



I AM he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.—Rev. 1:18.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, AND become the firstfruits of them that slept.—I Corinthians 15:20.

HUMILITY

By W. E. Feller

The scripture points out to us that a humble person is pleasing to the Lord. For our dear Lord and Saviour, who was sent from God and was an example for us came in great meekness and was humble and kind.

“So He calls to me and thee; Learn humility from me.”

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” (St. Matthew 11:29)

“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:8) Oh, what virtue! What a reward!

“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s the same shall save it.” (St. Mark 8:35)

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Ephesians 6:7) “For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” (St. Matthew 23:12) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. “For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” The Psalmist in his time could testify, “Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.”

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RESURRECTION

By Rudolph Graf

With the approach of Easter our thoughts should dwell earnestly on the eternal significance connected

TREASURED VERSES

And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead MEN.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him; lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

—St. Matthew 28:2-8.

with this holy day which all Christian nations of the world celebrate. Easter and Resurrection are indeed sy-

nonymous. Already the coming forth of Lazarus from his grave at Jesus’ command proves to us that Resurrection comes only of the power of God. The giving of the breath of life is from God so also Resurrection after death must be from God.

God has a wonderful plan of salvation for the soul. Man that was sentenced to death through Adam’s fall and sin can be made to live through Jesus Christ, the righteous Son of God. The price of sin, which is death, was paid in Jesus’ death on that dark Friday on Calvary’s Hill. The power of life came on that Easter Morning when Christ arose from His grave proving that the Son of God has power over death and grave. Those who have received pardon for their sins have had them buried in the death of Christ even in that watery grave of baptism and have arisen out of this grave to a newlife. The conscience now being free we stand justified before God. We may truly believe the death of this our mortal body shall have lost its sting and the grave shall not hold us forever. We also believe we shall come forth on that great day to enter upon Eternal Life. That dark Friday with no hope in the hearts of the Lord’s disciples, having seen their Lord die on the cross, depicts the hopelessness of a soul condemned by his sins. The joy of those disciples on that Easter

Morning when Christ arose from the grave foretells of new hope for the believing soul. This plan of salvation for the soul has accomplished its redeeming work for thousands of sinners who have believed in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Dear friends, allow the flow of that precious blood which Jesus shed on the cross to wash away your sins. Then you, too, may arise to serve your Lord and Master. God's plan of salvation has been fulfilled by His obedient Son, Jesus Christ, but will benefit you only when you believe in Him wholeheartedly. This dear Saviour has become a surety against death to those who will humble themselves, acknowledge their guilt, realize their own helplessness, repent for and bring confession of their sins. Then they may freely believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ and the seal to this power was given in His Resurrection.

"In my Saviour's Resurrection
There is comfort, — I am blest.
In His life my hope renewing,
In His love my soul shall rest.
Everything I have in Thee
Life and hope and victory."

John Wesley once said, if you believe that God is about your bed and about your path and all your ways then take care not to do anything or to speak any word, nor indulge in any thought which might offend Him.

Suppose that a messenger of God, an angel was standing at your right hand and his eyes were upon you, would you not take care not to offend Him. Yea, suppose one of your mortal fellow servants, a saint of God, stood by you, would you not be extremely careful, how you would conduct yourself. How much more cautious ought you be when you know, not a holy saint, not an angel of God, but God himself, the Holy One is inspecting your heart, your conversation and your actions. He himself will call you to give account for all your deeds and conversation.

Submitted By
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HUMILITY

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The author of the hymn also writes:
"He who exercises meekness
Is beloved by everyone;
He who does not vaunt his knowledge
God will honor in His Son.
Humbleness to God is pleasing,
And to all in grace increasing
Who go with God hand in hand,
And in Jesus' love do stand."

Let us for a few moments view the contrast when King Nebuchadnezzar reigned in the land of the Chaldeans, B. C. 569; his power and might became so great that he exalted himself so high, even to make an idol of silver and gold to worship as his god, until he was thrown to the ground, had to live with the beasts of the field, and eat grass like oxen. We can see the Psalmist words fulfilled here, "he

Hymn of the Month

CALVARY

Out onto Calvary's hill,
Where Jesus died I'll go,
To hear the words He speaks,
To see Him in His woe.

