



Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.— I CORINTHIANS 15:58.

Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.— ST. LUKE 12:27.

WATCH and PRAY

By Rev. Philip Gutwein
Sunday, March 31, 1946

With the help of God I will try to say something that may be a blessing to the little ones and to all us older ones too.

A privilege like this I realize, beloved, does not come to us so very many times in a lifetime. The years are passing and before we know it, it comes to each of us in our life like it did in David's, "I was young and now I am old." It is just the way the time and years fly.

You have selected, I believe, as it is brought out by hymns and in words, a very weighty and important subject for tonight. It is one of those remarkably short but to the point statements that we find in God's Word, "Watch and Pray." What I say unto you we have found in the reading of the scriptures, I say unto all, "Watch and Pray." It will be it seems to many in vain that we could undertake to exhaust the extent and the full meaning of these words, "Watch and Pray." How needful it is to watch! The Lord Jesus when He gave these instructions was Himself in circumstances that almost forced this reality upon Him. The background we find in that notable place, "Gethsemane," and the time element was what the Lord Jesus instructed, "The hour has come." We looked forward to a time of fulfillment, of such times as the Lord Jesus, throughout the years of Moses. And when He looked forward to that hour, beloved, do you think that He probably trembled. In one place His disciples said unto Him, "We want you to do what we ask of you," and He asked them, "What is it?", and they said in that Kingdom one may sit to the right and the other to the left hand.

When we are reminded of the Kingdom and glory, the Lord Jesus could never separate glory and power from suffering and death. As revealed by the prophets, the suffering was to go before and the glory to

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The Children of God Must Grow

By John Bahler

A child who does not grow in knowledge is virtually dead. True, life in man combines health, growth, and activity. The Christian who does not grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is likewise virtually dead. "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead."

bearing fruit to the glory of God. A child of God when born of the Spirit, has passed from death to everlasting life. His sins, are atoned for, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." (Psa. 103:12) "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1) But he is a child just beginning to live; he is saved, but he must work out the salvation he has received, remembering that it is God who worketh in us both to will and to do. Saved by the grace of God he has to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ continually. The Apostle Peter closes his epistles with, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. This same Apostle also tells us as the children of God which have the promise of eternal life, we should grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and have a desire for the Word of God. "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." (I Pet. 2:2) The whole Bible is a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. To grow in grace and the knowledge of Him, we must know the

TREASURED VERSES

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

To shew that the Lord is upright: HE IS my rock, and THERE IS no unrighteousness in him.—PSALM 92: 12-15.

(James 2:12) "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away." (John 15:2) The barren fig tree will be cut down. A branch that does not grow cannot bear fruit, but if joined to Christ, as the branch to the vine, and drawing life from Him, we will be constantly growing, and

Scriptures. To know them we must read them and feed upon them, and see Christ in them from beginning to the end. We must receive Him as He is revealed in them for the Word is Christ. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1) Another way to grow in grace and the knowledge of Christ, and to be a witness for Him is to be regular in our attendance at the assembly of God's children. The Word of God teaches us, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:23, 3:13) If we love Him, we will go where He promises to meet us. If we believe Him, we will be where two or three gather in His Holy Name to pray. We are also taught to, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Col. 3:16) If we wish to grow in grace and knowledge in Christ, we dare not neglect this means of grace.

If we as children of God grow in grace of the Holy Spirit, and the knowledge of Christ, and of His Word, we will be better able to bear testimony for Christ, to bring precious souls to Him, and also to strengthen and comfort His sheep and His lambs.

"Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Heb. 13:20)

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follow. He said to His disciples, "Can you drink of the cup I shall drink? I have a baptism to be baptised with and of which I am troubled until it be fulfilled."

The background for this word "Watch" was created against that background of sleepy disciples, the same John, James, and Peter. The Lord Jesus told them to watch with Him while He went a little further to pray. Do you think that this watching and praying in that momentous hour was different? It struck me somewhat peculiarly that this Watch and Pray in this hour was divided. These disciples, the three most prominent of them were to do the watching and the Lord Jesus was to do the praying. And the Lord Jesus did the praying and praying more earnestly until the sweat dropped to the ground as drops of blood. Returning from an agonizing prayer He found that they were sleeping instead of Watching. The "Watching and Praying" were separated. The praying went on but the watching had failed. Some day maybe, you and I, when we meet these servants of God in eternity, they might explain to us how these young men in their thirties, perhaps used to fishing all night and catching nothing, they could stay awake all night and labor, why is it, in the Garden of Gethsemane when the Lord asked them to watch, they couldn't keep their eyes open. Maybe He will have an explanation; maybe we will have to give Him an explanation because we came into similar places, and it seemed that the very atmosphere was filled with a depression that closed our eyes in the most critical moment because Satan was there. These young men were able to fish all night and labor all night, but in that critical moment when the Lord asked them to do their part in the watching, they failed.

