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The Sure Foundation

Hilda Rovik Lindal

*What lies before? I know not, but He
knows.*

*My times are in His hands: He holds the
key*

*To all life's store; and I am glad,
For none so merciful, so kind as He.*

*The tempest's blasts—its fury, din and
clash.*

*Sometimes the day so dark becomes, so
gray,*

*The angry thunders crash, the lightnings
flash;*

*It well nigh seems my house can ne'er
withstand*

*But, lo! The Master speaks! The clouds
disperse;*

*In awe, the thunder, muted, holds its
peace;*

*Though fierce the blasts, it has withstood
each shock,*

For it was builded by no human hands.

*The lightning sheathes its forked, fiery
darts;*

And all confusion and upheavals cease.

*And, bathed in sunshine, there upon the
Rock*

Impregnable, my house revealed stands;

*But hands Divine, which one day flotsam
found*

And built of it my house upon the Rock.

*Its sure foundation and its cornerstone
God laid His Son to be; my Lord, my
Rock.*

*Dear friend—it may be that today life's
storms*

*Have swooped upon your erstwhile peace-
ful vale,*

*And you defenseless and all unprepared,
Are helpless, weak and spent before the
gale.*

*There is a cleft wherein you, friend, may
hide;*

*A shelter for the battered, the-windblown;
The riven side of Jesus, Lamb of God;*

*The palms, in which are graven all His
own.*

*His arms are ever wide, out-stretched
To gather to His breast the contrite soul;
With joy unspeakable and love divine
He'll build you on the Rock—restore-make
whole.*

*Other foundations can none lay, says God,
Than Jesus Christ, His Son, and His Sure
Word.*

*But build on Him, and hide with Him in
God,*

What joy to know eternal, well assured.

—League Bulletin

Conference Echoes

"Youth Wholly Given to God and the Church"

Luke Keefer

THE topic suggests that all lives are not wholly given to God. I assume that the committee wants the primary emphasis laid on "given to God". It has been taken for granted that what God has received and blessed would surely be material for the church. (Rom. 6:16.) The thought of the message this evening hinges on the word "given". "Given" is clarified by "wholly". The giving needs to be rightfully done. The climax of your Christian experience is not that the past is under the blood. You can't find Christian experience enhanced by the smile of heaven until you know what it means, after God has saved your soul, to turn back to Him in service that life which He has saved. We say to God, can't I prove the appreciation of my heart, can't you take this scrap metal, this form that you have made beautiful because of not what it was but what you might use of it—can't you cast it into a righteous form? There is depth to offering ourselves to God. There is depth in the conviction that my life ought not be lived for myself but for God. But as you yield yourself you are going to be servant to whom you yield yourself. There is a snaring enemy who doesn't want you to give your life to God. If you don't, however, give your heart to Him the other path is inevitable.

The hope of glory is not alone for heads that are curtailed with locks of time. Can you know something like this when you are young, in the teen ages, when you are going to school? The sentiment of our message is "YOUTH wholly given to God". If I can see a young child yield himself to God, I am happy.

O the casting and recasting of a life as they fail to give themselves to God in their youth! I am interested in youth giving themselves to God in the early teen ages. The devil has been cruel enough to take the unstable years of youthful life by tricking them with foolishness in their behavior. I know there is that carefreeness that attends youth. I am not here to criticize them but to pray for them. They want to know God's will but, like babies learning to walk, make mistakes. Where is the hand that will lead them through the sucking floods of wickedness?

Consider that heart that is honest in its efforts to yield to God. If I were an artist I would attempt to paint it, if I were a composer I would try to put it into music—the balm that comes with the life yielded to God.

What I have tried to picture to you is the standard. There is a process for young people who want to give themselves to God. It takes repentance. I can't disassociate tears from this. Without going through the Roman letter experience you can not attain unto holiness. We reckon ourselves indeed dead unto sin but alive unto God. God does a miracle in the process of purifying us. You supply the purpose and God's grace does the work. I find it is a process that embraces many angles. There are only two ways set before us. The one is the way of God, the other is the way of the glamorous world.

Some day God will recast this world on which we stand—you can't lean on the world and get by. But, oh, that leaning on God! I think of leaning so hard on God that if there would be any falling it would be toward Him. I can only think of the support I get when I put my body on an angle with God's. I believe in the kind of thing that lets the waves bounce high and yet all the time there is an even tide because the anchor is cast. This is the experience of the soul that has gone through that wholly giving to Christ.

What would it mean for the Brethren in Christ Church if that would be the experience of her youth? You give me such a son in an unsaved family and the chances are that that family will be saved. Revivals will be kindled in the church. This world will be saved if we have such youth. The Brethren in Christ church is a small body but can you imagine what would happen if her youth would be marshalled for God as the government today marshals for her army? Can you imagine what kind of Church we would have if every member would be wholly yielded to God?

I would like to speak briefly on what it would mean to be wholly yielded to the church. This involves consistency. Live what you appear to be in public assembly, what you declare the principles of God in separation, standards of social life and cleanness. Our forefathers have spent many hours thinking on these questions. We need a standard homogeneously, if we want to have a Brethren in Christ Church. Our Church has not been outmoded. It still brings a salvation that satisfies the soul. The ministry of the Brethren in Christ Church is not at an end. In this post-war world what we need is what our forefathers have brought us. The church ought first to save its own children and then those children should go save others. Will you rally to the challenge? This life is a process but God has provided and will supply the grace.—*General Conference 1946*,

A Struggle for Palestine Which Must End in Defeat

We read much in the press today concerning the agitation of the Jews for a Jewish State in Palestine, and also of their resentment against Great Britain. The Jews want to get Palestine entirely in their hands, and they are accusing Great Britain continually for not giving them their land. But much of this accusation is only propaganda.

If the Jews should get the independence they desire they would immediately cause gospel work to cease. Zionist Jews have little use for God's program for Palestine; how much less use they have for the Gospel of Christ. According to the utterances of rabbis in Palestine no missionary would be allowed to enter Palestine when once the land obtained its independence. Some of these Zionist Jews are communistically minded, and they would like to see Palestine under the hand of the Soviets rather than under the protection of Great Britain who delivered it from the cruel Turks.

Just bear this in mind when you read about Palestine in the newspapers. The enemy of souls would like to get it entirely closed to the gospel. Pray, therefore, that God might take away from the Jews in the Holy Land this great unrest, and that this agitation against the British government may cease. We see very clearly from the news these days that should Palestine obtain the independence for which it struggles, Russia would in all probability take the land into its own grasping hands. And we know all too well what would happen to the Lord's work in Palestine should Russia gain control.

Let us be alert! Independence for Palestine would be the severest blow to the work of the Lord in that land that the enemy of precious Jewish souls could strike. Behind the agitation for an independent Jewish State is Satan himself. Satan hates the British rule in Palestine because of the perfect religious liberty which it gives. He hates the missionaries who are laboring in Palestine because they are bringing Jews to Christ. Satan well knows that from among the Jews a remnant according to the election of grace will be gathered in this age, and to keep this remnant from being saved in order to complete the body of Christ, he works to destroy the freedom to preach the Gospel in Palestine.

We have said to our readers before that until the Lord Jesus comes in person, the Jewish nation will never be free from Gentile rule. The struggle they are making for independence today will prove to be vain. When praying for Palestine let us concentrate not on its becoming a national home for the Jewish nation, but on its being kept free from any rule which would hinder the preaching of the Word of God.

New Food Center Opened in Newton, Kans.

September 10 has been announced as the opening date for the new food warehouse at Newton, Kansas. Food will be packed for overseas shipment at this place and sent directly to the seaboard in carload lots. Present plans call for operation of this center by CPS men. Groups in this area are urged to take their food contributions to the Newton warehouse, which is replacing the collection center at Lehigh. The address of the food center is 314 Main St., Newton, Kansas, and is located about one block from the M. C. C. clothing center at 220 Main Street.

Editorial

Walking Worthily

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthily of the calling where with ye were called."

Eph. 4:1.

"That ye would walk worthily of God, who hath called you into His kingdom and glory."—I Thess. 2:12.

"That ye might walk worthily of the Lord unto all pleasing."—Col. 1:10.

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh (behave as citizens worthily of) the Gospel of Christ."—Phil. 1:27.

Perhaps there has never been a time of such wide-spread preaching and of printed literature. Just within the past couple years a number of new religious magazines have appeared. On the ether waves the message is carried to those who cannot or will not attend public services. Informal tabernacle movements have come to replace the spiritless formality of the organized churches. There is a variety of methods and programs never surpassed heretofore. With the Apostle Paul we rejoice that "whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached." We should be glad that the Gospel is going out so widely by whatever means.

And yet we are sometimes made to wonder whether Jesus would not condemn a large part of modern professions to Christianity as He denounced the Jewish proselyting of His day. It is a burning question whether the thin veneer of religion which is so characteristic of this era does not effectively prevent the convicting power of God's Spirit to bring souls to genuine salvation. Thus they are made two fold more the children of hell than they were before.

This is a day when the great majority will not endure sound doctrine. If a minister dares to begin preaching too "straight" the "board" very quickly gets together and arranges for a replacement. They heap to themselves teachers having itching ears—itching for the applause of the multitudes.

Probably the greatest single omission in modern religion is the emphasis on the Christian's walk. We are being told from so very many sources that all we need to do is believe, believe, believe. Nor would we minimize faith as the absolute essential and the indispensable requisite of all relation with God. "For without faith it is impossible to please Him." But a living faith will produce life results. "Faith without works is dead." And a dead faith is as good as no faith at all.

Jesus declared that "by their fruits ye shall know them." He went farther, declaring, "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring

forth good fruit." A large part of the Scripture is given to practical injunction concerning the behavior of the Christian. This fact alone unmistakably indicates the great importance of our conduct. And certainly we could scarcely be unmindful that our fellowmen are judging our religion by our walk.

And not only do they form opinions about ourselves and our religion, but they also form judgments as to the Head of the church. In the quotations given at the head of this discussion, four things are mentioned of which our walk is to be worthy: of our calling wherewith we were called, of God who hath called you into His kingdom and glory, of the Lord unto all pleasing, and of the Gospel of Christ. When a man is elected or appointed to a high office or position in the world, he is expected to grace that position by his conduct. When a man moves into the White House he is expected to behave himself in a manner to do credit to the citizens of the nation. When the coronation of the British Empire has bestowed the great honor of kingship to a man, he is expected to behave himself as becometh a king.

Just so, when we are adopted into the royal family of heaven we are expected, nay required to behave as sons of God. And the emphasis on this truth is unmistakably in evidence throughout Scripture. Only a willful perversion of simple, clear revelation could possibly put any other construction upon the plain teachings of the Word.

As a Church we have adhered to this principle through the years. That is, we have held to the theory that the behavior is important. But have we realized to the full that conduct is an infallible index to character? And have we consistently insisted on a walk that is worthy in the four-fold aspect indicated above? And have we observed the necessary disciplines to insure, in large measure, the worthy status of Christ's representatives in the world?

Ours is a far greater responsibility than of those who do not lay stress on the practical aspect of Christian life. We profess to make it a requisite of the genuine Christian, but fail to apply it, thus giving the lie to our words. There is an almost universal disregard for the simple, practical, obvious expectations and requirements of God for His children. And there will certainly be an amazing multitude of disappointed professors at the judgment. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

J. W. H.

How Can the Home Church More Effectively Present Our Full Gospel Message?

Elwood Flewelling

Looking over the program of the Church, I believe you will agree with me that our church has carried on a very lively program. But the question is asked, how can the church more effectively present the full gospel?

First, if we are to more effectively present the full gospel we need to adorn the doctrine of the church, be in full harmony with the things she sets forth. We need not be apologetic. We are in a compromising world but we need not compromise.

