



Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear.
—Isaiah 59:1.

My house shall be called the house of prayer;—part of St. Matthew 21:13.

This Heart of Mine

By David Lantz

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Prov. 4:23.

While these words were written approximately three thousand years ago, they are a challenge to every living soul today; regardless of age, race, or creed. We must take care of our physical bodies lest we overtax the heart by too strenuous exercise, worry, or severe pain which would weaken the heart and could shorten our lives.

One of the definitions found in the dictionary of the heart is: "the central or inmost part, as the heart of a tree." So we can say the heart is the central or innermost part of our body, and also our lives. The part of our body that is the dwelling place of the soul, (that part which shall survive death and grave to appear before the judgment of Christ).

When God sent Samuel to Jesse's house to anoint the second king of Israel after Jesse's oldest son passed in front of Samuel, (whom Samuel and Jesse thought should be king,) the LORD rejected him. The LORD told Samuel; "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." I Sam. 16:7. So let us remember when the LORD looks down upon us He looks only into our hearts, which reveal our entire life to God.

In one of Jesus' discourses, He spoke these words, "A good man out
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THE CHURCH—GOD'S SANCTUARY

By THEO. BEER

Not forsaking the assembly 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. 10:25.

We who live in this modern age and have been privileged to assemble and worship in our comfortable church homes, might do well to pause

TREASURED VERSES

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, HE IS my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth SHALL BE THY shield and buckler.

—Psalm 91:1-4.

for a moment and think of those of old, who loved and served their God, whose sanctuary was the wide open spaces, some having dwelt in dens others in caves of the earth.

Our Savior was not privileged to enjoy the comforts which have been granted to us in this day and age. He called His followers together on sea-shore and mountain sides to declare unto them the testimony of God. The

disciples became ardent followers of our Lord, who promised to make of them Fishers of Men.

When Jesus asked His disciples if they, too, would turn away from Him, they answered and said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

These godly men were often destitute, afflicted, and tormented, of whom the world was not worthy, but they received this testimony, that they pleased God and were faithful until life's end. What a cloud of witnesses do we have in the Word of God, of such who constituted the church in that early age! They were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They sought a city which had foundations, whose builder and maker was God.

Let us then look upon such, who constituted the first church, as good examples and strive to be helpful to the church of our day. Let us heed the warning of the scripture to not forsake the assembly of the saints.

The church should be a strong fortress to all true believers, and should provide comfort and consolation when we are in sorrow or distress, chastise us when we have erred, fill our hearts with joy when we think of the wonderful promises, and finally lead us to God and our eternal home. "Home"—what a beautiful word!

There are three homes which every soul should seek in this life: our

earthly home in which we dwell with our loved ones around us; next, we should all have a church home where the soul can have true fellowship with true believers and can receive the nourishment of The Living Bread and Water to sustain us on our pilgrim journey; and last and most important, let us strive diligently for that Heavenly Home which is promised to all who are worthy after this earthly life is over. Heaven, the eternal home of all the redeemed of the earth of all ages!

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions"; let us then be diligent so we will not be found wanting on that bright morning of eternity.

Let us always think of the church as God's sanctuary, a place where we can assemble each Lord's Day. Let us enter its courts with praise, striving ever to remain meek and humble, and esteem our brethren higher than ourselves, above all striving to be an honor to Him who has redeemed us to God by His blood. Let us be a true witness for Him in the church and in our daily lives. Let us be helpful to proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to all friends, so His House might yet be filled. If Jesus has found us, then let us tell others the story.

The knowledge of salvation was received as we attended Sunday School and church services. Let us hope and pray that the church can always be a place where burdened and sin-sick souls can be brought back to God through faith in Him who shed His precious blood for our healing, and become members of His body which is the church.

The body of Christ is made up of souls who have been redeemed from their sins and transgressions, but sad to say, the tendency to do wrong is ever to be battled against, and we must try by His grace to overcome all evil. For His grace is sufficient for all who live true. The portion of the Lord's Prayer which says, "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from all evil," should be the daily prayer of every true child of God.

The church as we have it today, comes to honor before God and man in the same proportion as it is supported by its members. So let us

THIS HEART OF MINE

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of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Knowing this, should we not keep our hearts with all diligence?

