



Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Psalm 108:4.

## Purpose and Plan of the Silver Lining

At home we cannot realize how different other ways of living may be. We cannot realistically imagine how some of you may live through your day.

And yet we know you are interested in what is happening at home. We are planning to publish monthly the paper "The Silver Lining" through which we want to bring you information of happenings at your home Sunday School and Church and also messages of hope, cheer, and comfort.

Once a month we plan to send "The Silver Lining" to you. We will attempt to publish it oftener if you would like for us to. The purpose of this paper is for your interest, and enjoyment, and to keep us in closer touch with each other. We want to know what you like and what you dislike. Don't be afraid to tell us in plain words. It will be a great help to us.

In each issue we will have a guest writer bring a message to you. Our first guest writer will be the Rev. J. A. Getz from Morton, Illinois. Here again we would like to know what you are interested in. If you have anything you would especially like to know about write to us and we will tell the guest writer.

Then we have our Friendship columns. For us at home and for you in the service, we will have the addresses of soldiers and sailors who are in the service of our country. For both, we will have news of what's

## WHAT HAS THE FUTURE TO OFFER OUR YOUNG MEN?

By J. A. Getz

This message is addressed to our beloved sons, brothers and young men in the service.

First, what do we owe our young men? What should we do for them? There are some things we cannot do.

### TREASURED VERSES

PROVERBS 3:1-4:

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:

"For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

"So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

happening at home.

Now, who shall be responsible for our paper's success? The answer is everyone. We must all work together. If you have something that might be interesting to others send it to us. We are interested in getting to you what you are interested in.

The address is "The Silver Lining," Box 74, Grabill, Indiana. Remember to write to us. You can help make our paper a success by your suggestions and criticisms. We shall try to do our best.

How about it?

The Editors.

One is to shield them from the inescapable realities. It is of course, a great pity that our children do not have the good fortune to grow up in a stabler and a kindlier world but that is their fate. We might just as well face it, and they must make the best of it. Nor can we take them by the hand and lead them to safety. We cannot present you with a blueprint of what is to come. We cannot think your thoughts, nor experience your deep emotions. You will have to stand up against your own problems and face your own dangers.

Time is slowly but surely accomplishing the Divine purpose of God. With each day you are given, fresh from the Hand of God, the dawn of a new day, clear and bright as the sun that gave birth to the morning. Each day is a new jewel from the crown of time.

Many of you have been very busy, some taking additional training in the type of work you like and have gotten along very well in building up a training and an education that will help you post-war.

Experience tells us that every good thing must be tried with fire. There are so many things that can happen to break down the good things built up in our young men that we must

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## Sermon by the Late Elder Henry Souder

Delivered on October 8, 1922  
St. Matthew 7

If we are willing, having the good will and having faith in Jesus to not only hear or read the words which He has spoken, because as we have heard and often spoken of that not in hearing are we blessed but in doing, but also to do that which it says. And if we are so willing to obey the teachings of what Jesus our Saviour has spoken in this and also a few of the chapters before, we shall read the teaching of where Christ was up on a mountain and of where He assembled together His disciples and gave them His teachings. Now if we are willing to believe that these are words which He has spoken Himself and that He is also willing to hear our prayers asking of Him what we are in need of, because He is keeping His Father's teachings.

If God was to take us away from this life, He should find us in the straight and narrow way and not in the wide path. With our sins and by our strength we can do nothing, but if we trust, and also consider, what we feel we are in need of and what we are lacking, we can ask, for God is willing to give these things to us. We will not be judged if we believe and trust in Him. The Saviour has preached on the mount to great multitudes and He compared the people to a house. "And the storm may come and the wind will blow our house down." They will not build on the sand but on the rocks where they can lay a solid foundation. And if we are wise we will build according to His good teachings and He is the Rock and the firm foundation. Therefore, those who are willing to enter into the straight gate, if I am not mistaken His disciples came unto Him, and He taught them that a few would be saved. He said, "We shall enter into the straight gate." It may at times seem a little hard and discouraging, but if we will keep in the straight path and stay true to Him we will have our reward by getting through the straight gate. The other gate is so wide, but we forget where it will lead to. We have to be on the watch. We know that from the beginning He taught us what was dis-

pleasing unto Him, and what if He should come and find us all in sin and doing deeds displeasing to Him, we are after all leading a different life. But we must do as we pray unto Him and He has to put the will into our hearts. Jesus hears our prayers and heals our wounded spirits. Jesus has the power to cast out devils and we can read of such devils being cast out of the hearts of the people. Of course, we all possess a will and God will not take that away from us that we will be kept from temptation; whereby we might be lost and cast into the fire that so long has burned and cannot be quenched. It is our desire that we could put more trust in Him.