Second, the Church will need a very live and definite missionary program. If we are going to carry on mission work we need a church that will sacrifice even more as the days go on. No church is able to succeed unless she has a missionary program. I am not satisfied that we have yet done all we can do. There are many isolated fields that need consecrated workers. The church can be far more effective in this line than what she has been, although we do appreciate the increase of this interest since the last time we met in Conference.

Third, we need to launch out still more in revival campaign efforts. We appreciate what has been done. But have we done as much as we could do? I think we confine these efforts too closely to our own home districts. I actually knew nothing about the gospel until I came in touch with the Brethren in Christ twenty-one years ago.

Fourth, we must have a vision of the need of the people. I wonder if we have the vision that we ought to have. Do we see the multiplied souls that are going down to despair and destruction? It is appalling the indifference that is manifest when we see souls that are going on without Christ. What about those outside our own fold? What about the community that has no church in it? If we really saw the need, I think it would cause us to be more effective in presenting the gospel which we embrace.

Fifth, we will need to allow the Holy Spirit of God to permeate the Church, the ministry, and the laity. The early church was only able to preach effectively after they waited until the Holy Ghost fell. We can create all the missionaries we want, and all the boards we want, but what we need more than these things is to get back to the early church principles and power that made them willing to leave homes and go to the utmost part of the earth to a lost and ruined world with the gospel of salvation and redemption.—*General Conference 1946*,

Holiness Unto the Lord

Deep Lessons from God

E. E. Shelhamer

"Dwell Deep!" Valuable things do not lie around on the surface. Oil is worth more than gas, but of course is worth the extra drilling.

The Kimberly diamond mines form the deepest man-made hole on earth and since diamonds are worth more than coal, it pays to go after diamonds.

"Walking with God" implies that we are agreed; we are going in the same direction; also, we are keeping step, and our goal is the same.

A test of being well saved, is not how well you can appear in public, but how do you feel inside, when snubbed and another is put ahead of you.

The best way to triumph over a snub, is to join in with opposers and inwardly rejoice, for God has either willed, or permitted this fresh token of his love.

Wesley said, "The ill usages, the affronts, the losses and the crosses, are better means to growth in grace than when everything is according to your liking." Then rejoice that you are counted worthy.

"Take it by naked faith". This may sound good, but it is too shallow. A better expression: Wait before God, until He gives you the faith that takes it.

The Holy Spirit comes upon a seeker long before He comes in to abide. So, don't make the mistake of running off with being "slightly healed", but tarry until every carnal trait is put to death and Christ comes in to reign without a rival.

When you are contradicted or misunderstood, if you want to fight your own battle, God will step aside and give you the job, but it will be a hard job. On the other hand, if you can keep sweet and answer never a word, He will defend and fight for you, lifting you above all opposition.

The Holy Spirit is very polite and will not talk while another is speaking. He is very gentle and will not force one to listen.

Sometimes we must wait quite a while in order to distinguish between His full approval or disapproval.

We read of Israel: "God gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul." This proves that man can persuade and finally compel God to let him have his own way.

Doubtless Satan sometimes holds his breath, so to speak, as he stands afar off and eagerly watches our inward decision, whether we lean in the right or wrong direction.

Long before a big tree crashes with a boom, it has leaned just a little out of

balance. In like manner, long before a preacher has gone down with a crash, he secretly trifled with a covenantal vow, to be on the safe side of every question. At first, he consented to lean just a little toward compromise; then toward calls that gave a little more money; then toward big dinners; then toward being a "good mixer", especially with business men and pretty women; lastly, a little pull, or a little push and down he goes with a crash that shocks everybody.

Take Balaam, a backslidden prophet, for an example: King Balak sent for him to come and "curse" Israel. At first he inquired of God and was positively forbidden to go. Balak sent again and inasmuch as Balaam secretly wanted the "wages and honor", God permitted him, but later God withstood him and finally cursed him. The last we see of him, he has joined Balak's army, is slain in battle and plunges into perdition.

What a fearful thought, that there are men now howling in the corridors of hell, who at one time walked on higher plains of celestial light than any of us every enjoyed. "Let him that thinketh (yea, is quite sure) he standeth, take heed lest he fall."—Cincinnati, Ohio

You Ask Why?

Keith L. Brooks

Why must I be so tried? is a question perplexing hundreds of Christians whose burdens and perplexities have all but crushed them.

Such problems find their most satisfying solutions in the Book of books, given for the guidance of God's people. That Book assures us that we are sure to go wrong and increase our distress when we debate with God rather than wait upon Him.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55:8).

The Psalmist who learned to cast his burden upon the Lord looked back upon sore trials and said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted that I might learn thy statutes" (Psa. 119:71).

Job, that most tried of men, could say: "The Lord knoweth the way that I take; when he hath tried me I shall come forth as gold" (Job. 23:10).

Paul, reviewing his heavy crosses, wrote, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. And we know that all things work to-

gether for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:18, 28).

* James, who gave up all for his Master, said, "Blessed is the man that endureth . . . for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him" (James 1:12).

In every trial there worketh a divine purpose to bring us into a closer walk with God and set us upon a plane where we may lay up heavenly treasures.

"I do not know why oft 'round me
My hopes all shattered seem to be;
God's perfect plan I cannot see—
But some day I shall understand."

If afflictions and difficulties shall teach us new dependence upon divine promises; to look oftener than we have to the loving Father; to turn our backs upon things spiritually harmful; to give ourselves in unselfish ministry to others; to feel heaven a little nearer—surely it is accomplishing that which is eternally worth while. If we are complaining and doubting instead of trusting and praying—its ministry is being lost.

A man of thirty, lying crippled for life, was being pitied by a sympathizing friend, when he raised one of his withered hands and said, "God makes no mistakes." And out of his sick room for years went forth streams of blessing to others.

An aged man suffering from an incurable condition and fully yielded to the will of God, placed a sign on the door of his room. It read, "Here God's will is being done."

"Through dark my path and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
But breathe the prayer divinely taught:
"Thy will, not mine, be done."

We shall find our greatest strength and comfort in the Scriptural belief that our spiritual and everlasting good may be advanced by our patient endurance, and in so doing we shall have the blessing of demonstrating to an unbelieving world that His grace is sufficient.

"Light after darkness, gain after loss;
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wandering, praise after tears."
—Selected.

One reason why so many children are disobedient to parents is because parents are so disobedient to God.

Just look around you some time and see how much you are ashamed of a simple old-fashioned Gospel.

Prayer Corner

"Pray Ye Therefore"

Samuel A. Yoder

THERE is, it seems to me, a more or less general feeling among the people in large areas of the church that the world is fairly well evangelized. I well remember when I entertained some such notion. I had heard missionaries from India and from South America; I had read of others in China, in Korea, in Africa, in the South Sea Islands, and in other places. Although I never formally and consciously came to such a conclusion, yet in the back of my mind I really think that I had the notion that people anywhere had access to the gospel if they really wanted it—at least I thought the places where this was not so were few. Frankly, I think that I felt it only fair that they should have access to the gospel, that it was therefore God's duty to see to it that they did have it, and that God had fairly well met His obligation in this respect.

As regards the evangelization of the world, nothing could be farther from the facts of the case. There are, I am told, seven hundred million people who have never even heard the name of our blessed Redeemer. Think of it—seven hundred million! The figure fairly haunts me! All these people are lost—they are condemned already because they have not believed on the only begotten Son of God. And in the sixteenth chapter of Luke we have from the lips of Christ Himself a picture of their future state. Seven hundred million! I cannot conceive of one million. I only know that it is an enormous number. I wonder if ever in the history of the world there were so many unevangelized. These poor people are getting along the best they can in their heathen darkness. But you and I have the true religion. We are saved.

Now since a man cannot be saved without a knowledge of the Word of God, it seems that Satan has personally seen to it that these unfortunate people should not have the gospel in their own languages. There are about four thousand tongues into which not a single scrap of the Bible has ever been translated—not a single verse. And so these unhappy souls do not know that God is love. They do not know that Jesus long ago died to save them from their burden of sins. They still have the guilt of sin resting upon them. Seven hundred million people tonight, as I am here writing this article, have never had a single chance to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. You say it is unfair, terribly unfair! I agree with you. They are wallowing in sin and misery, viciousness, immorality and squalor of the worst kind. And

what is more, they have absolutely nothing to look for in the future. There is not, I presume, a crime that you can think of that is not being committed by them. Their condition is indescribably awful. And they are doomed for eternity. It is unfair; they haven't had a chance—seven hundred million of them!

Even in our own country, I am told, there are thirty-six million below the age of twenty-five who are getting no religious teaching at all. Many of these are children. They never go to Sunday school. They rarely hear the name of Jesus (who loves them) except in the vile oaths of their elders. To them, if He is anything at all, He is a kind of myth—like Santa Claus. When they grow to years of responsibility, and the cares and crises of life come upon them, what will they do? I cannot imagine what I would do in the emergencies of life if it were not for my confidence in Jesus Christ. But then I had a chance. Because certain people in past generations were faithful to the trust which Jesus committed unto them, I learned to trust Him. Therefore, there is nothing but happiness in store for me as I look ahead. Is it fair that I should have such a chance? Other boys my age have gone to the gallows; others have committed suicide; and others living have such experiences still to come. Some may live, to old age, bitter, cynical, ungracious and unhappy lives. They have not had the chance which I have had. It does not seem fair, and it isn't.

But there is only one place to put the blame—on ourselves. It is not fair, in-

Consistent Faith

*Believing God, ourselves we doubt,
Our God can never fail:
In glad advance His triumph shout,
He must in all prevail.
Our fears, our feelings—what are they
When God has pledged His word?
He shall fulfill—then, come what may,
We would be undeterred.
Press on—believe—with vision clear,
And joy that lifts the head:
The coming of our Lord is near,
He'll do all He hath said.
Like precious faith our hearts would seek
Each precept to believe,
That we may do, with faith ne'er weak,
Engrafted words receive.
So will each promise and command
Our faith delight to own,
Upheld by God's all-loving hand,
Would trust Himself alone.*

—Student of Scripture.

deed! Jesus has paid the price for all these people, and they are His by right, but no one has told them of it, and they are, therefore, still carrying the burden of sin. There is still a tremendous work before the Church. Languages need to be learned; they need to be reduced to writing; the Bible needs to be translated; people need to be taught. This is the work which Jesus left for us to do, and we are not doing it. Oh, the shame of it! Jesus has finished His work; the Holy Spirit is doing and will do His, if only we will do ours. The Holy Spirit will convict of sin and bring men to repentance and to faith in Christ if only we will bring men the gospel so that He can use it to work conviction. We are failing God in the work to which He has called us. We are doing everything except the work to which He has especially commissioned us. We build up the shames of excuses—excuses that any intelligent man could not accept, and yet we expect God to accept them. We are too busy paying for farms; we have too many family responsibilities; we are not qualified or talented! But must these go unsaved just because of such things? What if it were your friend—brother, sister, father, or mother? Must everything else be done first, and perhaps, then a bit for the Lord, if there is time and money left? If others had taken that attitude, where would you and I be? If Jesus had taken that attitude, where would be our hope? How shall we explain when we see Him? When the utter pretense of our former excuses become so evident that we cannot repeat them, what then can we say? How shall we show Him our love for Him if we haven't even concerned ourselves about these seven hundred million for whom He died? Let us do something about it; oh, let everyone do something; about it! If your Christian experience means anything at all to you, surely you will want to make some kind of real and honest sacrifice that these who know not the wonderful compassion of a Saviour may at least have a chance. God has given us the promise; His Word shall not return unto Him void if only we will bring it to the people.

"Lead me to some soul today,
Oh, teach me Lord just what to say.
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray.
Melt my heart, and fill my soul;
Give me one soul today."