How great the pains, O Lord,
Afflict Thee on this day;
"My God, my God," He calls,
"For sake Me not, I pray."

No vengeance fills His Heart
For them I hear Him plead;
"They know not what they do,
Forgive them for this deed."

Now Mary weeps for Him;
In love He soothes her lot:
"See, mother, thine own son."
"Thou friend, forsake her not!"

The thief in penitence,
Is pardoned e'er he dies,
"Today shalt thou yet be,
With Me in Paradise."

"I thirst," He cried in pain;
For there is no distress,
Which, Christ, the Friend of Man,
Endured not at His death.

He bows His head and cries,
"Tis finished, all is done,
O God, receive my soul,"
Life's victory is won.

casteth the wicked down to the ground." Also in Proverbs 16:18—"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

How much misery and suffering did the children of Isreal experience when in bondage to Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt? Moses and Aaron went unto Pharaoh saying, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness." (Exodus 5:1) Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go." (Exodus 5:2) Thus God sent the tenth plague, whereby the lives of the firstborn Egyptians were taken. Then the king rose up in the night and called Moses and Aaron saying, "Rise up—and go, serve the Lord as ye have said." Soon the King's heart was hardened and he pursued after the children of Israel even unto the midst of the sea. When the Lord looked through the pillar of fire and of the cloud and troubled the host the Egyptians said, "Let us flee, for the Lord is against us." It was too late for Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength and overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Let us beware, and take warning! "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword . . ." "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." St. Matthew 24:35

NOTICE

We are in receipt of a letter from Arthur Moser and Robert Weyeneth, in which they state that they have undertaken to compile and write a history of our church. They have written to our elder brothers and others for help, but they feel that it will be necessary to obtain the support of the entire church. They would like to ask each one for whatever aid they can give, whether it be in the form of personal knowledge, old letters or papers. They will appreciate any letters and invite correspondence from anyone. We wish them the best of success.

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Publishing the Bible for the Postwar World

The word published is used thirty-two times in the Bible, but not once in the sense in which we customarily employ it. When occasionally we say that a man "publishes something from the housetop" we approximate the sense in which the Bible always uses the word. "The feet of him that publisheth" says Isaiah, "are beautiful." Similarly there is something beautiful about a huge roll of paper, not handled since it came from the mill, as it is fed at high speed into a rotary press which in turn imprints upon it, in the twinkling of an eye, thousands of pages of God's Word. And the beauty is enhanced as one follows the process through the folding, cutting, sorting and sewing machines which seem to possess almost human deftness as they deliver their flawless product to the bindery. There still other devices assemble the clusters of pages as by magic into finished books, every page in place and all neatly bound, attractive to look at and easy to handle and read.

Before the war the American Bible Society, as it pursued this second of its four cardinal operations—the publishing of Bibles for missionary purposes to be sold at no profit and to be offered in whatever languages are required—the Society's only major problem was the old, old problem of lack of funds. It had contracts with printers in various places in the United States, in Britian, in Shanghai and elsewhere in China, in Tokyo, in Bangkok, in Cairo, Istanbul and Manila. In some places it had established its own binderies. There was seldom a shortage of the grade of paper required and no difficulty in securing such other necessary ingredients of book-making as thread, glue, headband, linen cloth, end sheets, gold leaf and leather.

Today, a worldwide publishing business like that of the American Bible Society is badly out of joint. In Shanghai there are presses waiting to be fed, but paper is hard to get. Last April the Society shipped 35,804 pound of Bible paper to Shanghai from Helsingfors in Finland and another larger shipment a month later.

In June two shipments were made from this country of cheaper paper suitable for printing single Gospels, of which China is waiting to absorb millions. Since no paper thin and strong enough for the satisfactory publishing of whole Bibles in Chinese was available in China, 100,000 Bibles are being printed in the United States. These are only some of the problems that are plaguing and raising the cost of the manufacturing of Scriptures for China.

