people listen to the music, the less they partake of the prayer. The more the carnal mind is pleased by such popery and Catholic trappings, the less they really approach Christ in prayer. For one to be conscious of the music at all would be divided attention. Real, born-again Christians should leave off such abominations and worship God in Spirit, not in these "aids" of idolatry.

Sent in by Mary C. Kreider

Doing Nothing

Roy Dettwiler, Elkton, Michigan

TO DO NOTHING IS TO DO WRONG! "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

This is the principle laid down for us in the Word of God. The parent who fails to take a hand in training his child both leaves him ignorant, and leaves him an easy prey to every evil influence.

The sinner who does nothing about his soul's salvation leaves himself in the clutches of sin and death.

The Christian who does nothing in the Lord's work wrongs his God, wrongs himself, and wrongs his fellowman.

He wrongs God, for God has entrusted him with the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He wrongs himself, because he might have had much joy and blessing and growth in service for his Lord. And he wrongs his fellowman, who might have been won to the Lord by him, but who is instead forever lost through his negligence and carelessness.

The church figures in all these. The church can help the parent do his duty by his children, by teaching them the right way of life. Of course, it will not really be as effective as it should be unless the parent brings the children (and himself stays).

The church can help the sinner by pointing him to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. The church can help the Christian by providing and pointing out an avenue of service, as well as companionship in service.

It would do us all good to stop and consider our responsibilities!

—Gospel Banner

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Can We Afford Model-T Churches?

John R. Scotford

Will your church "die in peace" or "dare to live!"? Read this arresting article from the magazine "Protestant Church Administration and Equipment" for an appraisal of your plant and program.

THIS magazine exists that Protestantism may have better churches. Before the eyes of ministers, who are always and inevitably the key men in getting done what *does* get done, we are dangling a multitude of ideas to help them toward better buildings and more effective congregations. One of our ambitions is to make more ministers more discontented with the tools with which they work.

"Your ideas are fine," we can imagine some readers saying, "but they are not for us. Our church cannot afford them!"

Of course we do not expect every congregation to carry out every suggestion, but we do offer many which are relatively inexpensive. To those who are oppressed by their own poverty we would offer a counter question: "Can your church afford *not* to improve its facilities?"

Here the auto industry can shed some light on our problem. As it has improved its product, the public has been glad to pay a higher price for its car.

Model T's cost between \$500 and \$600, and we wore out three of them. They were wonderful contraptions. If you did not have enough gas to get up a hill going forward, you turned around and did it backwards. If the motor was hard to start, you jacked up one hind wheel. When the motor jammed, you rocked the car backward and forward. When wheels came off, paper clips were sometimes adequate to the situation. On the other hand, your first question in a new town was: "Where is the Ford garage?" The life of a car was 20,000 miles, or twenty months.

My new car cost three-and-a-half times the old Fords, but it will go five times as far and last three times as long. Instead of chugging noisily, it

purrs; instead of hopping, skipping, and jumping, it glides down the road. The driver is no longer an uneasy soldier of fortune but a person of dignity. The new car is a much better buy than the old Tin Lizzie.

We still have plenty of Model T churches. Most of the ministers who read these words are serving churches which are more or less obsolete.

Many Model T churches are wonderful in their way. People love them because of what has happened in them and because of the sacrifices which have been made for them. They have served well in their day and time.

Yet these old church buildings suffer from many disabilities. Their location may render them difficult of access, particularly by car. The exterior may be uninviting. An antiquated heating system may restrict the days and hours when the building can be used. The lighting may make the congregation uncomfortable. The musical arrangements may discourage the attendance of those with sensitive ears. The lack of a properly equipped office may hinder the activities of the congregation and compel the minister to spend time running a mimeograph machine when he should be concerning himself with more important matters.

If you have a Model T church, what should you do about it?

First a fundamental decision must be reached. Is the congregation content to die, or does it want to live?

For a church, continued existence at a "poor dying rate" is increasingly difficult. The pace of modern life is too swift for institutions which drag their feet. If a congregation can see no prospect of usefulness, it should die in peace, which is an honorable procedure. Some denominational offi-

cials go about the country sobbing over the great number of churches which have closed their doors. Their tears are wasted; most of these congregations needed to die. Often that is the best thing a church can do.

If a church refuses to die, it should dare to live!

To keep out of the grave it must woo the new. It cannot make all things new overnight, but it must make a minimum selection: new location, new sign, new doors, new lights, new musical instrument, new office, new carpet—new *something*.

"But how can we pay for these things when we are already having trouble supporting what little we now have?" Many will ask that question.

Here is where faith comes in. What most ministers and churches need is plain courage.

Two fallacies hover over most church boards: (1) The members we now have are all that we can get. (2) Our people are giving all that they can. Both may be true of the church as it is, although we doubt it, but neither is true of your church as it might be.

Few people in your community would buy a Model T for \$600, but they gladly pay \$2,000-plus for current models. The same principle holds for churches. The more current your ecclesiastical model the greater the number of people who want it, and the better the price which they will pay.

Putting the same thing another way, the inclination to support a church becomes stronger as the church becomes more worth supporting. On the financial side, most gifts to the church have only a scanty relation to the total means of the giver. What they actually reflect is the value

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"First Adam--Second Adam"

Bible Study — featuring a study on Romans and Galatians in two installments.

John S. Bicksler

PART I

UNDER this title it is possible to consider vast and important principles of life. It causes our hearts to rejoice when we read God's account of where we came from; but then when we consider what the human race is to do here in view of what has been done — failure has entered the program somewhere. Our future is also very important. We can know where we are going but we know very little about what all will happen until we get there. The daily newspaper is one of the best commentaries on the low moral estate of man. Certainly, God did not create him for this.

We shall consider the subject of The First Adam as a mature being who received a bountiful home in the garden of Eden but lost it by disobeying the one who gave him all things. Looking to Second Adam we behold one who came into this world as an infant, a helpless child, undeveloped—yet for the specific purpose of regaining for the human race, what the First Adam had lost.

In writing on this subject we shall secure our main material from the books of Romans and Galatians. In order to present our thoughts in a systematic way we will use an outline that we secured from Mr. Harrison's book "His Salvation." Using this outline as a skeleton we added flesh and sinew by searching for other scriptures and thoughts, and placed them in connection with the various points of the outline. This will be our guide in reviewing man's condition and problem; and God's proffered solution.

Brother Paul wrote well on this subject. Knowledge of Old Testament scriptures, his life's experiences and the Holy Spirit's directing influence combined to treat for us, once and for all, the question that has plagued the life of innumerable souls. Paul tells us that:
MAN IS UNDER CONDEMNATION;

The *Source* of condemnation springs from our earthly head, Adam. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men" . . . , "death

reigned from Adam." ". . . by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation."

If a spring issues poisonous water, the stream that flows down the mountain side and through the valley is poisonous too. So it is by the first Adam that sin is introduced. He missed the mark of attainment and obedience and so all plunged into a



**There is no burden of the spirit
but is lightened by kneeling
under it.**

state which shared in his condemnation. Adam had enjoyed fellowship with God. But, alas, he has become an enemy. Through the years his posterity has plumbed the debauchery until the beauty of his original creation can scarcely be traced. Adam was earthy in body, and earth-wise in action, so in him we have our sinful origin.

The *Extent* of condemnation is unto all, ". . . all have sinned." All men are under condemnation. Many there are who would declare themselves above reproach because of their own merit. But all are traced back to one common parentage by science and by God's Word. Therefore there is no escape from the indictment. Presently the all are divided. Many were made sinners, however many have escaped by being made righteous. Many are yet dead. So then the extent of sin is universal. The behavior of world wide humanity when contrasted with God's standard

reveals the proof of Paul's statement that "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." With some it is the sin of the flesh, others it is mainly with the mind. Even the Jew, who is no different than the gentile will receive judgment on the same basis as others. For the cause of sin is proved to have reached to every being that is called a part of man's creation. The increased privilege of the Jew only adds to their increased responsibility. Therefore there is one human family. All are the seed of the first man, Adam and all are under condemnation.

The *Nature* of condemnation is that it was a just due. Man's willful transgression was an affront to God's holiness. The sentence that fell was but just, even in its coverage of all men for all time. In it God was fully and signally able to condemn and punish man. He is self-existing and creator of all. As a just God, He includes provision for an individual hearing of every man's case. Every life will need to answer. Each will receive his just due, whether he be small or great. In view of a judgment day we have been informed of what will be considered as right or wrong conduct. The Ten Commandments embody God's Holy standard of life. The open mind will recognize that it is good and just but our personal attainment of its lofty ideals causes our heads to bow in shame. None can attain to its exactness nor will any such accomplishment merit the reversal of condemnation. In law we see a guide for life but not salvation.

Condemnation certainly had its *cause*. Disobedience to God's command had its due repercussion. His neglect of God's will led him to a place where he refused to believe what he well knew to be true. A gradual loss of appreciation for spiritual values has destroyed souls equally as well as threats on the part of men who would have us forsake God or die. By this offence Adam lost his communing fellowship. He lost his position with God, and himself caused the rupture of friendship which induced him to hide, thus admitting transgression. "Adam's legal fault lay in the fact that he followed the suggestion to follow himself rather than to follow his maker. (Exp. Bible)". Even secular history includes accounts of man's loss of estate because of disobedience. So then the clear statement of God's word reckons man as the trouble maker.

"Moreover the law entered that the offence might abound . . ." Here-

in lies the *measure* of condemnation. The law entered or came into play for the purpose of magnifying in the eyes of man his own sinful character. By each act of our own disobedience we see the existence of the basic sin principle. We express in an outward way the inward nature of our being. By the law we know what is right or wrong. In Galatians 5 there is a summary of the abounding acts of transgression, or of our overstepping God's positive law. Then when man becomes aware of the vastness of his sin he by virtue of the sin principle, seeks to blot it out by his own efforts. Adam tried to hide his nakedness with a covering of fig leaves. They soon withered and fell off. He tried to merit by good works a place in God's fellowship. Adam's race still tries by good works, self affliction, or self denial to gain deliverance from the abounding load of sin.

What then is the *effect* of this condemnation? The Genesis record declares that in the day of Adam's

disobedience death will set upon him. This became his lot physically and spiritually. "Sin hath reigned unto death . . ." So comes the end to every physical life. Beginning with Adam and still filling the crust of the globe today. Adam is the root of sin and death in the spiritual sense. Having openly broken with God, a break down of moral and mind quality ensued. Until God gave them (all men) up to a reprobate condition. So having wholly cast God out of their mind they suffered soul death. The scriptural record of their soul shocking events serve in informing us of the plight of our race. Ignorance is no excuse with God. It is His will that all know and come to the knowledge of the truth. In view of this black and hellish picture we hear the proclamation of Ezekiel that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. To this we add the words of Paul, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

End of Part I



Can We Afford Model-T Churches?