—Youth's Christian Companion

The only real way to "prepare to meet thy God" is to live with thy God, so that to meet Him shall be nothing strange.

—Phillips Brooks.

Doctrine

"Speaking the Truth in Love"

(Eph. 4:15)

P. J. Wiebe

*"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again,
The eternal years of God's are hers;
While error wounded writhes in pain
And dies amid his worshippers."*

*"But what is Truth? 'Twas Pilate's question put
To Truth itself, that deigned him no reply.
And wherefore? Will not God impart His light
To them that ask it?—Freely—'tis His joy."*

*His glory and His nature to impart
But to the proud, uncandid, insincere,
Or negligent inquirer, not a spark."*

"Truth is the property which ideas have when they may be said to be in agreement with reality."

I do not write this article because I think that the readers of this paper are all untruthful. As a rule the members of the Brethren in Christ have the reputation of being honest and truthful. Nevertheless it might be well to stir up our pure minds by way of remembrance that we be very careful that the statements which we make correspond with the facts.

Three thoughts always come to my mind when I read Eph. 4:15. First it is very important that we speak the truth. O how much woe and misery has been brought into this world because of untruthfulness! Not only do the people suffer about whom you speak, but the speaker suffers as well. How can people have confidence in you when you are continually making statements that are not true? To be habitually untruthful is a great hindrance to our growth in grace. Have you ever thought about it that you never speak an untruth about someone that we really love? Should we believe an untruth about someone that we really love? If we are Spirit filled God will give us the spirit of discernment that we can tell whether or not people are speaking the truth. (Acts 5:3, 9). We should remember the Bible pronounces severe punishment upon those who are untruthful. (Rev. 21:8.)

The second thought is that we should never call anyone a liar. The statement that he has made may not correspond with the facts, but perhaps in his mind the person was honest. There is a big difference whether we deliberately tell an untruth, or whether it is a mistake. Hence we should never call anyone a liar.

The third thought is that we should be very careful that we don't believe every-

thing that we hear about our brethren and sisters. This world is not a friend to grace, and worldly people will say things about God's people that are not true. (Matt. 5:11, 12.) We owe it to each other to be very careful that we do not believe everything we hear about God's people. Even if it is true, we should not judge until we hear the other side. Let us remember that if we believe everything we hear, we are not manifesting a spirit of love nor of discernment.

Paul says, we shall speak the *truth in love*. Sometimes it is necessary that our brethren and sisters be admonished, but we should do it in love and in the spirit of meekness. (Gal. 6:1.) O! how much harm has been done to the cause of Christ because when some of our members went wrong, we did not speak to them in the spirit of meekness, but in such a harsh spirit that they became completely discouraged. It is my firm conviction that if any one makes a mistake and we speak to him in love, in a great majority of cases the erring ones could be won to Jesus Christ. However, if we come to him in a domineering spirit, and tell him that unless he listens to *us*, the church will deal with him, we are apt to drive him away from Christ. Let us speak the truth in love, let us deal with the erring in the spirit of meekness, and God will add His blessing.

—Petersburg, Ontario

He Sendeth His Word

Alice F. Clark

*"He sendeth His Word and Healeth them!"
This blessed Word of God
Has hallowed the toilsome, blood-stained
path
Our Christian fathers trod.*

*"He sendeth His Word and Healeth them!"
This Book our fathers blessed
Reveals our Christ, the Lamb of God,
To hearts by sin distressed.*

*"He sendeth His Word and Healeth them!"
The Word, our Lord's own balm,
Is cleansing for our sinfulness
And for our struggles, calm.*

*"He sendeth His Word and Healeth them!"
The Father's perfect care
Leads His children in clear-marked paths,
Avoiding the subtle snare.*

*"He sendeth His Word and Healeth them!"
Blest certainty this is!
For whether the winds blow ill or fair
He sendeth His Word! We are His!*

—Dallas, Texas.

Little Faith

* Matt. 17. 20. "Because of your little faith." r. v. and r. s. v. "Because of your unbelief." a. v.

The disciples have faced failure. They have been humiliated and deeply humbled. Power had been given them (Matt. 10:8) They felt their failure keenly. Wisely they humbly went to the right source for light on their problem.

Jesus' answer is plain, direct and right to the point. And mark you, it throws the responsibility right up to them: "Because of your little faith." They did not have the necessary faith. And then He goes on to impress the unlimited powers of faith. The whole verse startles, challenges and condemns us. How little faith have we!

The price of power may well be a matter of concern. Personally I am humiliated as I think back over my ministry. Yes, I have had power; God has used me, and I have had a ministry that has been a blessing, but as the years of the past come back in memory, the thought will not down; "—I wanted to do more through you, but you failed me."

I am no longer in the place of leadership, but as I face the powerless condition of the church today I am deeply moved. Though still a minister of the Gospel (and I rejoice in the ministry) my position is now that of a layman in the little church, but I still feel the humiliation. More faith, more prayer, more love and passion for the things of God on my part, on the part of the individual Christians would change conditions in many churches.

This was a challenging failure; what comes to me is that we so often fail in the little, the easy things. Little acts or words of kindness, of service cost so little, mean so much and if these abounded folks would have more faith in us and our faith would grow too.

Lord strengthen our faith and may we not dishonor and grieve thee by our little faith!—Azimuth.

"Any kind of work done without prayer is work done without God. Spiritual work that is not steeped in prayer has no business to be done. Indeed, it is falsehood to call it spiritual; the power of God does not beat at the heart of it, only the impotence of man. It is as we pray that power from on high is poured into our lives wherewith to do the work of God upon the lives of men."

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.
—Prov.

Sins are like chickens; they come-home to roost.

Minding One's Own Business

Chester E. Tulga

THE story is told of an old verger of Westminster Abbey, who conducting a small group through the Abbey, took them down into the old Norman Crypt. He paused before one of the numerous memorials and remarked of the man whose name was there commemorated, "That man passed through many, many troubles; troubles he might well have avoided had he kept to his own business." "By the way," he continued, "we had a sermon in the Abbey last Sunday on the very subject. The preacher took no text, he simply talked about each person attending to his own business. And a right good sermon it was. It was so practical. We need more sermons like that. We could get along much better if each one would mind his own business."

Said Dwight L. Moody, "I have had more trouble with myself than with any other man I ever met." Attending to one's own business is a task that will employ all the time we can possibly devote to it.

Sir George Mellish was one of the great jurists of England. As a member of a committee appointed to draw up resolutions of congratulations to the Queen, he discovered that his colleagues had begun one resolution with the words, "Being conscious as we are of our own defects."

"No, no," said Judge Mellish, "that will never do. We must not lie to Her Majesty. Change it to 'Being conscious as we are of one another's defects'."

On Sunday, August 5, 1860, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote in his diary, "John Ware, of Cambridge, preached a good sermon." And then Longfellow added what all ought to add after a sermon: "I applied it to myself."

Dr. Alexander Whyte was fond of telling the story of an old Puritan divine who, whenever he added a new book to his library, wrote in it his name, William Perkins; and then, underneath, the words: "Remember, thou art a Minister of the Word: mind thy business."

The memorable day in Peter's career had come. It was the day on which his great wrong was to be righted. He had three times denied his Lord; and to his delight, had been given the opportunity of three times confessing Him: "I love Thee"! "Thou knowest I love Thee"! "Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee"! In response to that magnificent confession Peter had been given a sublime commission. His heart should have been so full of joy as to exclude every other thought. But, just at that moment, he caught sight of John. "Peter, seeing him, saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do"? And Jesus said, "What is that to thee"? What a sweetness would have

lingered in the soul of Peter had he minded his own business. Now it is the rebuke that clouds the glory of that hour.

Like Towser, most of us wear ourselves out by dissipating our energies. "The poor dog is tired out," said Mary, as the farm wagon drove into the yard, and Towser, covered with the dust of the road, dropped lolling and panting upon the grass.

"Tisn't the journey he had to take that tired him," laughed the farmer. "He's used himself up by zig-zagging from one side of the road to the other, and tending to everything that didn't concern him. He could not pass a gate without running through it, to see what was on the other side, nor see a hen anywhere along the road without feelin' called upon to chase her. Every dog that barked started him to barking, and everything that moved took him out of his way to find out what it was, and where it was goin'. No wonder he's tired!" We would all be a little less weary at the end of the day if we minded our own business.—*Gospel Herald*.

A Great Woman

R. A. Kerby

As the Prophet Elisha travelled up and down the country he came in contact with many and varied types of folk. One character he came in touch with rightly was styled "great". That adjective is often used with little or no justification but in this case it was richly deserved. A study of Second Kings, fourth chapter will reveal eight elements in this life which moved the inspired Writer to call her, "A Great Woman".

Hospitality v. 8. Whenever the weary prophet came that way "he turned in thither to eat." He was always sure of a royal welcome and the best that the house afforded was cheerfully placed before him.

Perception v. 9. This woman spoke to her husband concerning the prophet and said, "I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually". Certainly a graciously endowed woman needs this quality to protect herself from the base and the designing that pass her way continually.

Humility v. 13. When the prophet asked what reward she desired for her thoughtfulness of his needs she modestly declined public mention or preferment by saying "I dwell among mine own people". She perceived, and very rightly so, that her proper sphere was to minister to her own kin-folk.

Womanly Qualities v. 14. The prophet's servant spoke of her childlessness knowing that nothing would please her so well as to become a mother. In this he judged rightly for her womanly heart was deeply grieved over the emptiness of her home.

Tenderness v. 20. When this child of promise became desperately ill in the field

the father ordered the servants to take him to his mother. The dying child was cradled on her knees with the utmost tenderness until life was gone.

Faith v. 26. When she overtook the prophet and was asked about the welfare of the child she simply and sublimely replied, "It is well". Her faith reached through and "did not tremble on the brink of this most earthly and bitter woe".

Persistence v. 30. She would not be put off with the attentions of the servant but declared to Elisha, "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee". She was determined that the prophet should give her grief his personal attention.

Disciplined Affections v. 37. After her son was restored to life she fell at the prophet's feet in gratitude before taking up her restored treasure and going out.

This Shunammite was "a great woman" indeed. One of the very basic reasons that the nations of the world are now in such dire straits is because there are altogether too few "great women". May the Lord in great mercy raise up many women among us who will follow in the footsteps of this truly "great woman".

—Denver, Colo.

"My Beloved is Mine"

This is faith—a complete, unhesitating embracing of Christ as my righteousness—my strength—my all. A common mistake is, that this clear conviction that Christ is mine, is an attainment far on in the divine life, and that it springs from evidence to be seen in the heart. When I see myself a new creature, Christ on the throne in my heart, love to the brethren, etc., it is often thought that I may then begin to say, "My beloved is mine." But the moment Jesus reveals himself, the soul may cry out, "My Beloved is mine!" So saith Thomas—John xx. 27, 28. The moment Jesus came in and revealed his wounds, Thomas cried out "My Lord, and my God." He did not look to see if he was believing, or if the graces of love and humility were reigning; but all he saw and thought of was Jesus, and him crucified and risen. I suppose it is almost impossible to explain what it is to come to Jesus, it is so simple. If you ask a sick person who had been healed, what it was to come and be healed, he could hardly tell you. As far as the Lord has given me light in this matter, and looking at what my own heart does in like circumstances, I do not feel that there is anything more in coming to Jesus, than just believing what God says of his Son to be true.—*M'Cheyne*.

I would rather be foursquare with God than to have a religion without a conversion.