If Jesus should come and find us all just as we are doing now, what would we do or say?—We would say, "O! can't God help us?" Some may think that after a person is a Christian it is easy for him not to enter into temptation, but not so. We have to keep right on the straight path and not give the evil one a chance.

We can both love and fear God. If children have fear of their parents and not love, they will not be brought up the right way, and if they have love and no fear, they will be disobedient. And so it must be fear and love together.

We sing that song — "Nearer My Home, Nearer my home today than I have been before," and one place it is—"Nearer my home today, perhaps than now I think." God has given us the warning, and we cannot say—"God did not give me a chance."

Often little children are called as we have found in the times past. The children are saved as long as they are innocent. "Suffer the little children to come unto me. . . ." God said we cannot come into the kingdom of Heaven only as little children.

The Lord's children sometimes get into trouble, we find, but we should take the good children for a pattern. Even if sometimes something may happen, the Lord accepts our prayers. As we sing in one of the beautiful

songs—"When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be." And so we want to prepare ourselves, especially also our children. Accept the preaching of John, whose words are still kept in store if his body is dead. The words have to go on yet. When he came, he said everyone should prepare themselves. God is warning everyone that when the Lord comes there will not be any more time. And as we have already mentioned let us consider eternity a little. What is our life compared to eternity. As it is written, three score and ten or four score. Perhaps one may live eighty years. There is now and then one that will live ninety or one hundred. But what is 100 years compared to eternity? And when this life is over, we will enter into eternity, whether it is Heaven or not.

Sometimes members will get careless and then they will enter into temptation. They should try instead to be a light and an example to the others. (Sometimes people say there is no God and so you see we have tests.) If we want to be willing we must accept and eat the whole Lamb. When Moses went to take the children of Israel out of Egypt, God told them to slay a lamb and to eat the whole lamb. And now we have a Lamb slain for us and it is Jesus. And we are to accept the whole teaching and we cannot expect to do that which we want to do and then expect to meet God in Heaven. We all want to make heaven our home and to take the cup which was spoken of (and which is so much better for the flesh).

If we want to get to Heaven, we cannot get there by our own will but by the will of God. But we have to pray to the Saviour, "If it be possible that this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." We don't know, dearly beloved, in what way we are to enter into the Heavenly Kingdom. Let it be as it will if God will only strengthen us. When the disciples told Christ that they wanted to sit to the right and to the left, He answered them that they should sit to the right and left

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and take the cup and be baptized with His baptism. And so we have to be willing.

Some people will say that God will not take the words spoken in the Bible so seriously. That is a lie. And if one has the privilege, he will tell us we take it too closely or too strictly. He should take the Word himself to see if we are taking it too seriously. The gate is straight and the way is narrow. But Satan will try to tempt us; the Lord is our guide. If people just take that part of the teaching that pleaseth them they will find it hard to pray. If you find your task hard, try again. We are in the school of Jesus Christ, but we sometimes find it so easy not to take the teaching strictly. But if we do we will enter into the hands of our Saviour.

## NEWS

Monday night, Sept. 27th, a number of men gathered at the church. A floor was put in the attic to store screens and other material. Other things which were done included painting, wiring, plumbing, and some shelving.

Staff Sgt. Homer Reinick and Josephine Frautschi were married on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride in Toledo, Ohio. Later a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Reinick of Bluffton. Josephine went with her husband to his camp.

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Herman Schlatter came home Tuesday, Sept. 21, from the hospital after a serious operation and is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Getz have a baby boy, Conrad Joseph. He was born on the tenth of August. He now weighs 11 pounds.

Lorene Steiner is engaged to Pfc. Howard Wiley. She recently came home from a trip to Missouri where he is stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Steiglitz have a baby girl, and it was born Sept. 26. They call her Karen Ann. Lenora left Saturday, Oct. 2, to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Leiberenz named their new son Max. He was born on the 21st of September. Mrs. Leiberenz was the former Edith Gerber.

Helen Klopfenstein was in South Carolina with Mrs. James Maxfield to see Orangewade (Pete) Maxfield. They left the 23rd and stayed until the 28th of September.

David Bertsch left for Indianapolis Sept. 30, where he was inducted into the Army. On the second and the third of October, while he was still at Indianapolis, Marie Bertsch and her two sisters, Velma and Kathrine Norr, went to see him. Deloris Widner and Phillipine Levy also went.