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which the giver places upon his church. It is not the amount of money that he has but how strong the impression which the church makes on him which governs the size of his pledge.

In this process of getting out of the Model T class, the first step is the hardest. At this point somebody must take a chance. It can be the minister, but it had better be a layman. In most congregations there is somebody who will supply either the dollars or the nerve—or both—for a little venturing. If one innovation works, others will follow.

In these pages we hope to tempt every church, whatever its size, to move on down the road toward tomorrow. We would inspire little country churches to spruce up, hang out a sign, paint the door, and install some real heat. We would prod town churches into providing better social and educational facilities. We would urge city churches to take an honest look at their location and their building and then face the question of moving to a more adequate site.

Many years of dealing with all sorts of churches has convinced us of one simple truth. If a congregation can be confronted with something which is obviously worth doing, and which they feel is within their capacity, they will do it. The professional fund raising agencies have proved that in thousands of cases. Here the secret is to find the step which meets these specifications.

Our part is to multiply temptations towards progress, and to make them as alluring as possible. At times we may be a nuisance, but we believe that in the long run we can stimulate our Protestant churches to a greater service to more people. That is our hope.

—Protestant Church Administration and Equipment

"Where Dwellest Thou?"

John 1:38—last clause

"Where dwellest Thou, Young Prophet of Galilee?"

"Where dwellest Thou? In Herod's temple magnificent 'Mong priests with purple robe and mitred brow?"

"Not so, my Galilean friend; thou savorest the things that be of men. (Matt. 16:23) Come and see; it is such as thou mayst share."

Come and see! With gentle grace He won our hearts; We followed wondering, hopeful on the stony way.

We went and saw where He dwelt And abode with Him that day (John 1:39) It was only a place to lay His head when His busy day was done.

Behold the Lamb of God, said our fiery desert friend John (1:29) Yea, we beheld Him: straight to our hearts that day Went His words of grace and truth—

We sitting on the bare rude floor, needing nothing more.

For He Whom God hath sent Speaketh the Words of God: God giveth not by measure The Spirit unto Him. (3:34)

"Where dwellest Thou, Master, today? What requirest Thou Of lofty architrave or swelling organ tones?"

"No need have I"—He speaks with tender tone, He Whose eyes are as a flame of fire— (Rev. 1:14)

"Of stained glass or gilded altar, Storied mosaic wrought with utmost care; I dwell in the everywhere.

"I dwell in the high and holy place, In light and joy ineffable— And yet with the lowly and contrite heart: (Isa. 66:1-2) I sup with him and he with Me. (Rev. 3:20)

"'God is a Spirit,' I said by Jacob's well Neither at Jerusalem, nor yet in ancient mount—

But *in the spirit* is the place to worship Me." (John 4:21-24)

—M. C. K.

PROFILE: Dark-Skinned Youth

"Socializing is different—yet important."

"Among the Brethren in Christ youth in Africa there is very little socializing between the fellows and girls in an organized or legitimate sense. This is illustrated by the fact that sex segregation occurs throughout the entire educational program with the boys and girls meeting in separate classes beyond the fourth grade. Understand, of course, that this condition exists throughout the African culture and is not found exclusively among our church young people. Obviously, this 'segregation' effects the boy-girl relationship and there is no 'American style dating' among the Africans. So far as the courting procedure is concerned, it is usually one-sided. If a fellow decides he would like to marry a particular girl, he sends his uncle to convey the message. The girl's mother receives the request and then discusses it with her brothers (the girl's uncles). If the girl's mother and uncles like the suitor, he is informed of the decision and the amount he will have to pay for the bride. Usually this fee averages one ox, two cows and \$30. Incidentally, the fellows usually choose the uneducated girls since they appear to be more willing to carry wood, work in the garden all day, and perform other back-breaking tasks.

"Athletics play a part"

"The African young people engage in vigorous outdoor activity which assists them physically. This includes plenty of work as well as some organized recreation. The principle athletic contest is football which is similar to English soccer rather than the American game with the same name. It has few rules and the end result is usually an enthusiastic, high spirited free-for-all.

"School books are essential"

"Sketching the intellectual, most of our young people are eager to attend school. The boys especially want to complete Standard Six which is the same as the 8th grade in America. Because of the tremendous contrast in living standards, it is easy for them to see the advantages of education. Arithmetic and English are the most popular subjects, at least in our area. At the completion of Standard Six the students take a government examination and those passing may be eligi-

There are over 1,000 Brethren in Christ young people on the "Dark Continent." Have you ever wondered about their habits, enjoyments, and teen-age problems? Rev. David Climenhaga, missionary on furlough, speaks frankly and sketches an informative profile on the Brethren in Christ Youth in Africa.

ble to continue their education in a specialized field which may include industrial arts or teacher training.

"Devotion to God is supreme"

"Finally, to complete the profile, the youth are not emotional about their religious experience. Generally, Christianity is respected by the youth in the African village yet many reject it. One of the primary reasons for this is the high moral standard of our faith which many are not willing to accept. However, if someone is interested in accepting Christianity, he remains for prayer after a service. Confession of sin also takes place at this time. Attending the inquirers class for two years then follows. This group meets Sunday mornings following the regular serv-

ice and receives instruction in Biblical and Church doctrine. Then after examinations before the Bishop and general Church, the young person is accepted for baptism.

"Still plagued by years of superstition, it is still difficult for many African youth to completely comprehend the significance of Christianity. To some, education and Christianity are synonymous while to others Christianity is only a temporary convenience. Although definite testimonies can be heard, there are still too many who do not see Christianity as a personal experience and way of life for time—and eternity.

"Pray for your fellow Christians—the Brethren in Christ young people in Africa."



The *Evangelical Visitor* is the official organ of the Brethren in Christ Church. As such it endeavors to serve as an outlet for expression and extend encouragement to the membership of the Brotherhood. Since the Brethren in Christ membership includes many young people it is only logical that the denominational publication recognizes and serves their specialized interests. This Youth Department of the *Visitor* has been created with just such an objective in mind. It will endeavor throughout the year to present material that will provide instruction

and inspiration to the youth of the Church by featuring selected articles as well as reports of Brethren in Christ youth activities. Also, it will endeavor to be an outlet for youth opinion and your ideas, suggestions and aspirations will always be welcomed.

This particular column, "It's Just a Thought," will appear frequently and will chat informally about current issues, problems and occasionally attempt to clarify our objectives as Christian youth in today's world. It will exist on the premise that the interests of young people will be best served if we can approach the issues of twentieth century Christianity with objectivity and courage in the light of God's Word.

Pray that the above goals may be realized and that these pages may provide spiritual strength for the Brethren in Christ young people as they endeavor to serve Christ and the Church in this perplexing day.

—E.L.B.

MISSIONS

Now On --- and Throughout Next Week! Pray For Revival Blessing

We have received these programs from the Africa General Superintendent's office—sent with the expressed hope that the Church at home might fellowship with her missionaries abroad during this season. Let us not fail them!

African Conference, 1954
Matopo Mission

Conference Schedule

August 31, Tuesday—Arrive by noon
Afternoon and evening—Board Meetings
September 1, Wednesday—Board Meetings
September 2, Thursday—Executive Board and Overseers
Africans Arrive
September 3, 4, 5, Friday to Sunday—African Church Conference
September 6, Monday—Board Meetings
September 7, 8, 9, Tuesday to Thursday—Missionary Business Conference
September 10, 11, 12, Friday to Sunday—Missionary Bible Conference
African Church Conference Program
Theme: "Mal Ihambe Ivangeli Emazweni Onke"

Thursday, 2nd September

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayers in Church
Speaker, P. Ndlovu

Friday, 3rd September

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
Speaker, M. Sibanda
10:00 a.m. Devotions and Business Session
2:00 p.m. Business Session
6:45 p.m. Devotions and Testimony Service
J. E. Musser
"Studies in Romans"—The Gospel of Christ: Its Inworking
H. F. Kipe

Saturday, 4th September

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
Speaker, S. Mudenda
10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: Establishing the Christian Home
B. L. Frey
Naka Asa Moyo
R. H. Mann
"Christian Literature for Spiritual Growth"
E. H. Engle
2:00 p.m. Theme: The Regions Beyond
Reports on Our Regions Beyond
a. Lupane
N. Dlodlo
b. Gwaai
S. Vundla
Adversaries in the Regions Beyond
A. M. Moyo
The Challenge of the Regions Beyond
M. M. Kumalo
6:45 p.m. Devotions and Testimony Service
R. H. Mann
"Studies in Romans"—The Gospel of Christ: Its Outworking
C. F. Wingert

Sunday, 5th September

Morning Communion Service
a. Feet Washing
A. E. Thuma
b. Our Lord's Suffering
N. Dube
Mid-day "God Hath Spoken"
A. M. Climenhaga
Afternoon Group Sessions
a. Men
R. H. Mann, P. Munsaka
b. Women
E. Mann, J. (Ndlovu) Nube
d. Children
M. Heise, E. (Sibanda) Dube
Evening Farewell Fellowship Meeting

Missionary Bible Conference

Friday, 10th September

10:00 a.m. Prayer Period: India, Rural and City Missions, Church Schools and Colleges, Persecuted Saints..
A. M. Climenhaga

The Ministry of Prayer
G. C. Frey
The Passion of the Christ
J. E. Musser

2:00 p.m. Prayer Period: Japan, Navajos, Christian Literature, Home Churches
R. V. Kauffman
The Ministry of Visitation
A. R. Engle

The Passion of the Apostles
J. E. Musser

7:00 p.m. Thy God Will Deliver Thee (Daniel)
A. G. Brubaker
Saturday, 11th September

10:00 a.m. Prayer Period: Cuba, Israel, Other Church Institutions, the Witness of Sister Churches
D. A. Hershey

The Ministry of Personal Counseling
A. M. Eyster
The Passion of the Apocalypse
J. E. Musser

2:00 p.m. Prayer Period: Relief and Service Work, Church Boards, Africa and Rhodesia
F. M. Frey
Current Events in the B. in C. Church
R. T. Hunt

7:00 p.m. God Who Answers by Fire (Elijah)
G. E. Bundy
Sunday, 12th September
9:00-10:00 a.m. Private Meditation and Prayer
10:30 a.m. Sunday School — Missionaries' Class
taught by R. E. Wingert
12:30 p.m. Worship Service
Sermon by J. E. Hershey
3:00 p.m. Singspiration
in charge of I. M. Stern
7:00 p.m. Worship Service
in charge of A. M. Climenhaga
Three Hundred and God (Gideon)
A. M. Climenhaga

A CALL TO PRAYER

" 'Pray ye' is an invitation to be accepted rather than a command to be obeyed."

