

"Behold, God IS mighty,
and despiseth not ANY: HE
IS mighty in strength AND
wisdom." Job 36:5.



"He that believeth on the
Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not
the Son shall not see life;
but the wrath of God
abideth on him." St. John
3:36.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SGT. EUGENE F. BAHR

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GRABILL, INDIANA

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(The memorial services for Sgt. Eugene F. Bahr, were held on Sunday, June 25. Rev. Philip Gutwein officiated. His sermon is printed in this issue. After the services Sgt. Bahr's wife was presented with a Bible and the American flag by Sgt. Ted Bollier, Pvt. Lester Smith, Edward Souder, A/S, and Art Stuart, A/S. Sgt. Eugene Bahr was born in Toledo, O., July 29, 1921. He was killed in action on May 30, 1944, in England. Sgt. Bahr was attached to an anti-aircraft unit in England. He was inducted January, 1943. He was last home on furlough in January, 1944, and he went overseas in February. April 11, 1942 he was united in marriage to Wanda Prough, who is now living in Fort Wayne. Others surviving are his mothers, Mrs. Pete Bahr, Fort Wayne; two brothers serving in the armed forces, Pfc. Joe Bahr in England, and Ted Bahr, S 1/c; Robert at home; three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Kaminer of Orlando, Fla., Mrs. Anna Swihart of Hazelhurst Drive, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Helen Rizzo at home.)

The fact that we do not have in our midst the mortal remains of the dear departed friend does not detract in any way from the importance and the solemnity of the service of the

hour. Death is real, we know that. When it strikes, it strikes hard. It hurts someone; it creates wounds; and certainly, Beloved, the pain is greater to those who are nearest to the one who is gone. They do not have even the opportunity and the privilege of looking upon the lifeless form. May-

TREASURED VERSES

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort:

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ." II Corinthians 1:3-5.

be that is a little consolation, time and again, to look upon the lifeless form of one who is so near and dear to us. But yet, I believe that I speak out of the hearts of these bereft ones, thus: "Oh, if I at least could have his body here and view it, to tell him good-bye and perhaps give him a last kiss." In our time in which we live

even this is often denied us.

The bereft ones have expressed the desire (no doubt they feel it would have been the wish of Eugene, if he could speak) to sing the hymn entitled "Near the Cross."

HYMN—"Near the Cross"

(First and last stanzas)

Chapter Five—Romans
Verses 6 to 11

I do not feel, beloved ones, enough words to express to these bereft and saddened ones who suffer such a great loss. I would say that none of us could and would in any way make light of the great proposition of someone laying down his life, of someone paying what is understood and mentioned as the supreme price for whatever cause. That price we may offer and pay, let us get that clear in our minds, for that is a truth each one can read in his own heart. There is no gift that man has received that anywhere near comes up to the value and the preciousness of life itself.

Often upon considering, thinking, meditating on one of our beloved of whom may be said that he died for his nation and paid the supreme price in the service of his government, the text comes to my mind that tells us of one long ago, and we are reminded of the scene on Calvary where another

died for his nation. This is the text I would invite others to turn to with me in this hour. We find it in John's gospel in the eleventh chapter, and I will read from verse 47. I might mention a few circumstances in order to give a little more complete picture. The Lord Jesus was made a prisoner at night and in the morning was brought before Caiaphas, the high priest. And they sat in judgment over him, calling witnesses against him, trying to find some cause and reason upon which to base their condemnation—to deliver him to die. Chapter Eleven—First John Verses 47 to 52 inclusive.