We may wonder how are we able to keep our hearts with all diligence. God has given each one of us a watch tower for the heart. That is the mind. When evil, selfish, jealous, or lustful thoughts come to our minds, we have there and then the right to accept or reject them.

We may ask how do we accept or reject them. We have at all times within our midst an ever present and ever living Christ, whom we can ask to take these thoughts out of our minds, and replace them with thoughts of charity and how we may serve Him. If we leave our minds dwell on them also cherish them, (when we know they are evil) they soon enter our hearts and become part of our lives, which will sooner or later show up in our every day life. "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

Another way we may keep our hearts clean is to be careful what company we choose, also the places to which we go. Ask yourself this question, "Would Jesus choose him (or her) for His companion? If Jesus were here on earth physically would I meet Him where I am going?"

Now we believe that Jesus meets every one some place or some time, in his life, but for this reason: to convince them of their sins and also offer them salvation; but, if they do not accept Him, He does not become their companion.

strive earnestly to be a help and support to the church and not only think of our homes and earthly possessions. May it never be said of us as is expressed in the following poem:

"The angels from their throne on high,
Look down on us with wondering eye,
Here where we are but passing guests
We build such strong and solid nests
And where we hope to dwell for aye
We scarce take time one stone to lay."

Dear friends, do not harden your hearts to His call! Rather thank Him that He has spoken to you and within your heart and mind love and cherish the words of His invitation. When you heed His words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 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.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," St. Matt. 11:28-30. Then we will be able to sing:

"Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my God, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee."

We have received the following letter from Brother Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana. He has not sent it to us for the purpose of publishing it in the Silver Lining, yet with all sincerity we believe that it is a very worthy cause and is well worth while for every reader to know what has been done by the different congregations of the Apostolic Christian Church of America. This same letter will be read in all the churches of America; but while it's not possible that all will hear it read, we believe it's our duty to publish it.

We hope and pray that in the future, the same as in the past, many or all may take a part in spreading the Gospel of Jesus in response to His command, Mark 13:10: "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Also Mark 16:15-16: "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned (condemned.)"

Dear Brethren:

Greetings in the name of the Lord! We wish to thank each congregation as well as brethren and friends who contributed to the Bible Fund during the past two years. As these offerings were given for the Lord's work, may He bless those who helped to

supply the funds for the Scriptures and also those who receive the Word, that it may not return to Him void. May it be a word of life unto salvation to many souls, rather than a message of condemnation, for those who reject it.

In order to inform each congregation which assisted, I am herewith submitting briefly the receipts and disbursements for the past period.

The total contribution from congregations and from individuals was \$13,-906.29.

The above fund has been carefully and prayerfully applied to bring the Word or portions of it to the greatest number of people in the most needy nations.

One million thirty-five thousand copies of the Gospels, that is booklets of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, in Spanish to Mexico, Colombia, and Peru, South America, and also in the Japanese and Chinese and Korean languages to their respective countries.

Also supplies for printing to Germany, and Scriptures to the Balkan States of Europe. Moderate sums to the Northern Bible Society, and also to the Leper colonies for medical aid and for scriptures, and for shipping of the gospels.

By consent and support of the elders who met in conference recently, and those who are on the Bible fund committee, Bro. Dotterer and Bro. Schrock, have authorized another collection from the various congregations who feel moved to do so, for this worth while cause of sending the Word to the underprivileged before the coming of the Lord.

We trust that many if not all will be moved to assist in fulfilling the Lord's command as we read in Mark 13, 10 that the gospel of the Lord must first be published to all nations. In so doing we may lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, may the publishing of the Word to such who have never had it, be the means and reason for the great throng who said to our Lord: Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us unto God by thy blood from every kindred, and tongue and people and nation. Revelation 5:9.

The call for the Holy Word is even greater than two years ago, as the

war-torn nations in several continents are open now for the Word, as it appears to be the last seed sowing time.

The American Bible Society in New York City which publishes Scriptures in over eight hundred languages is short of funds to supply the required Gospels for the nations. One hundred dollars will supply three to four hundred Gospels depending upon the language, and greater or smaller offerings in proportion.

