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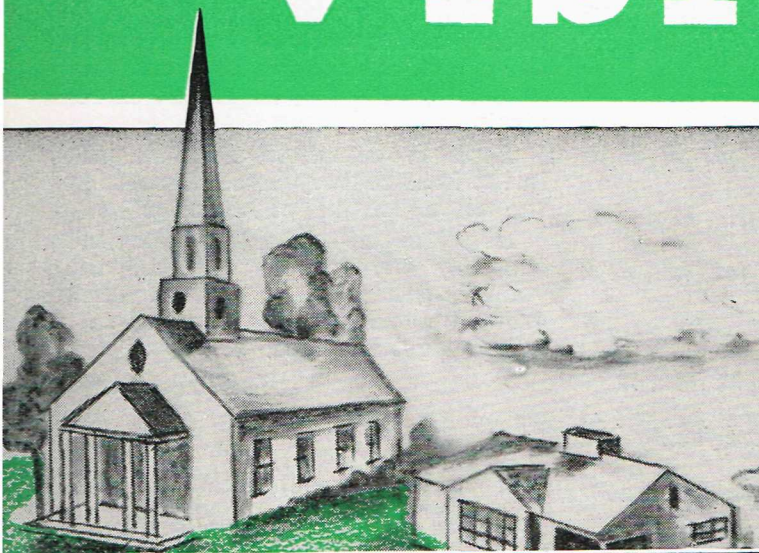


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VOICE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

"Jesus Stood Still"

(Mark 10:49)

W. O. Winger

IS IT NOT surprising what some people will do just to be noticed? It seems that human beings from the cradle to the grave want to be noticed more or less, and some often more than less. Man would deny putting on a promotion scheme for himself as business concerns do, but the Pharisee standing, prayed exalting himself to be seen of men, of which Jesus could not approve; while the publican despising, not advertising himself, prayed with the Saviour's approbation.

According to God's eternal truth and boundless love for mankind, Jesus Christ is just waiting to "stand still," meeting every seeking soul as He did for Zacchæus, even inviting himself into his house. According to God's Word, that is the way our Father worked through His Son, and now through the Holy Spirit unto all those, who call unto Him with a broken heart and contrite Spirit, they are not despised, but are made whole.

God says in Isaiah 30:18, "And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you; for our Lord is a God of judgment; blessed are all they that wait for him." Thus do we not accommodate the Lord as we cease to keep Him waiting to be gracious unto us? Jesus would have "stood still" at any time to save the young man who no doubt refused to confess his sin till in the death struggle on Calvary's cross, denying Jesus that privilege till the dangerous eleventh hour. But even then as in the case of Bartimæus, the son of Timæus, Jesus not only paused to hear the humble cry, "Remember me" uttered by the dying thief, and the request, "Jesus thou Son of David have mercy on me." Yes, in spite of the scoffing and jeering of that motley crowd, the one was taken to Paradise, and the other was made whole.

Mark said, "And Jesus stood still." How marvelous! No doubt there were some men of high rank in that company, but they had to wait as the ear of the Master caught the pleading prayer of that poor beggar, who wanted to be noticed by the Son of God. Jesus asked; "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Answer: "Lord that I might receive my sight."

Request granted by that Saviour who is waiting to "stand still," honour the true faith, and make the most needy whole.

The Prisoner Made Free

*In his dark dismal cell all alone
Was a robber awaiting his doom,
And his heart was as hard as a stone,
As he walked to and fro in the room.*

*A great mob he then heard in the street;
Understood just a part of their cry,
And a few words he heard them repeat,
They were, "Crucify him, let him die."*

*Then it seemed that his fate had been told,
And he wiped the cold sweat from his brow;*

*In his past life he thought he was bold,
Death and judgment were facing him now.*

*As he waited and stared at the floor
He could hear footsteps coming his way,
And they stopped just in front of his door;*

It was opened. He heard a voice say:

*"Come, Barabbas, today you are free!"
But the words almost took the man's breath,*

*And he said, "You can never mean me,
I'm a robber and worthy of death,*

*"And today is the day I must die,"
He continued, his head lowly bowed:
"They will lift me between earth and sky*

There to die mid the jeers of the crowd."

*But the jailer repeated his word;
"You are free; all I tell you is true;
You are pardoned, as free as a bird,
For another is dying for you.*

*"One called Jesus has taken your place,
On the cross hangs a just Man and good;*

You are free through His wonderful grace."

And the robber at last understood.

*Jesus bore all your burdens and care,
All your suff'rings and sin when He died;*

They were nailed to His cross: leave them there;

You are free through the Christ crucified.

—George B. Wetherbee, in *Living Faith*

Child Delinquency

Here's what a noted poet says about this most distressing and heart breaking question:

"I see no hope for the future of our people if they are to be dependent upon the frivolous youth of today. For certainly all the youth are reckless much beyond their years.

"When I was a boy, we were taught to be discreet and respectful toward our elders, but the present youth are exceeding wise and impatient of restraint."

The above remarks were made back in the 10th century before Christ, by the noted Greek poet Hesiod.

As you see, it's an old problem; and the easy way out is to blame the younger generation, which in turn, grows up to blame the younger . . . but you get the idea.

—Indiana Issue

A Protestant clergyman in East Germany has been sentenced to six years in prison for telling his congregation to "obey God rather than man."

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The Man

With The Keys

WHAT DO THE KEYS UNLOCK FOR US?

AT GREAT personal cost Jesus obtained the keys of death and hell. His was no meaningless, empty victory, but a glorious eternal triumph to be realized in full when Satan's judgment is executed and Jesus shall reign supreme and uncontested in Heaven and in earth. In the meantime, what is the significance of Jesus' victory? What do the keys unlock for us—today?

The victory of Jesus is not merely a selfish, personal triumph. He conquered in behalf of men. Through sin, men had become involved in death and hell, for men refusing to bow the knee to Christ have bowed the knee to Satan. Those who insist upon following Satan and who, by their works, identify themselves with him, must also share his fate. But all have sinned and come short of God's glory; we have turned every one to his own way: may any man have hope? Yes, through Jesus! His victory is to the end that we may be delivered from the involvements of death and hell.

Jesus' victory becomes our victory. St. Paul writes: "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. . . . That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection. . . ." The power of His resurrection is the key which unlocks for us victory in life, victory in death, and blessing in eternity.

The keys unlock the door to a life victorious over sin's entanglements with all their hell-born implications.

The power of His resurrection has released for men and in those who are born of the Spirit the very power of Christ's own victorious life. Jesus said that one phase of the mission of the Holy Spirit was to convince men "of righteousness . . . because I go to my Father and ye see me no more." In saying this, Jesus declares that righteousness is the minimum standard of living, because His ascent to the Father is God's testimony to the perfect life of the Son: He was righteous, and in the resurrection His righteousness is made available to men by faith.

Christ's victory became our victory; through Him we overcome the grip and the impact of sin. The Word declares: "He that committeth sin is of the devil. . . . For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Through a living faith in Christ, the works of the devil are in this present time destroyed in the lives of those who accept Christ by faith. Satan receives his judgment in the life of every individual who receives Christ. The devil loses his controlling interest when Christ is enthroned as Saviour and Lord in the heart of any individual.

In light of this victory won by Christ and won for all who identify themselves with Him, our Lord is asking nothing impossible for men when He calls for a life lived above sin. For those who know Him and the power of His resurrection, Christ has indeed the keys which unlock to

men the life of continuing victory over sin.

The Man with the keys has, furthermore, power to unlock the door to victory in death. By His resurrection, Christ has transformed the meaning of death and has removed from it the sense of doom and finality. "The grave is not the end," the resurrection fact shouts in stentorian tones.

We recognize the fact that death is an enemy, and that it is the last enemy which shall be overcome, but Christ holds the keys to death. Until the final results of the redemptive work of Christ are realized, physical death shall take its toll upon our bodies; but just as certainly as redemption of the spirit is provided for and experienced by many, so certainly shall the redemption of the body be realized through the power of His resurrection.

Little wonder it is that St. Paul would sing, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . . Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Little wonder that the early Christians came to call their places of burial "cemeteries," that is, sleeping rooms. In the resurrection, the former significance of death is banished. The departure from this life becomes the covered bridge leading from this life to the greater, fuller life beyond.

As the keys of Jesus unlock the doors to victory in the present life
(Continued on page eleven)

"Go Up, Thou Bald Head!"

R. I. Humberd

"WELL, I HEAR that Elijah went to Heaven today," said Father, as he drew his chair up to the table and reached for a piece of bread.

"Yes," said Mother, "I hear there were horses and a chariot of fire."

"Well," drolled Father, "I hope he has a better welcome up there than he had down here. Seems like he couldn't make it here. He was always making famines and complaining how people lived. I'm quite glad he's gone."

"But I'm not real sure we are through with him," replied Mother slowly. "I hear that the spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha."

"Well, I wish that fellow would take his bald head and go up, too," said Father vehemently. "A chariot ride would do him good."

Neither Father nor Mother had noticed that two bright eyes were sparkling with interest. Two little ears were tuned to every word, and a little heart was throbbing with distrust and disrespect for the man of God.

A few days later Elisha came to Bethel and walked slowly down the street. There was a whispered conversation in an alley.

"You're afraid to say that out loud."

"No, I ain't either."

"I dare you to say it."

"Go up, thou bald head."

Ah, that was fun. Other children joined in. "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

Elisha moved slowly down the street and the children followed him. "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

Other children joined the party—dozens of them, scores of them. The air of Bethel vibrated with the cry, "Go up, thou bald head."

Mothers, hearing the commotion, dropped their work and hurried to the door. Then, taking in the situation, their smile of complacency but added fuel to the blasphemous exercise, "Go up, thou bald head."

It was evident that there was little welcome in Bethel for the man of God that night; so he moved on and out into the open country. The children were having fun, "Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

Suddenly the man of God stopped; he turned and uttered a few short words, but they were words freighted with omnipotent power. "And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them." (2 Kings 2:24). And so my story ends.