Prayer

Father, when we are sad and restless within, will you not for Christ's sake and in His name permit us to humbly look to Thee, to call upon Thy name in this hour. For we ask comfort and consolation, and we believe only Thou art the one who can give it. There is nothing, dear Father, that is hid from Thine eyes. Thou knowest the occasion that brings us together here in this afternoon hour, and Thou knowest the cause of our sorrow and pain—especially the sorrow and pain of the wounded hearts and spirits of the bereft ones who are this day thinking of their loved one in the far away distant land, knowing that he is no more among the living and they shall see his face no more. And though there may have been cause for sorrow even when he was alive, how much more grief there is under the present circumstances. So we pray, dear Father, that Thou wilt graciously think of the dear widow who is the greatest loser of all. Perhaps longest in time to come she will feel the terrible loneliness and she will wonder why he went. We pray, dear Heavenly Father, knowing that man's words of consolation must fall, partly at least, on the earth, that Thou in some way be gracious, kind and merciful to her and help her to bear her loss and reconcile herself to that which cannot be changed. Oh, that the emptiness and loneliness of her heart may be filled by grace that is limitless, and in the days of her sorrow she may find what often man cannot find even today—the salvation, the nearness, the loving kindness, the tender mercies, O Saviour, that are so sorely needed by every individual.

We pray for the dear mother for Thou knowest how much pain and sorrow it brings to a parent when a child is taken. Wilt Thou comfort her, Heavenly Father, in the way that Thou alone canst do. Oh, we trust that all things being possible with Thee, Thou didst touch the heart of our dear friend so that it was well with his soul before he had to say good-by to the world, and that he did not have to leave this world without a heavenly home waiting for him. Bless the whole family, Heavenly Father, for we know that Thou canst bring peace and comfort where man cannot. Thou art the one who can soften the things which are hardest for us to bear, that do come upon us and strike with a terrifying fear.

And now as we have gathered around Thy Word, kind Heavenly Father, wilt Thou in some way by Thy Holy Spirit, Light and Power come into our midst and reveal Thyself. O we thirst for words of light, Father, in this dying world. How we do

thirst for that fountain which will flow from Calvary's mountain, especially when we see the vanity of our every relationship and every possession, of everything we have and do in this world, all of which passes away—sometimes all too soon. It is the duration of our relationships that are joyful and blessed here below. O when we see and feel all of that, dear Father, show us the better way. Show us what Thou hast done, Beloved Father, so that we do not end our earthly journey in misery but help us even to face death.

We commend this meeting unto Thy grace and trust that Thou wilt give us Thy blessing in that Holy word in Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

Sermon

To be sure, Beloved, sometimes we trifle too much with life, and we here today may feel that this extreme sacrifice could be asked of someone else, but let us remember that whenever it is asked that someone lay down his life, it is asking very much because we are asking something we cannot give back. So life is the dearest thing, the greatest gift that men have, and life especially in youth is precious. In danger and sickness the thought of losing one's life is quite terrible even in the hearts of children. Some time ago I thought that as a person grows older he is more willing to give up life—life is not so precious to him any more. But, friends, I have found that it is still very precious. Why do we go here and there to find remedies for an ailment which we fear may cost our life? Would anyone, when it became a question of living or dying, deny himself what could be made available for the restoration of his health? A man is willing to lay down everything he has in order that he may live.

And why do we point out this truth to start with, beloved? In the first place, we should be impressed with what it means for a young man at the very threshold of life to leave behind a dear wife and permit her to become a widow; to leave behind the home, the mother who may have needed him to support her because the father has already gone on before; to leave country; to leave all that was near and dear to him; and as I said, at the threshold of life, to say "Good-by. This is the end." Until and unless, beloved, we have experienced something similar, I doubt very much whether we can appreciate this sacrifice of a young man who starts out in life but is barely able to step over the threshold when the light of life is gone. Then when we begin to understand the great sacrifice that such a young man as this is making, regardless of how successful or unsuccessful the cause may be in the long run, we can also realize it was not for him to decide or for us to decide. But this we can meditate upon! It is an extremely great sacrifice for the young man under these circumstances and when that has sunk into our hearts and minds, then let us look around us. Who else? Many a young man has made these sacrifices, but who will be next? Such a sacrifice!

Our text does call our attention to the life of another one of whom it was said that He did lay down his life for His nation.