Will you accept the invitation and spend the day of Wednesday, September 1, in prayer and fasting, as requested by the joint Mission Boards of Conference 1954?

—W. M. P. C.

Superintendent Hoke Reports on India Flood

Excerpts from Brother Hoke's Letter to Brother Hostetter

... Sunday night of July 25, 1954, I travelled to Banmankhi via Murliganj on the new train. It was a pleasure [surely a new and welcome note in India train travel!]. Monday morning, again by train I went to Purnea Court Station and then walked over to the home of Brother and Sister Engle. Brother Engle and I worked on [Committee work] ... Monday and Tuesday. Tuesday evening a group of Christian workers met at Brother Engle's home for a prayer service. Wednesday morning I took the train back to Banmankhi ... Brother Buckwalter had arranged to have a meeting with the preachers of his District; all of them were present. ... Following the noon meal the Banmankhi District Committee met and organized. Brother Buckwalter was chosen Chairman and Patras Hombrome was chosen Secretary-Treasurer.

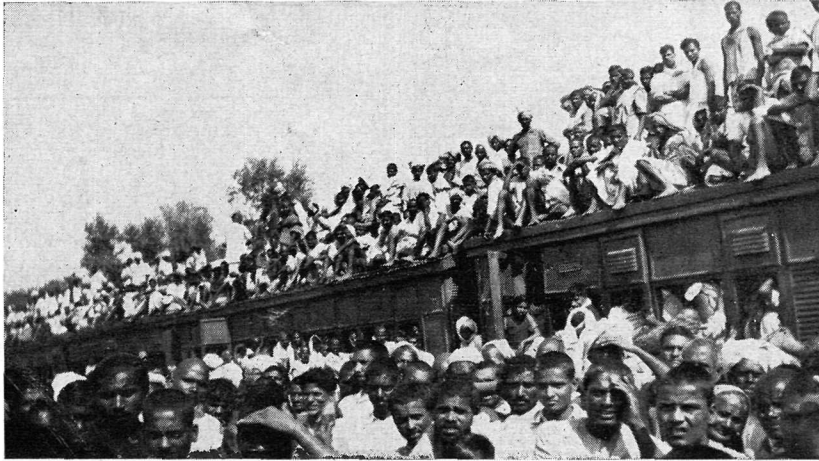
Thursday morning, I left by train for Madhipura—at least, I bought a ticket for Madhipura! ... About two miles after leaving Murliganj, the train began to slow down and came to a dead stop ... due to high

waters. We backed into Murliganj Railway Station ... I decided to walk to Madhipura ... 14 miles along the railway line ... It was a hot day and, not being used to walking such great distances, I wore blisters on both feet and burned my legs and arms ... Being a fairly healthy eater, I found it difficult to walk on an empty stomach! ... I finally reached Madhipura after six hours.

Upon arrival I learned more of the details about the condition of Supaul. Friday morning Daud J. Roy and I set out on cycle for Saharsa. The water had been rising and we didn't know what to expect. The railway line had been overflowed by water at several places and we put our cycles on boats and finally reached Mithai; missing the train there, we had to ride all the way to Saharsa ... Hundreds of refugees were coming into Saharsa. Whole villages had been washed out. Along the railway line, we saw large herds of cows and buffaloes that had managed to escape the oncoming water and get to the high land of the railway line.

Some of India's masses, did you say? "Masses indeed; and yet, singular to say, if thou follow them . . . into their garrets and hutches, the masses consist of all units—every unit of whom has his own heart and sorrows, stands covered with his own skin, and if you prick him he will bleed. Dreary, languid do these struggle in their obscure remoteness, their hearth cheerless, their diet thin. For them in this world rises no era of hope. Untaught, uncomforted, unfed."
—Carlyle

Enroute to a great religious fair.



We are thankful to report that the water of Supaul had gone down considerably and it looked as if things were going to get under control. Water had not entered over the floor of the preacher's (Emmanuel Ray) house, but it was in his cook house and within seven or eight inches of coming into his main house. Emmanuel said he was willing to stay on. We appreciated this attitude.

As we returned to Madhipura, we had another sight: in twenty-four hours water had come in around Madhipura and filled the north side of the garden and the northern part of the compound yard—that meant water all around the chicken house. The rice fields between the house and the railway line were all under water. In two days now the water has gone down and only a little yet remains in the compound yard.

The Kosi just is a real big problem for this part of Bihar. It is thought that some of the dams broke and that explains the quick rise in the water. Coupled with that, there has been heavy rain and floods in Nepal. All of that water drains down our way to the Ganges and on to the sea.

I had word from Barjora and all is well out there. Some Kosi water has come into the river beds on both sides of Barjora, but nothing like around Supaul and Madhipura.

We have done nothing yet by way of relief, but I hope to be able to do something. Not having too much of relief funds on hand, I don't want to offer much by way of money, but I thought perhaps medical care could be given.

INDIA

"KOSI FLOODS BREAKING ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS"

—thus reads the headline all across the top of one of India's newspapers according to a clipping sent by Brother Hoke, India General Superintendent. The Kosi River again! Readers of the India section of "There is no Difference" (See pp. 237, 238, 246, etc.) will remember how drastically and tragically it has affected the people of North Bihar, in which province all our missions are located.—Below are other headlines and excerpts from several columns of newspaper clippings. July 29.

SUPAUL TOWN UNDER 4 FEET

DEEP WATER—ALARMING REPORTS FROM NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES — WATER FLOWING OVER HOUSETOPS: DEAD BODIES SEEN FLOATING.

Kosi floods, breaking all previous records, are inundating the north-west part of the district . . . the whole of Supaul town is under four feet deep water, . . . immense loss of life and property is feared. Scores of dead bodies, it is said, are seen floating in flood water which is still rising at an alarming rate. Loss of cattle is also reported to be heavy.

The compound of the Subdivisional Officer, Supaul, is said to be under four feet deep water. All public institutions—schools, Court, Congress offices, hospital, jail, etc.—are overflooded.

Public thoroughfares have been virtually converted into flowing channels. Human life has almost been paralyzed . . .

JULY 30. SUPAUL BEING EVACUATED—HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE FEARED — STANDING CROPS WASHED AWAY.

The Kosi has suddenly assumed a very menacing mood, endangering Supaul, where a fathom deep water is flowing through the town. Government has rushed 10 officers and two motor-boats there to evacuate the entrapped population . . .

The situation at Supaul is reported to be very alarming. Dead bodies



Temporary shelters for the homeless sometimes become permanent living quarters.

of human beings and cattle are seen floating around . . .

The surging swollen nine rivers in North Bihar, including Kosi, the "river of sorrow," have poured millions of tons of water over a wide area in four districts of Bihar, submerging fields in 10 to 20 feet deep water and washing away crops and spreading over an area of 800 to 1000 square miles.

Reports coming in here were scanty due to communications being disrupted but they spoke of heavy damage and sorrow brought by floods to an estimated one million people, many of them agricultural labourers

The Kosi, which is yet to be tamed, in one sweep yesterday had flooded Supaul and reports said carcasses of domestic animals choked to death by the unrushing waters were seen floating in widely devastated areas

Flood water has entered in rice, flour and oil mills of Raxaul and damaged the bags of rice, wheat, linseed, etc., stocked there.

Several cases of death from snakebites have been reported . . . train services . . . suspended. . .

"We Have Had a Great Answer To Prayer This Week"

Incidentally, too, this account is a sad commentary on human nature in rebellion against God. ". . . it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). When Paul's course began to deflect slightly from God's will for him, he did not expect to become a "problem father," one can be sure. Paul's picture with his little son appeared some months ago in the Visitor.

"Paul Bunu was here on Friday to tell us to please tell Brother Climenhaga that Gordon may not teach for the B. in C. next year. We feel so badly about it all and we do ask you to join in prayer for him. It seems Paul has a bad spirit and Gordon applied to us without consulting him—so! . . . I didn't say much then but now I almost wish I had, for Naka Gordon (Mother of Gordon) came in that afternoon. She and her mother-in-law are about heartbroken about it all. She said 'If only he would let me keep my child.' He is so young and she is afraid that he will lead him to drinking, etc. . . . Paul drinks European liquor; he first got the habit when his European employers gave it to him when he was not well.

"I had prayer with Naka Gordon and told her that we would write to folks in the States and ask them to join us. We feel that we just cannot give Gordon up. He is such a bright, promising lad and seems much interested in the work of the Lord. I have tried to drop him a letter every now and then while he is away at school; he is always so appreciative. Do pray, too, for Paul that God will really get a hold of his

The local college and schools have been closed. . . .

Let us pray that our missionaries may have a special store of Divine Love and physical strength for helping heartsore, hungry people. And if we can do more . . .

From the Executive Secretary

Definite word has now been received which confirms the booking for Sisters Anna Wolgemuth and Eva Mae Melhorn to leave New York on the *Queen Mary*, September 22, and to leave England on the *Carnarvon Castle*, September 30.

There will be a Farewell Service at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa., on September 5 at 2 p.m. for these outgoing missionaries to Africa as well as for Bishop and Sister Jesse Lady who will be leaving for Israel Sept. 8.

Arrived Safely

The Sider family arrived in Boston on Tuesday, August 10, and proceeded to Harrisburg by train, arriving there 8:20 p.m. D.S.T. Welcome to Brother and Sister Sider, and to John, Harriet, and Richard!

heart. He always acts so smug and important when he comes in here—has to phone all over the country—last time he told me that he thought he would fly to Salisbury. He seems to be rolling in money but Naka Gordon is here working to keep the children in school. It is all so sad and very hard on his old mother."

Then under date of July 24th: "We have had a great answer to prayer this week. In the first letter I told you about Paul Bunu coming over to say that Gordon could not teach for us next year. We made it a special subject of prayer and on Monday he came back saying that Gordon may now teach. We do thank the Lord for the swift way in which He answered; it gives us renewed courage to pray for some of these whom we have prayed for for years. Do pray for Paul. . . . He told Glenn that his only sin is that he likes the white man's bottle. . . ."

Mtshabezi Mission.