But, hark! What is that? From whence comes that same nefarious chatter? Are not the actors in that scene all dead? Have they not long ago returned to mother dust? I look and lo, in a thousand American homes I see, not Jews, but Christians, and yet the same blasphemous exercise of tearing the preacher to pieces in the presence of the children. Is disrespect for the man of God the fault of the children or of the delinquent parents?

I put up Gospel signs over the coun-

ister had been invited to our home for dinner. My father, knowing several ministers in the district, was asking the visitor about them. But as each one was mentioned he promptly proceeded to rip him up and tear him to pieces.

Finally I left the table and went to the barn. But as I got to the north side of the table, I paused and looked back, and the elements in that look are beyond the power of language to describe as there surged across my sensitive soul conflicting emotions of surprise, disgust, wonder, and distrust, and there passed before the pages of my mind the question, Is it possible that ministers are really like that?

Verily, "touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm." (Ps. 105:5)—*Moody Monthly*

"The temper of the mind in which we meet the hundred and one tiny circumstances of every hour determines our happiness or unhappiness far more than does the detail of what those circumstances are. We can not choose the circumstances, but we can choose the temper."

Lucy Soulsby

try, "Prepare to meet thy God"; "Christ died for our sins"; "Jesus saves." Securing permission of the owner, I painted a sign, "Jesus saves," on the foundation of his barn. It was permitted to bear its testimony for some time, then someone whitewashed over it. I secured permission to repaint it, and arrived with paint and brush when some small children came from the house and hooted and yelled at me until I was glad indeed when the task was finished.

Verily, we wonder at the consecration of a Christian home where the conversation of the older members would produce such a demonstration in the little tots.

Closing my eyes and looking back through the years, I see a young man sitting on the south side of the table. It was Sunday, and the visiting min-

The past belongs to us, not we to the past; the past lives in us, not we in the past.

They Wrote To Us

Morrison, Ill.

Dear Bro. Hostetter:

I have enjoyed the "Evangelical Visitor" for many years. And it seems I am enjoying it more and more.

The other day it came to me, how would Bro. Hostetter and his staff know I was having all this enjoyment unless I told them so?

I am herewith trying to express hearty appreciation and deep gratitude for our church paper, the "Evangelical Visitor."

May the blessing of God rest upon each one who is laboring so faithfully making this periodical possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Katie Bollinger

Evangelical Visitor

One wonders about our elaborate and costly efforts to simulate life in a dead body—to have a fine casket banked with flowers . . . resist nature's "dust to dust" long after the grave is covered with grass. This missionary said—

"It Was A Nice Funeral"

Christmas in Israel

Christmas in Israel! A year ago we wondered if perhaps in the land where Christmas should be most real, it might seem the least real. True—the heavens would remind us of the glorious, angelic host. The stars would twinkle as we would try to decide where the Christmas Star might have been. But—would there be carols sung by born-again Christians, would we be permitted to gather together to magnify the Christ?

To our amazement, one week before Christmas we find our attention running along lines much the same as yours, at home. There is committee work, practice time with the children, a day set to wrap gifts for the children.

Perhaps you would like to know the schedule! Thursday afternoon the 23rd is a Children's Service of combined churches at the Y.M.C.A. at 3 o'clock. Friday evening a State Youth Group will meet at the Y.M.C.A. to sing carols. Saturday evening at the Griebenow's, pictures of Israel will be shown to give added Christmas emphasis to the regular Bible Study hour. Sunday morning a Christmas program will be presented by children and adults. Dr. Elwin Wright from the U.S.A., Executive Director of World Evangelism, is to be the guest speaker.

New Year's Eve there is to be a watch-night service with singing, social period, meditation and prayer. "The God of Creation" by Moon is to be shown. New Year's evening will bring together a group at the Y.M.C.A. with singing, testimonies, and social activity.

However, as with the first Christmas, the great majority is unaware of the heavenly gift. But *He continues to appear and to visit those whose hearts are in tune to hear His voice.*

And does this too not remind you of Christmas in America?

An old man of the community died. He had been Brother Brubaker's and then Brother Arthur Climenhaga's cow herder for many years. As far as we know, he never made a profession of salvation; but Brother Mann said he prayed what seemed to be a good prayer several months ago while being visited . . . God knows. His wife is a church member. A number of us went over to the village Friday forenoon. We entered the hut where the blanket covered body lay on a crude bed. The rough

home-made coffin was on the floor. The widow sat on the floor at the foot. The other side of the hut was lined with sympathizing neighbor women.

The men went out and Naka Alfeus and I sat down with the women . . . a long time while the men were finishing the grave-digging. I took the opportunity to talk to the women about preparing their own souls for death. I also had a lot of time to think. I compared an African funeral with a civilized one. I decided we could learn from them. *Their first objective is to get the body properly buried. Their second is to sympathize.* To us a funeral means arranging with the undertaker, deciding the date and hour, engaging the minister, selecting singers and songs, writing the obituary, ordering flowers, and so many other details. But we just sat . . .

When the grave was at last prepared, the women went out; the men went in. The widow washed his face, his body was put in the box and it was nailed shut. We followed the coffin to the grave. We sang a song, a neighbor prayed; there was Scripture and a short message or two. The coffin was lowered, covered with old rags and his pillow; the widow threw in the first handful of dirt; others followed, then the men shoveled in the rest. Stones were piled on top, branches on top of these. How simple! But I came home and said, "It was a nice funeral."

Thata Book

Almost Persuaded To Be A Missionary

(Tune—Almost Persuaded)

**Almost persuaded, now to leave all.
Almost persuaded, to answer God's call.**

**Souls now in darkness deep,
Long for the Light and weep,
Servants of God asleep,
God sees it all.**

**Almost persuaded, God's call is clear,
Almost persuaded, but home so dear.
Cannot the heathen wait?
Is not the cost too great?
Your answer seals the fate,
Of precious souls.**

**Almost persuaded, life ebbs away,
Almost persuaded, still you delay.
Clouds gather thick and fast,
The vision fades at last.
Soon buried in the past
Of wasted years.**

**Almost persuaded, bitter remorse,
Almost persuaded, eternal loss.
Souls lost who might have been
Washed in the crimson stream,
Dying without a gleam
Of Gospel Light.**

**Almost persuaded, will you obey?
Almost persuaded, do not delay.
If you obey the call,
God will be all in all.
Men at His feet will fall,
Your joy be full.**

—William Baerg in *The Christian Leader*

Mission Tour in Western and Central Districts

Fifteen regional missionary conferences and rallies, sponsored jointly by the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, are being held in the Western and Central Conference Districts, March 25 to April 10.

The team of speakers includes the Executive Secretaries of both Boards, Wilmer Heisey (Navajo Mission), Esther Ebersole (rural missions), Erma Hoke (city missions), Erma Hare (India), and Mrs. David Climenhaga (Africa).

The Board secretaries will begin the tour in California. The entire staff will be in the meetings through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa. Wilmer Heisey will help furnish transportation with his pickup truck through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Iowa and then return to New Mexico.

"Come Ye Apart and Rest"

Anna M. Eyster

OUR MID-TERM break of three months was filled with many stimulating experiences. Spiritually we had time to feed upon God's Word and commune with Him. We enjoyed the morning and evening worship at the various missionary and Christian boarding houses. At Bethel (East London) most of the prayers were in Afrikaans; and even though little was understood there was the same spirit. The singspiration around the piano was an uplift. We sat under the ministry of Rev. Jack Murray, Scottish Missionary to Italy, and Evangelist Gypsy Williams from England. The Baptist churches were our spiritual homes where God met with us individually, searching and filling our hearts. At Cape Town we enjoyed Mr. Roland's continued Monday afternoon missionary meetings where, after tea and cakes were served, we prayed, sang and shared experiences together. He still gives each his passport—a long stick of candy.

Mentally we were stimulated in travel education. Johannesburg first where we had the novel experience of tracing gold from the diggings, 4000 feet in depth, to the brick of gold. ("When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.") We had dinner at Boksburg in the Mission my father built, enjoying a visit with the Lehman's. Pretoria has a beautiful capitol building and exquisite terraced gardens.

—At Durban we saw the sea. Durban is a unique city with the least racial prejudice. Africans were surely in contrasts—well-dressed as any European or in their beads, clay and skins. Huge earrings the size of a half dollar or larger were inserted in their slit ear lobes. Indians thronged the streets.

—Durban to East London—Anna Kettering needed a voyage so here we parted for a few days. For two weeks at East London we enjoyed watching the ships entering and leaving port; gathering shells among the rocks and sitting on the sand. Rev. Howes-Howell included us with Rev. Gypsy Williams to visit a pineapple farm. At last I received my fill.

—The train ride to Cape Town via Port Elizabeth was most interesting. While the Rhodesias were sweltering in the heat, we wished for our woollies and more blankets. The scenery was superb—mountain peaks, canyons, tunnels, ferns, flowers, trees and sea.

—At Cape Town Mr. and Mrs. Cadle-Smith of the Andrew Murray Missionary Home were Father and Mother to us all, and here we felt most at home. The family fluctuated in size, but our table became closely knit together. Thanks to kind friends with cars we had many interesting sight-seeing tours. Window shopping in the different cities furnished an interesting diversion.

—Goodbye to the Ocean; goodbye to friends; and we journeyed North again about 1,200 miles. There was a visit at Wanezi, Mtshabezi, and Matopo where we attended Commencement—and the beautiful, simple wedding of Sister Ethel Heisey to Brother George Bundy climaxed the holiday.

—Another 486 miles and we were back at Choma, N. Rhodesia. Before settling down at Macha I kept my promise to visit my first missionary home—Sikalongo—with Bro. Graybill Brubakers. The days were all too short as I visited nearby villages, drinking tea, cocoa, or *ibwaantu*, or sharing a meal of delicious chicken and corn meal mush as we visited and then prayed together.

—Thanks to each of you who through your gifts and offerings made this holiday possible. Please pray for us that our remaining years may be the best for God.