Isn't that a most familiar statement that we often hear and read today? Who was this other one, beloved?—In this instance not at all a victim of what someone might call circumstances. One goes, one stays; but by a well considered and eternal purpose another one was willing to lay down His life for His nation. Who was that? Why the Lord Jesus Christ. Did someone take His life away or was He willing? Voluntarily did He choose to lay down His life that others might live—voluntarily in obedience to a command: "I received a command from my Father, and I have power to lay down my life, and I have power to receive it again." The Lord Jesus Christ knew that the question of sin involves the question of death. This very thing at which we tremble could only be dealt with by the question of life going into death. The supreme sacrifice is a sacrifice where life is laid down that others may live, and that is especially and absolutely true in the realm of things.

Would God create man just to bring death and destruction with its attendant sorrow and pain, separation and obligation? Where does it come from? Why did death enter into the human family of which we are members? The answer is sin! We need not, beloved, look unto God, who was utterly helpless, as the one who brought the curse upon our race by what he has spoken—and he has spoken some hard things. We read in the beginning the sentence that was pronounced on our race, and we are a dying race—it is not glorifying us in any way. We are a dying race. Look at the cemeteries for proof. Let us think, beloved, as kind and merciful as He is, would He have brought all the misery and suffering upon His children without cause? We recall the words spoken to Adam: "Of dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return. And those acres upon which I have planted thy feet to enjoy life, from them I shall bring thorns and thistles." Why, beloved, why? The answer is sin, and we should realize, beloved, our supreme necessity in this life is that we be delivered from the condemnation of sin, because sin does condemn. The words of the eternal God with seven decisions speaks the sentence. "Thou shalt surely die," and that word has never been revoked. Furthermore it shall never be revoked.

Take sin out of the world, beloved, and there would be no occasion for us to be here in this hour. In the final analysis, all our grief, all our pain and sorrow, all the problems which confront us derive from sin which is in essence rebellion against God. Now we do not want to be rebellious. Of course we do not, but we are. The Bible tells us that, but the same Bible tell us that while God has never revoked His original sentence of death, yet He has effectively dealt with sin which is at the root of all our troubles. Why would the Lord Jesus Christ die for His nation, and what was the purpose? Because His nation was rebellious. His nation was founded in sin and iniquity, and there was no forgiveness in the sight of God for any sin or any transgression. Not

even in our earthly dealings are we free of an obligation unless 100 per cent liquidated. Our sins have to be paid for. Now what is the wages for sin? What is the money, as it were? It is life, and that is the most valuable thing we have—the most precious thing we have, but sin requires it as payment in full for man's transgressions.

That is why it came about in this sinful world. But nevertheless He took my sin and your sin upon Himself and paid the penalty that was laid upon sin, and He came into judgment and in that judgment was condemned to die by this Caiaphas of whom we read, a real enemy of God. Why a man like the Lord Jesus who went about doing good, who healed, who helped anyone and everyone who came to Him—why should such a man be hated in our world?

What prices are we not willing to pay and to offer for the security of peace! What prices are men willing to offer! I am impressed with that—it is almost priceless; for we are willing to lay down as a nation the life of a young man whenever it is needed. We are willing to go into death, to mortgage life for generations to come. We want peace and if this is the only way to get it, we are willing. That is the atmosphere. That is really the kind of world in which we live—unless some one thing in the world or in man has greatly improved. That is the way it has gone. Things are working out that the Prince of Peace, who is the authority and wisdom and who is the power, is required to establish peace on the earth. To Him the angels would testify and unto God. When we do away with Him, I wonder how we are going to succeed, how this is going to work out? But we can be very optimistic when we look to the cross of Christ, when we look to Him whose authority and power is to rule the world when His time will come, when He will return again, when He reigns and peace will reach the utmost ends of the earth.

Listen, my friends, love is a kingdom of peace, and the genuineness of peace must rest in the hearts of men. The genuineness of peace like the genuineness of love, but also a heavenly thing, cannot be enforced. Do you think it can be enforced? Do you think love can be enforced? Beloved, do you know what God desires most above all else—"I have this desire that my friends will love me." Do you know what foremost commandment of all commandments is the greatest? It is this one commandment concentrated as it were from all others. "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy strength." The foremost of all commandments. We are speaking of a condition concerning the right of a Father to our love. Has not God Almighty the right to compel man to love Him, and when the Lord Jesus Christ came and demanded love, was He not refused? Love cannot be enforced.