Harry Robert Schwartz was home on the third of October. His parents took him back to camp in the evening.

Dick Lantz visited his parents on the second and third of October. He went back to Michigan Sunday evening.

Billy Klopfenstein is home on a 15-day furlough. He arrived here on the second of October.

Cpl. Henry Kipfer has been moved from Fort Warren, Wyoming, to Camp

Ellis, Ill. His wife, Arvilla, was home on a visit for two weeks while he was being moved. She is now in Illinois with Henry.

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A group met at Ida Zimmerman's home near Grabill for an evening meal on October the 3rd.

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Mrs. Phoebe Bahr has three sons in the service who were recently home on furloughs. Cpl. Eugene Bahr is attending electrical school at Aberdeen, Md. Ted is a seaman second class. He is stationed at Chicago. Joe is an electrician at Walterboro Air Field, North Carolina. Mrs. Bahr also has three son-in-laws who are in the service of our country.

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Our 58th Young People's meeting was held at the Leo church on Sunday night, August 22nd. The program was very interesting, with "The Fruit of the Spirit—Love," as the theme. Love was defined in a number of different ways, and each definition was clearly illustrated by a short story, poem, or song, and a talk on different examples of love throughout the Bible was given by Ramas Schlatter. The meeting was closed by a prayer.

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Gaylord Widner has been recently moved to Indianapolis, where he is attending Butler University. His sister, Deloris, was down to see him October second and third, with Marie Bertsch. Frank went down on Sunday, October 3rd.

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Elsie and William Rager moved to a farm near Latty, Ohio.

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The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Al Frautschi Tuesday, Oct. 5th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder and sons, Henry and Dwight, spent Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 9th and 10th with Edward Souder, who is in training at Great Lakes, Ill.

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The Sam Aschliman family returned home from an enjoyable visit with the boys in the service at the camps near New Orleans.

## Editorial ▲ ▲ ▲

### AN UNWELCOME TELEGRAM

On October the 6th, at Coloma, Michigan, a telegraph operator went to his post. The first message which he took from the wires read: "Your son was killed in action." He sat still for a moment. Then he delivered the message to the son's mother, his own wife.

Such telegrams are not uncommon today. If this should be your fate, my son, may you be reconciled to your God that you may meet the fate bravely. And He has a promise of a better Home where we will meet again.

This is the prayer of those that you have left behind. It continues from the breaking of the day until the setting of the sun and through the weary hours of the night.

This is the message that is daily sent to the One that holds you under the shadow of His wings. He will take care of you; it matters not where you may be. Distance means nothing. We are confident that He will deliver the messages to you. Are you receiving them? Only trust Him; then you will

Never fear when night is near  
And hard the hills to climb;  
Enough for me if I but see  
Just one step at a time.

Assured that He will care for you,  
I'll trust in Him today,  
I'll press along, with sigh or song,  
And pray for peace today.

E. S.

### IF EVER YOU'RE IN TROUBLE By Edward Souder

If ever you're in trouble,  
And you're load you cannot bear,  
Just stop and turn your heart to God,  
And bow your head in prayer.

Your troubles will be lifted,  
Your worries cast aside,  
So, if ever you're in trouble,  
In God you must abide.

My friend, you need not worry  
When trouble troubles you,  
Just stop and turn your heart to God,  
That's all you need to do!

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put forth every strength and every effort to retain the good things we have learned and to follow the teachings from our Christian homes.

"We could wreck the ~~front page~~ Pyramids" is the slogan of a building wrecking concern. Who couldn't? But the question is, could you build the Pyramids? It isn't what you wreck, but what you build, that counts in life. So it is with the character of young men—you can build soberly and honestly for years, and some godless companion can lead you into a night of sin that may mean the wanton destruction of nearly everything we have built up. Our only hope is in Christ. Christ for deliverance from sin of the past, and Christ for the Deliverer when the temptation would be too much for us.

So the spiritual life that has been generated in us through the Word of God needs cultivation also. Even under the handicaps and under the pressure of much work we should devote some time in the reading of the Psalms and the Scripture and spend some time in earnest prayer whereby we draw close to God to dwell in Him and He in us. Let us give the Lord His tithe in taking time to seek Him.

Paul gives us one of the best answers. Listen to him talk to the Corinthians. (I Cor. 15:3) "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." He began with the crucified and risen Christ—with the atonement and the resurrection. The plan is just as fixed as are the stars in the Heavens. If one really holds to the right views concerning the atonement made by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ on the Cross at Calvary, he will sooner or later get right on every other question.

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