From the Letter-Bag

Caesar Sibanda, whose urgent letter of application was printed in part in the Visitor for June 21, was one of those received back into church fellowship at the Silozwe Love Feast services. "He had written and explained that he would not be able to be there on time for he was not able to get a train out of Salisbury early enough. He got into Bulawayo Saturday morning, found a cycle, and hurried out to the meeting

(About twenty-five miles away—if my memory serves correctly. M. C. K.), getting there just as Brother Climenhaga was ready to take the members back into the church. . . . Of course, he was very warm and tired out and couldn't stay for all the services on Sunday." But he considered it worth the effort!

In the council at Silozwe, the African church discussed getting a motor car for the overseers. "The community seems to be very prosperous. There were eight cars there altogether"—the number probably including three or four missionary cars. Parking problems?

Matopo Mission.

How Cold Does It Get In Rhodesia? In June, Brother C. Wingert, full-time outstation superintendent, wrote: "The last two weeks were quite cold, with amakaza (a penetrating cold wind with fine mist) part of the time. I had ice in my water bag two mornings. It is about the coldest stretch I have had since coming into outstation work."

Robert Lee Brubaker was welcomed into the Africa missionary family on Sunday, July 25, at our new mission station, Nahumba Mission. Sister Kipe has been nurse and hostess.

Philadelphia News

We praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost for His blessings upon us these last three months. Two words would symbolize what has been done. PROGRESS and VICTORY!

Revival—Rev. Edward Shemelia of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, came filled with the Holy Ghost and delivered the word in power. Our hearts were thrilled as we saw numbers of young people stepping out for the Lord and becoming established in two works of Grace. A backslidden brother was reclaimed and new folk contacted. The church has continued to enjoy lasting results from God's working in this meeting.

Sunday School—We have seen an increase in Sunday school attendance for the entire first half of this year. Last year's average for this period was 83, this year's 90.5. On Easter Sunday, 136 were present.

Youth Activities—A very active, spiritual program is carried on by the young people's group. Monthly visits are made to the Francisville Convalescent Home to sing for and pray with the guests there. The Sharon Hall Nursing Home has also been visited with a service.

Young people's prayer meetings, services for shut-ins, Bible and Church Doctrine Study and tract distribution are all enjoyed regularly. 2340 tracts were distributed by the Group.

Two trips were taken by the Young People, one to the Nation's Capital (tract bottles were thrown in rivers crossed on the way) and one to the mountains above Lewistown, Pa. The young people of the Granville church entertained us at an all-day outing in the mountains with a hunting cabin as our headquarters. These times of relaxation and fellowship were greatly enjoyed and knit us more closely together.

Youth Conference—The 10th Annual Youth Conference was held from April 29th to May 2nd. Rev. Ulus Jorden, Rev. Leonard Falk, Bishop Lester Myers, and Revs. Charles Rife and Wilbur Benner were speakers.

The Examination Service on Saturday afternoon was especially blessed as confessions were made, tears flowed and hearts were melted.

New Church—It was truly a "RED LETTER DAY" on June 6 when ground was broken for the new church. We had looked

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Excavation for the new church at Philadelphia, Penna.

forward to this for a long time—some for twenty years. With mingled emotions we watched as Bro. Arlinn Williams, chairman of the building committee, turned the first shovel of ground.

While we write we can hear the "big shovel" turning out load after load of earth as the site is excavated. Cost of the church is estimated at \$40,000.00. \$30,000.00 is still needed.

Reception Service—On Sunday evening, June 6, we had the happy privilege of receiving another member into church fellowship. Gladys Bass, one of our young people, coming from a home outside the church, felt definitely led to take this step while still attending public high school here in the city. She became the first girl ever to wear a prayer veiling to day classes at Frankford High School. Words of commendation and respect were given by teachers and classmates alike.

Radio—Eight one-night radio meetings were held in churches of various denominations. The mailing list for the Gospel Witness increased by about 800, which brings it to over 6000. The Southern Broadcast was transferred from the Wytheville, Va., station to Mt. Airy, N. Carolina. This station covers all the previous territory and much more. Ten handkerchiefs were anointed and sent out.

Street Meetings—Street meetings were begun for the summer the 3rd Saturday night of June. McPherson Square, about 1½ miles from the Mission, is again our location. 1,103 tracts and papers were given out in the first two services.

Facts and Figures—The Pastor assisted in two revivals during the Quarter, at the Stowe church for three nights and at the York County Fair Grounds for two weeks. This latter meeting was held in a tent among the Church of the Brethren.

Visits totaled 86. One baby was dedicated, two funerals held, and 24 folk anointed.

Toronto Mission, Toronto, Ontario

"Boys and Girls for Jesus"

"Boys and girls for Jesus; this our earnest prayer," was the theme song of our summer Bible school. The boys and girls sang it heartily as they filed into the chapel each evening. It became the prayer of every teacher, that these precious Jewels might indeed be won for Jesus. This year was the first to have it in the evening. This proved

to be satisfactory as the enrollment reached 120 for which we praise the Lord. It was a real delight to have sister Shirley Bitner a missionary from India as teacher of the intermediate girls. A highlight of the school was a skit on India presented by sister Bitner's class at the closing program. Miss Gulabi McCarty was also present and rendered a message in song that reached the hearts of her listeners. The chapel was over-crowded which made it necessary for some to sit outside on the steps.

Stowe News Flashes

Stowe, Pottstown and the surrounding vicinity are the areas from which the Stowe mission draws its scholars and members. In this active industrial and agricultural area, there are many fine Christian people at

whom we are vitally interested have been enrolled in a Sunday evening doctrinal study class in preparation for baptism and church membership. Illustrated messages have been used with a noted increase of attention on the part of the younger people. The pastor is privileged to share in the local radio stations "Morning Devotions" period in a three-morning series four times a year.

Visitation continues to be interesting. Many enjoyable contacts have been made in the members' homes, the homes of Sunday-school children and those of the shut-in class. Hospital visitation has also been fruitful in new and interesting acquaintances.

Pray for the spiritual, physical and financial needs of Stowe Mission.

—John S. Bicksler



Singing in the Summer Bible School at the Toronto Mission, Toronto, Ont.

work for the Lord. At the same time the enemy's camp is deceiving, tripping and damning the souls of many. We wish to report some of the Mission's activities since our arrival on March 2.

The Sunday school is constantly working to improve itself and bring in new scholars. Some new ones have been coming and others are in the mark. A special means of transportation would be very helpful.

A very profitable Summer Bible School was conducted from June 21-July 2. Children from at least 12 different Sunday schools attended. The school was held in the morning from 9:00-11:00.

The Christ's Crusaders have been producing interesting and commendable programs. Invitations extended to other groups have resulted in the following fine programs by:

Earl Greenewalt and Sunday school class from Mastersonville. (May 16)

Bishop Books and male quartet from Fairland. (June 20)

Rev. Allon Dourte and group from Rapho district. (July 11)

In return two local families represented our group in a program at Manheim.

A one week evangelistic campaign was conducted from May 17-23. Rev. Wm. Rosenberry served for three nights and Rev. Arthur Brubaker served four nights. A number of boys and girls were saved and others sought to clear up their experience. These young people plus some others in

Paddockwood, Sask.

David Climenhaga with their children and David's parents arrived here July 7. They had services here, and at Candle Lake. We were so glad to have them.

There has been much rain through April, May, June and July that Sunday school and church attendance has been poor. Last Sunday was our first dry Sunday for some time and it certainly was quite pleasant for the services.

We hope soon to report that our church here and the chapel in Paddockwood have been painted. Robert Sider plans to come from Delisle to help with the painting.

—Arthur Heise

Ringgold, Maryland

"There is a New Light in the Valley Tonight."

These words from LeRoy Walters in the first service at the Ringgold Tent Meeting have challenged the workers to conquer for God. At this writing the tent meeting has been in progress five nights. Morning Bible School is being conducted with gratifying results.

A detailed report will appear in the next issue of the Visitor. This is a reminder for you to pray for this work which opens a church which has been closed for about 15 years. Herbert and Evelyn Hoover have accepted the challenge of the work. Pray for the "New Light in the Valley."

—Eber Dourte

MISSIONS

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Second Quarter Financial

Balance on hand April 1, 1954.....\$12,294.50

Receipts

General Fund—Schedule A-1.....\$16,707.08
Africa Specials—Schedule A-2..... 1,044.32
India Specials—Schedule A-3..... 1,604.58
Total Receipts\$19,355.98

Disbursements

Freight on 2 cars, Africa 758.67
Fares to field 1,132.51
Bank and Cable Charges 33.08
Contribution, retirement fund 570.00
Administrative expense 1,091.43
Furlough allowances 1,241.12
John Martin trip, Japan 1,150.00
Itinerary expense 140.44
Cuba Jeep 422.20
Promotion material, Gen. Conference 239.80
Special Medical expansion, Africa..... 2,500.00
Support for Ruth Mann 75.00
Traveling expense to Gen. Conference 44.85
India General Allowance 4,129.00
India Specials 2,771.79
Jeep for India 3,000.00
Africa General Allowance \$1000.00
supplied by Canadian Treas)..... 4,000.00
Africa Specials 2,031.19
Transfer to Specialized Missionary
Training Fund 2,000.00
Payment, amortization Japan
Property 90.00

Total Disbursements\$27,420.36
Balance, July 1, 1954\$ 4,230.12
Reserve for expansion of medical
work, India 2,500.00
GENERAL FUND BALANCE,
July 1, 1954 1,745.12
Total of funds 4,245.12
Less overpayment to field, India
specials 15.00

Total balance of funds\$ 4,230.12

SPECIALIZED MISSIONARY TRAINING FUND

(Formerly Bible Training Fund)

Deficit balance (April 1, 1954)\$ 2,270.20

Receipts

Transfer from General Fund 2,000.00

Disbursements

J. Robert Lehman 525.00

Deficit Balance, July 1, 1954.....\$ 795.26

MEDICAL DOCTOR TRAINING FUND

Deficit balance, April 1, 1954.....\$ 712.62

Receipts

Robert Worman, Interest 100.00

Deficit Balance, July 1, 1954.....\$ 612.62

JAPAN FUND

Deficit Balance, April 1, 1954.....\$ 2,425.54

Receipts

Individual, personal gifts\$ 126.50

Fairview S. S., O. 29.00

Springvale S. S., Canada 31.62

Highway Mission S. S., Dunnville,
Can. 10.45

Junior Crusaders, Sherston, Ont., Can.
(Pete and Mary Willms) 15.00

Altoona S. S. Beginner's Class, Inter-
mediate class, Junior Dept, Birthday
Offerings, Pa. (Bro. and Sr.
Willms) 9.60

Waynesboro S. S. Birthday Offerings,
Pa. (Pete and Mary Willms) 25.00

Week Day Bible School Messiah
Lighthouse Chapel, Pa. 5.00

Christ's Crusaders, Highland, O..... 61.50

Christ's Crusaders, Centre, Clinton
and Lycoming, Pa. (Remodeling
Willms' home) 300.00

United Zion Church, Pa. 59.00

Total Receipts\$ 672.67

Disbursements

General Allowance, Japan\$ 500.00

Specials Japan, Second Quarter 394.60

Total Disbursements\$ 894.60

Deficit balance (less receipts)
July 1, 1954\$ 2,647.47

JAPAN PROPERTY PURCHASE FUND

(Balance and receipts to apply on loan)

Total balance, April 1, 1954.....\$ 1,045.96

Receipts

Pasadena Missionary Circle, Calif..... 23.00

Amortization, Transfer from General
Fund 90.00

Total Receipts\$ 113.00

Total Balance in Fund,
July 1, 1954\$ 1,158.96

Balance needed yet to repay loan on Japan
property \$1,937.84. Would you like to have a
share in liquidating the debt?