God is Almighty. He created the sun, a body inconceivable to us in size, and placed it millions of miles in space. He can create

all the wonders around us. Some time if not too rushed and busy, why do you not look unto the marvels of God's creation—a power unlimited. But He cannot enforce love. He must go about it in an entirely different way to enforce love or for that matter, enforce peace. But if it isn't in the heart of man, God cannot force man to love Him. All things were created equal and reconciled in Christ's name with our God so that they may go to Him. I hope that can be a consolation. God knows how we loved them, how we did all we could for them. God is a Father. He knows how mothers and fathers feel. I have often found great comfort in the fact that in the former world when man had gone totally astray and could not be moved by the spirit of God, God repented that He had created man of whom He was so fond and had such hopes because He lifted Him to His own level.

Can we live a more noble life consecrated by the mission and commission of the Holy Spirit? Can we not gain some consolation from having whispered the right thing at the right time in the young man's ears? It doesn't take an eternity to get saved; it takes an eternity to live. Could it be genuinely true that the creator of the universe could strip it, take upon the aims and form of a spirit, come down to the earth to be rocked, to be spit upon, to be willing to be nailed to the cross? Can this be possible? Sometimes we are a little proud; often dubious. Should we believe only what we see? Can we not believe that which we do not see? Why are we gathered together here today? We are gathered together today in all solemnity. We realize that the extent of tears, the heartache and expression are sincere. We take a lot and share in the loss of our loved ones. Has anyone seen his hearse and body? Then what are we doing here? The body is not here, and yet we do not doubt.

If you have not seen the Lord Jesus Christ, do you think it right to insist upon seeing before believing? Will you sit before your eternal judge and say "If I could have seen, I would believe." The wisdom of God would come right back with "You believed a lot of things you could not see. Why not believe this?" Suppose it is true, suppose that one died for his nation like the Lord Jesus and not only for his nation alone. Why should He come down to lead us out of the ruination and the misery in which we are found as time goes on. And yet we do not like to look to the Saviour.

According to our text He died for our sins. Our sins are blotted out and we are reconciled to God. Reconciliation brings peace and must go ahead of peace. We have peace by the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ. He paid the penalty of the race unto God and unto truth. That is what God did, what God did to set us free. Free from what? First, free from condemnation of sin. You know that in court there is a jury and men on the witness stand supposed to state the truth, but the testimony and verdict are rendered and when rendered there is only

one legal way to settle the case—a penalty must be paid before the condemned is released. The man must pay a penalty. There is no forgiveness. He must satisfy the broken law, and the law is never satisfied until the man pays the debt of the law. Our sins could not be blotted out until Christ did die for every last one. Not only for that nation, but for you individually, Christ died so that your sins might not keep you under condemnation but that you might be delivered from the condemnation of sin. Now when God delivers from the condemnation of sin, beloved, He also delivers out of sin. Until man by faith has been converted, by faith in Christ has become a new creation and by that faith has his heart cleansed and received the spirit of Christ; until a man is thus set free by the Son of God, he is not free. He is really not free. You know how we like liberty, freedom. You know why we prize that, but what is it to be a free sinner? A slave to sin is lopsided living. Unless the Son makes you feel and unless we remain and abide in His word and His word is in us so that we know it, the truth cannot make us free. There is no other way but through Jesus Christ to become free from the enslavement of sin.

And this young man died. We do not doubt he paid the supreme price. We do not doubt that he laid down his life. We do not doubt it. That is man's testimony. It comes from the War Department. We should believe the officials. It is a message of grief, a message of death from the War Department. Look, listen to a message from the Prince of Peace. I have listened to this message of death and believe it. Will you turn your back to the other message, beloved? That should not be our position. Absolutely not! We receive man's witness and act upon it as though it were true. Would God let this be an error? We are not assuming it today. We are taking the word, nothing but the word, and that is what God asks of us. Believe His Word! If we receive man's witness, act upon it, are we not duty bound, reason bound, obligated in every way to believe the testimony of a greater One? Who is this greater One? It is God.