The continuing enormous demand for Scriptures in Japan presents similar problems. Through the kindness of Chaplain W. I. Hoy, stationed in Tokyo photographs of the 1,690 pages of the Japanese Bible have arrived in New York. These negatives appear to be all that is left of the Japanese Bible plates suitable for present reproduction. A costly process involving the making of a new set of plates from line-cut engravings of these photographic negatives is necessary before the books can be printed. After the issuance of 100,000 or even more Japanese Bibles from these plates in this country, the plates may then be returned to Japan for further use when printing and binding operations are restored there. These processes will make each of the 1,690 pages cost \$5.45, a total of \$9,210.50 before the first page is printed. Yet this is the only way Japan is to get the book she craves at this time when her need is so great. It must be done. It is one of those emergencies where the expense must be incurred in the faith that the funds will be forthcoming. The Society's Publication Committee has authorized the printing of 100,000 of these Japanese Bibles as soon as possible. The estimated cost is \$80,000.

Germany likewise must have Scriptures and have them as quickly as possible. Until printing can again be done in Germany a great supply of German Scriptures has been shipped from this country, 86,000 Bibles, 429,000 Testaments and over half a million Gospels. Another 285,000 Bibles, 1,022,000 Testaments and a million more Gospels are in produc-

tion here. Finland has been called upon to supply thousands of Testaments. Meanwhile it has been found advisable to ship cellulose, or pulp, from Sweden for paper-making in Germany, looking toward the re-establishment of Bible printing there. The barriers to the exchange of funds as well as materials are high and baffling. Meanwhile the Society is trying to purchase 10,000 yards of "fabrikoid," a durable imitation leather, from the DuPont Company for binding these Bibles when they are printed in Germany.

It must be remembered that all this work for the German people is something new for the American Bible Society. Before the war Germany had always proudly maintained her own supply of Bibles.

With so much work customarily done in other countries now being undertaken in this country—at the same time that the Society is endeavoring to recoup on its depleted stocks of Scriptures in English and certain other languages regularly printed here—the Publication Committee of the Society has since last February placed orders with twelve of the largest printing and paper houses of the country in an effort to get the Scriptures that are needed ready as soon as possible.

Too much cannot be said for the wisdom, persistence and faith of the Society's manufacturing department. In the past five years they have put in process, in this country alone, 3,601,150 Bibles, 14,376,179 Testaments, 47,477,319 Portions—a total of 65,454,648 volumes of Scripture; first for a world at war, now for a world seeking to survive its wounds. This far exceeds any former record of the Society's operations.

Let no one believing in the distribution of the Scriptures feel that the American Bible Society can return to prewar levels of service. This is impossible to consider, for two reasons: never was the world in so great need of Bibles; and never did such wide doors of opportunity stand ajar for the sowing of the seed in new fields.

NEWS

Leo, Indiana.

Our regular Sunday School program was held February 16, 1947, in our church auditorium. Rev. Eli Winzeler delivered a very inspiring message to all present. Wilbur Hoerr of Chicago and Melvin Huber of Francesville helped making the meeting a success with their little talks on missionaries and their work, and the great need for it.

Mina Bertsch is visiting with friends and relatives in Arizona and other points in the west.

Mr. Robert Simonson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin visited at the home of Edward Souder. Robert is a former roommate of Edward's while they were in service and attending Dartmouth College. Edward is attending Indiana University at the present time.

Gaylord Widner and Harry Schwartz of Prudue University spent the week-end of February 16 at their homes.

A group of young men from here spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Jack Gerber on Wednesday, February 19.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Cole are the proud parents of a son, Jackie D. born February 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney and son of Wolcott, Indiana, spent the week-end of February 23, with Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney of Ft. Wayne.

Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and daughter, Dorothy, Wilbur Hoerr, and Ben Hoffer of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber and little niece of Francesville, Indiana, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder.

The Phil Clauss Family and the Oscar Martin Family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kipfer, and Mr. and Mrs. Menno Steiner of Ft. Wayne were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bertsch, February 16.

Mr. Theo. Bollier is very ill at this writing.

Mrs. David Levy passed away February 28, at her home near Bluffton, Indiana. Funeral services were held March 3, 1947.

Bluffton, Indiana.

Ralph Roecker, Harold Witzig, Bob Grimm, and Marvin Getz of Morton, Illinois, visited here the week-end of February 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer visited relatives and friends in LaCrosse, Indiana on February 2.