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Ontario

Boyle, 2:00 p. m.Oct. 12-13

Pennsylvania

Chambersburg...Sat. eve. Oct. 12, at 6:30 p. m.
SoudertonOct. 19-20
Graterford2:00 P. M., Oct. 26-27
Fairland (Cleona)Oct. 27
WoodburyOct. 13
SaxtonOct. 26

Michigan

MerrillOct. 12, 13
GladwinOct. 26, 27
Carland — District Council and love-feast
Nov. 1, 2, 3
DetroitOct. 19-20

Ohio

Pleasant HillSat. & Sun., Oct. 19 & 20
Beulah ChapelSat. & Sun., Oct. 26 & 27
Chestnut GroveSat. & Sun., Nov. 2 & 3
Valley ChapelSat. & Sun., Nov. 9 & 10
Sippo ValleyThanksgiving Day
Meeting on Thanksgiving Day

Kentucky

FairviewSaturday, Oct. 12
Grassy Springs Communion Service
Sat. night Nov. 9

Oklahoma

ThomasSat. afternoon and night Nov. 2

EVANGELISTIC SLATE

Fairland (Cleona) Pa.Nov. 3
Evangelist, Walter Bohlen
Thomas, Okla.Nov. 3
Evangelist, William Lewis
Horatio, OhioOct. 13
Evangelist, Edgar Giles

Mt. Carmel, Gladwin, Mich.Oct. 27
Evangelist, Henry Heisey
Woodbury, Pa.Oct. 13
Evangelist, P. B. Friesen
Saxton, Pa.Oct. 17
Evangelist, E. J. Rohrer
Houghton Mission, Ont.Oct. 27-Nov. 10
Evangelist, Charles W. Rife
Mechanicsburg, Pa.Nov. 17
Evangelist, Earl Sider

BIBLE CONFERENCE

Pasadena, California, Church
Sunday, October 20, 1946

Theme "Biblical Growth of the Church"
Speakers: J. H. Wagaman, C. R. Heisey, Lee Yates, Alma B. Cassel, Lowell Byer, Ardys Byer, Archie Heer, Allie Blunt, J. F. Lady.

Births

HOCK—September 1, Rosie Marie came to bless the home of Bro. & Sr. Walter Hock, Shippensburg, Pa.

HESS—Joyce Ann was born Sept. 7 to Bro. and Sr. Glenn Hess of Detroit, Kansas.

FOX—July 16, 1946. Born to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Fox, Pasadena, California, a daughter Christine.

Weddings

BOSSERT-TRAYER—On Saturday morning August 24, Sister Della M. Traver, daughter of Brother and Sister George Traver, Wellandport, Ontario and Brother John E. Bossert, son of Brother and Sister Fred Bossert, Fenwick, Ontario were united in marriage. The ceremony took place in the Boyle church with Elder Earl Bossert, Buffalo, N. Y., uncle of the groom officiating. May God's blessing follow them through life.

ENGLE-EYSTER—At seven o'clock Friday evening, Aug. 16, Oliver Engle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lamar Engle of Abilene, Kans., and Lela Fern Eyster were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Bro. and Sister Ray Eyster of Thomas, Okla. Eld. Jesse Eyster officiated.

We wish God's blessing on this young couple who will make their home at Abilene, Kansas.

Obituaries

HARDING—Elizabeth Regenia Harding, the daughter of Martin and Sarah Kaiser, was born in Springfield, Ohio, on Dec. 27, 1876 and departed this life at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton, O., Tuesday, Sept. 17, 1946 at the age of 69 years 6 months and 11 days. She was united in marriage to Eugene Belott on Dec. 13, 1893 in Springfield, O. To this union were born 5 children: 2 sons and three daughters.

Sr. Harding was united in her second marriage to Joseph H. Harding, in Feb. of 1923 in Dayton, O., and they were permitted to live together for about 20 years when very unfortunately he was struck by a R. R. train resulting in his death on Wed., June 23, 1943.

Those who remain in mourn her departure are two sons and three daughters: William F. Belott of Detroit, Mich., Richard M. Belott of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Lucile Smith of West Carrollton, Ohio., Mrs. Elsie Scott, Toledo, O., Mrs. Edna Klein, Dayton, O.; one brother Howard Kaiser, Dayton, O., one sister, Mrs. Dean Applegate, Freewater, Oregon, seventeen grandchildren, six great grandchildren, three step-daughters: Mrs. Marguerite Johnson, Mrs. Martha Sharp and Mrs. Emma Zimmerman and three step-grandchildren all who reside in Dayton, Ohio. Other relatives and many friends also survive her.

Sr. Harding was converted in Nov. of 1933 and became a member of the Brethren in Christ Church by the rite of baptism on Sept. 8, 1935 and continued her membership therein until severed by the providential hand of death. She will be greatly missed by her dear family and the little Mission band and all who learned to know her.

Funeral services were held in the Brethren in Christ Mission chapel on Thursday, Sept. 19, 1946 in charge of Bish. W. H. Boyer and Eld. W. H. Engle.

Text: Phil. 1:21. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery, Englewood, Ohio.

THRUSH—Sr. Esther C. Thrush 26, wife of Bro. Ralph Thrush, Chambersburg, Pa., passed away at 3:18 on Wed. morning Sept. 4th at the Chambersburg Hospital where she had entered as a maternity patient. An infant daughter, Elizabeth May, died at birth.

Sr. Thrush was born in Dillsburg, Penna., the daughter of Bro. Charlie C. and Sr. Rachel Snoke Hensel, Linglestown, Pa.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Jean, at home. Nine brothers and sisters also survive: Charles L. of Mechanicsburg; David C. of Linglestown; John S. of Harrisburg; Glen A. of Upland, Calif.; Earl G., Elizabeth S., and Florence R. Hensel, Linglestown. Mrs. Grace Rutt, Millersville; and Anna May Hensel, Linglestown.

In her early youth Sr. Thrush yielded her heart and life to God, and she remained an earnest Christian until God called her home. The severing of earthly ties so early in life bring sorrow to the family and friends that remain, but how comforting in that sorrow to have the assurance that our sister was ready for the transition. Her last testimony to her husband was that if God designed to call her from this life at this time she should not worry as everything was all right. We therefore do not question at her death, but feel that God in His goodness called her to a better home, where she is safe from the evils of this world.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, at Air Hill Church with Bish. Charlie Byers and Rev. Irvin O. Musser, officiating. Burial in the cemetery adjoining the church.

RELIEF NOTES

Sugar for Relief Canning

Information has been received that sugar for relief canning by a community or commercial processor may be obtained by the canner. The final disposition is not a factor involved in the granting of the sugar. An allotment of this type is granted in section 191.10 of the Third Revised Ration Order No. 3. The amount of sugar per commodity is covered in section 17.1 (.103) (g). The application should be submitted by the canner directly to his State OPA office. In case of difficulty in obtaining an allotment from a state board, contact should be made with the Material Aid Section of the MCC.

A limited amount of sugar is still available for group projects where canning is not done by an organized cannery. Requests for ration points should be directed to the Akron office.

Hints for Canning

Reports from the field indicate that some of the spoilage which occurs in foods canned in glass might be avoided by using a different type of lid. A recent letter from one of our workers in France stated that a larger percentage of spoilage occurred with one-piece lids of zinc and porcelain than with other types. The letter went on to recommend the use of combination metal or metal and glass lids. Some of the one-piece lids were loose, thus allowing air to enter the jar. This loss could probably be reduced by rechecking the seals on each individual jar after it is processed.

During the past few weeks the following shipments have left the United States for Relief Areas:

To the American Zone in Germany, 1,000 cases of evaporated milk; to Ethiopia, a shipment of dried fruits, seeds, medical equipment and a pickup truck; to the relief unit in Puerto Rico, a small shipment of tableware and medical equipment; and to Paraguay, a pickup truck.

Bibles for Displaced Persons

Recent shipments of new and used German Bibles include the following: 126 Bibles and 159 Testaments to Holland, 51 Bibles to Berlin, Germany. These will be distributed among displaced Mennonites now residing in those countries.

With the Church In The Homeland

Boyle, Ontario

On August 11 our summer tent meeting began. The tent was pitched in a new locality about four miles from our church, in the village of North Pelham. Brother Henry Landis, Des Moines, Iowa was our evangelist. Sister Landis and Sister Imogene Snider of Kentucky were the workers along with Brother George French of Markham, who also looked after the tents. Brother French has been a faithful helper here during tent meetings for a number of years. He was worker at the first tent meeting Boyle had twenty-four year ago. Surely he will wear stars in his crown for his faithfulness to the Lord.

Brother Landis brought the old time gospel in its simplicity. Only eternity will reveal the good that was done. Quite a number of outsiders came and the Lord gave us good weather. We were glad for all who came and worshipped with us. The second Sunday of the meetings folks were present from Kentucky, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Indiana and the church districts of Nottawa, Markham, Bertie and Wainfleet were represented.

Sister Landis or Sister Snider conducted a children's meeting each Sunday.

Quite a number bowed at the altar and definite help was received. September 1 still finds the services continuing and the presence of God manifest.

Brother and Sister John Bossert, our newlyweds are residing on the Bossert farm.

Sister David Byer who has been on her bed for over 18 months is an inspiration to those who call on her. She is totally blind and doesn't have the use of her limbs but has the joy of the Lord in her heart and is believing the Lord to restore her sight and raise her up to get out to services again. Why not add her to your prayer list?

M. Horton.

Carlisle, Penna.

New recruits are being brought into our Sunday School through the visitation work of 3-4-1 (three for one) committee teams of three working each week to bring in one new member. The school is working for a grand climax of old and new members on our Rally Day, Oct. 6.

We have found very useful and most encouraging the services of our young men recently returned to us upon their release from Civilian Public Service.

The spirit of giving has been stressed among us as we have prepared our gifts for "War torn" sufferers in Europe. Gifts sent to Akron to be dispatched by the M. C. C. to the needy are as follows:

- 26 Good Will Christmas Bundles
- 1480 cans of tomatoes
- 648 cans of corn
- 5 large cartons of used clothing

We have found that God blesses, as well as loves a cheerful giver, and are thankful that we have had a share in His work of relieving those in need.

R. G. Lehman

Bethel, Kansas

Sept. 1 at our morning service Sr. Anna R. Engle was with us and gave a missionary talk on the work in Africa. It was enjoyed

by all. At the close of the Sunday school our missionary superintendent, Sr. Katie Bollinger, gave a heart to heart talk on how she felt the Lord lead her to move to Illinois. We were sorry to have her and Sr. Alma leave us.

Sunday evening Bro. Lynn Nicholson gave a talk on missions in general. We believe everyone was benefited from the messages.

We are glad to have Bro. and Sr. Avery Hoover back again after their stay in Pa. for nearly a year.

Mary A. Brandt

Grants Pass, Oregon

Our Sunday School election of new officers was held the latter part of August. The annual business meeting of the church was held one week later. Bro. Alvin Burkholder was in charge of the business meeting and election of new officers.

Sept. 1 was Communion Service, the first to be held in our Redwood Country Church. Alvin Burkholder brought the morning message. The Spirit of God was very evident in our midst. Many of our group commented favorably upon the beauty of the service and the deep spiritual meaning, as brought out by Bro. Burkholder. Two new members were added to our Church.

Bro. & Sr. Roy Franklin and Bro. & Sr. William Georgiades were present for communion. Bro. Georgiades was the speaker of the evening service. His message will long remain with us.

Sept. 2. We held our Annual Sunday School picnic in the city park. It was well attended by local people and visitors from Calif. Bro. & Sr. Jacob Mauck of Upland visited Bro. Mauck's sister Mrs. Sam Lenthert of Grant Pass.

Bro. & Sr. Cyrus Landis and Bro. & Sr. Michael Vengin of Lewellyn, Pa. were with us Sept. 15 for services. Bro. Landis' message of the morning was Spirit-filled. One sought God at the altar, at the close of the service.