**"Set on fire our heart's devotion
With the love of Thy dear Name;
Till o'er every land and ocean,
Lips and lives Thy Cross proclaim.
Fix our eyes on Thy returning,
Keeping watch till Thou shalt come,
Loins well girt, lamps brightly
burning—
Then, Lord, take Thy servants
home."**

**From the hymn beginning, "Lord,
Thy ransomed Church is waking."**

KENTUCKY MISSIONS REPORT

Helen M. Dohner

Mission district council met in Gospel Hall at Knifley this year, Jan. 28. 'Twas a night that gave us thrills in the icy hills as we drove the ten miles from Ella, gathering three carloads of passengers. Members from the three mission areas, and visitors from Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania attended.

Nothing is ever "as usual" in Kentucky, so we anticipated a good time, including some surprises. Moderator Carl Stump blended in spirit with the inspiring atmosphere of the meeting, and at the close of the business session, called on Bishop M. L. Dohner for remarks. Father Dohner had just come from Tennessee, and gave some apt remarks of encouragement, comparing the beginnings of the work in both Kentucky and Tennessee.

A spontaneous, unscheduled praise service followed as shouts of joyful praise went upward. Then in an atmosphere of oneness, and with a consciousness of present responsibilities and possibilities for the Lord and souls, Bro. Stump called the group to prayer. The hour was already late, but the warmhearted response and mingling around the altar was a fitting climax to the evening of fellowship in doing business for the Church and the Lord.

February 18 was the date of the S. S. booster meeting at Spout Springs, which we might truly call a one-session convention. Sunday school workers from five of our schools were present to receive fresh impetus, enthusiasm, vision, and challenge. The program had been planned for one and a half hours, but stretched to two and a half, and was still going strong, with everyone wide awake, keenly interested, and ready to continue (for two hours more—as one expressed it).

Groups from Beulah Chapel and Gospel Hall dramatized S. S. devotional periods, illustrating varying methods. These were marked by their contrast, and were effectively given. A panel discussion group of five S. S. helpers high-lighted the evening. The group was to have ten minutes for its discussion, then lead into audience participation. Actually, only about three minutes of discussion had taken place before the eager audience interrupted to ask questions and share ideas. This stimulating discussion was profitable for everyone present.

The Ernest U. Dohner family from Mansfield, Ohio, who had come to the South for a week-end of S. S. contacts, added their contributions in producing this successful program.

You never read a report of a public sale in the VISITOR before, but then you never attended a sale like this one, either. Not only that all Adair County roads seemed to lead to the W. F. Allison farm in the Pleasant Grove community, Saturday, Feb. 26, and that all the county traffic was headed that way. Not only that the day completely contradicted the weather-man's forecast, and a cold rain had begun to fall during the night which continued all day. Not because the record-breaking crowd which had parked in orchard and drive-way, and then blocked the road for a mile (until the highway patrol took over) could not get near enough to the auction block to know when the articles they had hoped to buy were being sold.

But also, while this was going on outdoors, something else was happening inside the packed house. While some were visiting in one room, others were speaking of the joys of salvation, and what an opportunity this was to testify and give a gospel message! Almost simultaneously, a group in the next room began to sing, "When We all Get to Heaven." A testimony followed, then another song, and more testimonies. We saw men begin to remove hats and try to crowd near the already bursting-full room. As the service progressed, opportunity was given for hungry hearts to request prayer. Several responded, and then our hearts all united in petition and praise, as tears flowed. But the unplanned memorial service in this room in which we had often taken burdens to the Lord had to come to an end, for now the auctioneer had come to the house to sell the furniture.

TENNESSEE

From time to time in the past year, the readers of the Visitor may have heard of interest in beginning mission work in Tennessee. There have been several evangelistic campaigns conducted in the past year, and at present Miss Dortha Dohner is doing Child Evangelism work among the people there.

The Home Mission Board is studying the needs and possibilities in this state, and request prayer that should God open the way for this work to be launched, it may be begun so as to grow into a good solid outpost where men and women find Christ and grow in His knowledge and grace.

—E. Dourte

An Urgent Message

“Spread it before the Lord” II Kings 19:14

The Foreign Mission Board is in a “Tight Spot.”

Missions Are

The Supreme Task of the Church

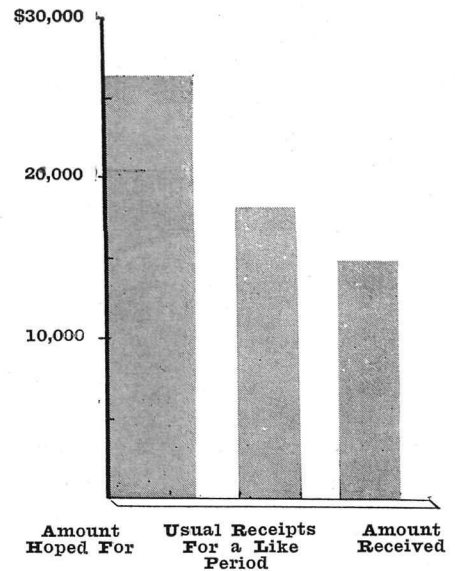
For your grave and prayerful consideration, the Board presents these facts:

First

For the last six months, contributions to the general fund of the Foreign Mission Treasurer show an alarming shrinkage:—

In nine months in 1953—\$66,000
In twelve months in 1954 only \$63,000

General Fund. (See graph) In other words, we were hoping for some \$26,000 to \$28,000 this quarter and we received approximately \$15,000. To meet the budget presented to last Conference requires much more than we are receiving.

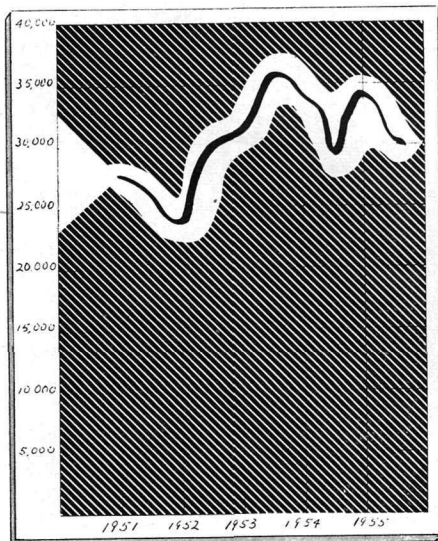


Third

The need in India is NOW; and what we will be able to do depends on the Home Church.

In reply to the India missionaries' urgent request for funds, the Executive Secretary sent the following cablegram: "Presenting prayer and financial appeal to the Church, await results."

We will have the Mobile Medical Unit ready to go to India by April 15; the total cost delivered to Calcutta will be about \$7,000. We had a special Medical Reserve of \$2,500 set back to



Second

The response to the special appeal sent out to all congregations in January fell far short of our goal.

From that appeal we were hoping for \$10,000 over and above that which usually comes in for the

These are the facts according to the Board

WHAT ARE THE FACTS ACCORDING TO YOU? Can you give a fuller account of the reasons why we have lapsed in our giving?

Are our hearts "alive unto God and His righteousness"; are we jealous for the glory of His name in heathen lands; do we yearn for the salvation of those for whom Christ died? Have we been praying passionately for missions?

Or, have we grown tired of the way of the Cross—of losing our life that we might find it again? Have we felt that our money is our own? Can it be that "the deadly miasma of high wages and easy money and the comforts and luxuries it provides has entered our blood-stream and sapped our spiritual vitality" to the point where we react unfavourably to anything that threatens our easy thinking, easy living, easy spending?

May God have mercy on us! There is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun. If we ourselves have been saved, if Christ is precious to us, then the cause of mission will lie dear to our hearts.

A Roman Centurion could say,
 "... I say to this man, Go, and he goeth;
 and to another, Come, and he cometh;
 and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."
 (Matthew 8:9)

CAN GOD SAY IT OF US?



apply against this, leaving \$4,500 to raise this quarter for the Mobile Medical Unit. The needs of India also call for the building of a base medical unit, equipment and accessories for the buildings, a trailer for the Doctor, and a Missionary nurse's bungalow, at a total cost of about \$11,000. The most urgent needs for the beginning of this program in India call for \$7,345—in addition to the Mobile Medical unit previously mentioned. We do not have one penny of the latter sum as yet, and we are also short this quarter the amount of about \$4,500.00 to meet the balance of the payment on the Mobile Medical Unit as well as our other regular obligations to our Fields, which must be met.

"Are we running beyond the budget set for the fiscal year of 1954 and 1955?" someone may be asking. The answer is *no*. But we are not meeting our budget due to the shrinkage of contributions.

*"And must I always be giving and giving?"
 The eyes of the Angel looked me clear through:
 'Just give till the Master stops giving to you.'"*

IT IS THROUGH MISSIONS that the blessed hope of the coming of our Lord is to be brought to pass. If the thousands of Christians who love to study prophecy would only say from their very hearts, "Lord Jesus, from henceforth I will make every effort to pray and give, and, if called personally to go forth to win souls for Thee, that Thy return may be hastened by the gathering in of the lost ones for whom Thou didst die!—how the Lord's heart would rejoice to hear such a dedication!"

A. J. Bowen, South African General Mission.

The Bible certainly sanctions providing for the needs of one's household, but . . .

What About That Surplus?

Picture of a man approaching the gateway to the Upper World

He is lugging along a farm or two, some town lots and houses, and a lot of beautifully engraved paper, bank stock and railroad bonds and other bonds. They are absorbing him completely as he puffs along.

And as he gets up to the gateway, the gateman will say, "What's all that stuff?"

"Stuff!" he will say, astonished, "this is the most precious wealth of Earth, sir. I have spent my whole life, the cream of my strength, in accumulating this."

"Oh, well," the reply will be, "I have no doubt that is so. I am not disputing your word at all. But that sort of thing does not pass current up in this land. That has to be exchanged at the bankers' offices for the sort of coinage we use here."

The man looks a little relieved at this remark. The other talk has sounded strange, and given him a queer misgiving in his heart. But "banker" and "exchange" — that sounds familiar. The ground feels a bit steadier. He picks up new spirit.

"Where are the bankers' offices, please?" he asks eagerly.

"They are all down on Earth," comes the quiet answer. "You must do your exchange before you get as far up as this. That stuff is all dead

loss now. You can't take it back to the bankers now, and it is of no value here. Just leave it over on that dump heap there outside the gate, and come in yourself."