CUBA FUND

Deficit Balance, July 1, 1954.....\$ 18.00

Receipts

Individual, personal gifts\$ 357.00

Cheapside Cong., Canada\$ 30.78

Springvale Cong., Canada 27.29

Wainfleet Cong., Canada 50.33

Juniata Cong., Pa. 54.00

Highland Cong., O. 37.20

Free Grace Cong., Pa. 42.84

Llewellyn Mission, Pa. 15.50

Silverdale Cong., Pa. 34.60

Antrim Church, Pa. 43.86

Total Receipts\$ 693.40

Disbursements

Administrative expense\$ 84.91

Native worker support 36.00

Worker's travelling expense 216.46

General Allowance 564.00

P. A. System 101.48

Total Disbursements\$ 1,002.85

Deficit Balance, July 1, 1954.....\$ 327.45

MEXICO FUND

Balance July 1, 1954\$ 20.00

ISRAEL FUND

Balance, April 1, 1954\$ 5.00

Receipts

Bible School, Messiah Lighthouse
Chapel, Pa. 5.00

A sister, Pa. 500.00

W. M. P. C., Dayton, O. 38.50

Shanesville S. S., O. 10.00

Total Receipts\$ 553.50

Balance, July 1, 1954\$ 558.50

PICTURE PROMOTION PROJECT

Receipts

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Engle\$ 100.00

Balance, July 1, 1954.....\$ 100.00

ANNUITY RESERVE FUND

Balance, April 1, 1954\$ 958.53

Disbursements

Annuity interest payments 210.38

Balance, July 1, 1954\$ 748.15

The work has been sustained through another quarter by your prayers and offerings. God bless you all. We are apparently entering a critical period of support for our mission program. For the first time in a number of years our general balance is below \$2,000.00. We need your immediate support in very liberal and sacrificial giving if we are to be able to meet our quotas for the mission fields on Oct. 1. They are depending on us. Let us pray about it, and then give as the Lord leads.

A change in the method of listing personal offerings has been inaugurated with this report. By approval of the Board, we are giving only the sum total of all personal offerings during the past quarter, in order to conserve space in the Visitor. You will recall that all personal offerings have been acknowledged to you by letter.

Yours for the Salvation of the Heathen.

Carl J. Ulery, Treas.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

Schedule A-1

Receipts

Individual, personal offerings\$ 3,184.56

Mechanics'g Christ's Crusaders, Pa. 110.00

Grantham Dist., Pa. 75.00

Missionary Rally, Grantham, Pa. 111.63

Orlando Cong., Fla. 32.40

Farris Mines Cong., Va. 7.28

Christ's Crusaders, Union Grove, Ind. 100.00

General Conf. offering, Pa. 6,111.76

Labish Community Church, Ore..... 48.76

Palmyra Cong., Pa. 55.00

Air Hill Cong., Pafl 60.00

New Guilford S. S., Pa. 427.40

GO-Ye Fellowship Inc., (Joe and
Marietta Smith) 129.00

Messiah Lighthouse S. S., Pa. 30.26

Maytown S. S., Pa. 89.06

Antrim Cong., Pa. 33.65

Palmyra S. S., Pa. 181.75

Bethel S. S., Mich. 53.58

Moore's Church, Pa. 107.73

Llewellyn S. S., Pa. 25.00

Silverdale S. S., Pa. 26.27

Canoe Creek Mission, Pa. 15.00

Congregational Christian Church, O. 16.84

United Zion Church, E'town, Pa.
(Support for Chas. and Kathryn
Engle) 2,000.00

Carland Zion S. S., Mich. 33.81

Messiah Lighthouse S. S., Pa. 36.61

Free Grace S. S., Pa. 64.32

Green Grove Church, Pa. 52.35

Juniata Cong., Pa. 41.31

Pleasant Hill S. S., Brown Co., Kans. 65.93

Zion S. S., Kans. 272.87

Beulah Chapel S. S., O. 172.49

Palmyra Cong., Pa. 50.00

Mt. Rock S. S., Pa. 66.73

Mt. Pleasant Cong., Pa. 138.00

Mowersville S. S., Pa. 82.65

Grantham S. S., Pa. 151.46

Uniontown and Massillion Prayer
Circles, O. 37.00

South Mountain Chapel, Pa. 26.13

Pasadena Missionary Circle
(John Martin to Japan) 23.00

"Busy Bee" class of Maytown
S. S., Pa. 25.00

Valley Chapel Young People, O. 17.55

Pasadena S. S., Calif. 22.36

Cedar Springs S. S., Pa. 189.47

Graterford S. S., Pa. 47.03

Messiah Home S. S., Pa. 89.64

Messiah Home Cong., Pa. 91.74

Men's Christian Fellowship, Upland,
Calif., (John Martin to Japan) 148.31

Cross Roads S. S., Mt. Joy, Pa. 678.48

Dallas Center Cong., Ia. 51.79

Chambersburg S. S., Pa. 406.85

J. R. Zook Mission Farm, Ill. 350.00

Bethel S. S., Mich. 72.06

Bethel Mission, Va. 9.63

Rosebank S. S., Kans. 40.58

Abilene Cong., Kans. 120.00

Total General Receipts\$ 16,707.08

AFRICA SPECIALS

Schedule A-2

Receipts

Individual, personal gifts\$ 105.00

E'town W. M. P. C., Pa. (Matopo
Library c/o Dorothy Martin)..... 50.00

Union Grove S. S., Ind. (Mtshabezi
Hospital) 127.50

Birthday Offering, Upland S. S., Calif.
(Medical work) 50.00

Chicago S. S., Ill. (Medical Sup-
plies of Dr. Kauffman) 19.60

Week Day Bible School Messiah Light-
house Chapel, Pa. (Special) 5.00

Cross Roads W. M. P. C., Mt. Joy, Pa.
(Medicine, equip. for expansion).... 27.28

Mooretown S. S., Mich. (George
Bundy) 21.23

Women's Bible Class, Grantham S. S.,
Pa. (Mrs. Ira Stern for hospital
work at Matopo) 25.00

Nursery Class of Messiah Lighthouse
S. S., Pa. (Ruth Hunt) 8.03

Birthday offerings, Manor S. S., Pa.
Bro. and Sr. Glen Frey 34.50

Union Grove Cong., Ind. (Special for
Medical or hospital) 65.60

Beulah Chapel S. S., O. (Macha
Hospital) 184.32

W. M. P. C. (Macha Hospital) 300.00

Palmyra Cong., Pa. (Nancy Kreider)
Palmyra Missionary Circle, Pa. 10.00

(Penicillin) 9.00

Messiah Lighthouse S. S. Birthday
offerings, Pa. (Preacher Training) 2.26

Total Africa Specials\$ 1,044.32

INDIA SPECIALS

Schedule A-3

Receipts

Individual, Personal gifts\$ 242.75

Messiah Lighthouse S. S., Birthday of-
ferings, Pa. (Preachers Training).... 4.35

Birthday Offerings, Upland S. S.,
Calif. (Medical work) 50.00

Granville S. S., Pa. (Special) 24.00

Upland W. M. P. C., Calif (Evan-
gelistic Purposes) 100.00

Week Day Bible School Messiah Light-
house Chapel, Pa. (Special) 5.00

Cross Roads W. M. P. C., Mt. Joy, Pa.
(Medicine, equipment for expansion) 27.27

Navajo Mission S. S., N. M. (Medical
Budget) 16.11

Green Springs Cong., Pa. (Rebecca
Christian) 15.00

Rust Cong., Mich. (Marcus Murmur)
Chicago Mission S. S., Ill. (Educa-
tional Work at Barjora) 14.43

United Workers of Maytown S. S., Pa.
(Elizabeth Kumari) 60.00

Daughters of the King, Elizabeth-
town, Pa. (Rosalie) 50.00

Cross Roads Senior Sisters Bible
Class, Mt. Joy, Pa. (Orphan) 30.00

Peace, Relief & Service, (Native
Workers Relief) 543.75

Woodbury S. S., Pa. (India Worker) 100.00

Mt. Pleasant Cong., Pa. (For sign at
Banmankhi Mission) 25.00

South Mountain Bible School, Pa.
(Penicillin) 17.92

Green Springs Bible School, Pa.
(Orphan) 60.00

Green Springs Bible School, Pa.
(Medical work) 20.00

Palmyra Missionary Circle, Pa.
(Penicillin) 9.00

Palmyra King's daughters Class, Pa.
(Widow) 50.00

Silverdale S. S., Pa. (Support of
orphan) 50.00

King's daughters class, Messiah Home
S. S., Pa. (Kanak Latta Singh) 60.00

Total India Specials\$ 1,604.58

A NEW song book entitled, "Songs of the Church" is edited by Harold Yoder, of Goshen, Indiana, and published by the Herald Press, Scottdale, Pa. It is an excellent collection of hymns with a few Gospel songs included. In all there are 274 songs and 32 responsive readings. There are some fine old German Chorales made available in English.

It is a small hymnal. That this was in the minds of the compilers is shown by the fact that in addition to a complete alphabetical index, each of the 274 selections is classified topically under the heading "Index to Hymns." It is a fine classification giving first line, tune, meter, author and composer of each song.

All song titles are parts of first lines. Where familiar titles differ from this policy the old titles are printed in less bold type under the selected title of the hymn.

A book of this size is often desired for other than strictly worship services. For such purposes one could wish that there were more Gospel songs. However, there are twenty-six classified under "Evangelism."