He went again to pray and prayed the same thing in agonizing prayer, sorely amazed, perplexed, troubled, and sorrowed unto death. The third time He came and these young men had failed to watch. Well perhaps it was because there was to be more disappointment in the earthly life and less in the mystery of the Lord of Glory. There was to be no disappointment that He did not feel and experience. Forsaken by man and praying alone . . . that word "alone." Loneliness, it is worth speaking and thinking about. It was said of man when God created him, that it wasn't good for him to be alone. Loneliness, standing alone, forsaken by man, and finally forsaken by God, is the deepest distress that man can experience and the Son of God did experience.

Now as to Prayer—prayer is the greatest privilege that men have and at the same time the most neglected privilege Heaven has bestowed upon us. How do I know? I know it from "Philip." Prayer is speaking to God and the Word of God is speaking to us, but while God has much to say to us, it

is a lifetime's undertaking to know as to what God has to say to us. The effectiveness of our prayer often times, too often perhaps, is lessened because it becomes too far-fetched. We try to bring too many subjects into it. We are careful not to forget anything. I know that this is not the effective way of prayer.

Now we again come to the background of this prayer. These famous words, two of them, so far reaching, so full of meaning . . . "Watch and Pray." The background of this prayer is "Gethsemane." How long a prayer did the Lord Jesus make and what all did He include? There was an immediate problem before Him. The drink of the cup means the suffering there. There was the dying for the sins of men which was before Him. Beloved, if we consider this prayer, we cannot help but come to a very definite conclusion that the Lord Jesus had a very definite idea. "I want to have an understanding as to what Thy will is in this particular matter of suffering, of the going to the Cross, Father, is there a way to avoid the drinking of this cup. Thy will be done and not My will be done."

He went back again and He did not pray all kinds of other things there, but said the same thing the second time. A few words and He had said His prayer and He went back again and looked over the situation. There were His disciples sleeping. There He was alone and He went back again and prayed the same thing. I think, beloved, there is a lesson in those words. When we have a real problem and we will have them, not exactly in the same way, we may even have our Gethsemane, but some of us have been in tears of bitterness that we could look to no other man. What could we pray then? Let us be sober and watchful in prayer, not to tell God everything, He knows it all. Those bitter burdens we have on our heart, let us place them at His feet, and let them there, and let us go the second time and tell the Lord what troubles us. Pray and demand above all that His will be done and not our will be done. There are two wills in that battle. Yes, there is always God's will and there is our will. I, for my part have taken great courage and inspiration out of the statement in the way the Lord Jesus said His prayer, "And not my will but Thy will be done." Why is it that our will is just contrary to God's will? You and I in whatever might come before us, whatever it is, let us tell the Lord freely and openly, "This is the way that I would like to have it, Lord." There is the critical moment after we have opened the will of our heart to Him, we should say, "Thy will be done." Have you ever been troubled? Well, Fathers and Mothers know a little more of this, but you dear young people, you too will meet with conditions and come into hours of trials and depressions that will perplex you. If you come to such a place, what will you do? In the simplest words you can find, tell the Lord about it and you

may tell Him the second time and the third time.

You know, beloved, this praying three times is not accidental. It was not only the Lord Jesus that prayed three times. You remember the Apostle Paul, who had a thorn in his flesh and because of it he prayed the third time to his God, but he always prayed the same thing. And it was the third time that the Apostle Paul received an answer and like most answers, they are different than we expect, especially when we leave them in God's hand and make them subject to God's will. So it is with us, beloved we should be ready and prepared to get a different answer than we expect. The Apostle prayed three times for deliverance from this thorn because of what the enemy, Satan, offered him, and the third time he received an answer, and instead of being delivered from this thorn of the flesh, the answer was this, "My grace is sufficient for thee and my strength is mighty in the weak." The Apostle Paul said, "From now on I glory in my infirmities," even though he did not get the deliverance as he wanted it, and so with us we should be ready to receive a different answer than we expect.