We truly thank God for these Brothers & Sisters in Christ who are taking an interest in our little church here. Our own minister is a faithful servant of God and much good is being accomplished here. We ask again for your prayers that God may continue to make us a light house in this community. Situated as we are on Redwood Highway we get many of the tourists as they drive through. Many of them stop and come unto the services just as they are, tired and weary, but leave with the joy of God and fellowship of His people in their hearts. Thus we continue here to spread the Word of God.

Beulah Munn

Jabbok Bible School, Thomas, Okla.

This year marked the beginning of the twenty-second consecutive year of high school work at Jabbok. With Joshua of old we can truly say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," for which we give God all the glory and praise.

Registration began September 2. The enrollment was a representation from four states—Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Several changes have been made on the staff this year. Mr. Fred K. Bailey, a Jabbok alumnus, is the music instructor, and Miss Rose Lore from Springfield, Illinois, is serving as matron.

We wish to express our appreciation to Eld. Jesse W. Hoover for his practical messages in our chapel services the first two weeks of school.

Let us pray earnestly that the cause of Christ may be effectively advanced through the avenue of Christian education.

Edna Switzer

Mooretown, Mich.

We enjoyed two interesting missionary services here this month.

Thursday evening, Sept. 5, Sr. Leora Yoder, returned missionary from India and Sr. Elizabeth Engle from Africa, spoke about their work. We were very much interested in the native dress and pictures of native life which they had with them.

Bro. and Sr. Roy Mann, returned from Africa, gave inspiring messages, Sept. 10. We appreciated the maps that were shown indicating the position of our African missions.

Miss Grace Sisco recently left us to attend Messiah Bible College.

Mrs. M. E. Stauffer

Morrisons Cove—Martinsburg — Woodbury

On July 13 and 14 the Annual Bible Conference and Sunday School Meeting was held with Bish. Luke Keefer and Eld. John Climenhaga as speakers. Music was furnished by a male quartet from Clinton Co. Sunday evening Bro. & Sr. John Climenhaga and Bro. & Sr. David Climenhaga gave us a missionary meeting.

Bro. Ross Morningstar of Saxton was the guest speaker for our Harvest Meeting Saturday evening Sept. 7. Then Sunday Sept. 8 we had three representatives from the Messiah Home of Harrisburg. They presented the need there. Bro. Irvin Wolgemuth remained for a few days and solicited for funds.

We have been privileged to have Bro. & Sr. David Climenhaga with us during the summer months as Sr. Climenhaga's home is in this District.

Mt. Carmel, Michigan

The Young People's Conference was held here August 17-18 with an average attendance of about 100. Brother L. Thomas of Merrill was the Conference evangelist, who brought timely messages to us. The theme was "God's Plan for our Lives".

Brother Judson Hill and Brother Leroy Zook gave talks on their work as C. P. S. boys. On Saturday P. M. we met at Sugar River for baptismal services in which Sisters Donnalee and Isabelle Starr were administered baptism by their father. They were received into church membership in the evening service. On Sunday morning Brother and Sister F. Klassen had baby Aaron dedicated to the Lord. We are glad to report that Brother Albert Ewald and his sister Lila Mae were saved in our regular services.

We are looking forward to revival meetings opening with our Love Feast October 27 with Elder H. Heisey of Louisville, Ohio formerly of this place as evangelist. Please pray for this meeting.

Kenneth Starr

Oak Ridges, Ontario

On August 11th our tent services commenced with Elder Jesse Hoover as Evangelist and continued for two weeks.

His Spirit-filled messages were an encouragement to every believer and brought conviction to the unsaved.

Several knelt at the altar of prayer and received definite help.

Bro. Jno. Patfield of Stayner, Ont. was again Superintendent of our D. V. B. S. with an enrollment of 74 and an average attendance of 60. The closing program rendered by the children was well attended by the people of the community.

One evening during our tent meeting it was our privilege to have with us Bro. and Sr. David Climenhaga out-going missionaries to Africa accompanied by his parents. This service was enjoyed by all.

Our Sunday School Rally will be held on October 27th.

This program will be presented by the children of the Sunday School.

Freda Henderson

Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Many of our group here attended the 3rd Memorial Holiness Camp this year, which is in our District. Our hearts have been greatly encouraged by it.

On August 12th Srs. Martha Hoover and Elizabeth Schradley left us here, to labor in the Lord's vineyard at Mt. Carmel Home in Illinois.

May the Lord bless them there is our prayer.

On Sun. evening, Sept. 8th Bro. & Sr. David Ray Hoover talked in our Young People's meeting. They told how the Lord had been leading them to help in relief work. They expect to leave us for the Philippine Islands in the near future. Our prayers follow them as they go.

Elizabeth Thuma

Rapho District

A reception service was held at the Mastersonville church on Sept. 4.

Eld. Henry A. Ginder spoke on Consistent Church-Membership using for his text Matt. 12:48.

After the reading of several verses from Matt. 18 and giving of a few comments by Bishop Jacob Ginder, four girls were received into church membership. Two had been received before.

The following Saturday the six girls were baptised namely: Helen Keefer, Inez Keefer, Alma Smith, Grace Ginder, Hettie Peters, Ethel McGalligar.

On Aug. 29 Rapho District held their quarterly council when it was decided to elect a minister to fill the vacancy left by the death of Bro. H. O. Musser.

On Sept. 8th votes were taken in the morning at Manheim and Mt. Pleasant, and in the evening at Mastersonville. On Monday evening, Sept. 9th there was a special service held at Mastersonville to announce the results of the voting. Bro. Arthur Brubaker was elected. We pray the Lord's richest blessing upon him and his ministry.

J. G. Brandt

Saxton, Pa.

The Lord has been working in our midst in very unusual ways. There have been calls to pray at sick beds, and a business man has been much concerned about his soul. A very touching scene occurred at one of these sick beds. One Sunday eve before church some of the workers met there to pray, and the sick mother requested that all her children go to church that night. The one son promised and about fifteen members of the family came to church. They are all unsaved, although some of them are backsliders. They requested prayer meeting the following Monday eve for their mother. They operated a drinking place, and lived in one end of the building. The room was filled with her sons and daugh-

ters and their companions. There were also some grandchildren there. Our hearts were deeply moved as we looked upon the scene. Some were under the influence of drink, some overcome with weeping and others deeply distressed. The old mother would ask for the boys and when told that they were in the room lay still and prayed. A number of hymns were sung, all trying under the different conditions they were in to sing. A portion of John 10 was read and all were urged to seek help for their souls in the Lord. Again we were strangely moved as those big strong men bowed with us in prayer for their mother, some with tears streaming down their faces. The mother found peace for her soul. We heard she is some better too in body. We thank God this place is closed and pray it will never open.

A backslidden brother, father of a large family, came back to the Lord. He had a heart attack and thought he was dying. Bro. Ebersole was called out during the night to pray for him. The next day he was busy confessing and straightening up his life. We were glad to see this brother, his wife and most of the children come to Sunday School and church.

Sunday Sept. 15, Bro. and Sr. David Climenhaga and Sr. Lulu Asper were with us. The messages were all very good and very much enjoyed.

S. Iola Dixon

Sippo, Wayne District, Ohio

On Sun. eve., Aug. 4, 1946 at 8 P. M. the members of the Sippo Church met in the home of Bish. W. J. Myers, who that day reached his 78th milestone in life, also to pay him a tribute of thanks for his very faithful 45 years of service at Sippo. Bro. Myers was taken by sudden surprise. After some time spent in visiting, Scripture was read and prayer, also hymns were sung. Bish. Myers also gave a short account of the past years at Sippo. He mentioned the Saints of the district who have gone on to Glory.

Refreshments were then served. (Ice cream and cake)

Also a Love offering was given him.

The members then returned to their homes feeling it was good to have been in our Bishop's home.

Eld. Marion Berg.

Thomas, Okla.

Throughout the past summer months some changes have been made at this place. Our beloved Bishop D. R. Eyster has resigned and Eld. P. B. Friesen was chosen to take his place. May God richly bless our Senior Bishop for his many years of faithful service to the church, and make his last days his best.

Harvest Meeting—As we met together for this service our hearts were filled with thanksgiving for the way God blessed our crops this year. In some communities not far distant much damage was caused by the green-bug pest and hail storms. We were doubly grateful as we realized the protecting care of our loving Heavenly Father.

For Relief—The Sunday School classes each took up an offering and with this money purchased twenty bundles of clothing for European children.

The ladies' sewing circle has also been very busy making garments for relief and other needy causes.

Tent Meeting—Eld. Jesse W. Hoover arrived here on Sept. 1, to be our evangelist

in a two weeks' tent meeting which was held in the Thomas Park. The presence of the Lord was very gracious during these meetings. The attendance was good each night. Several of the town churches dismissed their own services to join us. We appreciated the Christian fellowship we enjoyed together.

Along with the gospel messages Bro. Hoover told us some of his experiences while in Europe. During the Saturday night services, which were especially for the young people, our brother related his "Life Story", in pre-sermon talks.

The Mennonite young people and those from our home congregation sang many beautiful messages in song. Our evangelist also sang several solos which were much appreciated by all.

Three Indian girls and quite a number of the Jabbok students were saved.

May God richly bless Bro. Hoover for taking time out from his busy routine of work to come and help us in this meeting.

Mrs. Paul C. Engle

Upland, Calif.

With a spiritual atmosphere as fresh and bracing as that of the surrounding hills and pines, the sixth annual California Youth Conference closed Sunday, October 6, after four days of memorable experiences on the mountain top with God. The conference, attended by approximately 200 young people from Beulah College, the Upland church, and many points throughout the state, was held at Thousand Pines, high in the San Bernardino mountains near Lake Arrowhead.

Principal speakers included Dr. D. D. Eitzen of the University of Southern California, Rev. Robert Dennis of the Ontario Temple Baptist church, and Eld. Jesse Lady and Elam Dohner of Beulah College. Dr. Eitzen, a professor and consulting psychologist, conducted classes in courtship and marriage and building a Christian home. Other classes and their speakers included: "My Church Today," by Miriam Bowers and John Book; "Vitamin B and P" and "The Key," by Eld. C. R. Heisey; and "Country Church Goes to Town," and "The Church Needs Me," by Eld. John Raser.

Bro. Lady addressed the Thursday evening assembly on the subject, "Youth on the Mountain Top with God," and Saturday evening Rev. Dennis spoke on "I am the Way." The conference program also included recreation each afternoon and vespers and devotions in the evening.

Beulah College is again a veritable hive of activity as students from all points of the compass have converged upon this center of Christian learning. There are approximately 140 of them, the largest student body the school has seen since its beginning two and a half decades ago. Some students have come all the way from South Africa, others walk less than a block to school. Nearly every state and province where there is a Brethren in Christ church is represented in the student group, including New York, Pennsylvania, Saskatchewan, Oregon, and Southern Rhodesia.

New faculty members for the year include Miss Ethel Climenhaga, director of the commerce department; Millard Herr, instructor in speech; and Rev. Caulderon, pastor of Chino Free Methodist church, instructor in Spanish.

Principal addition to the college campus for the new year is the new boys' dormitory which accommodates more than 20 men and

also contains an apartment for the dean of students.

The missionary spirit of the Upland church has been stirred to new activity by the presence of several representatives from the foreign fields. The Elmer Eyer family has been in Upland much of the time since their arrival from Africa and they have made a great contribution to the life of the church.

The arrival in Upland of Bish. and Sr. A. D. M. Dick from India was a time of rich spiritual fellowship. Bish. Dick spoke Sunday evening, Sept. 1, to an audience that filled the church to capacity. He described the work on the India field and also analyzed the Indian political situation as it affects the work of the church. It is his belief that a free India will not be openly hostile to Christian missions but neither will it support them. He feels that freedom of religion will be tolerated only as long as the missions operate in the social field, but will not permit evangelization.