That it is printed in shaped notes might prove objectionable to some, however, that does not effect the quality of the music in the book. Those who desire only the heavier type of church music would find this book very acceptable.

—C.R.H.

This is what Ezekiel saw:

"And He brought me unto the court of the Lord's house, and behold, at the door . . . between the porch and the altar, was about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord; and their faces toward the East; and they worshipped the sun toward the East . . ." Ezek. 8:16

This is what has been happening:

"Let the . . . ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say: Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among Thy people, Where is their God?"

Joel 2:12

What does God see us doing? Are we "worshipping the sun" or waiting upon our faces with weeping because men are not giving His SON rightful place in their lives?

Operation "S"—

"Why, Bobbie," said the nurse, "you selfish little boy, Why didn't you give sister a piece of your apple?" "I gave her the seeds," replied Bobbie. "She can plant 'em and have a whole orchard."

That is the way a lot of folks give to the Lord—pennies. He wants you to give something larger than seeds.

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A good deal of laziness of mind is called liberty of opinion.

Find contentment in God's appointment.

Cheap conversation betrays a shallow mind.

Religion is a way of life—not conformity to a creed.

Never be too busy to be kind.

"A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

The mother gave the child a sound scolding for doing the forbidden. As a final clincher she lapsed into the old stand-by of mothers, "Why didn't you ask me first?"

Three cheers for the trembling little heart that had the courage to be truthful, even if his mother didn't!

"I didn't want you to say no," he quavered.

And he was right. That's just what his mother would have said. O, not because it was a request that couldn't have been granted. It was simply something that would have interfered with her work. And she would have said, "No, wait until—" and the wait would have been a long one.

The artless honesty of children may jolt us—but we parents need to be jolted into facing our petty deceits.

—S.

The Dead Church

The minister of the first church of B— decided that the church was dead, hopelessly dead. So he sent an announcement to his people that it was dead and that he would preach the funeral sermon the next Sunday morning. The people came, to find a hearse at the door of the church, and a casket before the pulpit, and the funeral sermon was preached. At the close of the sermon the minister said, as was customary, the people would file by the casket and "view the remains." As the congregation filed by, the first one who looked into the casket gave a start, but moved on; the others likewise. Why that startled aspect? Face up in the bottom of the casket was a looking-glass.

We understand there was a resurrection!

What Does Christianity Have to Offer?

Do you feel discouraged, disgruntled, defeated?

Does your world seem upset? Your outlook dark? Is it hard for you to smile? Then why not try Christ and watch the difference it will make in your life especially the change it will be in your face? Your eyes will glow, your lips will smile, the corners of your mouth will turn upwards, for knowledge of Christ and faith in His teachings bring happy faces. You will walk with a steady step, head erect. Why? Because Christ makes your burdens easier to carry. Christianity can be used on all colors: black, white, yellow, and red; all will respond to proper treatment. Christianity does not fade; it grows clearer and brighter each time it is applied! It works on all ages, in all stances. It carries a lifetime guarantee. It is inexpensive to get, but it pays big dividends. It has been tried, tested, and proved.

—From Beverly Louise Riffe, in
The Watchman Examiner

Windows

Our congregations want Christ.

Pastor Funcke of England points to the real concern which characterizes the normal congregation in the following incident:

"On a lovely Sunday morning in August we arrived at Osborne. We were desirous of seeing her Majesty, but did not succeed. We only saw her house, her gardens, and her retainers. Then we went to Whippingham Church, having been told that the queen would attend divine service. But again we were disappointed. We only saw the seat the august lady was wont to occupy. The ladies and gentlemen of the court came to church, and those we saw; we even heard the court chaplain preach, but of the sovereign we saw nothing. Well, this was a disappointment we could easily get over. But with me it led to a serious frame of thought. I said to myself: What if a flock committed to your care should come to church to see the King of kings, and yet through some fault of yours not get to see Him! What if you, the great King's dependent, detain men with yourself, by *your* words and affairs and all sorts of important matters which yet are trifles in comparison with Jesus! May it not be that we ministers often thus disappoint our congregation?"

Brethren in Christ Publication Board Opens New Store

A. C. Burkholder

July 23 and 24 marked the opening of the fourth Gospel Book Store operated by the Publication Board of the Brethren in Christ Church. Situated to serve the west coast it is located at 343 North Second Avenue, Upland, California.

Over four hundred people attended the grand opening, displaying marked surprise and enthusiasm at the attractively arranged merchandise. Two thousand square feet of floor space is used to make this store one of the finest and most complete Gospel Book Stores outside of the Metropolitan area of Los Angeles. Many visitors and customers were present from the surrounding towns.

As a token of appreciation and well wishes, many of the business firms of Upland gave floral offerings. The general public responded by expressing that this store will meet a need long felt in this area. Others said the store was an answer to their prayers. Not only well wishes were

received but substantial purchases were made during the opening and are continuing.

One of the outstanding features of the opening was to have Vangy Carmichael, noted gospel singer, present, who autographed her records. The store features one of the best stocks of religious records for the area. Also besides the full line of church and Sunday school supplies, items that go along with a bookstore, such as office supplies, gifts and all types of greeting cards are carried in stock.

Coming to Upland after General Conference to prepare for the opening was Clair Hoffman, general manager of the Christian Light Press Bookstores. His outstanding ability has been demonstrated in developing a store for which the Brethren in Christ Church can be thankful. Cletus Naylor has been selected as the local manager. His previous business experience to-

gether with his consecration to Christian service qualifies him for this important task. With the consciousness that in the spreading of Christian literature much good can be accomplished, it is the prayer and desire that this store may not only be a financial success, but above all a blessing to many people and an aid in the spreading of the gospel.

Greenspring, Pa.

Greetings in Jesus' precious name from the Greenspring congregation.

Guest speakers who have been with us in the recent past are: Bishop C. J. Utery, of Springfield, Ohio; Steckley Sisters of Toronto, Ontario; and Sister Mary Wenger of Israel.

Our seventh annual Bible School was held from May 23 to June 4 with a record-breaking attendance of 35, which includes the teachers and officers. This enrollment is a contrast to the first year of the school when 122 were registered. The total amount of offering was \$200. Eighty dollars of this sum was sent to India to support an Indian child.

Sunday, June 27, the morning service was in charge of our pastor, Bro. E. C. Flewelling, at which time three of our young girls took the vows of church membership. In the afternoon these three girls and four other applicants from the community were baptized in the Conodoquinet creek by Bishop Charlie Byers.

Our Christ's Crusaders have been conducting street meetings this summer in our nearby town, Newville. We appreciate our

Opening-day customers give enthusiastic response to attractive interior and merchandise of the new store. Manager Hoffman stands in foreground. The pastor of the Upland Church who writes the above report, examines the book nook in far corner of display area.



young folk for their concern for lost souls. We believe as the Word is sown it will not return void.

The Living Hope Gospel Campaign will begin a three-week tent meeting in our district Sept. 11 along route 696, midway between Newburg and Shippensburg. We covet your prayers that God will visit us in an unusual way.

Brethren in Christ Community Church, Waukena, California

March 8 at a Monday evening service Bro. E. J. Swalm gave a short talk and showed some of his pictures of Europe and the Holy Land. His pictures were a challenge and we were happy for his brief visit.

April 4 the Upland College Male Quartet were with us for our monthly Hymn-Sing. Their evening of testimony and song was a great blessing.

May 2-11 David and Alice Heisey from Elizabethtown, Pa., were visiting her sister and family, Paul and Beulah Charles. Their presence was appreciated in the services.

May 23 Bro. Harold Paulus brought the Sunday morning message.

June 26 by quite a coincidence, we had a representative from two of our church schools with us for this Sunday service. Bro. Jacob G. Kuhns of Grantham and Bro. Gordon Johnson of Upland. Bro. Kuhns gave some remarks and Bro. Johnson gave the message.

July 4 Bro. Amos Buckwalter and family were with us for the church service. Bro. Buckwalter was our delegate to Conference and he gave an interesting report by words and pictures.

July 12-23 our D. V. Bible School was conducted under the direction of Miss Harriet Minot from the "Know Your Bible Fellowship" in Pasadena. The theme was "Our Wonderful Lord." The enrollment was 105, the average attendance was 70. There were fourteen decisions made for Christ. The children's offering of \$29 went toward the support of a native Indian orphan.

July 29-August 4 Bro. and Sr. David Climenhaga, Donna and Daryl, and Bro. and Sr. John Climenhaga were visiting here. David and Dorcas served here for two years before going to Africa. It was a real blessing and time of fellowship to have them return to us. Bro. David brought the Sunday morning message and in the evening they showed pictures of their work. The Climenhagas were with us for our Tuesday evening prayer meeting and Bro. John gave a meditation on "How to Pray."

August 8 three young girls were received into membership of the Community Church and baptized. It was a brave step for these girls and we pray they become real Christians and challenge their families and friends for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's work has been progressing at the Little White Church. The attendance has shown an increase and the new workers are a great blessing and help in the Sunday School and church services.

—B. M. C.

Messiah Home, Harrisburg, Pa.

May 2, (Family Week) Bishop William Strong spoke to the Sunday School and gave the morning message using "Home" as his theme.

May 9, (Mother's Day) our pastor, Irvin O. Musser spoke on "Preserving the Ideal Christian Home." There are enemies at work in the world that would destroy our homes but the Lord will help us keep them spiritual. In the afternoon the Conewago Community Chorus gave an inspiring program of gospel songs in the Chapel. In

the evening the Gospel Team from Messiah College was with us. Their theme was "Jesus the Good Shepherd."

May 23—Reception of members in charge of our Bishop, T. M. Books. Faye Zook and Cora Lee Asper united with the church and several weeks later were baptized.

May 26, Mrs. Gaylord, former missionary to Africa and the Texas-Mexico Border spoke in our prayer meeting. There is much work to do close to home as well as across the seas.

June 6, Sr. Katie Bollinger was with us and spoke during Christ's Crusaders hour. It is marvelous what God can do with our lives if we let Him.

Sunday morning, June 13, Bro. Starr from Michigan preached for us from Job 21:15.

Our Summer Tent Campaign was held from June 20 to July 4 with Bro. Wm. Lewis as evangelist. Sr. Lewis, Sr. Florence Hensel and Sr. Mildred Myers served as workers. The tent was pitched across the street from Hall Manor, a large housing project in Harrisburg. The workers held a "Children's Rally" five mornings a week with an average attendance of 69.5. The last morning was most significant. As Bro. Lewis gave an altar call, so many came that they needed to pray with that group and then the remainder could come to be prayed with.