And the man comes in with a strangely stripped and bare feeling.

... Happy is the individual who has been using every opportunity for converting earthly holdings into heavenly securities.

S. D. Gordon, "Quiet Talks on Service"

**"Earth holds no treasure but perish with using,
 However precious they be."**

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

—Jesus Christ

"I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened, but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want: that their abundance may be a supply for your want, that there may be an equality:

"As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack."
 II Cor. 8:13-15

PREACHER'S PAGE

Materials For Preaching

Rev. V. K. Snyder, Ministers' Seminar

Four Great Truths supply us with materials for preaching the Gospel:

1. *Preach the Book . . . the Holy Bible.* It is the Word of God. It liveth and abideth forever. It is the Sword of the Spirit. God is honored by the proclamation of His Word. There is much emphasis in the Book of Acts on the Word. Stephen used it. Philip, "beginning at the same Scripture, preached Christ." Paul was familiar with the O. T. Scriptures. Our attitude toward the Book, the Bible, and what it contains will determine our destiny and the destiny of all who hear us. Peter speaks of "false prophets . . . who will bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them." "If any man add to, or take from . . . his part from the book of Life shall be taken.

2. *The Blood.* Start with God. God was first to start with a blood sacrifice. The sacrifice of blood did not start with Cain and Abel. The Great Sacrifice was consummated in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. "Redemption through His blood . . . the forgiveness of sins . . ." (Eph. 1:7) Be not ashamed to preach about the blood. Be not ashamed to sing about the blood. "Sanctification through the blood of Christ . . ." (Heb. 13:12) There is demon-expelling power in the blood of Christ. Name the name of Jesus. Plead the blood of Christ.

3. *The Body of Christ.* The Church of the Living God, the Church of the First-born is the body of which He is the head. A denomination may be an "abomination." The decisive question is, "Have you been born again?" Those who are, are one in Christ Jesus.

4. *The Beyond.* Show people that there is life beyond the grave. This life, this world is but a preparation for the next. Life is but a vapor that vanisheth away. Warn of the wrath to come. Tell folks that there is a Lake of Fire; that life prepares for eternity. One student of Scripture calculates from the Bible that heaven contains 3000 million cubic miles. All of man's structures would go within 300 cubic miles.

Everyone of these doctrines center in Jesus Christ. In the Book He is the subject and object; it is the blood

of Christ; the Church is the body of which He is the Head; in the beyond He is the Center. Accept without question, the Book; believe in the blood of Christ for Salvation and Sanctification; become members of the Body of Christ; prepare for the great Beyond to be forever with Christ.

Reported by C.R.H

Operation "S"

Someone said, "Treasures are laid up in heaven when treasures on earth are laid down." He must have read that text where Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." But that doesn't mean that bank accounts must be abolished. It does mean that one must consider well his stewardship of the treasures of earth entrusted to him, else they might keep him from ever getting to heaven.

To get this straight it would be a good idea to read the whole story in Luke 12 where Jesus said, "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God."

Selvar The Seer sez:

In some things it is good to follow the old rather than the new. There is a set of rules proposed by Miles Coverdale for interpreting Scripture that is quite old. He published them in the introduction of his translation of the Bible into English from the German and Latin. That was in the year 1535. Although that is 419 years ago, they have not been improved upon, nor will they ever be. The principle of good interpretation doesn't change.

Said the learned Rev. Miles Coverdale:

*"It shall greatly help ye understand Scripture,
If thou mark not only what is spoken or written,
But of whom, and to whom,
With what words, at what time,
Where, to what intent, with what circumstance,
Considering what goeth before and what followeth."*

Many a minister would not be guilty of a pretext if he would be

careful to interpret his text in the light of its context.

Didn't you know what a pretext is? It comes from the French "praetextere." "Texere" means "to weave." The word means "to weave before"; which suggests to start weaving before thinking the subject in the light of God's plan. The result would be a "fabrication," which is "to invent a legend," "to devise falsely." It would be weaving one's ideas into a text using the Word as an excuse for saying words not meant by the Word.

Many a modern messenger would be miserably embarrassed if he were caught suddenly with his message in the light of the context.

People would save themselves much perversity and perplexity if they would examine the minister's confabulation in connection with the context.

If you didn't understand "context" there is a place you could find it. Lest you haven't time, here it is: "that part of a discourse in which a word or passage occurs and which helps to explain the meaning of the word or passage."

The minister who would interpret the Word well would find it helpful to consult Webster frequently.

If the world is ever again to get on its feet, the Church will have to again get on its knees.

Three Reasons Why The Bible Is Inspired

John Wesley gives one of the shortest arguments for the inspiration of the Scriptures, and a good one withal. His statement is original and strong and terse, like its author. We give it here for the benefit of all.

I beg leave to propose a short clear and strong argument to prove the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible must be the invention of either good men, or angels, bad men or devils, or of God.

1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, "Thus saith the Lord," when it was their own invention.

2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, forbids all sin, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

3. Therefore, draw the conclusion that the Bible must be given by Divine inspiration.

The Christian Nurse:

"No Less Than The Best"

*Mrs. R. K. Worman R. N.
Clarence Center, N. Y.*

"NURSING affords many opportunities for service"—radio, television, guidance material, career booklets, all use this as their theme in recruiting student nurses. To the Christian nurse, this is even more meaningful. Perhaps the most obvious opportunity for service is the patient contact in the nurse-patient relationship, and this never can be emphasized too strongly.

The Christian nurse must also be cognizant of the opportunities afforded by daily contacts within the professional unit. One of the challenging aspects of nursing is being a part of a team—from the janitorial staff to the medical staff—all with the common goal of caring for the sick in the best possible manner. In order to play her role in accomplishing this goal, the nurse must be alert, intelligent, able to follow instructions precisely. The Christian nurse should display personal integrity and a willingness to assume the full responsibilities of her assignment even though others may not be doing their share. This trait will immediately distinguish her from that group which accepts less than the best as "good enough." This is an unspoken testimony of her basic motive to reflect Christian ideals in her profession. There follows also the indirect testimony when others speak of this person in terms of her Christian attitudes. Finally, there is the spoken testimony at the psychological time. The accumulation of the simple but important disciplines like kindness, honesty and diligence to one's tasks will give stature and impetus to this spoken word.

The Christian student or graduate nurse should identify herself with the local Christian group in her hospital or university. The Nurses' Christian Fellowship serves both students and graduates all over the world and the Christian nurse has an obligation to be an active member of this group when possible. Where NCF chapters are non-existent (these places are few at present), contact can often be made with Inter-Varsity Christian

Fellowship or Christian Medical Society. There is a definite need for well-prepared Christian nurses to serve as faculty members in collegiate and hospital schools of nursing. In a certain Eastern city hospital there were three Christian student nurses. These girls were interested in establishing a Nurses' Christian Fellowship chapter but were unable to find a faculty member who was willing to sponsor their organization. When a Christian nurse did become a faculty member and a NCF chapter was organized, the students were amazed to find other girls with similar interests. Those of us who have had the privilege of attending nursing schools with Christian faculty members realize the tremendous influence they have had on non-Christian and Christian students alike.

Lastly, the Christian nurse, whether on a hospital ward or in an operating room, in a public health district, as a school nurse, in a mission hospital, in a doctor's office, should maintain a genuine interest in professional activities and nursing progress.

The Christian Nurse:

"Vigilant In Small Things"

*Miss Marilyn Byer S. N.
Pasadena, Calif.*

WITHOUT QUESTION, there are opportunities for Christian service in the field of nursing. In fact, nursing itself and the art of nursing are based on Christian principles of service and helpfulness to others. Consequently, a Christian nurse has unlimited opportunity to manifest Christian principles and ideals in her work of service to others.

As essential and important as the relationship is between the nurse and the patient, perhaps an even more potentially effective area of Christian service and an even more difficult one is the contact with fellow nurses. Nurses are often critical of other nurses, and they have a unique opportunity to observe each other. Consequently, if a nurse has Christ as the center of her life, this becomes evident in her daily living and working. Her dependability, and her attitudes and reactions when she is under tension become noticeable; and as a result, her verbal witness is proportionately strengthened.

The student nurse has perhaps the greatest area for service, because not

only is she able to radiate Christ through her life to her patients, and by her very person show Christ to fellow-workers, but more than all this, she is living, eating, studying, and facing common problems with non-Christian girls in the nursing residence. Consequently, if there is anyone who can reach them spiritually, the Christian student can.

Even with all these opportunities for service, unless the nurse or student nurse has a Christ-centered life and is willing to use her opportunities for service to Christ, she will be ineffective in His service in this area.

*It's Just
A Thought*

THE NURSING profession and the opportunities it offers for service have been featured in this issue for two reasons:

First, it is a part of a profession that has captivated the interest of our young people. During the past decade the move toward "medicine" has skyrocketed, and today doctors and nurses of the Brethren in Christ Church are serving throughout the United States as well as in Africa, India, Japan and Israel.

Second, today's feature provides a natural opportunity to mention the Brethren in Christ Nurses Association. The idea for such an association grew "from within" and initiative on the part of several R.N.'s in the Grantham, Pennsylvania area brought it into being. Youthful in both spirit and membership, the organization is now in its 4th year and has enrolled over 140 members. In the past it has sponsored projects relating to its interests and currently is soliciting contributions from its members in order to establish a scholarship fund to prepare an anæsthetist for the Church's medical program in Africa. The Association also encourages other young women to enter the profession and then assists them during the training period. Currently the organization is investigating the openings for nurses in relief work and will then circulate the findings among its members. This professional fellowship stands as a tribute to the initiative of the nurses among us. It has been kept alive by its worthy and realistic program.

With many of our youth entering this and allied fields it occurs to us that similar denominational fellowships might be organized for the purposes of spiritual, social and professional advancement. Due to the commonality of interest it would provide a natural forum for the exchange of ideas.

Whether it would be practical to proceed as suggested above and organize nationally the teachers, doctors and other professional interests within the Brethren in Christ Church is speculative. It's just a thought, of course, and the initiative for such a move must come from within. In any event, we salute the nurses among us, and especially the Brethren in Christ Nurses Association.