*Principal topic of conversation now among the younger members of the Upland congregation is a new organization which has been functioning for several weeks. The group is known as Comrades in Christian Service, with separate organizations for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14. The program is designed to meet both spiritual and social needs of the young people.

The various ranks are attained by the completion of prescribed tests in many different fields, including Bible reading, bird study, hiking, sewing, cooking, swimming and others. William Georgiades and Glenn Hensel are leaders of the boys' program and Harriet Trautwein and Amelia Brubaker are sponsoring the girls' groups.

W. E. Harmon

Zion, Kansas

During the summer the attendance and interest had been good both in the Sunday morning and evening service. And the mid-week prayer meetings have been quite well attended. We have had quite a large number of young people in our congregation. Some who had been attending schools in other states returned home for the summer and some came into the community to work during the summer months. Quite a few of these young people have again gone to one of the church schools and we will miss them in our services but we hope the winter in school may be a blessing to them.

We have had a number of visiting friends in our services at different times, some perhaps going through Kansas and would stop and be in one or more service. Sr. Esther Book from California spent some time in our community. Bro. and Sister Paul Book from Coleta, Ill. were here for a couple services. We also enjoyed having Brother Jesse and Samuel Lady with us. Sr. Emma Frey and Mable were in our community for several weeks and on September 25 gave a very interesting account of some of their work in Africa. Sr. Anna Engle, returned missionary from Africa was with us for one service. We are always glad to welcome visitors to our services and trust that our association may be a blessing one to another.

The Zion congregation felt the time had come when they should have another deacon so on September 15, the election was made for a deacon and Bro. Samuel Minter was elected to fill this place.

Mrs. J. C. Hoover

Cedar Grove, Mifflintown, Pa.

Sept. 10. Eld. David Climenhaga and wife were with us in a service, telling us of their call to the African Mission Field. We trust that the way will speedily open for them to go forth.

Sept. 28th our harvest praise service was held. At this time Ethel Gingrich, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Lloyd Gingrich was received into church fellowship. The same evening we commemorated the death of our Saviour with a good number present, from various places. Bish. and Sr. Irvin Musser, Bish. Amos Dick and family and Sr. Kathryn Wengert were some of the visitors. We appreciate our missionaries visiting with us.

Sept. 29 we had an all-day service. Eld. Allen Brubaker was one of the speakers, also Bro. Dick and Sr. Wengert. Sr. Dick gave a talk to the children. The messages presented a challenge to us as a church in a very forceful way.

New doors are opening for prayer meeting, and we need divine wisdom and guidance as we enter these homes where souls are not satisfied from a spiritual standpoint. Pray to this end.

Ella M. Lauver.

TESTIMONY

Gormley, Sept. 7, 1946

The Lord has been so good to me. He is such a precious Friend. I Peter 2:7. Saviour Sanctifier Glorious Lord and coming King. He is worthy of all praise and adoration. I'm glad I ever tasted and found it good to serve the Lord, and through the instrumentality of Bro. J. R. Zook who has passed on to His reward, I was led into a deeper work of Grace. Thank God He took me through and gave me power in my life till life seemed worth while. It is the abundant life and there is real joy in His service. I love the precious Word of God. It is sweet, comforting, and full of rich blessings to overflowing. I love to read it and talk about it. I praise Him for it, and for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter who has come to abide.

My prayer is that many more may find Him and His people may be built up on the most Holy Faith, and empowered with the Holy Spirit for His coming again.

Ella Cober

On the Foreign Field

Philippine Relief Unit

Selective Service has tentatively approved the use of ten CPS men for relief in the Philippines. To qualify an assignee must have been in camp three months and would be subject to a three-year assignment. A number of these men have already been chosen, but any others who are interested may apply immediately to J. N. Byler, Director of Relief.

Riots and Relief in India

J. Harold Sherk in Calcutta writes that the scenes of desolation and death around that city have been heart-rending and horrifying. "Conservative estimates of casualties are 4,000 to 5,000 dead and 20,000 wounded. Thousands of families have been evacuated from danger zones . . . more than 1,000,000 have fled the city by train. When

we first took our vehicles out there was so much debris on some streets that one could hardly get a car through. Where the more serious fighting took place the streets were littered with the bodies of men and animals. Many were thrown in the canals and the river and in places the sewers have been clogged with them. Troops were brought out and the rioting and killing decreased as the strength of the troops increased and was made felt throughout the city. Multitudes of small shops and some large ones were looted and burned. When shop-keepers tried to defend their property they were killed. Many private residences were looted and burned out, and what couldn't be carried away or burned was smashed. Mostly as usual, it was the poor who suffered, but in some cases it affected the well-to-do and even rich people. Comparatively few Christians suffered loss in person or property though there have been some cases reported."

"With limited personnel and supplies we haven't been able to do very much in the way of relief but we have been getting a little done. Food has been the big problem because few persons had been able to lay up enough supplies for a long siege in their homes and many had nothing more than their daily ration. At Champahati we distributed rice and arranged for a milk canteen for the small children. Since then we have opened a milk canteen at an Anglican church in another part of the city.

A cable from Bro. Sherk was received on August 28 saying that all the workers were safe and well.

Airplane Relief

The China Relief Director of the Lutheran World Convention recently purchased a C-47 transport plane which seats twenty-seven passengers and which operates to transport missionary personnel, medicines, and relief supplies. J. Lawrence Burkholder, M. C. C. worker stationed in Shanghai has been doing some co-piloting of the plane owned by the Lutherans. Early in July he accompanied a flight north to Haichow, along the coast to deliver relief supplies. On July 25, and 26, he made a trip to Peking carrying missionaries and relief workers, as well as relief supplies.

Workers in China are Safe

During the month of August at least parts of the city of Kaifeng were occupied by the communist party. The M. C. C. unit in Honan province is located in this city and no word was received directly from the workers for several weeks. Two letters were received directly from Wilhelmina Kuyf and Ruth Fisher this past week. We quote, "At the moment, we are still in the Canadian Church Mission compound. Because Chu-hsien-chen, the town where we expected to open our medical work, has been taken by the Communists, then retaken by the Nationalists, we have been unable to open our work there. It is hard to get reliable information. There is no question, it seems, of our personal safety. We are registered with the government and with the police. It is a disappointment not to be able to go on with our work in the way we had planned. The tractor project has closed down and Eddie Schrag and Harold Wik are here."

"We still seem to be having a war and no connections with the outside. Don't worry about us, we're safe . . . as long as the fighting goes on we can't do much relief work here."

Our Sunday Schools

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Imparting Bible Truth Through the Eye Gate—Illustrated

Mrs. C. J. Carlson

FOR the Sunday School Program June 6, of General Conference, 1946, I have been asked to present the Sunday School lesson for the following Sunday, June 9, by every possible demonstration I could think of. The picture above gives a little idea of the illustrations we used. Ten or eleven illustrations and thirty minutes to present them, meant that each could be merely introduced as suggestions to a thinking audience.

The lesson title for June 9, was Training for Service, found in Mark 6:7-13, Luke 10:1-20; 14:25-27, and being in the Lord's service this was a very interesting subject to me.

When we consider how teachers and leaders of cults and isms can teach and hold their children causing them to believe lies from the pit, on down through old age, surely we who have the truth of all the ages should put forth every effort to inculcate in our precious children the knowledge by which they enter the pearly gates for an endless eternity with God. Teachers, let us prayerfully ask the Lord if we are doing all in our power to convey the message. Let us be in prayer that He might diffuse our talent, (and are we using any small talent we have?) and every part of our personality, our all, that our class before us is receiving what He intends for them to receive.

We gathered illustrations for every department in the Sunday School, so we will proceed, beginning with those which can be used for the younger children on up through the adult department.

Illustrations for Beginners and Primary Departments

Flannelgraph

(While the lesson was being read by Maxine Engle, for lack of time the figures were placed on the flannelgraph board to represent Christ sending forth the disciples two by two.) I surely need not talk up the flannelgraph as it has come into prominence the last years. Anyone who feels they cannot make things or draw can with a little outlay of money have the whole story there before the children. And such pretty scenes are made now.

Little Jets

For a dull moment the little jets (pictured above on the blackboard to the left) are very interesting. They can be depicted running, standing, weeping, preaching, sitting, lying down and the scene we used is the one in which one of the two disciples

is anointing the sick one in bed while mother and little brother stand by.

The Sand Table

Stories can so interestingly be told with the sand table. Since the lesson was of a missionary aspect, we suggested the use of some missionary the children knew, perhaps from your congregation; but since we had to be more general we chose the story of David Livingstone, a missionary every child should know. We explained that as Jesus needed helpers in that day, even so He sends them out now and we call them missionaries. Bro. Ginder's children furnished the sand and with the help of other children on the grounds tall grass was pictured as the jungle of Africa. We placed the tent there to remind us of the place where Livingstone was found on his knees dead. The litter tied to four natives was there on which Livingstone was carried across Africa racked by many fevers. We suggested telling about the lion which grabbed him by the shoulder and shook him as a cat does a rat; how the doctor had to put a silver ball in his shoulder; how when he was taken, after his death, to England by his beloved faithful natives, and the people wondered if this really was the body of Livingstone; how the doctor examined his shoulder and there was the tell-tale silver ball.

Illustrations for the Junior Department

The Skit

Boys love action and here in the city one is glad for things that will hold the attention of the boys. We had planned a skit; a boy with a Western Union cap on, representing a telegraph messenger was to dash in bearing the glad news of the gospel to a child represented as the heathen with which he was to converse, but this did not materialize.

The Story in Action

A missionary's life is so full of action that it lends itself very well to this type of illustration. The children in the picture at the left so ably helped to tell the story of "Paul before Festus and King Agrippa". We explained that King Agrippa the Second was the last of the Herods. G. Campbell Morgan tells us that his great grandfather had murdered the innocents at the birth of Jesus; his grand uncle had murdered John the Baptist; his father, Agrippa the First, had executed James. The destiny of his house had been mixed up with the faith and fate of Jesus and now when Festus says the charge against Paul concerned Jesus, little wonder that Agrippa desires to see Paul.

In our story, Festus sits as the judge on the throne, beside him are seated King Agrippa and Queen Berniece; Paul, the

prisoner in chains, awaits the verdict, while the Jews pour in their accusations against him. When Agrippa asks the prisoner to speak for himself, Paul so ably tells of his conversion, and Paul by his own request is assigned to the ship Adrimittium to Caesar's Court.

Illustrations for The Senior Department

Note Books

For my class of girls this term the life of Peter was most fascinating. We looked up all the references to his life for the note book, devoting a page to each narrative with a very crude sketch to remind us of the respective stories. Before Pentecost Peter cringed at the finger of a maid, when later he dodged not the cross on which he was crucified.

Illustrations for the Young People's and Adult Departments

Maps of the World

On the wall at the top of the picture, you will notice a few of the roughly sketched maps of the countries of the world with the number of unevangelized millions in the respective countries. Surely this is a challenge to every young person and adult. The hidden numbers on the map of our beloved U. S. A., tells us eight percent of the population of the United States are in church on Sunday morning, while only two percent go on Sunday night. Every Christian is responsible to the souls he meets. We suggested since we all cannot preach we can all give out tracts that will preach for us. Let us get into the tract habit. I cannot urge this too strongly. To each teacher the tract "The Story of an Artist's Studio", and one by Tom Olson telling of the blessing of tract distribution, was given to awaken us to our privilege in this blessed ministry.

Cartoons

Next to the blackboard can be seen part of Dr. Pace's cartoon of the candle with the words, "Thou didst melt, mold and make me, and grant me a place to shine, now let me burn out for thee."