Chapter Five—First John Verses 9 through 13

The Lord Jesus Christ does not permit distinction. It does not make any difference how great a sinner, how small a sinner—Jesus Christ gave His life for each and every one.

How would we appear in the eyes of our Government if we would simply brush the matter aside, saying "We don't believe it"? How foolish would we look in the eyes of the Government. And not only that. It is the real thing; it is a terrible thing, but it is real. And still we make God a liar when we have the scriptures to guide us. Well, beloved, do we believe in the name of the Son of God? This is He, what has He done? What has He done for me? Now that is a question for each and every one

of us to answer for ourselves as we go along, but, oh, what a loss it would be if we rejected God's mercy and grace and lost our way!

There is no greater value, nothing more precious than the gift of life, even if the life is limited. Then how much more valuable is eternal life. God has made full provision that we may know we have eternal life, which life is in His Son. What do you think of His Son? Who is He? Especially in the face of death, in the face of the facts we sooner or later all realize that things in this life pass on so quickly and if man remains without an eternal goal, he is very much the loser.

May God grant us His grace, His blessing on the words we have meditated upon, that we may readily receive the message of life from the Prince of Peace and that all may be well that God has given us. Truly God is love, and love finds ways and means to redeem. His power and His might are evidence. Witnessing His power and might and wisdom by His fatherly love which is more valuable than power in the world today. Force—how much value do we place upon it! Might does not make right; right should make might. But love, beloved ones, is witness to and evidence to God from His children, because when we were yet sinners then did He give His Son to die on Calvary for us. Can you not see the infinite love? It may help you to further strive for what is above. All the worldly possessions that we may gather together may bring belief for a time, but we must live in belief. Only that we gather what is right before Thee, Lord, shall we be ready for the long eternity. So we ask once more, Lord, do comfort those who have now gone into sorrow on account of we believe it is true that the dear friend, the son, has been called unto the long beyond. Thus we ask once more, comfort the mother, comfort the wife and comfort the others who have come into sorrow. May they search in their Bibles, dear Lord, where they can receive comfort in such time. And if they also come believing, what a joy it will be for them and for us all to follow the ones who have gone on before, who are sleeping and resting but not forever. There will be a great dawn and all must arise before Thee, the righteous judge. We believe and then it may be, dear Lord, that we all can receive the words, "Well done." It would be our wish for one another, Heavenly Father. So as Thou has blessed us in the past, continue yet to help and bless us who come believing and obeying. We thank Thee, God, for the joys we find, even if there be sorrow. There is much joy yet in the Christian life, and Thou hast prepared and given us many hours of joy and may Thou continue as long as we are to be here. So thankful are we to Thee, Heavenly Father. Accept it in our prayer once more, we pray in Jesus' name, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Amen.

Why should we not think and believe, beloved, that Eugene and maybe others who

were with him and are following in his footsteps in those lonely hours when they face death any moment—why could we not think and believe that they had serious thoughts of facing their Maker in those uncertain moments, in times and days that preceded, no doubt, the departure of these, our dear friends? There is one last consoling thought that may comfort those with us, digressing perhaps upon your time and good patience: In those foxholes, in those places where they seek shelter, where death is all around them, they are thinking back to all they have heard and learned from

Hymn for the Month

HE WILL CARRY YOU THROUGH

If there's trouble anywhere, And your soul is near despair,
Just trust in the Savior and be true;
His compassion never doubt,
He will always help you out, For He will carry you thro'.

Are your burdens hard to bear, Are you weighted down with care?
Just trust in the Savior and be true;
If you think you cannot stand,
Let Him lead you by the hand, And He will carry you thro'.

In temptation's trying hour, You will need His keeping pow'r,
Just trust in the Savior and be true;
Tho' the shadows 'round you fall,
He'll be with you thro' it all, And He will carry you thro'.

Chorus:

He will carry you thro', He will carry you thro',
Just trust in the Savior and be true; And when trials you receive,
Trust in God and still believe That He will carry you thro'.

When you reach the swelling tide Of death's river deep and wide,
Just trust in the Savior and be true;
He will not forsake your soul,
Tho' the chilly waves may roll, For He will carry you thro'.