The attendance in the evening was rather discouraging since not more of the local people attended. But the workers did door-to-door visitation and met quite a number of the people in their homes. Many seemed to receive much help in these contacts. We appreciate the labors of our workers and know that the Judgment Day alone will reveal the good that has been done.

Sunday morning, July 11, Sr. Lula Asper gave us a report of the great revival at Macha Mission. How our hearts rejoiced to hear of God's working in the hearts of His people.

Sunday morning, July 25, Bro. Riall Stump spoke at the Dauphin County jail service and then in our morning worship on "Prayer." Prayer reaches up, in, out and through. At times God withholds because we ask unwisely, but prayer is still our greatest weapon.

During July a Sunday-school outing was held at Reservoir Park with 132 attending. Also five new Sunday-school classrooms were built in the Home basement.

—I. B. H.

Elizabethtown, Pa.

"Although I was an unbeliever and a scoffer Jesus forgave me and I am happy to follow Him," was the testimony of a former agnostic, one of the seven applicants baptized Sunday, July 18, four of whom became associate members.

We enjoyed glimpses of the opening of the Mission in Cuba by Rev. Harry Hock, of God's Love Mission, Detroit, Mich., whose heartfelt message and pictures impressed upon us the sin and soul hunger of that needy field.

It was our privilege to have with us for an evening of Missionary challenge, Miss Effie Rohrer, who spoke as a veteran of the Cross from the India mission field.

Other guests who have stimulated our faith and challenged us to service in this hour of a dying world's great need, were Dr. Peter Wiseman and Rev. Roy Sider, whose messages at our Bible Conference clearly presented the need, the cost, the secrets, and the joyful fruits of the Sanctified Life. Unforgettable were two stirring messages by Dr. Eugene Erny, President of the Oriental Missionary Society. Our hearts

burned within us as Rev. Val Johnson, gifted Bible teacher from Denver, Colorado, opened the Scriptures to us in two messages. A look on the fields nearby was given to us by Marvin Miller as he shared experiences in witnessing to the Jews in Pennsylvania.

We desire the prayers of the Brotherhood that we may be found worshipping God in the Spirit, rejoicing in Christ Jesus, having no confidence in external privileges, and that we may always be giving of our best to the Master in service to the present age.

BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord."

WINGERT—Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson Wingert, Chambersburg, Pa. announce the birth of a daughter, Jeanette Kay, July 20, 1954. A sister for Lynn and Carol.

WINGERT — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Wingert, Chambersburg, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter Janice Arlene, July 24, 1954.

THRUSH—Curtis Allen was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thrush, Shippensburg, Pa., on June 23, 1954.

OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

SOLLENBERGER — Harvey S. Sollenberger, born January 27, 1881 passed on to his eternal reward on June 25, 1954 at his home, after an illness of four months. He died four hours before funeral time for his brother, Amos.

Brother Sollenberger was born near Chambersburg, Pa., a son of the late Jacob and Salome Sollenberger.

As a boy he attended Church at Air Hill where he was converted and held membership until he was married to Mary Brechbill, who passed away three years ago. After their marriage, he moved to New Guilford District where he held membership until his death.

In the year 1927, he was elected to the office of deacon in which duties he faithfully served until three years ago his health made it necessary to resign. Bro. Sollenberger served fifteen years on the Messiah Orphanage Board.

Left to mourn his departure are three daughters: Mrs. Merle Wingert, Miss Ruth Sollenberger and Mrs. Alfred Burkholder. One foster son, Paul Lyttle. One brother Edward and one sister, Mrs. Clarence Clippinger.

Funeral service was conducted June 27, at the New Guilford Church. Rev. Charles Rife officiated, assisted by Rev. John Byers. Burial in the New Guilford Cemetery.



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News Notes

Greece PAX Men Funerals Held Aug. 4

Funeral service for the two PAX men who drowned in Greece—Eli M. Miller, Mt. Eaton, Ohio, and Simon D. Miller, Kalona, Iowa—were held in their respective church communities Aug. 4.

Memorial services for these I-W men who lost their lives through drowning July 23 were held at the PAX units in Greece and Germany. A memorial service was held at M.C.C. headquarters, Akron, Pa., Aug. 9.

M.C.C. representatives who attended the funerals were C. N. Hostetter, Jr., chairman, to Ohio, and H. A. Fast, vice-chair-

man, to Iowa. Bodies of the men were returned to the United States for burial at the request of the families.

Eli M. Miller, the son of Mose D. Miller, Fairbanks, Iowa, was a member of the Maysville Conservative Amish Mennonite Church, Mt. Eaton. Simon D. Miller, the son of Dennis J. Miller, was a member of the Middle West Sharon Old Order Amish group.

A Greece PAX man wrote that the Panayitsa villagers "were struck pretty hard" by this incident. Another report stated that these men were highly respected by the Greek people with whom they worked. A co-worker wrote that "they both knew the Lord well and were serious in their Christian lives."

Death came to these youths after 7:30 Friday evening, July 23, when the two Millers in company with another PAX man Devon Schrock of Mishawaka, Ind., and a Greek policeman went swimming. Limited swimming ability and a current which moved the men to the center of the lake where the water was deeper were considered the causes of death.

The Greek policeman, though able to swim, was unable to help the men to shore after they were in trouble. Help was called and efforts to revive them were made from 8:30 until almost midnight.

M.C.C. Contributes Clothing and Food to Austria Flood Sufferers

M.C.C. personnel in Austria have made available approximately 75,000 pounds of food and clothing to victims of the recent Danube River flood.

These goods were distributed in the Upper-Austria disaster area where 18,000 persons were evacuated from their homes. In addition, a good number of additional homes and farms were less seriously affected, but also suffered loss. The flood, considered to be the worst on the Danube since the 16th century, was caused by heavy rainfall and melting snow.

The 61,000 pounds of food made available to the flood sufferers included flour, powdered milk, sugar, beef and pork. The remaining 14,000 pounds of relief goods included blankets, clothing, shoes and soap.

Continuing M.C.C. services in Austria include the distribution of material aid and worship services held in Vienna every three weeks. Austria today is a needy relief field. There are still 200,000 refugees in Austria who are directly in need—that is, they are so dependent on outside help they would immediately fall into desperate and serious straits if this help were cut off. Relief personnel are currently making plans for fall distributions.

During the summer months food has been made available to church camps attended by refugee and underprivileged children. Enough food has been contributed to provide 65 per cent of the daily food requirements for 2,650 children for a three- to four-week period or the equivalent of 58,000 child-days of support. These food stuffs have been greatly valued by these church groups because their financial resources for the operation of the camps are limited. In addition to physical rehabilitation, these children have had the benefit of Christian care and instruction.

Attendance at the worship services in Vienna averages about 100 persons. Recently two young people of Mennonite parentage requested baptism. They will be baptized in September by Samuel Amstutz-Lerch of the Swiss Mennonite conference.

Items from the News

Winona Lake Opens Big Season

WINONA LAKE, Indiana (E/P) The 61st Annual Winona Lake Bible Conference, known as the world's largest and longest, opened in the 7500-seat Billy Sunday Tabernacle on Sunday night (July 25) when Dr. Ralph L. Keiper of the Philadelphia School of the Bible spoke at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., president of the university which bears his name, addressed the opening night 7:45 service, according to conference director J. Palmer Muntz. Muntz also announced that 100 speakers from three continents would be heard in the six week conference which ends on Labor Day.

Other speakers during the first week include Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Boston, past president of the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, founder and first president of Youth for Christ International, Rev. Noel Lyons of the Greater European Mission, Dr. Don Falkenberg of the Bible Meditation League and others.

Missions in America

Missions and Mission Pastorates

Buffalo Mission: 25 Hawley St., Buffalo 13, N. Y., Telephone GRant 7706; Warren Sherman, Anna Mae Sherman

Chicago Mission: 6039 Halsted St., Chicago 21, Illinois; Telephone—Wentworth 6-7122; Carl Carlson, Avis Carlson, Alice Albright, Sara Brubaker, Grace Sider

Detroit (God's Love Mission), 1524 Third Street; Church, Myrtle St.; Residence—3986 Humboldt St., Detroit 8, Michigan; Telephone—Tyler 5-1470; Harry Hock, Catherine Hock, Erma Hoke, Virginia Engle

Harrisburg (Messiah Lighthouse Mission), 1175 Bailey St., Harrisburg, Pa.; Telephone—Harrisburg 2-6488; Joel Carlson, Faith Carlson, Elizabeth Kanode, Beulah Lyons, Grace Robb

Los Angeles, California: (Door of Hope Mission)—551½ N. Third Avenue, Upland, Calif.; Adolf Jordan, Evelyn Jordan

Massillon (Christian Fellowship Mission), 118 South Avenue, S. E., Massillon, Ohio; Telephone—2-3804; Eli Hostetler, Sr., Lydia Hostetler

New York City, N. Y. (Address to be supplied.) William Lewis, Willa Lewis

Philadelphia, 3423 N. Second St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Telephone—NEbraska 4-6431; William Rosenberry, Anna Rosenberry, Anita Brechbill, Ida Lue Hane

San Francisco (Life Line Gospel Mission) 224 Sixth St., San Francisco 3, California; Residence, 311 Scott St., San Francisco 17, California; Telephone—UNderhill 1-4820; Harry Buckwalter, Katie Buckwalter, Janna Goins, Edith Yoder

Toronto, Church 150 Gamble Street, Toronto 6, Ontario Canada; Residence—231 Gamble St., Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada; Telephone—Gladstone 8383; Ronald Lofthouse, Marjorie Lofthouse, Myrtle Steckley, Ruth Steckley

***Albuquerque, New Mexico;** Residence—3014 Sierra Drive N. E., Albuquerque, N. Mexico; Telephone—5-6467; Paul Wingerd, pastor

***Allisonia, Virginia** (Farris Mines); Rupert Turman, pastor

***Altoona, Pennsylvania**, 3620 Fifth Street; Gerald Wingerd, pastor

***Blair's Mills, Pennsylvania;** Roy Beltz, pastor, Orrstown, Pa. R. 1, Box 50

***Blandburg, Pennsylvania:** Andrew McNiven and wife, Leora Kanode

Bloomfield, New Mexico (Brethren in Christ Mission to the Navajo Indians), c/o Blanco Trading Post; J. Wilmer Heisey, superintendent, Velma Heisey, Ruth Zercher, Ida Rosenberger, Rosa Eyster, Charles Myers, Jr. Peggy Myers, Martha Long, Dorothy Charles, Jane Monn