The brethren have authorized that the offerings be sent to my address at Milford, Indiana. Assuring you of my sincerity in the matter, and praying that I might be worthy to be your humble and faithful servant in this important work.

Your brother in faith,

HENRY BEER

Crenka, Jugoslavia

Dec. 8, 1946

Dear Brother and Sister—

Our unsearchable God, Creator of heaven and earth may, in Christ Jesus comfort us in all our suffering and tribulation and danger of life and strengthen us in our faith, to be and to remain faithful unto the end of our lives. This my heart does wish for you as a greeting first of all.

With deeply moved hearts did we receive your love gifts, for which we thank the Lord. Apparently two packages were from you . . . and one package from . . . Nothing was missing, that could be noticed.

We are still here in the Camp in forced labor and are disowned of everything which we had and are loose from the earthly and temporal. But as the temporal things faded away the heavenly did increase and one finds himself content in the midst of all oppression for the heavenly possessions are anchored in faith and no one can take them away from us. How highly one learns to treasure these gifts of grace under such circumstances; how glorious and precious a privilege are we permitted to enjoy, of which we are not worthy. Then yet how great are all the mercies of God of which we are not worthy. Therefore, we too embrace every hostile child for they know not what they do.

I am here in the Camp Directory,

working with my three children. My oldest son is in Hungary, he is also in the Faith. Two of my children are members, but the two younger ones are not. The daughter of my brother is also here in the directory with me working. Her husband is in Russian slave labor already for two years; she has four little children, the eldest is 8 years old; they are not here with their mother and us but are hidden away with Hungarian members and people, because they are not tolerated here; otherwise, the mother together with the children would be thrown into a "destruction" camp, where they starve to death,—from which a sister with her four boys had a miraculous escape and in which three aunts of the translator perished. In all this is so much grief and anxiety and one is truly being humbled.

So far we can assemble once every Sunday afternoon. A number of our members escaped to Hungary already. There are still about 20 members here and a number of friends who come to our meetings.

Again thanking you and with greetings to all the loved ones, I remain your humble brother in the Lord.

HE WALKED IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING

Genesis 3:8

It was in the cool of the evening,
In a garden most wondrously fair,
Where the Father had placed the first mortals
And He walked and He talked with them there.

As the skies are the fairest at sunset,
With purple and gold and gray,
So the fields and the gardens and flowers
Are brightest at close of the day.

What bliss for the mortals in Eden
As through the fair garden they trod,
They saw the great wonders of nature
And shared in the glories of God.

Then alas! In disguise came the tempter.
Then the sin,—and the fall, and disgrace.
Their rapture was turned into sorrow,
And Eden a dark, dismal place.

Again as they walked in the garden
With a sorrow their hearts had ne'er known,
Unclothed and condemned and rejected,
They walked in the garden alone.

My friend, as you hear the Lord's calling
Hide not from His presence away.
Will you say, "Here am I," to the Master,
As you walk in the cool of the day?

Henry Beer.

NEWS

Leo, Indiana

A farewell gathering for Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank and children was given at the home of Edward Schlatter Sunday, June 22. About 65 people were there. The Franks expect to leave very soon for their new home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buck of Remington, Indiana, stopped in Grabill on June 26. Don and Wilma were living in Bloomington, Indiana, until June 15 when Don was graduated from Indiana University.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch of Tremont, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertschi and their small daughter of Eureka, Illinois, were dinner guests of the Herman Bertschs' on Sunday, June 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein spent Sunday, June 22, with friends at Milford, Ind.

Miss Betty Grover spent a few days in June with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz of Grabill.

Miss Dorthea Conrad left for an extended visit to the scenic West. She will spend several weeks with relatives in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Robert Norr and children spent several days with relatives in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Harry Schwartz and Edward Souder completed their courses of study at Purdue and Indiana Universities June 15. Donald Schlatter and Richard Klopfenstein are vacationing at their homes. They plan to re-enter Manchester and Huntington Colleges, respectively, with the opening of the fall sessions. Gaylord Widner is now attending a Purdue University Summer Surveying Camp. Robert Stave-nick returned from Purdue University to spend the summer with his parents.