We had the pleasure of having Elder Philip Beyer conduct evening services here on Monday, February 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoller and family are enjoying a few weeks vacation in Florida.

Rev. Henry Beer conducted evening services here on Tuesday, February 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kipfer, Mr. Sam Gerber and Misses Lucille and Doris Toner visited in Latty, Ohio, Sunday, February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yergler are the parents of a son, John Douglas, born January 24. A daughter, Colleen Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ringger on the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gerber are the parents of a son, Michael Lee, born February 5.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer visited the Alabama Community the week-end of February 23.

Miss Dorothy Kipfer and Mr. Harold Schladenhaufen were married on Sunday, February 16.

Cissna Park, Illinois.

On January 5, Rev. Ben Wiegand of Taylor, Missouri and Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr. of Francesville, Indiana, and Elder George Yergler, paid our church a very welcome visit. Baptismal services were held by Elder George Yergler and Phil Aeschliman. Four friends became affiliated with the church.

Rev. Eglin of Congerville, Illinois visited our church January 12. Fifteen young members from Bluffton, Indiana also visited us. The guests had evening dinner at the Jacob Rinkenberger home in Hooperton, Illinois. We had a very enjoyable day.

Herman Honneger and Bertha Knapp, both of our congregation were united in marriage January 19, by Elder Phil Aeschliman. Relatives from LaCrosse, and Francesville, Indiana, Elgin, Fairbury, and Peoria, Illinois, Taylor, Missouri, and Oakville, Iowa attended the wedding.

Announcement was made of the approaching marriage of Lillian Walder of this place to Andrew Maibach of Rittman, Ohio.

Elder Otto Ramseyer of Bay City, Michigan and Rev. Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri visited our church January 19.

Many from here attended the funeral services of Sam Ramseyer of Bay City, Michigan. Services were held at Peoria, with burial at Tremont, Illinois, Saturday, January 18.

Baptismal services for three friends were conducted here by Elder Phil Aeschliman, January 26.

Word was received here of the death of Mrs. Sam Freidinger of Bay City, Michigan. The funeral was held January 18. Both Mr. and Mrs. Freidinger were residents of this community before their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miess of Hancock, Minnesota are visiting the Gus Miess Family at present.

Several from here attended the Brotherhood Aid Meeting at Milford, Indiana, January 20.

Funeral services for Chas. Kaufman, who died February 2 at the age of 85 years, were held at the church February 5, by Rev. Getz of Morton and Rev. Al Fisher of Chicago.

Croghan, New York.

Mr. Samuel Herzig of Naumberg died February 6, 1947 at the age of 87. Elder John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut held the funeral services February 9.

Ella and Augusta Einbeck of Castorland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mirtz of Arizona. They are planning to continue their trip to California.

A Sunday School meeting was held February 18, at the home of William P. Virklie.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer and daughter Evelyn, and Mrs. Bernard Virkler of Castorland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler of Croghan, and Mrs. Anna Foot of Lowville, New York, attended

the wedding of Miss Nina Scheeler and Mr. Ralph Beyer at Remington, Indiana, on February 9, 1947.

Fairbury, Illinois.

Elder David Mangold of Roanoke held funeral services for Mrs. Kate Steidinger on February 5.

Miss Leona Honegger of Forrester and Ben Tanner of Goodfield were married on February 9 with Rev. Joshua Broquard officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman attended services at the Gridley Apostolic Christian Church on Sunday, February 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Walder, Melvin, Donald, and Miss Lillian Walder, and Lester Roche, of Cissna Park, Illinois visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zimmerman on Sunday February 9.

Francesville, Indiana.

Elder Philip Beyer of Croghan, New York held services here Monday afternoon, February 10, We appreciated and enjoyed the services.

Rev. and Mrs. Conrad Gutwein returned from Tulare, California, where they visited their son and daughter, Andrew and Helen Hild, who were hospitalized nearly a year ago, from an automobile accident. Helen has recovered and Andrew is slowly improving. We sincerely send him many good wishes for a more complete recovery. They both were baptized on February 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wingeier and sons were guests of the H. C. Wuethrich Family and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel on February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramond Gutwein are the happy parents of a daughter born February 16.