Song Illustrations

We suggested the Sunday School could be closed with the song, "Rescue the Perishing". The cry of the perishing comes to every one of us. That hideous leprous hand (the concealed hand of Christ) that Dr. Lambie saw in the committee meeting at midnight after an offer to stay in the homeland and take over his doctor brother's practice is reaching out to you! The cry of the perishing comes to every Christian. What are you doing about it?—General Conference 1946.

Being Christians ourselves does not make our children Christians. Every one has a will of his own.

Anything that condemns you in a meeting like this will condemn you in the judgment.

Gleanings from Vacation Bible School Reports

C. W. Boyer

IN view of the growing importance of Vacation Bible School work, which is indicated by the rapid increase in the number of such schools being conducted, the General Sunday School Board recently sent out a special questionnaire on the Vacation Bible School. The reports in full cannot be reproduced, but certain summaries and portions we believe will be of interest and value.

Following what is no doubt a pretty well established practice most of our schools were conducted during a two week period, the school being held on five days of each week. One three-week school was reported, and another school which was conducted one evening each week over a ten-week period. One point worthy of note was the large number of schools which were held in the evening. The percentage of evening schools from those reported was a little more than 46%. The length of the session varied from one and one-fourth hours to three hours, although in the majority of schools a two hour session was held.

The ten-week school mentioned above, being unique in this respect, should possibly have further mention. It was felt that this plan would provide the most satisfactory solution to the problem of getting the group together in a rural community. Consequently the prayer-meeting evening was chosen, and the Vacation Bible School, including the ages of 3 to 18, was conducted concurrently with the prayer meeting, the latter service being adapted, of course, to fit into the general program. This plan has been followed for several years, and according to the sponsors it has worked out most satisfactorily.

The grading of classes as to age naturally followed the same plan as that used in the Sunday School, the number of classes depending on the size of the school. The largest number of classes reported was fifteen, and the smallest two. The quality of work done did not depend, of course, on the size of the school or the number of its classes. The superintendent of the two-class school states that their enrollment was thirty, with average attendance of 28, and that "this is nearly all the children at that place within two miles."

It was interesting to note the various courses which were used, and it appears from the information given that the different courses followed may have been no less than ten or twelve. In one Mission Field which places strong emphasis on the Vacation Bible School the staff prepares their own material.

In nearly all instances a public program was given at the close of the school. The following are a few typical comments relative to the program feature:

"Approximately 125 attended. Each class gave a sample of the work done during the school, including a display of handwork. Great interest was shown."

"Each class presented a part of the memory work or stories they had in their class work."

"Each teacher furnished about a ten to fifteen minute program based on things studied in their course."

"One class gave a flannelgraph story."

"A fine attendance of parents, and rewards were given for completed work."

"There were about 500 in attendance."

"The intermediates dramatized the Good Samaritan."

"The intermediates used their wall map and gave a resume of their course from creation to the wilderness journeys."

"The last night of the school, the parents were invited to see "Our Bible School in Action", each class displaying their own work."

"Public was invited to tour class rooms during abbreviated class period."

One of the phases of the Vacation Bible School which gives it a place of special importance is the opportunity for evangelism which it provides. It has been demonstrated that in the Vacation Bible School is provided one of the most favorable occasions for leading the children to Christ. Here are a few of the comments on this point taken from the questionnaires, on the question, "Was there an opportunity given for scholars to accept Christ? If so how was it conducted, and what were the results?"

"The pastor related several touching incidents concerning children, and the children were invited to seek the Lord. Fifteen to 20 children responded at each of the two opportunities given."

"One of our ministers gave a short sermon to the children and gave an altar call. Most of the children moved to the front of the chapel. Many knelt at the altar, and we had a season of prayer with them."

"The plan of Salvation was presented in very attractive ways each morning, and the child given opportunity to talk and pray with teacher privately. Nineteen of our thirty-two enrolled accepted Christ as their Savior."

"A talk or story was given, after which an invitation was given to bow at the altar for prayer until the burden was lifted. One was saved at _____, three at _____, and three at _____."

"Each night our devotions were built around the picture "Christ at the Door" and the text, Rev. 3:20: 'Behold—I—stand—at—the door—and knock,' using one word each evening. Then we sang 'Let Him

in' at least twice each evening. On Decision Night our meditation was on 'and open the door'. The appeal was made in a beautiful atmosphere for seeking. The children were asked to raise their hands till their teacher saw them. Of course, each teacher watched their class. Then we had the recessional. The teachers were asked to take their children, who desired prayer to the prayer room. We came to the prayer room as soon as possible and found twenty-five children and ten teachers there in prayer, spending a period in prayer, and tears, and sobs, and instruction. The teachers were then given a blank to fill out, giving the name of teacher, name and age of pupil, and where the pupil goes to S. S. These were given to our secretary, who will send each teacher a list of her pupils and a letter of instruction to write to each pupil and try to develop a correspondence. Also the secretary will send each pastor a list of the pupils from his territory. If they are from our S. S. he will visit them; if they are from some other church, he will contact the child's pastor."

"Several incidents occurred in connection with the invitation to the children to seek the Lord. Two Catholic boys responded and came to the altar. The one mother was very angry and refused to allow Billy to return. The other mother said: "I didn't think they'd convert him that fast", and he was allowed to return. Several of the children were very much in earnest finding the Lord. One little girl four years old refused to get up from her knees until she really felt the Lord had spoken peace to her soul."

(To be continued in November 4 issue)

The Christian Home

One of the gravest perils to be noted in the growth of modern ideas concerning the power of the State is that the sacred precincts of the Home may be invaded to such an extent as to rob it of its vital part in moulding the life and character of the child in the home. Dictators have had no hesitancy in declaring that the State must be supreme, and that children, once thought to be the dearest possessions of the family, must now be thought of in terms of the State and as potential members of armed force to perpetuate the totalitarian idea. Against that neo-pagan idea the Church must set herself, sternly determining that what has been built through long and patient centuries of effort shall not be ruthlessly thrown down. We must not fail to remember that the Christian home has been the bulwark of the best and holiest things in life, and only as a nation perpetuates its homes may it hope to achieve that internal unity without which no nation can survive.—G. T. Savery.

Missions

"Back to My Father and Home"

Edna E. Lehman

IN these latter days, there seems to be a straying away from the "Father's House". There seem to be so many things which lure men and women out into the paths of sin and away from God, and yet, with all the suffering, heartaches, and sorrows men have sufficient reason to stop, think, and consider their ways.

Here in Africa there is no exception to that which holds true for the rest of the world. "Men's hearts are failing them" because of sin. Many who once professed to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ have left their Father's house and today are wandering far away.

I was tremendously impressed with the seemingly multitude of names from both the North and the South that were mentioned one evening during our African Conference which was especially devoted to intercessory prayer in behalf of the "lost sheep of the fold." Just everyone seemed to have those upon their hearts for whom they carried a burden of prayer. Yes, Satan is busy but what I really started out to tell you about is two spiritual victories which have been won in the recent past here at Macha. Two of that seemingly vast number have been returned to the fold and to the Father's House.

About two months ago, our hearts were made to rejoice when one of our former teachers—Dickson by name—came and confessed his sins and took his place before the Church. After the service he came to greet me and his face once again radiated with peace and joy just as it did before he fell into sin. His wife was also present and manifested the same spirit. She absented herself from the mission station for nearly a year because she keenly felt the shame of her husband's sins.

Dickson and his wife came to us from the Sikalongo area. He had received his training and education under another missionary society but since they have come to us they have been so faithful in their work until the recent past at the Muyanda out-school. When the new school was being built at this place, the people being lax and refusing to help as they should have with the building. Dickson thatched the greater part of it himself. A tired, discouraged missionary entering his village, seeing his school, his interest, his enthusiasm and hearing his testimony, preaching and praying would undoubtedly come away with renewed courage and inspiration to push on in the battle for souls keenly feeling within his soul that it pays to be faithful in witnessing and preaching to the "black diamonds in the rough" even

though it means "line upon line and precept upon precept". So it was that our hearts were saddened when he fell and made glad when we saw him returning to his Father's house.

The Sunday following Dickson's confession Nelson, another out-school teacher, remained for prayer at the close of the service. It was publicly known for some time that he had committed sin but he showed no signs of true repentance. In fact, for a time it seemed as though he had sold himself to the enemy and was going deeper and deeper into sin. He was encouraged to publicly confess his sins which he did the following Sunday. He is now working on the mission station and he, too, manifests a spirit of "all is well between me and my God". He is now being accused of another charge which he strongly denies. It is most difficult to say whether he is guilty or not but will you unite your prayers with us in his behalf that if there should be any hidden, unconfessed sin in his life that he will be willing to confess all and to forsake all to follow his Christ.

Thus it is that we have been made once again more keenly conscious of the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit and God's word where he says that he is married to the backslider. In behalf of these, we solicit your united prayers, that ere the sun set

Jungle Darkness

Is. 8:20 R. V.

H. V. Andrews

"We are like children lost in the jungle and our lamp has gone out." Thus wrote a watchman in one of India's villages expressing the feelings of many another.

*Born in a jungle dark and deep,
No light or hope adorning,
Where many evils lurk and creep;
A night that knows no morning.*

*Lost, mid the shadows of the night;
Conscience and sin give warning;
Groping for Him Who is the Light;
Hoping for some bright morning.*

*No lamp to light the chilling gloom,
No stay of death or mourning,
No hand to check the coming doom,
The night that knows no morning.*

*Who will arise and say, "I'll go,"
All earthly pleasures scorning,
Go to the lost that they may know
The joy of a new morning?*

—Selected.

many more of these may be sought and brought back to the Father's house that in joy and rejoicing we may be able to lay them at His feet as trophies of His redeeming love and grace.—*Macha Mission.*

Touching the Lips

Three times we have strikingly before us a Divinely granted touching of the lips or the mouth of a child of God, and this in connexion with empowered service unto Him. Isaiah was brought to feel and confess his unworthiness and need, and then the live coal—the live coal from the altar—was at once applied, and the words sounded forth, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away" (Isa. 6:7). How blessedly is the blending of the work of the Lord Jesus and of the Holy Spirit indicated even as by the blood and then the oil on the cleansed leper's ear, and our hearts rejoice to see that the lips where the blood is applied are the lips that say "Here am I," and these are the lips that give the witness—the same lips. O that we may learn, feel, and exemplify the meaning of all this, in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Daniel 10:16 we notice that the prophet had felt his strengthlessness (verse 8, 16, 17), and he had become dumb. But his lips were touched, and he was conscious of the beginning and the maintaining of strength. Mark the added words, "He strengthened me," "Be strong, yea, be strong." "Thou hast strengthened me." God is faithful!

And if we have in these two passages the cleansing and the strengthening, we find in Jeremiah 1:9 the Lord's touching, with the primary thought of giving His words to one who feels he cannot speak. O how we stand in need of power, and His freshness, and His own message! We cannot but be impressed with the fact that each passage set forth the privilege of representing the Lord in holy service and testimony. Thus we see, in each case, one who is strengthless, and knows it, and we, too, own the necessity for His cleansing, power, and the suited words. Cannot we, although we are not prophets and writers of Scripture, experience grace from the same God of all grace? We can!—*Student of Scripture.*

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and is therefore responsible also, in his degree, for its moral character—its happiness, usefulness, influence. Our homes are what we make them; and we, what our hearts are. What does God behold in our hearts? Alas, how little (in most) of the Spirit—the mind that was in Christ!

—Selected.

Christian Homes

Pruning Time for the Shermans

Gail E. Trissel

Well, son?"

"Busy today?"

"No, business is rather dull just now."

"How about sparing a few minutes for me then?"

"Sure, Lon!" Mr. Sherman replied, then discovered a troubled expression upon his son's face. "What's up now? Needin' some money?"