Rev. Joel Souder underwent a minor operation at the Lutheran Hospital. He was confined for two days and is now back at work.

Joseph J. Conrad attended the funeral of his brother, W. N. Conrad, at Portland, Oregon. He returned after about a two-week stay with his family in Portland. The Silver Lin-

ing Staff extends sympathy to the Conrad family.

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William N. Conrad, formerly of Leo, Indiana, died unexpectedly June 12, 1947, at his home in Portland, Oregon, where he spent most of his life. Surviving are one sister and four brothers, Martha, Sam, and Theo. Conrad of Portland, Oregon, A. J. Conrad of California, and Joseph J. Conrad of Leo, Indiana. Also surviving are five nieces and one nephew.

In loving memory:

"Life, we've been long together

Through pleasant and through cloudy
weather,

'Tis hard to part when friends are dear,—

Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;

Then steal away, give a little warning,

Choose thine own time;

Say not Good Night,—but in some brighter
clime

Bid me Good Morning."

Bluffton, Indiana

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer and Elder and Mrs. John Bahler from the East visited in our community the week-end of June 1. Evening services were held Sunday, and Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman accompanied them to Remington, Ind., on Monday.

Many from the Remington congregation visited us on Sunday, June 1. In the evening, Rev. Dan Stoller and several from Latty, Ohio, visited us and enjoyed, along with the others, the services conducted by Elders Beyer and Bahler.

Several cars of young people from Francesville and Remington, Ind., and Latty, Ohio, visited us Sunday, June 8, and were entertained in the home of Jacob Tonner in the evening.

Mr. Robert Yergler is a patient at the Irene Byron Sanitarium at Fort Wayne, Ind.

An aged brother, John Fiechter, 87 years of age, passed away June 10. Funeral services were conducted on Friday, June 13, by Elder Elias Dotterer. Surviving are seven daughters, five sons, seventy grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer visited in Cissna Park, Illinois, Sunday, June 15.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer visited in Wayne County, Ohio, and the congregation in West Virginia over the week-end of June 15.

Announcement was made Sunday, June 1, of the engagement of Mr. Sam Gerber to Miss Lillian Sinn of Fort Wayne, Ind.

New arrivals in our community are, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Kaehr's son, Stephen, born May 13; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hoenneger's son, Robert Allen, born May 26; and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Schwartz's daughter, Sharon Kay, born June 16.

Mrs. Amos Bertsch from Elgin, Ill., visited in the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Gerber, over the week end of May 25.

Miss Mildred Isch, who has undergone two major operations recently, is recuperating at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Isch.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family visited us on Sunday, May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kipfer and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilliom visited in Junction, Ohio, Sunday, June 8.

Chicago, Illinois

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., spent a blessed Sunday with us on June 1. Guests Sunday, June 8, included Rev. and Mrs. Grusy of Goodfield, and several from Remington, Ind.

With us for our June 12 mid-week Bible class were Minnie Haecker of Peoria, Frank Beer, Jr., of Milford, and George Lambert of Wichita, Kansas.

Misses Marilyn Schaefer and Eunice Wiegand of Peoria spent Sunday, June 15, in Chicago.

Several from here attended the wedding of Helen Eisenmann and Otto Shaffer at Cissna Park, June 22.

Miss Isabelle Feller of Cissna Park, who has been employed in Chicago, has gone home for the summer.

Croghan, New York

Mr. and Mrs. Erban Farney, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester O'Brien visited the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Welling, New York City, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Farney, Cambridge, Mass., and daughter, Marriell, who graduated from Junior Becker College, Worcester, Mass., and also relatives at Ellington, Connecticut.

Visitors the week-end of June 8 were the Misses Hannah, Lavina, and Lois Schneider, Eunice and Doris Bahler from Rockville, Connecticut, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramseyer, Leah Ramseyer, and Lill Kempf from Bay City, Michigan.

Mrs. Jacob Brockman, aged 37, died June 21 at Mercy Hospital, Watertown, where she underwent an operation.

Elder Philip Beyer held the services at the Croghan Church, Sunday, June 22.