A group from here went to the canning factory of Dave Lantz at Grabill, Indiana where we joined a large group of the Leo Congregation to can meat for relief work. Over twenty-five hundred cans were brought back to be packed with other food articles to be sent to the starving countries.

Latty, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin returned to their home at Roanoke after spending several weeks here with Mr. and Mrs. William Eisenman while

Mrs. Eisenman was convalescing from an operation.

Miss Emma Heinald and Mr. Raymond Stoller were married Sunday, February 9.

Elder Elias Dotterer visited us Sunday, February 16. Baptismal Services were held.

Visitors here Sunday, February 16, were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber, Mr. Sam Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kipfer and Daughter, Lucille, and Doris Tonner from Bluffton, Indiana. Alberta Hari from Cissna Park, Illinois and Charles Sauder from Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Laukhuf are the proud parents of a baby son whom they named Thomas. Mrs. Laukhuf's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graf, spent a week with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Floren Klopfenstein announced the birth of a son, David Wayne on February 14.

Visitors here Sunday, February 23, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger, Mary Ann and Richard Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. John Ladig and their two sons from Bremen, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graf and sons, from Akron Ohio, and Mrs. Henry Manz, Madeline, Henrietta and Eli Manz, and John and Henry Dotterer of Paulding, Ohio.

Floren Klopfenstein is in the hospital recovering from an appendectomy.

Irene Hodel is back with us after spending several weeks with her parents at Roanoke, Illinois.

Mansfield, Ohio.

After an illness of several weeks, Rev. Victor Stavenik has again been able to attend church services.

Mr. Albert Gasser and several of his children of Rittman, Ohio, visited his daughter, Mrs. Emil Bocka, his sister, Miss Emma Gasser, who has been ill for several months.

Mrs. Mary Wittmer passed away Sunday, February 23. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, February 25. Mrs. Wittmer lived at Junction, Ohio, for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Sabo recently went to Wichita, Kansas, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Sabo's cousin, Mr. Ed Dotterer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo spent Sunday, February 23, in Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Charles Sauder spent the week-end of February 9, visiting with friends at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and Latty, Ohio.

Milford, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen and three sons of Elgin, Illinois visited the Milford Congregation on Sunday, February 16.

Theo Beer's health is improving as he was able to resume his place in the ministry February 23. The congregation is grateful for his recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Emch and daughter of Girard, Ohio spent Sunday, February 23, at Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beer visited the Bluffton Brethren on February 18.

Eldon, Lois Marie, Marion, and Carlton Beer, Luther and Marcella Steffen, Rose Rapp, Mary Jane Steffen, Kathryn Ann Getz, Don Emch, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi, and the Frank Beer family worshiped at Cissna Park, Illinois, on February 23 and also attended the marriage of Harold Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beer, to Marianne Kupferschmid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kupferschmid, of Cissna Park, Illinois.

Morton, Illinois.

Miss Anna Ackerman has been able to return to her office duties after being confined to her home for the past seven weeks following a serious operation.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Getz, Saturday, Feb. 8. This is their second child. They named her Marsha Ann.

There will be a Young Folk's Meeting at Morton, March 2 with Sunday Schools represented from Peoria, Tremont, Roanoke, Princeville, Gridley, Goodfield, and Morton.

Word was received from California that Mrs. C. W. Ackerman, who was burned in the California train wreck, had died.

Remington, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beer and family of Milford, Indiana, spent the week-end of February 2 visiting friends here.

The wedding of Miss Nina Schieler and Mr. Ralph Beyer of Castorland, (Continued on page 7)

SALVATION (Cont. 13)

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"AND the Lord God planted . . . in the midst of the garden . . . the tree of KNOWLEDGE of GOOD AND EVIL." (Gen. 2: 8, 9.)

In the beginning God created only the GOOD: "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was VERY GOOD." He is so perfectly the source and essence of GOODNESS in His very Being, and all His Works and Words and Thoughts are so purely an expression of infinite GOODNESS, that in comparison, "there is NONE GOOD but ONE, that is God."