Now a word about interceding prayer—You know prayer should consist of thanksgiving of grace and watchful prayer for all men. This question of interceding prayer perhaps seems somewhat dark to us. Why should it be that when we pray for others, interceding for them, that God would hear what otherwise maybe He would not. You know it is a real subject in the Bible, you know the Lord Jesus intercedes and prays as our advocate in the presence of God for us. We know the Holy Spirit always intercedes our prayer or teaches us to pray with words unuttered. This cannot be for nothing, beloved. How we do pray for our children before the throne of God, persevering not with many long words but with a few words, standing before God in their place, when we know perhaps they neglect prayer, when we know they are upon ways that are dishonoring to God. A very few words upon our knees if the opportunity is such, or whereby we are interceding for them in prayer, we may know, beloved, that it opens up an additional avenue through the Almighty God. He doesn't force even our children to go another way, but our interceding creates something. It is the same something that we find in these three men sleeping there when He told them to watch. There was an atmosphere unforseen that made these men sleep. I would like to be plain on this. God likes to save our children and all men. God likes to be, yes, the Saviour to all men but if we intercede in prayer there is an additional door opened up that was not opened up before. We cannot tell on this side of eternity when a tragedy was avoided because a Father or Mother prayed at home. We may tell them but of no avail, some have to learn by bitter experience. Don't step out

of the way that Mother or Father would have you to walk. The price is too great. You can learn to walk in the fear of God without paying first the terrible price. These are the privileges of being reared in a Christian home.

Do you suppose little children know how to pray? I believe they know how to pray. It may be, beloved, that these children sometimes have more to pray than we, because it comes out of an absolutely un sinful heart, and it is joyful to know and think they, too, can pray. Maybe some of us remember when we were little children, we heard our elders in trouble and maybe heard it and prayed about it. When little ones pray, it is answered, maybe not as they think but they will be heard. We Mothers and Fathers, are we so watchful in that we let our children grow here and do not teach them to pray simple prayers and instruct them in the Word of God? This is a great privilege, perhaps a much neglected privilege to have. We read where the Mother and Grandmother of Timothy were such believers that they did teach young Timothy from a child and taught him the scripture. We read in one place because Timothy knew the scriptures from a child, it was able to make him wise when the time came for salvation. Let us not overlook that opportunity. When the time is gone it is a little too late. When people are not young anymore, for instance in learning the languages (children learn it in a matter of two years), I know of those who have been in this country for over forty years that still cannot learn the language. The time to learn is when we are young.

The background of the Lord's coming, "Watch and Pray," directs our attention to another background in Gethsemane, this time by the background of the Lord's coming. We know not when the Lord, the Master of the House, cometh. Whether He cometh in the evening or at midnight or in the morning. His coming is not illustrated as taking place during the daytime but during the night and that is when watching is especially necessary.

You Mothers and Fathers who were watchful in awaiting for the return of your sons, how did you do that? Did you until the end count the very hours when you expected the loved ones to return. And we thus look for the coming of the Lord Jesus too. He may come any time. These instructions were given some two thousand years ago, "Watch and Pray." The hour of all things is at hand. Be ye therefore watchful in prayer. In the spring the branches are becoming tender and we know that the spring or summer is nigh at hand and the things that take place around us everyday are very definite indications that the coming of the Lord is near at hand. It has a tendency to make us a little careless, a little sleepy, a little less sober because we are in the night. The morning will be when the Lord Jesus will come, but we are now as in the night and it is

Gone But Not Forgotten

In kind and loving remembrance of the dear wife and mother, Sister Ida Gerber who passed away May 18, 1946.

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A loving help mate, kind and true—
A precious mother, dear,
Has closed her eyes in peaceful rest—
She's now no longer here.

What can we say? What shall we do?
We must go on with fear;
These questions which are oft times asked
Remain unanswered here.

It's hard to bear—yet we believe
God's acts are all well done;
We must toil on with trembling fear
Until our race is run.

Ah, then to meet our loved one there
On yonder blissful shore!
Our cross which we must bear today
Will open Heaven's door.

Oh, mother how we miss you here!
No tongue can ever tell;
Our hearts are crushed with grief and pain
'Twas hard to say "farewell."

Oh, could we hear you sing once more
The songs we used to love!
We miss your loving voice each day—
It's gone to sing above.

No more you'll pray on bended knees
For us who miss thy care;
Oh, may the Lord with loving grace,
With us, His blessings share.

The kind advice, the words you spoke,
Speak loudly every day—
We'll heed the words, obey the call,
So we may meet some day.

The future seems quite dark and drear—
Dark clouds oft hover o'er;
But, dear ones, let us not despair;
She's only gone before.

We seem to see her waving hand—
Beckoning "Dear ones, come;"
This brings us nearer to our God
Who called our loved one Home.

When e'er we pray to Christ, the Lord,
She seems to be so nigh;
"Oh, Jesus, tell our loving one
We'll meet her in the sky,

Where all the true and faithful ones
Shall meet to part no more;
And then to join in endless song
Praising God—ever more."