***Collingwood, Ontario, Canada;** Isaac Schmucker, pastor

***Everett, Pennsylvania** (Clear Creek and Ray's Cove); Ross Morningstar, pastor

***Grants Pass, Oregon;** Glenn Diller, pastor; Residence—1300 Highway 199, c/o Redwood Country Church, Grants Pass, Oregon

***Holidaysburg** (Canoe Creek), Pennsylvania; Art Cooper, pastor

***Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania;** Thomas Bouch, pastor

***Iron Springs, Pennsylvania;** Telephone—Fairfield 53R13; Leonard Falk, pastor

Kentucky:
Ella Station, Ella, Kentucky; Elam Dohner, superintendent Helen Dohner, Esther Ebersole

***Garlin Station;** Emanuel Rohrer, Garlin, Kentucky

***Knifley Station:** Paul Wolgemuth, pastor Knifley, Kentucky, Ruth Wolgemuth, Elizabeth Hess, nurse

***Leedey, Oklahoma;** Clyde Denny, pastor

***Llewellyn, Pennsylvania;** Telephone—Minersville—3447; Cyrus Landis, pastor

Meath Park Station, Saskatchewan, Canada
North Star Mission (Howard Creek); Arthur Heise, Verna Heise

Paddockwood; Florence Faus, Bertha Wingert

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Ringgold, Maryland; Herbert Hoover, pastor

Saskatchewanar
***Delisle,** Saskatchewan, Canada; Robert Sider, pastor

***Kindersley;** Saskatchewan, Canada; John Garman, pastor

***Saville** (Liberty Valley), Pennsylvania; (Pastor to be supplied)

Saxton, Pennsylvania; (Pastor to be supplied) Ruth Keller, Anne Wyld

***Shanesville, Ohio;** Eli Christner, pastor

***Sherman's Valley and Riddlesburg;** Marlin Ressler, Riddlesburg, Pennsylvania

***Stowe, Pennsylvania;** John Bicksler, pastor; Residence: 527 Glasgow St. Stowe, Pa.; Telephone Pottstown—1211J

***Sunnyside Chapel;** Donald Fisher, pastor; Residence: Templeton, Pennsylvania; S. Iola Dixon, (address to be supplied)

Sylvatus, Virginia (Bethel Mission); John Schock, pastor

***Three Springs, Pennsylvania** (Center Grove Chapel); Robert Walker, pastor

Tillsonburg (Houghton Mission), Ontario Canada; Telephone—Glenmeyer 22-14; Marjorie Pollard

Frogmore; Alonza Vannatter, pastor and superintendent, Tillsonburg, Ont.

Houghton Center; Basil Long, pastor—Residence: Langton, Ontario, Canada

***Uniontown, Ohio;** Walter Lehman, Pastor

***Welland, Ontario, Canada;** Glenn Ressler, pastor, Residence: 36 Elizabeth St., Welland, Ontario, Canada

British Methodists Approve Healing Services

LONDON, England (E/P) A prayer service for spiritual healing sessions in which "laying on of the hands" is practiced was approved by the Methodist Conference of Great Britain at its annual meeting here. The service was recommended by the Conference's spiritual healing committee. In urging its adoption, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead, Conference president-designate for 1955-56, stressed that "this service is not intended to be held in public but in private."

"The Methodist Church is in the forefront in this matter of recalling Christ's Church back to the ministry of healing," he said. "Emotions in the deeper part of the mind—such as guilt, hate, fear and worry—definitely cause some physical diseases. In this service, we seek to replace resentment with love, fear with trust, guilt with the forgiveness of God."

Cook Reelected YFC Leader

WINONA LAKE, Indiana (E/P) Dr. Robert A. Cook of Wheaton, Illinois, was reelected president of Youth for Christ International at the Tenth Annual Convention held at Winona Lake, Indiana. Two other top officers were re-elected at this convention, Evangelist Billy Graham, as First Vice President, and Dr. Bob Pierce, missionary statesman from Portland, Ore., as Second Vice President. The convention delegates also elected Roy McKeown of Los Angeles, Calif., secretary and George Wilson of Minneapolis, Minn., treasurer.

Dr. Bob Cook and Evangelist Billy Graham were not present for the election, Dr. Cook had left for Wood, Wis., due to the death of his father, and Evangelist Billy Graham was in the hospital recuperating for a recent operation.

Communists Retract Promise Not to Punish Christians

BERLIN, Germany (E/P) Protestants of East Germany, who said what they meant about Communism during the recent all-German Church Rally at Leipzig may, after all, have to pay dearly for it, according to press reports here. The reports said that Otto Nuschke, East German Deputy Premier and Minister of Church Affairs, who during the rally at Leipzig, assured newspapermen that the people who spoke their minds freely "will not be persecuted," has changed his attitude. While, during the rally Mr. Nuschke only intimated that "wherever offenses occurred" those responsible "might be questioned" in attempt "to win them for the East," he was later quoted as saying that those responsible would be "called to account."

The Church Rally at Leipzig was attended by some 65,000 delegates from the East Zone and about 10,000 from West Germany and its closing services drew a crowd of over 400,000. Simultaneously, the Communist authorities organized meetings at Leipzig and it was chiefly at these meetings that some participants uttered sharp criticism of the regime. As the Church Rally had only been permitted on the condition that no anti-Communist political demonstrations would be tolerated, Mr. Nuschke emphasized that the visitors from West Germany kept their promise "not to engage in political agitation for the West." The attacks on Communist policy were made "primarily" by East Germans, he said.

Awards for Prize Sermons Announced

WHEATON, Illinois (E/P) Evangelist Robert L. Sumner of Pomona, California, was awarded the grand prize of \$250 for his sermon, "The Twentieth Century Issue Facing Twentieth Century Christians," in

THE SWORD OF THE LORD contest for sermons on Vital Public Issues. The contest closed June 1. Evangelist Sumner, a month after the contest, joined the Sword staff in Wheaton, Illinois. \$1,750 was divided among the winners of the contest. Besides the grand prize, there were five awards of \$100 each, and five awards of \$50 each.

Other first prize winners were Dr. Robert J. Wells, evangelist of Wheaton, Illinois; Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College; Dr. John Linton, evangelist of Windsor, Ontario; Evangelist E. J. Daniels of Orlando, Florida. Dr. Daniels was first prize-winner in December, 1952, in the Sword's Evangelistic Sermon Contest.

Other prize winners were: Dr. John Summerfield Wimbish of Calvary Baptist Church, New York; Evangelist Jack Shuler of Arcadia, California; Dr. Walter L. Wilson of Kansas City; Dr. Merrill C. Tenney, Dean of the Graduate School of Wheaton College; Evangelist Eddie Martin of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Dr. Arthur Petrie of Seattle Bible Institute; Rev. Herbert V. Caneday of the Religious Analysis Service, Inc., Minneapolis; and Missionary Thomas E. Fountain in Mexico.

Sermons were presented in five classifications: (1) Communism and Socialism; (2) Catholicism and Cults; (3) Worldliness; (4) Science and the Bible—Apologetics; (5) Modernism.

Answering Mail Big Job for Billy Graham

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota (E/P) Letters addressed simply "Billy Graham, U.S.A." or "God's Man of the Hour, Minneapolis," are finding their way to the evangelist's international headquarters here. More of the mail coming to the offices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association these days is bearing foreign postmarks. George Wilson, who runs the offices as secretary-treasurer of the association, estimated that of the half-million letters that will come to the offices this year about 20,000 to 25,000 will be from overseas. Although it is too early for the full impact of Dr. Graham's European crusade to be reflected in mail volume, letters related to the overseas evangelistic meetings are pouring in.

Dr. Graham's headquarters here occupies part of three floors in a downtown office building and has a staff of about 100 workers. Whenever there are special mailings, an additional 30 to 40 part-time workers are brought in. In the files, arranged by states and foreign countries, are address plates with some 750,000 names, including about 100,000 Graham converts. Literature about the progress of Dr. Graham's work is sent to all the people on the mailing lists at regular intervals.

A visitor to the office is impressed with the careful attention paid to the incoming mail. The goal of the staff is to send a receipt to every person mailing in a contribution within 24 hours of its arrival at the offices here. The receipts are made in triplicate. Contributions average less than \$5 a gift, according to Mr. Wilson. Many of the letter writers make no contributions. Their letters contain requests for records, sheet music, books and sermons; ask about cam-

paign and radio and television schedules, and request help for spiritual problems.

Because many of the problems involved are similar, form letters have been prepared on tape. These are fed through automatic typewriters which produce letters that have the appearance of being individually written. The form letters are identified by such key words as "prayer," "unsaved husband," "shut in," "serviceman," "request for work," "assurance," "guidance," "seeker," "new convert," "healing," "backslider," "baptism," "tongues," "sabbath" and "prophecy." Problems demanding more individual attention are handled by the two clergymen on the staff, Dr. Ralph Mitchell and the Rev. George Edstrom. For example, a boy wrote from Fort Worth, Tex., that he had become involved in a dope ring, but he asked that his parents not be told about it. A pastor in Fort Worth was put in touch with the boy. A woman in Chattanooga, Tenn. wrote that her husband had left her and their seven children and asked that \$100 be sent her immediately. A church women's society in Chattanooga was advised of her plight and helped her out. Some of the letters are forwarded to Mr. Graham personally, and he receives excerpts from many others.

More Boys than Girls Born During War

(E/P) An increase in the proportion of male births occurred in the United States toward the end of World War II, supporting a common belief based on European experience that male births outnumber female births during periods of war. Reported by Dr. Brian MacMahon of the State University College of Medicine, New York, and Dr. Thomas F. Pugh, of the Harvard School of Public Health, the increase was particularly noticeable in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. Statistics from these states were analyzed because of their completeness of birth registration. Male births increased during the year 1945 to 1947 with a peak in 1946. The scientists do not attempt to explain the larger proportion of male births, but they did determine that it was not the result of changes in distribution of births by age of mother or father or order of birth. In the *American Journal of Human Genetics* they report the effect was most marked in first births and occurred before the peak of post-war marriages.

The average drinking family spends \$16,891 in a lifetime for intoxicating liquor.

A Soviet worker must work approximately eleven times longer than an American worker to buy a bicycle.

The United States has some 250,000 ministers of the gospel, while only 18,000 American Protestant missionaries are serving the rest of the world.

Nearly two and one-half times as many traffic deaths occur on rural highways as on city streets.

In World War I it took fighter planes an hour to climb 6,000 feet. Today Navy carrier-based planes can reach 10,000 feet in less than two minutes.

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