Chorus:

He will carry me thro', He will carry me thro',
I'll trust in the Savior and be true; And when trials I receive,
I will trust and still believe That He will carry me thro'.

mothers and fathers. That is where the Holy Spirit can come, as it were, knowing that the hours are short. "Dear one, are you ready; can you face your Maker? Do you have that robe of righteousness which is the gift of God to them who believe on His beloved Son?" It is a precious thing that they have known the name of the Saviour. They may not have understood all—God did not give them time enough in their lives to gain full understanding. But Christ is the Saviour and to trust Him and to humble oneself before Him, reflecting more or less upon wasted time, is to gain His compassion and mercy.

Our country is by no means perfect in its government. There is much, perhaps, for which we often humble ourselves before God Almighty, but there is one thing for which we can and should be daily grateful and thankful—that we are living under the flag that is symbolic of religious liberty and freedom in the full sense of the word. Let me witness and tell you, my dear friends, that out of present knowledge I do know that is a precious thing and only a few in this wide world enjoy that privilege—to worship according to the convictions of his own heart. For this we ever thank God and serve Him to the best of our convictions and dictates of our hearts.

Rev. Philip Gutwein
Francesville, Ind.

Selected Hymn—"He Will Carry You Through"

We had a friend—so close and dear,
Whom often we did see so near;
He went off to a war so terrible and dreary,
And probably often he felt so very weary.

First through his training in the U. S. A.,
Then overseas for many a day;
Many an hour did he spend in reflection,
Only through letters could we see his expression.

One day in June quite unexpected,
A telegram made us feel quite dejected.
"Killed in action on May 30th,
Letter to follow"—How can we believe it?

This boy said his prayers every night,
He believed the Bible—which was right;
We often saw him on a Sunday,
And we will miss him—we can say.

God is good; God is great;
He knows what is your fate and what is my fate.
He watches over the orphans and all His own,
He watches over you when you are alone.

And what to this can we add or say?
Dear God, help us so that we may
Live the way Thou hast planned out,
So our true happiness Thou canst bring about.

Composed by a friend in memory of
Eugene.—H. S.

NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wysong and family visited relatives at Leo, June 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Kipfer visited Cpl. and Mrs. Henry Kipfer. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer.

Mrs. James Beltz joined her husband in Texas. Mrs. Beltz was the former Mary Ann Kipfer.

Dorthea Conrad and Berniece Getz spent a few days with Marie and Ruth Beery and other relatives at Rittman, Ohio.

Anna and Esther Steiner visited relatives at Gridley and Tremont, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stricklin of Hillsboro, Ala., write that they enjoy receiving The Silver Lining, and that they read it in their Sunday School, which consists of an attendance of about 40. They also send their sincere thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Klopfenstein from Orlando, Florida, are visiting relatives and friends around Leo. It has been a long time since we have seen Lawrence and will enjoy going over old times.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Stavenick, Betty, Arlene, and Robert spent a pleasant vacation at Potowatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz visited with their son, Wayne, who is in training at Great Lakes, Ill.

Mrs. Albert Efinger and daughter, Frances, from New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steiner and daughters.

The monthly sewing meeting was held at Mrs. Aaron Schwartz's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oberlander and family from Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Oberlander and family from Peoria visited Walter Gerbers in Ft. Wayne.

Edward Souder, A/S, Art Stuart, A/S, Pvt. and Mrs. Lester Smith, Mr. Frank Widner, Delores and Gerald Widner, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Souder, Henry Souder, Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi, Mr. Edward Getz, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad, Berniece Getz, and Dorthea Conrad had dinner Monday

evening, June 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schlatter.

A Children's Day and Father's Day program was held June 18. A fine program was enjoyed by all. The program included a review of the seven year's programs already held, read by Donald Schlatter. Allen Schlatter recited "Unselfish." Group songs were "The Sunday School," and "Youth." Carol Clause rendered a poem, "God Made this World of Ours," followed by a dialogue by Melba and Colleen Schlatter and Elaine Norr. Glen Gerber recited a poem, "Building the Bridge," which was a tribute to the aged, was given by Laura Fern Conrad. The Steiglitz quartette favored us with a song. The history of Father's Day was given by Ephraim Kipfer. Tributes to fathers were encouragingly rendered by Dwight Souder, Leon, and V. K. Schlatter. Wayne Beer, Sharon Schlatter, Lena Farney, Philipina Levy, and Delores Widner all contributed efficiently to the program. Brother Theo Beer then favored us with a fine talk, after which the Milford Young People gave several numbers in song.