Composed by Mrs. Homer Aeschliman.
Bluffton, Indiana.

especially needful that we watch and be sober in the night by praying, and at the same time should be watching and then not be overtaken by the coming of the Lord as a thief in the night.

NEWS

Mrs. Gertrude Hecker and daughter, Alice, of Girard, Ohio, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hecker and son at Angola, Indiana. Robert is attending college at Angola. They attended services at Leo Sunday, June 16.

Misses Marie and Ruth Beery, Mary Ellen and Elda Bauman, and Elizabeth Walters from Rittman, Ohio and the Misses Laura Gerber, Katherine Norr, and Dorthea Conrad of Leo spent the week end of June 22 with friends at Francesville.

At baptismal services conducted by Elders Samuel Aeschliman and Elias Dotterer on June 9, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Frank, Elmer Schlatter, and Donald Schlatter were added as members to our church.

Mrs. Walter Gerber of Fort Wayne, who underwent a major operation, is recovering at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sorg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and daughter, Janice Kay, and Mrs. Sigmond Sorg, all of Goshen, Indiana; Mrs. Harold Klopfenstein and children of Toledo, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hurt of Fort Wayne were dinner guests at the home of Albert Frautschi on June 6.

The Young People's Meeting was held on June 23. We were honored with guests from Toledo.

Approximately twenty young people visited the Remington Church and Sunday School on Sunday, June 9. Everyone enjoyed a very pleasant time. The hospitality shown by the Remington members and friends was exceptional and was greatly appreciated.

Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Schladenhaufen visited the church at Monroe, West Virginia on June 2.

SERVICEMEN NOTES

John J. Bollier, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bollier of Harlan, Indiana, was inducted into the Army at Camp Perry, Ohio, on November 6, 1942. He was discharged at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, on February 16, 1946.

Edward G. Souder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder, entered the Navy in August, 1943. After thirty-three

months of service, he was released from active duty at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Bremen, Indiana

On Sunday, June 16, the church played host to all its returned servicemen, their wives, and their parents. After the morning service, dinner was served to about twenty-five veterans and their guests. After dinner there was a program in the church auditorium honoring all servicemen. Rev. Herman Heuni gave the welcoming address, followed with several hymns by the congregation and a short talk by William Leman. Also, as part of the program, the Holy Bible was presented to each one of the boys by Al Schumacher as a gift from the church. After the presentation of the Bibles, a moment's silent prayer was offered in memory of Sgt. Clarence Gerber, who lost his life in France on D-Day. The day was enjoyed and will be long remembered by everyone, but we hope it will not be necessary to honor more men again for the same reason in the years to come.

Chicago, Illinois

The Al Fisher Family have moved from Sunnyside Avenue to their new home in LaGrange, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. They enjoy their new home very much.

Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer and granddaughter, and Lucille, Ruth, and Evelyn Hartmen visited friends and relatives in Cissna Park over the week end of June 16.

Mrs. Rosie Stoller has been quite ill at her home for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Karle, and others from Fairbury spent Sunday, June 23, with us. Joe Witzig from Morton, Illinois, also spent the day here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht and son visited friends and relatives at Cissna Park, Illinois, on June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Phau of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have recently moved to Roanoke, Illinois. We will miss them in our congregation, but wish them God's blessings in their new home.

Croghan, New York

Miss Mary Anna Virkler and Earl J. Ramseyer were united in marriage on June 9 by Elder Philip Beyer.

Our visitors for the week end of June 22 were as follows: Otto Ramseyer, Auburn, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Will Wieland, Howard Wieland, Helen Wieland, Alice Wieland, Tillie Maiback, Emma Wackerle, and Eunice Wackerle, all of Bay City, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Maiback and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wieland, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gruenig, Rosile Erisman, and Hulda Erisman, Rockville, Connecticut; and Mr. and Mrs. Clements Wieland, Latty, Ohio.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer, Mr. Leon Virkler, William P. Virkler, and Edith Swartz attended Elder Ernest Graf's funeral at Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer are the proud parents of a baby boy named Philip.

Elgin, Illinois

The Elgin Church had the blessed privilege to have Elder Eli Dotterer and Elder Noah Hartzler spend Sunday, June 23, with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen and some of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lois Schamback and children, Mrs. Theo. Steffen and children, and Catherine Anliker spent Sunday, June 9, at Princeville, Illinois.

Billy Gudeman received his honorable discharge after two years in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger visited in New York and Rockville, Connecticut, recently.

Wilbur Hoerr of Peoria visited at the home of Jonathan Steffen, June 16.

Bertha Zauder is enjoying a week's visit by her sister from Iowa.