Whence then does EVIL come from, and when did it come into existence? From Satan, the EVIL ONE. EVIL had its conception in the heart of Lucifer, the son of the morning, the anointed Cherub, who also was created perfect, but who some time in ages past and prior to the creation of man, said IN HIS HEART: "I WILL ascend . . . ; I WILL exalt . . . , I WILL sit . . . ; I WILL ascend above . . . , I WILL be like the most High." (Isaiah 14) These "I WILLS" brought into the universe, where until then ONLY the ONE Creator's WILL was known and done, another SECOND WILL, to complete, to oppose, and to annul, the Creator's sovereign will, and as the opportunity presents itself, before other angelic beings, to make it appear questionable that the WILL of GOD is always "GOOD, ACCEPTABLE and PERFECT" and is always entitled to exclusive superiority, respect, and obedience.

Of course, Satan, which means "adversary" or opponent of God, no doubt preferred to conceal his opposition to the WILL of God IN HIS HEART, for: he "has said in his heart, I WILL," —not openly, —not yet. In fact, inasmuch as he evidently occupied a very highly exalted position among the angelic order of Cherubims, and could transform himself into an Angel of Light, even if he was that no more, it may not be too speculative to conclude that none but God, who created him was able to detect and find the iniquity in his heart, as soon as it was conceived there.

As it is written: "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight; but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:13). EVIL in God's GOOD Universe was then a NEW THING, and even after it had manifested itself like a harmless looking, but cancerous growth, it is a question if many angelic Beings had "senses exercised to discern" the EVIL and outlaw nature of the slowly developing growth. For many angels were deceived by this Prince of Darkness, who kept not their first estate (Princely estate or dominion), but left their own habitation, fell with this Prince into Darkness and are reserved in everlasting chains UNDER DARKNESS, unto the judgment (Jude 6). Darkness here is the symbol of confusion, as a result of deception, not discerning GOOD and EVIL, having no light, no KNOWLEDGE OF BOTH GOOD and EVIL, but a colorblind confusion of the two.

Israel is reserved or held in chains under judicial darkness (blindness), only her chains are not "everlasting" and her darkness is only "blindness in part" and only "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." (Romans 11:25). This too is a result of satanic deception and confusion, when they before Pilate "denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you." (Acts 3:14) . . . "I wot that through ignorance ye did it . . ." a moral color-blindness, and a confusion of GOOD and EVIL, of RIGHT and WRONG, through the power of deception. The deceiver is successfully at his work whenever men "do evil that good may come," and nations make war that peace may come. This confusion will go on, until Satan himself will be bound with a great chain and cast into the bottomless pit to deceive the nations no more.

"Take heed that ye be NOT DECEIVED." (Luke 21:8).

God, having perfect foreknowledge, knew that "a little leaven leaveneth

the whole lump," and seeing the "LEAVEN of EVIL" come into being in the secret of Lucifer's heart, why then did the Almighty not nip it in the bud and quarantine and destroy the forces of EVIL, before it came about and was true that: "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5), as in the days of Noah, and later again: "the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19) and in the last days "EVIL men seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (2 Timothy 3:13). Eventually, at the end of these present evil days, Satan will be bound and imprisoned, why not already in the day in which iniquity was in him? Man's wisdom, would have suggested such a course, but not God's wisdom which is infinitely higher. God is ever just and His wisdom is justified of all his children.

Godliness is a MYSTERY and so is Iniquity a MYSTERY, both of which only gradually, and in time, and side by side with EQUAL opportunities, develop and manifest their true of false nature and character, by the FRUIT and SEED which they have finally brought forth. "For of thorns men do not gather figs . . ." The GOOD does not bring forth EVIL—and the EVIL does not bring forth GOOD! God could judge rightly already by the seed, but men and perhaps angels too, must await the evidence of fruit before they can rightly judge. Again God, by His superior Might, could have bound Satan at the beginning of his career of deception, as well as at the end of it, but Lucifer, the heavenly citizen—like the Roman—is not bound before he is judged and condemned; and he is not judged without a Law and indisputable evidence of having violated that Law. The exercise of Might apart from due process of Law and conclusive evidence, as men see it, and God would not expose Himself to the suspicion before His creatures, in heaven or earth, that His Might is right—as dictators do. "God was manifest in the flesh," that is Christ (humble and obedient) was the Law

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NEWS

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New York, was solemnized by the Groom's father, Elder Phil Beyer, at the Apostolic Christian Church at Remington, Indiana. Many relatives and friends were present including Elders Henry Kilgus and Geo. Yergler. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer will make their future home at Castorland, New York. We wish them God's richest blessings.