—E.L.B.

The Man With The Keys

(Continued from page three)

and to victory in face of death, so also they unlock the door to blessing in eternity. It is apparent that the One who holds the keys of death and of hell, holds in His hand the eternal destiny of every soul. It is in His hands to open and to close. He is the one that openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth." He said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Although the usurper's objective is the destruction of every man, Christ is the One who holds the keys, whether for destruction or for blessing.

Christ knows those who are His own. To them He opens the door to the place He has gone to prepare for them. It is His will that where He is, there shall His own be also. Those who overcome, He will grant to sit with Him in His throne. Because Christ arose and ascended to the Father, it is assured that all who share in the power of His resurrection, shall also share in His glory in the eternity of the future.

The Gospel of the Man with the keys, the One Who conquered, Who is conquering now and still to conquer, is a message with but one conclusion: He must have all the keys of my life. Christ, who at so great a cost to Himself, gained the keys which control everything that really counts, must have and control every key of my being that I too, may know Him and the power of His resurrection.

April 25, 1955

In Retrospect

This congregation has had a steady but consistent growth for this quarter of a century under the able leadership of Eld. Earl M. Sider. Now his son, Eld. Harvey Sider, is used of God in directing the program. Another son of the congregation Eld. Ronald Lofthouse is pastor of our new church in Toronto, Ont. They celebrated their 25th anniversary on March 27. God has blessed.

—E.J.S.

DEDICATORY SERVICE

The opening of the Cheapside meeting house was held Sunday, March 23. The discourse of the morning was given by Bishop L. Shoalts. Eld. Jno. Nigh followed with a brief account of the origin and growth of the work, with timely admonition for future success. Eld. D. W. Heise then read the dedicatory ceremony. Bishop E. J. Swalm offered the closing prayer.

The theme for the afternoon, "Contending for the Faith," was discussed under three divisions: The Divine Inspiration of the Faith, by Bishop E. J. Swalm; Fundamentals of the Faith, by Bishop A. Winger; and Keeping the Faith, by Eld. D. W. Heise. People expressed their appreciation of this feature of the day's service.

Bishop E. J. Swalm preached to a large and very attentive congregation in the evening. Text: Neh. 2:7, "Let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river."

The Dedication was followed with a week and a half of revival services, conducted by Bishop L. Shoalts. Because of the unfavorable weather the people of the community did not attend as much as we would liked to have seen. Our own members, however, were present and greatly benefited by the preaching of the Word. Some were cleared in their justification, while others were sanctified and led into a deeper life.

Pray for the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

—E. M. Sider

This news item has tremendous interest as we read it 35 years later and know that we have now two church buildings in the Paddockwood area and three Sunday Schools. A growing membership and four full time workers. God has blessed the concern of Brethren Marshall Winger and Reuben Climenhaga who have gone to heaven.

—E. J. S.

KINDERSLEY, SASK., CANADA

Dear Readers of the Visitor, Greetings.

The brethren and sisters of the Clear View Church held their yearly spring council meeting in the afternoon of March 27th.

The welfare of the church was discussed, and we listened to our Brother Marshall Winger while he told of the need they found in Paddockwood, Sask., where our brother, with the help of Brother Reuben Climenhaga and wife, and sister Anna Winger, held a few weeks' meeting. They found hungry souls, some carrying a burden of sin, ever since they heard Brother Walter Reighard preach at the same place two years ago. We are glad to know that some souls got real help. But they are as sheep without a shepherd, and need someone to teach them. We trust the Lord will lay the burden on someone to go there and take care of the work. We have also before us the need of a Bible School in the west. It was well talked over but no decision arrived at. We are waiting to see what can be done. We need your prayers.

—Sr. Henry Hahn, Box 334, Kindersley, Sask.

The following are excerpts taken from a letter written by Elder Lewis W. Shaffer who had moved from Centre County, Pa. to near West Milton, Ohio. He is writing to the late Ambrose Miller, then a young convert, encouraging him to steadfastness in the Lord's service. This letter came into the possession of Bishop M. L. Dohner who has carefully preserved it many years and through whose kindness it was made accessible to us.

—E. J. S.

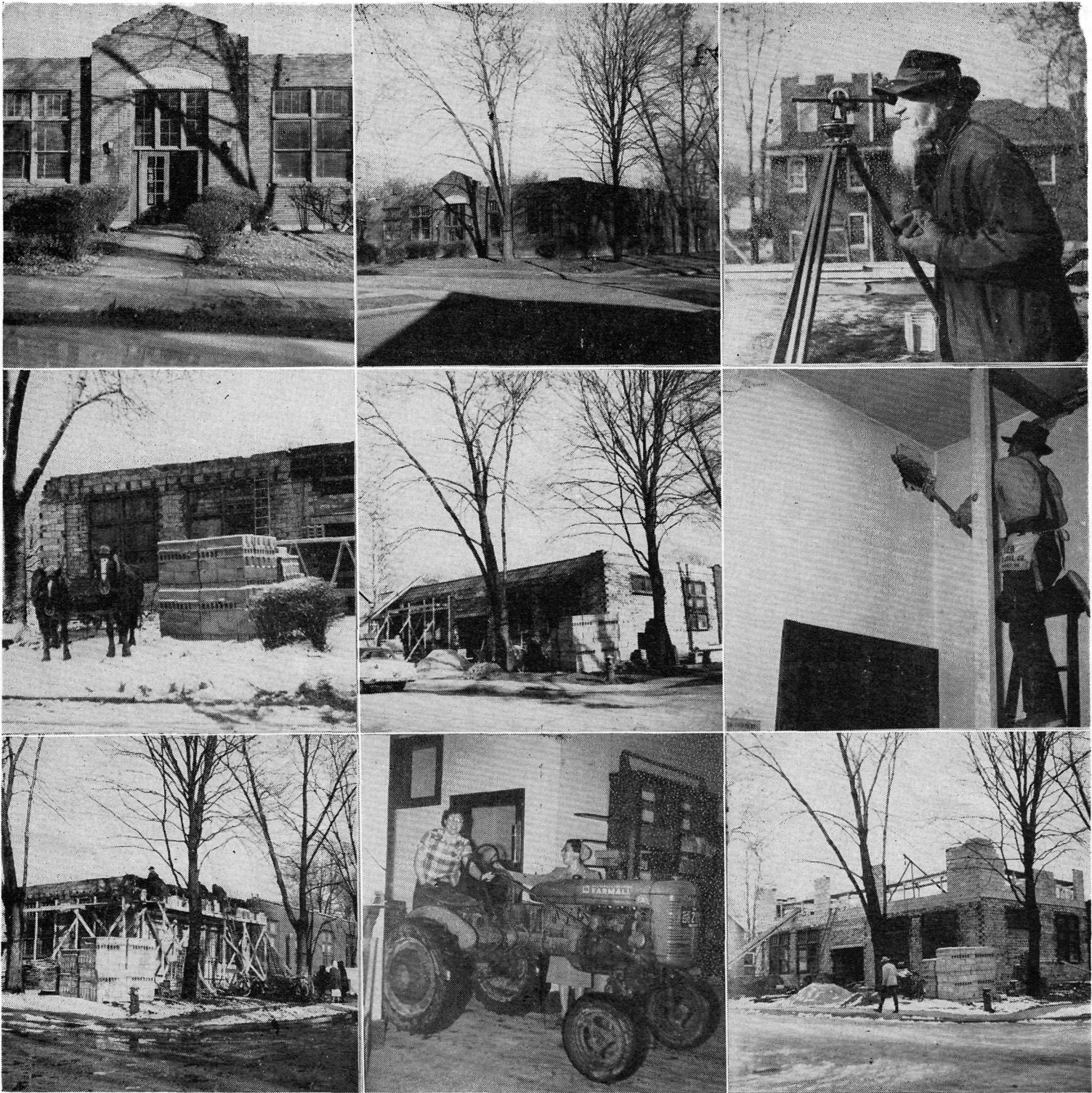
West Milton, Ohio July 8, 1878

Ambrose Miller,

Dearly beloved friend and brother in the Lord Jesus . . . With feelings of thankfulness and joy I read your welcome letter for nothing gives me more joy and pleasure than to know that young people are closing in with the offers of mercy . . .

I wish to write to both of you Ambrose and Calvin to stand in such relationship with God as to have communion and fellowship with Father, Son and Spirit is a relationship worthy of Heavenly intelligence. And none but the pure in heart shall see God, yes, to be sanctified is to be cleansed and set apart for holy and divine purposes but we must be justified before we are sanctified, for we are justified by faith in the Son of God and then we are cleansed by being washed by His blood so then we are sanctified already by degree but not "wholly sanctified" until we are with Paul (crucified unto the world and the world unto us) . . .

—L. W. Shaffer



Remodeling Program Launched at E. V. Publishing House

We apologize if your *Evangelical Visitor* has carried a gritty film of plaster dust lately. Your publishing house staff has been working to the uninspiring cacophony of carpenters' hammers and the scream of the Skilsaw.

The E. V. Publishing House was built in 1925. A steady volume of printing, the addition of equipment and personnel during more than twenty-five years has made the current expansion program imperative. The Board of Directors discarded an original plan to remodel within the limits of the existing building. It was apparent that such a program would give only temporary relief from the crowded conditions. With the approval of the 1954 Gen-

eral Conference, the Publication Board proceeded with plans to add a partial second story to the present building to provide space for editorial and business offices.

In the pictures above you see the early stages of the work which began in early December. In the first pictures you see the original building. In other views, partitions and brick facing are removed, tractors and horses are brought in to haul out the rubble, and plans are made to add the second story.

Watch the next issue for the cornerstone-laying ceremony.

Special Notice

At a recent meeting of the General Executive Board, Bishop E. J. Swalm was elected substitute treasurer of the Canadian funds of said board to temporarily fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Orla L. Heise.

This appointment is effective from now until General Conference in June of this year. All unpaid assessments, if any, in the Dominion of Canada should be sent to Bishop E. J. Swalm, Duntroon, Ontario.