Marie Metzger is improving after a serious operation. Her parents from Iowa were here to visit her on June 5.

Fairbury, Illinois

On June 9 we were blessed by the presence and sermons of Elders Dave Mangold and Phil Aeschliman. They visited all three of the local churches.

Sunday, June 23, a new minister was chosen for the Fairbury North

Side Church. Our prayers attend Brother Joe Kaisner for his newly appointed office.

Mansfield, Ohio

Paul, Martha, and Louise Sauder spent their vacation visiting in Missouri, Kansas, and California. They brought home with them their sister Wilma, and her husband, Lt. Don McCutchan, who was on furlough from Stockton Field, California.

The church services were dismissed Sunday afternoon, June 2, to permit our congregation to attend the funeral of Elder Ernest Graf at Akron.

Sister Marquette of Bluffton has come to the Apostolic Christian Home.

Brother Ben Heininger of Morton, Illinois, conducted the services here Sunday forenoon, June 2.

Clara Steffen of Fairbury, Illinois, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Henry Sabo.

A group from here visited the Rittman Church Sunday evening, June 23. Brother Andrew Nussbaum conducted the services.

While visiting his son, T/5 Charles Sauder, who was stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, Aaron A. Sauder also visited a number of churches in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma.

Mr. Henry Sabo, accompanied by several others, visited the sick and aged, at Bluffton, Indiana, Junction and Archbold, Ohio.

Morton, Illinois

Morton relatives and friends of George Roemersberger of Carlock, Illinois, were shocked when they learned of the tragic accident that took his life Saturday morning, June 22. He met his death when the team he was driving on a hay rack ran away.

Mrs. Elias Souder and sons spent the week end of June 22 at Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach and Arlene Knochel of Detroit, Michigan, spent a few days visiting friends and relatives in Morton.

Miss Eliza Ackerman, daughter of J. C. Ackerman, is a surgical patient at the St. Francis hospital in Peoria.

Oakville, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Veerling of Burlington, Iowa, are the proud parents of a son born on May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Heiniger are the parents of a daughter who was born on June 11.

Elder Noah Schrock and William Rauhaus attended the funeral services for Elder Ernest Graf at Akron.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Knapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp of Cissna Park, to Floyd Grimm of Oakville, was announced, May 26.

Rev. Joseph Rocke of Roanoke, Illinois, was our guest minister on June 9. Several members from the Peoria, Tremont, Forrest, and Goodfield Congregations were also with us for the day.

On Sunday, June 16, Rev. Chris Koehl and family of Peoria, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger of Elgin, Illinois, and several other members and friends from Peoria were in attendance at our services.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wergand of Oakville announced the coming marriage of their daughter, Hazel, to Mr. Walter Geyer of Peoria.

Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Ortee Roche and Mr. George Kuntz attended the funeral services at Mackinaw Dells Church for Mr. George Roemersberger.

Remington, Indiana

A number of our people attended the large funeral of Elder Ernest Graf at Akron on Sunday, June 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, were over-night guests in our vicinity on June 3. They were en route to visit friends in Illinois. They had visited the church in Alabama before coming here.

We are glad to mention that we had a group of visitors from the Leo Congregation on Sunday, June 9. Mrs. Mary Wuethrich from Francesville also visited us that Sunday. She was accompanied by her two daughters and her son, Herman, with his family. We enjoyed the visit very much.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Lora Beckley, daughter of Conrad Beckley, to Mr.

Ed Zahner of Rockville, Connecticut.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Scharlach visited at Akron and Rittman, Ohio, on Sunday, June 23.

Roanoke, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hodel of Roanoke have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mae, to Melvin Rocke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rocke, also of Roanoke. Melvin served with the armed forces in Europe and was recently discharged.

Miss Elizabeth Klaus, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Klaus of Eureka, was married June 8 to Richard Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Snyder of Eureka. Richard served in the Navy before his discharge.

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. John Bittner, and Miss Emma Klaus attended the funeral of Elder Ernest Graf at Akron, Ohio.

Miss Pearl Blunier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blunier of Eureka, and Donald Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Leman of Roanoke, were married June 16 and are now on a honeymoon in Wisconsin.

Charles Leman, a student at Ames, Iowa, visited his parents over the week end.

Taylor, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hoerr and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bittner and children of Peoria spent the week end of June 23 in this vicinity with some of their relatives.

Misses Margaret and Mildred Frederick spent June 9 with Misses Mary and Martha Tanner of Goodfield, Illinois, to celebrate their birthdays. Both the Frederick sisters and Tanner sisters are twins, all having the same date of birth, including the year. May they have many more happy birthdays in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr and family spent the week end of June 16 in Peoria visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Naomia Sutter and Messrs. Gerald and James Sutter visited in the Marie Blunier home at Roanoke, Illinois, June 16.