"No, father; it isn't that," Lon answered as he dropped into a chair beside his father's desk.

"Well, out with it then."

Lon halted for a few minutes trying to find words to begin his conversation.

"Father, I'm not needing money just now as badly as I am needing a home."

"A home? What's wrong now? Did your mother forbid you to live up at the corner?"

"No, it isn't that; but it is a mighty poor home with your living elsewhere and mother trying to keep the house together."

"Don't I give her all the money she needs?"

"Money isn't all."

Mr. Sherman was growing restless. He usually had the greatest amount of respect for Lon, but somehow Lon wasn't himself today, so he thought.

"Say, why don't you come home and live with mother again? What's hindering you?"

"Your mother was a good woman."

"And still is," Lon waited further.

"Lon, I just don't love her as I used to."

"Why not? Someone else to take her place?"

Mr. Sherman hung his head and sighed.

"Really, I'm treating her fair. I send her money every week. Besides, she doesn't care for me."

"Fair? And are you sure she doesn't care for you if you would come home yourself instead of sending money?"

Ned Sherman was growing still more restless.

"Lon, this is enough. If you can't talk about something else, you may leave my office at once."

Lon rose to go.

"That is all I want to talk about today. Think things over. I do hope something will happen that you will have to go home to mother and the girls, and be a real father to all of us again."

Lon walked reluctantly out the door.

"Say, Lon! You'll drop in again sometime?" Mr. Sherman wanted to know as Lon was on the sidewalk outside.

"Yes, when you want to tell me that you are ready to go home and be a good husband and father again."

Lon prayed to God to help his father make the right decision as he walked away.

For two weeks life continued about the same for the Shermans as it had for the past seven years, with the exception of Lon. Mr. Sherman continued to send money to his wife, and Mrs. Sherman continued to receive it in the same usual manner. Lon spent much time in prayer during these two weeks, claiming the promise of God that He would hear and answer. Lon meant to pray it through this time.

"If only something would happen that they would have to live together again," he would often repeat to himself.

Then one day something did happen. Lon rallied from unconsciousness to find himself lying upon a hospital bed with nurses in white uniforms bending over him. He was too weak to ask questions; so after gazing about him in utter amazement for a few minutes he tossed his head with a groan and went to sleep again.

When he again regained consciousness he heard one of the nurses say:

"His parents have been called, but why don't they come?"

"It can't be long for him now."

Lon was then conscious enough to realize his condition.

"What has happened?" he managed to lisp in broken syllables.

"You were hit by a car. Remember when you started to cross the street?"

"Yes,—oh, yes. I remember now. I was going to talk to father again. Oh, if something would only happen," he moaned, and then was quiet.

To the nurses his talk was unintelligible, but to the brokenhearted father who came to the door just in time to hear the last part of his words, the talk was very plain, and the meaning clear.

These were the last words that Lon spoke. His soul had gone to its reward. The father bent speechless and tearless over the bed. He was unmoved when Lon's mother—yes, his wife—entered the room just a few minutes after the visit of the death angel.

God had arranged this meeting in a most unusual manner. Husband and wife, separated for seven years, met together in common bereavement. It was no other than God Himself who had so ordained that they should meet face to face. It was a solemn meeting and both had the same evident expression upon their faces.

After some moments Mr. Sherman broke into convulsive sobs.

"Mother, it has happened," he said as he placed his hand upon her shoulder, "and God took Lon to pay the cost. I'll

be home this evening; it has happened."

Mrs. Sherman was too broken to grasp the meaning, and it was days later when she was informed that Lon had prayed that something might happen to bring the two together again.

"Little did I think that God would allow Lon to be taken from us to make peace in our home," said Mrs. Sherman.

"The pruning indeed seems severe. It hurts; but God's ways are just," replied her husband.

And so indeed, they are! — *Youth's Christian Companion*.

What Is Your House?

When Pompeii (destroyed by an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius August 24, A. D. 79), began to be uncovered, we were introduced to the scenes of its home and business life, as in the days of its glory. The houses were opened to view. The architecture, statuary, idols, utensils, vessels, pictures, revealed the tastes, habits, character of its inhabitants. So that a stranger now visiting the place can see from the streets into the houses and shops, forum, temples, and theaters of this ancient busy, pleasure-seeking people, how they lived and what the nature of their pursuits.

After lying eighteen centuries in the grave, among the freshest of the things preserved are evidences of the sensuous, vicious practices and sins indulged in. The very works of art which ministered to them now rise up to witness against them.

What was done in their houses is brought forth afresh. And Christ tells us (Matt. 10:26, 27), "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in the light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops."

Our very thoughts are heard in heaven: the walls of our habitations echo our words: the very air is made to thrill with joy or sorrow at the moral tone of our voice!

Reader, if your home life were put in some permanent form, and your house were burned by some catastrophe, and in the ages to come opened to view, what would the curious antiquarian see? What does God behold now? Extend the thought to the coming judgment, when the books shall be opened, with a facsimile of our home life now spread before us, which

"Like lightning flash will that instant show
Things hidden long, from both friend and
foe,

Just what we are, every one shall know."

And be it known that every member of a family, husband, wife, parent, child, servant—every one bears his part in the building up or pulling down of that house,

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Worldwide News Currents

International Conference of Church Leaders

The international Conference of Church Leaders on the Problem of World Order met at Girton College, Cambridge, England, August 4-7. For the first time since the cessation of hostilities a group of churchmen took counsel regarding the responsibility of the churches for the establishment of a "just and durable peace." The 60 delegates were drawn from 15 nations.

Largest Missionary Party Sails

Freed at long last from the tie-up occasioned by the maritime strike, the *Marine Lynx* should be to its destination by the time this is read. The troopship carried over 400 Christian missionaries to Asia, the largest group of missionaries ever to sail at one time.

Peace Treaties

It is the hope of the delegates to the Peace Conference that its business may be finished before the end of the month. This conference is concerned with the treaties of the five former satellites of the Axis. The discussions have been so bitter and the differences so sharp that most people tend to forget that the greater task yet remains—that of drafting the terms of peace with Germany.

"Distress of nations with perplexity."

Reformation Sunday

Churches throughout the country are planning various types of services in commemoration of Reformation Sunday, October 27. For many years the Lutheran churches of this country have observed this occasion; on the Sunday coming nearest the date when Martin Luther nailed his historic 95 theses to the door of the church at Wittenberg. Last year the city of St. Louis held a united observance by all the Protestant churches. This year many communities are following the cue, recognizing that all of Protestantism is indebted to the reformation begun by Luther.

"The just shall live by faith."

Has the War Ended?

Civil war is blazing in full fury again in China. The Nationalists claim considerable current victories. However, it is impossible to know the true status of affairs at this time.

"Crying, peace, peace when there is no peace."

To Every Creature

Steps are being considered for the effectual radio coverage of the whole world with the Gospel. This could be largely initially realized with only thirty-eight strategically located broadcasting centers using from two to five transmitters each on various wavelengths properly spaced. By using many different languages they could make the Gospel message available to listeners in practically every corner of the globe.

"Their line has gone out through all the earth and their words to the ends of the world."

Lutherans Ask Integration of Negro Churches

Integration of Negro churches and their pastors into its four constituent synods was called for at Milwaukee by the Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America in a resolution adopted at its 39th biennial convention.

Philadelphia Adopts Anti-Hate Ordinance

The City Council of Philadelphia passed an ordinance providing fines up to \$100 or jail sentences up to 30 days for the printing and distribution of "hate literature" under anonymous names.

The measure provides the penalties for those who do not use their "true name" on signs, pamphlets or periodicals attacking racial or religious groups.

300 Clergymen Ask Imprisoned COs Be Released

More than 300 leading ministers of Protestant denominations have urged in a letter to President Truman that he grant amnesty to conscientious objectors still in federal prisons.

The letter further pointed out that objectors who have completed their sentences, or have been paroled or conditionally released, are still penalized by the loss of important civil rights.

Issue Bible Stories on Phonograph Records

A series of fifty phonograph record Bible stories for children is being manufactured by Bibletone Record Co., of New York.

Two of the series—"David and Goliath" and "Daniel in the Lion's Den"—have already been placed on sale. Three more "Joseph and His Brethren," "Noah's Ark," and "the Life and Ministry of Jesus,"—are in production.

FCC Commissioner Bids Religious Groups Increase Use of Radio

Federal Communications Commissioner Clifford J. Durr asserted that radio is the best tool religious groups have for laying foundations of national and international justice.

Speaking at the Workshop for Religious Radio at the University of Chicago, Durr declared that "religion should speak over the radio on the major issues of the day." He said there is a "crying need to offend vested ways of thinking."

Urges Religious Radio Program for Teen-Agers

Development of teen-age programs which provide spiritual guidance is the current challenge to radio and religious leaders, according to J. Leonard Reinsch, radio adviser to President Truman and director of the James M. Cox radio stations.

Thanks U. S. Protestants for German Relief

In a special message to the Protestant churches of America, Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, relief director of the Evangelical Church in Germany, lauded the contributions of American church groups to Germany. His message was released in connection with the celebration on August 31 of the first anniversary of the Hilfswerk, relief agency of the Evangelical Church.

Byrnes Pledges Religious Freedom in Treaties

American support for guarantees of racial and religious freedom in the peace treaties being negotiated in Paris was pledged by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes in a letter to Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Replying to a proposal by Dr. Clinchy that the peace treaties specify the freedoms as the law in each country, Secretary Byrnes said that "substantially" the language

requested by the National Conference already has been incorporated in the treaty drafts.

German Students Appeal for Food and Clothing

An appeal to Pope Pius XII, the World Council of Churches, the International Red Cross, and various military services for food and clothing to aid "starving German students" was issued in Goettingen at a meeting of the German Students Relief Associations of the British Zone.

Signed by representatives of student groups in eleven British-occupied cities, the appeal warned that the future of Europe is at stake if Germany remains in its present "chaotic" condition.

National Sunday School Association Convention

Delegates from all sections of the United States and from a number of provinces in Canada attended the first convention of the National Sunday School Association in Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, October 2 to 6, inclusive.

Waldensian Center

Boyd Nelson writes that a center and home for the M. C. C. work among the Waldenses has now been established. He also suggests that there is a general interest among the Waldenses for Mennonite literature such as peace, church history, and doctrine. He requests available literature from closing CPS libraries, and for copies of *Martyrs Mirror* and works of Menno Simon. "The reason for this request is that a large number of people have asked about Mennonites and seem open to learning about them. Besides the histories are very similar and would have much appeal among these people."

Fort Collins Men Thanked for Services

The following letter from Ray M. Barger, Sheriff of Larimer County, Colorado, was received by the men of Fort Collins CPS Camp, Colorado: "I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your co-operation and efforts in the recent search for Harley Booth at Drake, Colorado. Your splendid work in this mission is very commendable and deserves special recognition for the outstanding ability shown, also for past assistance which you boys have afforded this office in fighting fires and other assistance. Men of goodwill working together are the soundest underwriters of the American Way of Life."

Cash Contributions

Contributions for relief as well as relief expenditures have increased steadily during the past several years. The facts indicate that there has been an increased amount of gifts in cash and also a steady flow of gifts in kind (clothing, canned food, and wheat). Cash expenditures for relief have reached a total for the United States and Canada of over \$80,000.00 per month. There has been a gratifying response to the need of the hungry, the naked, the homeless, and the prisoner. Expenditures for War Sufferers' Relief will continue as gifts are received.

In the past it has been the policy of the various Mennonite groups to forward their cash contributions to the Mennonite Central Committee through their Conference Treasurer. Cash contributions have, however, been received directly from individuals. We should like to emphasize that cash donations for relief purposes should be sent to your Conference Treasurer and not directly to the Akron office.