Sgt. Ted Bollier was home on a furlough.

Art Stuart, A/S, and Edward Souder, A/S, of Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, spent a 12-day furlough with friends and relatives here. While here, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder and sons, Henry and Dwight accompanied them to Peoria, Eureka, and Morton, Ill.

A/C Gaylord H. Widner was home on a four-day furlough. He left for San Marcus, Texas.

Pvt. and Mrs. Lester Smith visited friends and relatives, and he has now returned to Camp Carson, Colorado.

Dave Frautschi writes from somewhere in France: "The weather is nice, am keeping quite busy these days. I sleep in a fox hole. No details at present. Maybe a little later."

A/C Richard Lantz has moved from Garden City, Kansas, to Eagle

Pass, Texas.

Pfc. Raymond Pulfer, his wife, and two daughters are home on a twenty-one day furlough.

Cpl. Vernon Gudeman, who returned recently from Italy, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Herman Bertsch.

Pvt. Richard Klopfenstein, while home on a furlough, wrote the following: "I enjoy The Silver Lining very much. It brings to us here in the service news from home and that is important to us. It has short sermonettes and Bible verses which are inspirational to me. I happened in on a staff meeting and everyone is working, writing, or typing articles. Their labor is well spent."

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

We should become worthy to escape His judgment of the ungodly and to stand before the judgment seat of Christ with joy. Therefore, we must always watch and pray. Everything that we have done will be revealed. All our days will again appear. God measures out our time of grace in such a way that we do not have one day too much—not one which we can afford to lose through sin. Only that which we do for God is profit. Jesus taught daily about the kingdom of God, and the people listened to Him from early in the morning until evening. This is zeal for God and that is the best of all works. Today, however, it is not considered that way. What is done for God quickly seems to be too much, and it is considered not only unnecessary, but even harmful.—S. H. FROEHLICH.

THOUGHT GEMS

"The Cross is such a simple thing,
And yet it touches everything."

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"The need of the world is the need
of the Lord."

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Christ taught us to hate the evil in
men, but not the men themselves.

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In Memory of SGT. EUGENE F. BAHR

Sgt. Eugene F. Bahr was reported killed in action in England on May 30th. We of the staff wish to express our sincerest sympathy to his wife, his mother, and others of his family.

No one, save Christ, can satisfy human need.

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God's presence is not merely a thought, but a reality.

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We wait too much for God to do for us what He will do through us.

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Life should be fortified by many friendships.

FRIENDSHIP By Henry Beer

"There are friendships that we cherish
In our daily walk of life,
Friends with whom we meet and labor,

In our earthly toil and strife;
Friends among the aged and youthful,
Friends that live from us apart;
Friends of higher rank and station,
Find a place within our hearts.

But we prize the friendship highest
Of a friend whose heart is true,
Friends who live by truth and goodness,

And who live in Him anew;
Friends whose hearts are up in Heaven

Though their feet traverse this sod.
Find a place of highest merit
In our fellowship with God.

There's a tie of noble kinship
In a soul who loves the Lord,
There's a friendship warm and lasting
If they heed the Master's Word.
There is mutual understanding
And a sympathy so kind,
In the tie of Christian friendship
Such on earth no where we find.

When at last these ties are riven,
When we're called to go on high,
Oh, how sweet to meet in Heaven,
Friendship ever, you and I."

The weary one had rest, the sad had joy that day

And wondered how?

A ploughman singing at his work, had prayed,

"Lord, help them now."

Away in a foreign land they wondered how

Their feeble words had power?

At home the Christians, two or three had met,

To pray an hour,

Yes, we are always wondering, wondering how,

Because we do not see

Someone unknown perhaps, and far away,

On bended knee.

—SELECTED.