SALVATION

"TOGETHER WITH HIM"

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

In preceding articles we have endeavored to set forth the unpleasant but basic Truth, to be believed as a pre-requisite to Salvation,—that the "First Man" Adam was utterly LOST in SIN and DEATH. And "TOGETHER WITH HIM" died the entire HUMAN RACE, which was in his loins, or "IN ADAM," a term which describes the standing of the natural man, who, before "regeneration" is "OUT OF CHRIST,"—who is also called the "Second Man" or "Last Adam." Adam, "the First or the Last," is the name of the Men, each of whom is the fountain head of a Race of co-related families. In the First Adam is the family of natural children named, while in the Last Adam the family of God's spiritual children receive a New name and the inheritance of ALL THINGS NEW.

"For as IN ADAM (TOGETHER WITH HIM) all die . . ." and this means the end of ALL, "even so IN CHRIST (TOGETHER WITH HIM) shall all be made alive." This means a NEW BEGINNING. "For if any man be IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATURE: (or CREATION): old things have passed away: behold all things are become NEW. "And all things are of God." (2 Cor. 5:17)

It is not in God's plan of Salvation, however, to refine and reform and make good the natural child of Adam and leave it "IN ADAM" and the OLD family relationship—for IN ADAM he must DIE: the original sentence "thou shalt surely die" was never reversed but ever operates as the "Law of Sin and Death" wherever it has jurisdiction. Only IN CHRIST are we made ALIVE to die no more and live forever.

Bowing in obedience to the majesty of the Law of Sin and Death, Christ, "being made under the Law" (Gal. 4: 4), that is He was under its jurisdiction, He was judged according to that Law (John 18:31 and 19:7 and condemned to die by a "power given Pilate FROM ABOVE."

He stood condemned before Pilate

without opening His mouth in a single word of self-defense, because He recognized that "the wages of sin is death" and He had officially or formally accepted by imputation the SIN of the WORLD, when He insisted to be baptized by John in order to "fulfill all righteousness." It must be remembered that John's baptism was "for the remission of sins" of the penitent. But "without the shedding of blood there really is no remission." (Heb. 9:22 and Eph. 1:7) for it is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth us from all sin. Righteousness demanded that the sinner die; or when sins were remitted, as in John's baptism, they were at the same time transferred and imputed by that same baptism, to "the Lamb of God, which taketh away (beareth away) the Sin of the World." His first baptism in Jordan identified Christ with the Sin of the World and necessitated His later baptism of DEATH on the Cross, where "He DIED UNTO SIN."

Hymn for the Month

GOD'S TOMORROW

God's tomorrow is a day of gladness,
And its joys shall never fade;
No more weeping, no more sense of
sadness,
No more foes to make afraid.

God's tomorrow is a day of greeting;
We shall see the Savior's face;
And our longing hearts await the
meeting
In that holy, happy place.

God's tomorrow is a day of glory;
We shall wear the crown of life;
Sing through countless years love's
old, old story,
Free forever from all strife.

Chorus:

God's tomorrow, God's tomorrow,
Ev'ry cloud will pass away
At the dawning of that day;
God's tomorrow, No more sorrow,
For I know that God's tomorrow
Will be brighter than today!

"But I have a baptism to be baptized with and how am I straightened till it be accomplished." (Luke 12:50). Here He spoke of His DEATH and called it a baptism, a BAPTISM INTO DEATH.

This leads us up to the wonderful doctrine of the Believer's IDENTIFICATION with Christ, step by step "TOGETHER WITH HIM," and never APART FROM HIM, all the way of salvation from utter ruin in sin and death, to the glory of being "made to SIT TOGETHER in heavenly places." The following steps are traceable marking out this doctrine:

(First:) Christ identified Himself with our HUMANITY: ". . . they shall call his name Emmanuel, which is interpreted God (together) with us."