Henry S. Miller, Sec. Gen. Exec. Board

Searights, Pennsylvania

During the summers of 1953 and 1954, Roy Asper held tent meetings in Fayette County at a mining patch (village) called Searights, six miles west of Uniontown, Pa.

The Patch contains approximately one hundred homes without any kind of church until the Brethren in Christ started a mission. During the tentmeetings there was much interest shown. Folks from different denominations came in to support the work.

The Extension Committee of the Montgomery District in Franklin County visited Searights and saw the need of a gospel message. Following the 1954 meeting, the brethren began going to Searights to hold prayer meetings every two weeks in different homes. Interest continued making it advisable to look for a building in which to conduct Sunday school. We have now rented a building for these services.

The work in the present location was begun with an evangelistic service at the time when the work of the Sunday school was begun. We started with 15 persons. In the early stages the work was carried on by having someone go to Searights and conduct weekend services. In January William Martin and family moved to the community to take charge of the work as an outreach of the Montgomery District.

The work is growing nicely. The Lord is providing materially and spiritually. The average attendance is 50 and offerings average \$10 each week. Brother Martin conducts a prayer meeting each Wednesday evening in one of the homes, regular prayer service at the chapel Saturday evening and Sunday school with Worship each Lord's Day. In addition to this he conducts weekly service at the county home.

God has manifested His power through healing and in the deliverance of others from the power of Satan. Bishop J. L. Myers has received two in church membership. We wish to praise the Lord and give Him all the Glory for what has been accomplished thus far.

Harry Eberly, Secretary Extension Board,
Montgomery Church

Markham District, Ontario

Nov. 7—We were happy to have Bro. Cyrus Lutz, Lancaster, Pa. with us for the morning service. He brought us a challenging message from John 11:40.

Nov. 14-15—Our Annual Bible Conference was well attended. We were favored in having for our speakers Bishop Charlie Byers, Bishop Edward Gilmore, and Bro. Lorne Lichty. We also appreciated the messages in song by the Bertie Ladies Quartette.

Nov. 28—Bro. Ronald Lofthouse was with us for the evening service and gave a stir-

ring message on the Second Coming of Christ.

Dec. 1—Sr. Shirley Bitner gave a very interesting account of her first term on the India Mission Field.

Dec. 12—A fine group of young people from the Nottawa district had charge of the Christ's Crusaders program, including singing and an illustrated talk for the children.

Jan. 12—Harvey Toews, representing the MCC spoke to us in the interest of the Ailsa Craig Farm for delinquent boys.

Jan. 23-Feb. 9—For our revival meetings this year, we were privileged to have Bro. Wm. Lewis, Upland, Cal. as our evangelist. We appreciated the spirit of love and kindness manifested as he preached those heart-searching messages from night to night, also his emphasis on a prayer life. Each evening before service the Christ's Crusaders met with Bro. Lewis in the prayer room to pray for the meetings. Sunday afternoons Bro. Lewis gave talks to the Young People on Personal Work and Soul Winning.

Mar. 6—Christ's Crusaders Day. One of the various activities of the day was when the Young People divided into four groups to visit a number of homes of "shut ins." One of each of these groups gave a report of their visiting at the evening service. These visits were not only a Blessing to the old folks but the Young People found Blessing there also. After several selections of special songs, Bro. Harvey Sider of Cheapside brought the evening message.

Mar. 13—Bro. Isaac Schmucker, Collingwood brought a timely message from Jer. 2:11.

In the afternoon the Sunday School Workers met for a program given by members of the local committee and Bro. Schmucker as guest speaker.

Mar. 19—Our district has suffered a great loss in the sudden passing of Bro. Orla Heise. For over 25 years he has faithfully served in the office of deacon. As a man of rare executive ability, he carried many responsibilities, and gave much time and labour to the various phases of church work. We shall never forget the manner in which both Bro. and Sr. Heise so ably, cheerfully and willingly served this district. Their lives will live on in the hearts of all of us.

—M. C.

Mastersonville, Penna.

On January 9 revival opened at the Mastersonville Church with Bro. Allon Dourte, one of our local ministers, serving as evangelist.

For two and a half weeks Bro. Dourte declared the Gospel in such a simple, humble manner and all could feel that God was in it.

One outstanding high spot was a scene around the altar, when a group of brethren and sisters tarried for a heart-warming and melting together. Each purposed a closer walk with God.

It is our prayer that the revival fire kindled could be fanned into a blaze by the passion for the lost on the heart of each Christian.

Upon Bro. Dourte we pray the continued anointing of God's Spirit.

J. H. G.

Hollowell, Pa.

Sunday February 27 was a day of significant enrichment and blessing when 24 persons, including 8 married couples, gave public testimonies of saving grace and were received into church membership.

Thank God for these choice souls who will be carrying on the work with us.

Welcome

We extend to you a warm welcome to Southern California for the Brethren in Christ General Conference convening on the Upland College campus June 8-13, 1955. It gives us pleasure on the West Coast to bid you this warm welcome. Committees have been working for many months, and the West Coast branch of the Brethren in Christ Church is very happy to entertain our Eastern brethren for this General Conference period. We hope the weather will cooperate with blue skies and a bright sun to give you this warm welcome to the land of oranges and lemons and date palms.

If you are coming by train, the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroads both pass through the city of Ontario. You should buy your ticket for Pomona, California. If you are coming by the Santa Fe, most trains stop at North Pomona station. Buy your ticket for that station, and you might ask to get off at Ontario. If they will not leave you off at Ontario, go on to North Pomona and call the college.

If you are coming by bus, buy your ticket for Ontario. If you are coming by plane, buy your ticket to the Los Angeles International Airport. Further instructions will be given on getting from the Airport to the College.

Coming by any of these transportation methods, you can call Yukon 313-173, and you will be given a ride to the Conference ground.

If you are coming by automobile, you can take any of the cross-country highways, such as Route 30 and Route 66 which pass through Upland. Cross country Routes 60 and 80 pass through Ontario. Either of these are very good roads to travel.

We shall be making preparation for your arrival. The different kinds of lodging such as motor-court lodging and lodging on the campus grounds can be secured by writing to Hiram Alderfer, 357 S. San Antonio Avenue, Upland, California.

Will you pray that God's blessing will accompany His children as we prepare for, and you journey to and enjoy, the fellowship of the General Conference of 1955.

John Z. Martin, Chairman
Publicity Committee

Sunday March 6, was Christ's Crusaders Day. The theme "Others" characterized the activities of the day as the Crusaders were active in the various services of the day.

A team of young people went into a nearby city on Saturday evening and passed out tracts.

Sunday afternoon several teams went out and visited in the homes of some of the elderly folks in the community. The teams sang, gave testimonies, and had prayer with the people. They were received warmly in the many homes who have learned to look for this type of contact.

The day was concluded by an evening program with the theme "Light." We appreciate the efforts of the Board for Christian Education in emphasizing these various stimulating activities.

Songs of Praises to God! REVIVAL AT CROSS ROADS

Mount Joy, Pa.

"Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." When we met the conditions for revival and claimed the promises of God, He answered bringing an "abundance of rain." It was apparent that God was going to meet with us since there was "a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." For several weeks prior to the revival there was contrition of heart and confession of sin. The unusual warmth of the several prayer services and the sacrificial fasting of honest hearts caused our faith to mount for a gracious outpouring of the Spirit upon us.

Brother Elwood Flewelling came to us with uncompromising and Holy-Ghost-anointed preaching. The teaching of Bible Holiness was administered in a simple and scriptural manner. As honest hearts responded to the truth and the saints believed God, the spiritual tide rose higher and higher until during the second Sunday night service on February 27, the Holy Ghost came upon the service in His own wonderful way. From the opening song, it was evidenced that a holy hush came upon the hearts of those in the sanctuary. The Holy Ghost so took over that there was no need for the usual message of God's servant. Only the exacting record of God will reveal the number of hungry hearts that sought the face of God.

It was encouraging to sense the continued workings of the Holy Spirit in the succeeding services. On two occasions during an evening and Sunday morning service, two teen-age girls found a place of prayer in a room elsewhere and wept their way through to definite victory. It truly was an "Upper Room" experience. Others met God at an altar of prayer in their homes. As changed hearts walked in obedience to the secret revealings of the Holy Spirit, there was a literal removal of personal hindrances as related to everyday living. Over and over again we were reminded of the frequent note of assurance in the hearts of God's children that God does hear and answer prayer. Thus our faith is increased to believe God to continue to work in the hearts of many that refused to respond to the clear call of God. We can only express our wholehearted praise for the faithfulness of God in the words of the poet—

"We'll give the glory to Jesus
And dwell in His wonderful love!"

Pasadena, Calif.

On Christ's Crusaders Day, Mar. 6, in our church in Pasadena, we featured "Guest Day" in all of our services throughout the entire day. Our young people took active part in the Sunday school and church services by way of an illustrated talk, choral scripture reading, instrumental and vocal numbers.

In the morning worship hour, we were thrilled to receive three accessions to the church, all of whom are active in our Sunday school and church work here, as well as staunch supporters of our Crusaders programs. May God bless each one.

This day was climaxed with an evening of gospel music by the Upland College Choral group. A number of first-timers declared, "I enjoyed every minute of it."

After the program many participated in an informal fellowship hour in the church annex where refreshments were served.

Mrs. Eva Books, Crusader Advisor

LOVE FEAST

Cedar Grove Church (Penna.)....April 30, May 1
Services beginning 10 a.m. Sat.

BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

STECKLEY—Bruce and Velma (Slaymaker) Steckley, Gormley, Ont., are the happy parents of a son, John Bruce Jr., born March 18.

SLAGENWEIT—Bro. and Sr. Mark Slagenweit and Faithe of the Martinsburg congregation were made happy by the arrival of Mark Jr. on Jan. 12.

HEISE—Dr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Heise (nee Maxine Engle) are happy with Glen and Lois for the arrival of Carol Jean on March 23, 1955.

ENGLE—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Engle, Philadelphia, welcome Joan Marie; a little sister for Ardys, on February 13, 1955.