The Rev. Ezra Feller and Rev. Conrad Gutwein held services at our church Thursday evening, February 13, with a large attendance from various congregations.

On February 16, we had a number of visitors from Cissna Park including Rev. Phillip Sauder and Rev. Ben Walters and others visited the Wolcott congregation for Sunday evening services.

On Thursday evening of February 20, Elder Geo. Yergler was in our midst and conducted services which were enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schieler and family, and Lucile Knochel and Amelia Scharlach were guests at Bay City the week-end of February 23.

Roanoke, Illinois.

Sunday, January 12, Baptismal Services were held at the Roanoke Church. Elder Carl Rassi and Rev. Joe A. Getz of Morton, and Rev. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria, were the visiting ministers. On January 26, Baptismal Services were again held with Elder Stoller of Fairbury in attendance. There are now about forty converts at Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bittnor, Jr. are the parents of a baby girl, Peggy Lou, born January 19th at the Washington Hospital.

Thursday, January 23, a baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hodel at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phfister are spending a few weeks in Florida. Also visiting there, are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rocke and Mrs. Ray Hodel.

Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughter, Emily and Clara Eisemann visited friends in Archbold, Ohio, Sunday, February 9.

We are glad to report that Lena Rager is improving nicely from her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family visited relatives in Bluffton, Indiana, the week-end of February 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Basinger and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eisemann are both proud parents of sons born during the past month.

West Bend, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruelman were very glad to receive word from their son, Harley Bruelman, that he arrived overseas safely and is now stationed at Korea. His present address is:

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Mr. and Mrs. William Zougg announce the engagement of their daughter, Elma to Lester Moglar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moglar. The wedding will take place March 16.

Mrs. Ernest Zougg is ill, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knoblock and son, Larry, of Lester, Iowa, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Metzger, on Sunday, February 16.

Frederick Metzger, Pauline and Raymond Feucht, Viola Rubel, Louise Knoblock, and Leonard Wulf of Lester, Iowa visited friends and relatives here on Sunday, February 16.

Miss Loraine Grimm visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, the week-end of February 16. She is attending college at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Edwin Banwart visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart the week-end of February 23. He is attending college at Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knoblock of Lester, Iowa are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fehr.

Chicago, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and family and Wilbur Hoerr spent Sunday, February 2, in Milford, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and Joe Wiegand attended the funeral of Charlie Kaufmann at Cissna Park, Illinois on February 5. LaVerne and Emily Kaufmann and Eunice Sladen also attended the funeral.

On February 9 Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler and family and Hilda and Esther Farney visited at LaCrosse, Indiana, and in the evening attended services conducted by Elder Phillip Beyer of Croghan, New York, at Wolcott, Indiana.

Mrs. George Getz of Morton spent a few days with her sisters, Louise and Anna Stoller.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Feller and daughter Rosella, and Irma Jean Winger of Cissna Park, Illinois, spent Sunday, February 16, with us.

The engagement of Lois Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, to Joe Wiegand was announced Sunday, February 16. Joe is also of Oakville but has been employed here during the winter months.

"If you want to have the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You'll only find what you left behind—

For there is nothing really new.

It's a knock at yourself, when you knock at your church;

It isn't the church,—it's you!

It's really strange sometimes, don't you know,

That things go as well as they do.

When we think of the little—the very small mite—

We add to the work of the few.

We sit, or stand 'round and complain of what's done

And do very little but fuss;

Are we bearing our share of the burden to bear?

It isn't the church,—it's us!

So, if you want to have the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like;

Put off your guile, and put on a smile
And hike, my brother, just hike,—

To the work in hand that has to be done,

The work of saving a few.

It isn't the church that's wrong, brother,

It isn't the church,—it's you!"

—Anonymous

Submitted by Ellsworth P. Graf, Akron, Ohio.