(Second:) He identified Himself with OUR SIN: He was baptized TOGETHER with the sinners; they came out of the water forgiven, but Christ came out "the Lamb of God which beareth the sin of the world." "He was made to be Sin for us, (actually also TOGETHER WITH US), who knew no sin." (II Cor. 5:21)

(Third) Christ was baptized INTO DEATH, and "as many of us who were baptized INTO JESUS CHRIST, were baptized INTO HIS DEATH." That is: as many as were "crucified" TOGETHER WITH HIM. And "are buried (TOGETHER) WITH HIM by baptism INTO (HIS) DEATH." If we have been planted TOGETHER (WITH HIM)—grown together,—in the likeness of His death, we shall,

(Fourth:) also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this that our OLD MAN is "crucified" (TOGETHER) WITH HIM. (Romans 6.) "Even when we were dead in sins, hath (God) quickened us (gave us life) TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, and hath raised us up TOGETHER and

(Fifth:) "Made us sit TOGETHER (WITH HIM) in heavenly places." (Ephesians 2)

Again in Colossians 3: "If ye then be risen WITH CHRIST, seek those things which are above, WHERE Christ SITTETH . . . (for we, too, are there sitting together with him,

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Letters

I received "The Silver Lining" for over a year now, and I can't thank you enough for sending it to me . . . I hope that some day I can meet you in person and thank you again for sending me "The Silver Lining." **Albert Steffen**, Okinawa.

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Now that I am situated, will write my address with the hope of receiving "The Silver Lining" once again. . . Will close for now thanking the staff for very issue I have received so far. **Ephraim Kipfer**, Ft. McClellan, Ala.

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At this time I wish to say that I am on my way home. I have been receiving "The Silver Lining" much better the past few weeks and have greatly appreciated each one of them.

Now that I am going home I would enjoy having them sent to my home address, if possible, which I know shall be just as guiding there as they have here. . .

Again I thank you for the fine works that each has done in the publishing of this paper. **Godfrey Miller**, Kiowa, Kansas.

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We have been receiving "The Silver Lining" for some time, and enjoy it very much. Also my son, Perry, who was in service in India had been getting it. He also was very glad to get it and passed it on to other brothers and friends. Now most of these boys are home and my son's paper has been coming here. So thought I would let you know to discontinue one.

Thanking you, and may God bless you further in your good work. **Mrs. L. A. Zimmerman**, Saunemin, Ill.

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I am so glad to inform you that my son, Robert G. Binkele, has been discharged from the army and is now at home with us, so I am asking you to please discontinue his "Silver Lining" since we are getting one here. He tells me he always enjoyed it very much. We all like it very much, in fact I think it is the best little thing that ever happened. . .

Wishing you the best of luck and inspiration. **Mrs. Henry Binkele**, Peoria, Illinois.

THE MASTER IS COMING

They said, "The Master is coming
To honor the town today,
And none can tell at whose house or home
The Master may choose to stay."
And I thought, while my heart beat wildly,
What if he should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain
And honor the guest divine?

And straight I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat;
I swept and polished and garnished,
And decked it with blossoms sweet;
I was troubled for fear the Master
Might come ere my task was done,
And I hastened and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties
A woman came to my door;
She had come to tell me her sorrows,
And my comfort and aid to implore.
And I said, "I can not listen,
Nor help you any today;
I have greater things to attend to,"
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another—
A cripple, thin, pale and gray—
And said, "O let me stop and rest
Awhile in your home, I pray!
I have traveled far since morning,
I am hungry, and faint and weak;
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek."

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry,
But I can not help you today;
I look for a great and noble guest."
And the cripple went away.
And the day wore on swiftly,
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was in my heart
That the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet him
And serve him with utmost care,
When a little child stood by me
With a face so sweet and fair—
Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops,
And his clothes were tattered and old;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his little bare feet were cold.

I wish to thank you for your paper, and I do appreciate it a lot. Haven't been receiving any home papers since I am over here and the news in "The Silver Lining" almost always concerns some one I know very well. It's a great little paper, and think you're doing a swell job. **Edward R. Hodel**, Gmunden, Austria.

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I wish you further success with your paper as I realize it is an undertaking which requires much effort and co-operation, more than those of us who read it realize, but may the Lord continue to bless it that it may be a blessing to its readers and will tend to draw many to come to know Him as their personal Redeemer and for those of us who already know Him, may it draw us nearer to Him. **Amelia Scharlach**, Remington, Ind.

And I said, "I am sorry for you;
You are sorely in need of care,
But I can not stop to give it,
You must hasten elsewhere."
And at the words a shadow
Swept o'er his blue-veined brow;
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,
But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended,
And my toil was over and done;
My house was swept and garnished,
And I watched in the dark alone;
Watched, but no foot-fall sounded;
No one paused at my gate,
No one entered my cottage door;
I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened,
And the Master had not come;
"He has entered some other door," I cried,
"And gladdened some other home!"
My labor had been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept.
My heart was sore with longing,
Yet, in spite of it all, I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,
And his face was grave and fair;
"Three times today I came to your door
And craved your pity and care;
Three times you sent me onward,
Unhelped and uncomforted,
And the blessing you might have had was
lost,
And your chance to serve has fled."