SIDER—Bro. and Sister Clifford Sider (nee Jean Charlton) of Stevensville, Ont., announce the arrival of a baby daughter Sharon Ruth January 31, 1955; a sister for Charlotte Ann.

POE—Bro. and Sister Robert Poe, Chambersburg, Pa. welcome a new son to their family, Lee McNair, born March 6, 1955.

WELLER—Mr. and Mrs. James Weller, Chambersburg, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Joseph Lee, born March 22, 1955.

HELFRICK—Mr. and Mrs. Asa Helfrick of the Montgomery congregation Chambersburg, Pa., are the happy parents of a son, Duane Elbert, February 6, 1955; a brother for Doyle.

FOHRINGER—Kenneth Lynn came to bless the home of Charles and Ruth (Heisey) Fohringer of Centre Hall, Pa., on January 24, Kennie is a member of the Colyer cradle roll.

MARTIN—Jeffrey Lynn was born February 28. On March 6, he was adopted into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Martin, Jr., Mount Joy, Pa. A playmate for Linda.

MELHORN—Bro. and Sister Kenneth S. Melhorn of New Cumberland, Pa., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Anita Yvonne, on February 24, 1955; a sister for Julia Ann and Marvin Eugene.

HANSON—Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hanson (nee Verna Vannatter) of Glen Meyer, Ontario are the happy parents of a son, Eric Arnold, born March 6, 1955.

WILLIAMS—On January 13, David Michael, came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Williams of Frogmore, Ontario; a brother for Linda and Richard.

MITTS—Debra Anne was borne to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mitts of Frogmore, Ontario on January 4; a sister for Dawn.

ZOERB—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Zoerb Delisle, Sask., a son, Lee Elliott, on Feb. 26.

HYKES—Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hykes, Greencastle, Pa., announce the birth of a son on February 25, 1955.

CHRISTOPHEL — Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Christophel, Chambersburg, Pa., announce the birth of a son Samuel Noah, Jr., on February 24, 1955.

MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the Evangelical Visitor.

TIMMON - MUSSELMANN — On Saturday, February 19, Daniel Timmon and Joanne Musselmann, daughter of the Ivan Musselmanns were united in marriage at a simple church wedding. They attend the Hollowell congregation and reside at Route 1, Greencastle, Pa.

MUSSER-KNEPPER—On Saturday evening, March 12, 1955, Miss Ferne A. Knepper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knepper, Mechanicsburg, Pa., became the bride of Ray M. Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Musser, Mt. Joy, Pa.

The ceremony was performed in the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church by Rev. Paul L. Snyder, assisted by Bishop I. W. Musser.

HELFRICK - MARTIN — Miss Mary Jane Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin, Mercersburg, Pa., became the bride of Ralph E. Helfrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Helfrick of Greencastle, Pa., in a wedding ceremony at the Montgomery Brethren in Christ Church on Saturday, March 5, 1955 at 10:30 A.M.

Bishop J. Lester Myers performed the ceremony assisted by Rev. Isaac Helfrick, brother of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Helfrick are residing on Fayetteville R. 2, where Mr. Helfrick is engaged in farming.

HOLLAND-HERR — On Saturday evening, February 26, 1955 Miss Grace Herr, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ohmer U. Herr of near Englewood, Ohio, and Rev. Fredric L. Holland of Bridgeport, Pa. were united in marriage in the Fairview Brethren in Christ Church. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. C. E. Holland, brother of the groom.

Bro. and Sister Holland leave for mission work in Africa on April 20, due to arrive in Capetown about May 12.

OBITUARIES

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

MYERS—Sister America Martin Myers, age 83 years, of Greencastle, Pa., went to her eternal reward on February 20, 1955.

Sister Myers was born March 29, 1871 near Upton, the daughter of the late Isaiah and Elizabeth Martin. She was a faithful member of the Montgomery Brethren in Christ Church, giving the church her loyal support and devotion as long as health permitted. During her illness she often expressed her desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

Sister Myers is survived by her husband, the Rev. Ambrose Myers, two sons and four daughters: Walter N. of State Line, Pa., Charles A. and Mrs. Stella Leshar, Greencastle, Mrs. Allen Brubaker of Lewistown, Mrs. Clement Oldham, Bedford, and Mrs. Amos Wingert, Chambersburg, Pa. One daughter Mary S. Myers preceded her in death five years ago. Also thirty grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Montgomery church on February 23. Bishop Edward Wingert and Bishop Charlie Byers officiated. Burial in Montgomery cemetery.

LEONARD—Delphia Parsley Leonard, born September, 1878 to parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parsley, Parker Co., Texas; eldest of eight sisters and four brothers. She was united in marriage to Daniel H. Leonard and to this union were born five children, three boys and two girls: Homer and Morten of Spenard, Alaska; Leonard of Hollywood, California, Mrs. Dessie Mathews of Medford, Oregon, and Mrs. Olive Hamblin of Talkeetna, Alaska. Also surviving her are ten grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. She departed this life March 16, 1955 at the age of 77 years, 6 months.

Mrs. Leonard has been known as "Mom Leonard" to the homeless and friendless of the skid row section of Los Angeles. For over

50 years she gave full time service in missionary work. She was the founder and Superintendent of the Door of Hope Mission of which the Brethren in Christ Church is affiliated. Her life radiated the life of Christ for fallen humanity.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. at the Door of Hope Mission, Los Angeles with Rev. C. S. Hand and Rev. Alton Evison, together with the mission staff who paid loving tribute to her memory. This service was especially held for the men of the mission.

At 2:00 p.m. in the Grace Chapel at Inglewood, California. Funeral service was conducted with Rev. A. C. Burkholder officiating. Interment at the Inglewood Cemetery.

BRADLEY—Sister Amanda Gish Bradley was born April 13, 1868 and passed away March 24, 1955 at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 11 days, after being ill for eight months.

She was the wife of the late John B. Bradley and is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Mabel Glick, Smoketown, Pa., and Mrs. Henry Kreiner, Manheim, Pa., with whom she resided; also seven grandchildren.

Sr. Bradley was a member of the Brethren in Christ church and attended services regularly as long as she was physically able.

Bishop Henry Ginder preached the funeral sermon using Psa. 39:7 as a text; which was so true of Sister Bradley's last days—"And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee."

The funeral was held at Mastersonville with Bishop Ginder, Rev. Monroe Dourte and Rev. Arthur Brubaker officiating. Burial took place in the adjoining cemetery.

MILLETT—Mrs. Rosa M. Millett, wife of Wm. Millett with whom she lived nearly 63 years, passed away at the age of 77 years. Her earlier years were spent around Columbus, Indiana. For the past 31 years the Milletts lived in Dayton, Ohio.

May 26, 1946 she became a member of the Brethren in Christ church. She enjoyed serving the Lord and loved the church to which the Lord led her. It was a joy for her to help neighbors and friends in time of need.

Sister Millett was the mother of eleven children. Nine remain to mourn her loss: five daughters and four sons, twenty-six grandchildren and forty-one great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Brethren in Christ church with Elder Wm. H. Engle in charge, assisted by Bishop Wm. H. Boyer. Burial in the Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus, Ind.

A Letter of Appreciation

We would like to say thanks to the many friends who remembered us with cards and telegrams of sympathy in the recent passing of Bishop D. R. Eyster. May God bless each one.

—Mrs. D. R. Eyster and Family

In Memoriam

Our hearts were saddened recently by the word of the sudden decease of one of our number Orla L. Heise, Gormley, Ont., Canadian treasurer of the General Executive Board.

In the passing of Bro. Heise from this earthly scene, we have not only lost an able treasurer of the Canadian funds but also a tried and approved executive. His sixteen years of service on the General Executive Board contributed greatly to the advancement of the cause of Christ as carried on by the church of his choice. No task was too difficult and no sacrifice was too great for his consecration. He will be greatly missed in many places and especially by us, his fellow board members. As we meet in the near future, his place will be empty. We shall miss his common sense, pleasant smile and fellowship in the spirit.

We humbly bow in submission to the will of God and wish to express our sympathy to and unite our sorrow with that of his family. It is with implicit trust in Him, who "Hath done all things well," that we commit this vacancy in our ranks to God who is able and all sufficient.

THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
Henry S. Miller, Sec'y



MCC
News Notes

Applicants For PAX Service Needed

Draft-age Mennonite and Brethren in Christ men interested in fulfilling their alternative service requirements through PAX (the MCC overseas rehabilitation program for drafted conscientious objectors bearing the Latin word for "peace") are urged to register their interest with MCC or their conference office.

An immediate need for PAX applicants is for 25 men early this summer as replacements for Germany. These men will continue the construction of refugee housing projects.

Similar overseas opportunities for I-W service develop from time to time for young men interested in applying their manual skills in their Christian witness for peace. An expression of interest on the part of a young man enables MCC to explore and develop such projects as are suited to his interests and ability. And at the same time, such registration of interest may well result in a young man's finding a service opportunity to his liking when a project suddenly develops.

The LeTourneau project in Peru is an example. Several draft-age fellows with mechanical skills and interests had indicated their desire for foreign service many months before ready to begin work. When the Peru PAX project was initiated, these fellows found work to their liking. And at the same time, had these applicants not been available, such a project would not have developed so quickly.

Mental Health Survey Underway

A study to determine the extent of mental illness and mental retardation among Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish church groups in the United States is being made by the Akron Mental Health Services office.

This constituency-wide survey is occasioned by a special study in the four-state area of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to determine the advisability and possibility of extending MCC institutional services to that area.

It was felt this would be an opportune time to gain information which the Mental Health Services office has needed to serve the constituency in a better way and to compile current mental health statistics. The last study surveying the mental health needs of Mennonite groups was made in 1945.

Information for this study is being gleaned from a questionnaire submitted to Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish pastors or ministers around the middle of March. In addition to inquiring about the extent of mental illness and mental retardation, the questionnaire seeks information about hospitalization, such as how many persons are currently being treated in institutions and whether in public or private hospital.