A MOTHER'S LAST ADVICE

Now that you are a child of God, your growth depends upon yourself. It is impossible for you to become a useful Christian unless you are willing to do the things which are absolutely essential to your spiritual growth, to which end the following suggestions will be found to be of vital importance.

Study the Bible. Set aside at least fifteen minutes a day for Bible Study. Let God talk to you fifteen minutes a day through His Word.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby. 1 Peter 2:2. The word of God is food for the soul. Commit to memory one verse of scripture each day. Psalm 119:11.

Pray much. Praying is talking to God. Talk to Him about everything, your perplexities, joys, sorrows, mistakes, friends, etc. Read Phil. 4:6. For spiritual growth you need not only food (Bible study) but exercise. Work for Christ, read Ezek. 3:18. Shun evil companions, Avoid bad people, bad books, bad thoughts. Read the first Psalm, also 2 Cor. 6:14, 17.

Be faithful in your attendance at the Sabbath and mid-week services.

Read Heb. 10:25, 1 Cor. 16:2, 1 Cor. 9:7.

Do not become discouraged. Expect temptation, discouragement and persecutions, the Christian life is warfare, 2 Tim. 3:12.

Read often the following passages of scripture. Romans 8:18, James 1:12, 1 Cor. 10:13.

YOU HAVE A CALLING, CHRISTIAN FRIEND

You have a calling, Christian friend,
A special place to fill;
So pray that God may help you see,
And do His blessed will.
He bought you with His precious blood,
And made your life anew;
No other one can fill the place
He's set aside for you!

Perhaps it be you cannot preach
Or lead in public prayer;

Yet you can glorify His house
By always being there.
It may be just a tiny part,
He wills that you should play;
Whate'er it be you must not shirk,
Go forth without delay.

The little finger on your hand
Plays such a tiny role,
And yet if it should absent be,
The body is not whole.
And so God's work is not complete
Unless we do our best.
Now find your place, and start to work
And God will do the rest.

Go forth and work with all your might,
With vigor, and with vim;
Just let the Lord direct your path
Through simple trust in Him.
The little things that you have done
He'll greatly magnify,
When you through faith His name
have sought
To love and glorify!

—Mrs. Earl Harrop

"Where there is love there must be faith
And where there is faith there is peace indeed.
Where there is peace there must be God
And where there is God there is no need."

BETTER FARTHER ON!

"The light of the Word shines brighter and brighter
As wider and wider God opens my eyes;
My trials and burdens seem lighter and lighter,
And fairer and fairer the heavenly prize.

The wealth of this world seems poorer and poorer
As further and further it fades from my sight;
The prize of my calling seems surer and surer,
As straighter and straighter I walk in the light.

My waiting on Jesus seems dearer and dearer
As longer and longer I lean on His breast;
Without Him, I'm nothing, seems clearer and clearer,
And more and more sweetly in Jesus I rest.

My joy in my Saviour is growing and growing,
And stronger and stronger I trust in His Word;
My peace like a river is flowing and flowing,
As harder and harder I lean on the Lord."

—Anon.

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that judged Satan, and the Cross was the place of his judgment. (John 16:11)

Satan would contend to the end that the bud, which God nipped in the beginning, was the bud of a sweet smelling, beautiful rose in the making and not that of a thistle. And who besides God, could then discern the EVIL, when there was as yet no code of Law defining EVIL and no experiential KNOWLEDGE of EVIL in a universe of absolute GOODNESS? Evidently the then universal Government of almighty God basically rested not upon Might, but solely upon RIGHT and was conceived and administered in such perfect Liberty as to grant the RIGHT to be WRONG and then go about proving the WRONG but to be RIGHT and the belief in EVIL to be but a delusion of mortal mind.

Georgia cannot have TWO Governors—the Universe cannot have TWO WILLS, contending one against the other. The issue was GOOD and EVIL, GODLINESS versus INIQUITY (also disguised as GOOD) and both, enshrouding themselves into MYSTERIES, transferred their CONTEST to the EARTH, our little planet, to be the battlefield and the stage; where Angels are spectators and men are involved and unconscious actors in the final decision of the great Controversy of the Ages between GOOD and EVIL, and to expose the EVIL and its Author for what it is.

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