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me!
How could I know it was thee?"
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And he said, "The sin is pardoned,
But the reward is lost to thee;
For, comforting not the least of mine,
Ye have failed to comfort me."

—Anonymous

Submitted by Mr and Mrs. Edw. Freidinger, 909 W. Wenona Street, Bay City, Michigan.

ONLY A MINUTE
Margaret Bogart

"It will only take a minute,"
The Saviour whispered low;
"Stop in and make a visit
You're needed here I know."
"You haven't time to bother,"
The enemy replied,
"You have so many things to do,
Cross on the other side."

"It will only take a minute,"
The Saviour said again;
And prompted by His urging
God's servant entered in.
Just a friendly talk, a word of cheer,
A heartfelt, sincere prayer,
And a sick, discouraged person
Found a Refuge from their care.

It only took a minute—
God's servant hurried on,
What if they had not listened?
What if they had not gone?
O gracious Lord, so help us
To listen to your voice
Using each precious moment
To make a Christ-like choice!

Submitted by: **Lt. Vera Schweigert**
Charleroi, Belgium.

Salvation

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by the reckoning of our Faith). "For ye are DEAD, and your Life is hidden WITH CHRIST in God. Mortify your members which are upon the earth;" seeing yourself being IN CHRIST sit together with Him in heavenly places and being "grown together" with him must not act as though you were separate from Him, by seeking things below and by living in sins by our members which are upon the earth, but seeing that you TOGETHER WITH CHRIST have died UNTO SIN, keep your members in that death, mortify (make dead) the same and "die daily" (1 Corinthians 15:31). In Philippians 3:10 Paul speaks of "being made conformable to HIS, Christ's death.

What we are, CHRIST WAS MADE TO BE; what Christ is, WE ARE MADE TO BE. Where we are, CHRIST CAME TO BE; where Christ is, WE ARE MADE TO BE. He who was rich, was MADE POOR, that by His poverty we might be MADE RICH. O what a glorious purpose of God, which interweaves the human with the divine and brings forth a pattern so unique and so glorious, as to astonish and fill with amazement the heavenly principalities, when displayed before them. How glorious will then GRACE be. The Angels, in the meantime, desire to look into the weaving of that pattern.

(To be continued)

MY LIFE IS BUT A WEAVING

My life is but a weaving
Between my Lord and me;
I cannot see the colors,
He worketh steadily.

Full oft He weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
And I the lower side.

Not until the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.
Sent in by **Anna Stoller**, Wilmette, Ill.

"I FOUGHT FOR YOU, MOM, DAD"

A Letter from the Dead

(This is a letter from the dead. Written to his parents by an Akron boy who was killed aboard the torpedoed U. S. S. Houston in February of 1942, the letter tells simply why he fought and died. Seaman Dick Boorman, 22, asked that the letter be delivered to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boorman, 2146 16th St., SW, Kenmore district, after all hope that he might be found alive, was gone. The former Kenmore high school football player's letter, written 28 days before the torpedo struck, was received last week, after he was officially declared killed. . .)
Dear Mom and Dad,

It has taken me a long time to sit down and write this letter to you. I have been fumbling with the pencil for several days now, and I do not seem to be able to get started. Not that I have nothing to say, but on the contrary I have so much to say that I do not know where to begin.

For a long time since I have been out here I have been comparatively safe from danger, but lately the spots have become tighter and tighter. One by one smiling faces that I have lived with are gone. But I do not expect to die; none of the boys expect to die. We are all hoping on luck. If mine holds out, you will not receive this letter.

I am deeply alert to what I am fighting for, but something deeper and dearer to me than that. Perhaps you expect me to say, Mom dear, my own life. No, it is not that. It is the protection of you and all those whom I love; that is my reason for fighting, and I feel that is the greatest reason in the world. I would rather die a thousand times than to see you suffer the torture that has been inflicted upon the poor souls who have been so unlucky as to fall into the hands of the enemy.

I know that I have one thing for which to be grateful and that is that you are safe from harm, and our home near Kenmore high school where I spent four happy years will be safe from harm. Our home will stand in peace when this is all over. I thank you, mom and dad, for all of the wonderful things that you have given me; for your kind patience in guiding me to manhood; for the character that you have instilled in me which at this hour of danger gives me courage.

I thank you for the great sacrifices that you have made all your life for me. I regret that I will be unable to repay you.

I know that I will be at peace in heaven for my soul is clean and my conscience is clear. I love you, mom and dad. You are the greatest and dearest persons in the whole world.
Farewell.

Your loving son,

Dick.

(This was a newspaper article, and was submitted by Mary Ammann, Akron, Ohio.)

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