Missions Abroad

India

General Superintendent: P. O. Saharsa, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. William R. Hoke

Saharsa Mission: P. O. Saharsa, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. William Hoke, Misses Esther G. Book, Evelyn Bohland, Beulah Arnold, Mary B. Stoner

Barjora Mission: P. O. Tirbeniganj, via Murliganj, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Pye, Misses Ruth E. Book, Mary J. Shoalts

Madhipura Mission: P. O. Madhipura, N.E. Railway, District Saharsa, Bihar, India. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus

Banmankhi Mission: P. O. Banmankhi N.E. Railway, District Purnea, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith

Purnea Mission: P. O. Purnea, District Purnea, Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle

Ulubaria Mission: P. O. Ulubaria, District Howrah, West Bengal, India. Rev. and Mrs. A.D.M. Dick

Africa

General Superintendent, P. O. Box 711, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Bishop and Mrs. Arthur M. Climenhaga

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Bulawayo Outstations, P. B. 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Mann

Matopo Mission, P. B. T 191, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book,

Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, Miss Mary H. Brenaman, Miss Velma R. Brillinger, Miss Mary C. Engle, Miss Nancy J. Kreider, Miss Dorothy M. Martin, Miss Eva Mae Melhorn

Mtshabezi Mission, P. B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

Station: Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, Miss F. Mabel Frey, Miss Ruth T. Hunt, Miss Anna R. Wolgemuth

Outstations: Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert

Mtshabezi Mission Hospital, P. B. 101 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, Mr. Joseph G. Ginder, Miss Martha L. Lady, Mrs. Roy H. Mann

Wanezi Mission, P. B. S 129, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

Station: Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, Miss Anna R. Engle, Miss Miriam L. Heise, Miss Mary E. Heisey

Outstations: Rev. and Mrs. George E. Bundy

NORTHERN RHODESIA

Macha Mission, P. B. Choma, Northern Rhodesia

Station: Rev. and Mrs. J. Elwood Hershey, Miss Anna M. Eyster, Miss Pauline E. Frey, Miss Anna J. Graybill, Miss Edna M. Switzer

Hospital: Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, Miss Edna E. Lehman

Nahumba Mission, P. O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe

Sikalongo Mission, P. O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, Miss Anna L. Kettering, Miss Gladys I. Lehman

Japan

4-chome, 39, Shimoyamate-dori, Ikuta-ku, Kobe, Japan: Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms

Israel

Bishop and Mrs. Jesse F. Lady, P. O. Box 50, c/o M. G. Griebenow, Jerusalem, Israel

Missionaries on Furlough

Sr. Effie Rohrer, 2421 Oneida St., Pasadena 10, Calif.

Elder and Sr. George E. Paulus, Box 38, Souderton, Penna.

Sr. Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, Grantham, Penna.

Miss Shirley Bitner, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada

Miss Rhoda Lenhart, c/o Dr. P. G. Lenhart, Arcanum, Ohio

Miss Fannie Longenecker, R. R. Abilene, Kansas

Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada

Miss Florence Hensel, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman Asper, R. 2 Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Erma Z. Hare, c/o Loy Hare, Allen, Penna.

Miss Leora Yoder, R. 2, Mechanicsburg, Penna.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Sider, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, Bausman, Pa.

1955 Christmas Bundle Folders Available

Folders listing packing instructions and containing labels for 1955 Christmas bundles are now being distributed to local churches. Additional copies are available from the clothing centers in Reedley, Calif.; North Newton, Kan.; Ephrata, Penn.; and Kitchener, Ont.; as well as the MCC offices in Akron, Penn.; Waterloo, Ont.; and Newton, Kan. Last year nearly 28,000 Christmas bundles were contributed and at this time it appears that at least an equal number could be used to good advantage this year.

What Materials Are Most Desired For Foreign Relief?

The continued distribution of clothing, bedding, soap and sewing supplies to the poor and unfortunate overseas is made possible by the continued contribution of these materials by Mennonite, Brethren in Christ and Amish churches in the United States and Canada. Frequently persons ask where relief supplies are needed and what kinds of materials are required.

At present the largest amounts are shipped to Jordan and Korea for distribution among refugees and poor people. Another needy field is Austria where large amounts of relief supplies are dispersed in refugee camps. Bedding, household articles and clothing are important items in the operation of the children's homes in Bad Duerkheim, Germany and Valdoie and Weiler in France. Similar materials are used in Formosa children's homes and hospital. Other supplies go to Indo-China, Java and to other areas as needs arise. An increasing emphasis in the relief program are self-help projects in which people are given materials to make goods for themselves or to sell as a source of income.

To have a good supply of relief materials available makes it possible to disperse them to areas where needs suddenly arise. Last year 216 tons of clothing were contributed and the goal for clothing contributions for this year is slightly higher.

Here are the materials most desired for foreign relief—**shoes:** men's and children's (new or repaired), no women's high-heels; **clothing:** new or second-hand (clean and mended), men's coats, suits, pants, jackets, shirts, socks, underwear (heavy preferred), pajamas (warm preferred) and work clothes, women's coats, suits, wool skirts, jackets, warm stockings, underwear and night clothes (warm), dresses of wool or cotton, durable material; all kinds of children's and babies clothing; knitted articles (hand-knit or manufactured such as sweaters, caps, mittens, afghans, wool socks, stockings and scarfs); **bedding and household articles:** quilts, blankets, sheets, pillow cases, towels, wash cloths (new or second-hand, clean and mended); **soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste and powder; sewing supplies:** sewing cotton, darning cotton, pins and needles (in packages), safety pins, scissors, and elastic; **yard goods and knitting wool.**

Clothing and other supplies should be carefully selected and repaired, if necessary. They should be shipped to the nearest clothing center—Reedley, Calif.; North Newton, Kan.; Ephrata, Penn.; or Kitchener, Ont. Only such materials should be contributed as are worthy of the sticker, "In The Name of Christ."

Items from the News

King's College Looking For New Campus

Percy Crawford, President of The King's College, has announced that he is looking for a new campus to house the liberal arts college he founded 16 years ago. Crawford and William Jelley, executive vice president, are seeking facilities to house the students, faculty and staff which includes almost 400 persons.

The search for a new campus was begun shortly after Crawford announced the sale of the present site to Tide Water Associated Oil Company of California.

The new \$100,000,000 oil refinery which Tide Water plans to have in full operation—13,000 barrels of crude oil a day—before the end of next year, is located on a 4,200-acre site 15 miles south of Wilmington, Del., will completely surround the present King's College campus.

Presbyterians Return India Missions to Nationals

Transfer of the titles to all property held in northern India by the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Board of Foreign Missions to "properly constituted and approved" native trust associations there was voted by the board at a meeting in New York City.

The board also approved a plan drawn up last November at Nasrapur by the Western India Mission, which it has maintained since 1872, calling for the mission to turn over all its "rights, duties and responsibilities" to the Kolhapur Church Council, provincial division of the United Church of Northern India.

The latter action includes work assignments for all missionaries—who in the future will be known as "fraternal workers"—all requests for new personnel from America, and responsibility for all institutions formerly carried on by the mission with the exception of Miraj Medical Center which has an independent governing body. The transfer will be effective as of July 1.

Missionary Broadcasters Plan World Conference

A World Conference on Missionary Broadcasting will be held June 16-19 in Chicago at the Moody Bible Institute. Dr. Clarence W. Jones of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, in making known the conference, said: "Worldwide implications pertaining to an increasing use of radio as a medium of evangelism and teaching on foreign fields brings together missionary leaders from around the world." Speakers will include radio missionaries and outstanding personalities, who know the value and results of Gospel broadcasting at home and abroad.

In Frostburg, Md., a bolt of lightning struck the belfry of the First Methodist church at 6 a.m. one Friday morning recently touching off electrical chimes which pealed out the strains of "Be Still My Soul."

The unscheduled dawn musical interlude of recorded hymns continued with "Jesus is Tenderly Calling" and "I would Be True."

The Pastor, John Bayley said the lightning apparently short-circuited the chimes mechanism, which is set to play automatically each evening.

Wide Use of Bible Spots Reported by ABS

The American Bible Society is considering the production of one-minute daily Bible readings for use on television stations across the country. This decision was made because the response to similar films prepared by ABS for use last year in observance of the World-wide Bible Reading Program was so enthusiastic.

A total of 171 television stations reported that they had presented the one-minute daily Bible readings between Thanksgiving and Christmas last year. Forty-three states were represented.

One station wrote to Secretary Henry H. Ragatz, of the Bible Society's Department of Visual Materials, who supervised the production of the films, "you will be interested in knowing that WIS-TV is telecasting the Worldwide Bible Reading films twice daily, the first at 1:15 p.m. and the second at 11:15 p.m. I hope the showing of these films will forward the program of the American Bible Society in promoting daily Bible Reading."

Stations reported using the material, not only at stated periods each day, but whenever they found themselves with a few minutes of free time.

NCC Survey Charts Population Trends

America is becoming more and more a land of pre-school age youngsters and aging adults, but the nation's churches still gear their programs to other population groups now in actual decline. This fact was revealed in the findings of a study of population trends recently by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches.

In 20 years time, the number of Americans 64 or older will jump from about 14 million to more than 20 million, while the increase of children under five years of age will outstrip all other age brackets. Confronted by this, the churches will have to do some radical rethinking and re-planning of their programs if they are going to do a competent job in their ministry, the report warns.

Family Bible Readings Prove Successful

In an effort to stimulate Bible reading among family groups, Raymond F. Anderson, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Cheltenham, a Philadelphia suburb, has inaugurated a Bible reading program that is followed by not only more than a third of his congregation but has spread to at least 14 other local churches.

As the result of a survey among various groups of children, Mr. Anderson discovered that people "don't know where to find interesting material in the Bible" or they are "just out of the habit" of looking for it.

To meet this challenge, Mr. Anderson selected scores of good verses, dealing with love, hatred, murder, jealousy, intrigue, temptation, courage and many others famous the world over. He tabulated these in a leaflet entitled "Stories to Remember."

The pastor's method stresses full family participation by every member who can read. Upon completion of dinner, each member reads part of the selected story or different members read a selection each day. Discussions are then encouraged.