The Sunbeam Sunday School class held a meeting June 13 at the home of Arthur Virkler's. Officers were elected, and refreshments were served.

Fairbury, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ifft and Misses Katharine, Virginia, and Joyce Huber were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blunier, Jr., of Eureka, Ill., on Sunday, June 1.

Mrs. Gottlieb Hari of Forrest, Ill., is seriously ill at the Fairbury hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Philip Gutwein, Jr., Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber of Francesville, Indiana, visited at Fairbury, Sunday, June 8.

We are happy to have Miss Edna Wenger, Mrs. Harvey Rieger, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nussbaum, and Byron Nussbaum among the converted ones.

Elder Philip Beyer of New York and Elder John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, held services here Monday evening, June 9.

Francesville, Indiana

Genevieve Wuethrich and Edward Shambech of Elgin, Ill., were married June 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Ward are the parents of a son, David Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wuethrich have named their son Larry Leon.

Gloria Getz, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Getz, had to have one of her eyes removed Sunday evening, June 22, resulting from an accident with a playmate. We all certainly extend our sympathy to her and her family.

Mansfield, Ohio

After a lingering illness, Miss Emma Gasser passed away May 28, at the age of 57. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Rittman, Ohio, with burial in the church cemetery there. Many from Mansfield attended the services.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stavenik and children and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Norr and children spent Sunday, June 1st, with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stavenik, Sr., of Mansfield.

On Sunday, June 8, services in our church were held by Elder Noah Hartzler and Elmer Zollinger of Rittman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pulver and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulver on Sunday, June 15. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sauder and children spent Sunday evening, June 22, at Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sauder's home.

While attending the summer term at Ashland college at Ashland, Ohio, Miss Marie Marti of Lamar, Missouri, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder.

Milford, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schneider and daughters, and Adell Luginbuhl were welcome visitors of the Milford brethren.

Misses Gladys and Helen Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, spent several days with us before completing their vacation in Latty, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert and children of Wichita, Kansas, were guests of Mrs. Lambert's family, the Frank Beers.

A large number of brethren and friends welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beer at a housewarming in their new home recently.

Mrs. Fred Wuthrich and Frank Beer, Jr., were recently added to the church. Elder Eli Dotterer was here for this service.

Morton, Illinois

The elders of our church held a special meeting at Morton, Illinois, June 4 with most of the elders being present.

Elder Philip Beyer of New York, Elder John Bahler of Connecticut, Elder Noah Hartzler from Ohio, and Elder Joe Wittmer from Kansas arrived a day previous to the meeting,

and church services were held Tuesday evening, June 3.

The funeral of Miss Rose Grimm was held Monday, June 16, and services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Getz. She reached the age of 80 years, but died suddenly of a heart attack. She lived in Morton the greater portion of her life.

On Sunday, June 22, baptismal services were held for six new converts, and we welcome them into the fold of the church.

Peoria, Illinois

We are happy to announce the following names who were added to the fold of Christ recently: Louis Wagenbach, Jim Hoerr, Richard Weigand, Anna Marie and Betty Plattner, and Clara Thomas.

Miss Mary Siebenthal underwent an operation recently and is making a satisfactory recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder are vacationing for two weeks in Colorado.

Several members of the Fairbury Church visited our congregation on June 22. They were guests at the home of Leroy Huber.

Robert Weyeneth, who has been attending college in Goshen, Ind., is back in Peoria for summer vacation.

Princeville, Illinois

We had many visitors with us Sunday, June 1. They were Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Schrock of Congerville, Ill., Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fisher and family of Chicago, Ill., and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Woertz, and many others from various congregations.

Rev. Frank Woertz performed the wedding ceremony uniting Miss Geraldine Stoller and Mr. Edwin Ringer in marriage.

Miss Esther Ehnle and Mr. LeRoy Streitmatter were married June 1. Miss Veriea Snyder of Roanoke, Ill., and Mr. Albert Ehnle of Princeton, Ill., were their attendants. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ehnle. The couple spent their honeymoon touring Colorado and other western states.

Elder David Mangold of Roanoke, Ill., Elder Rassi of Morton, Ill., were with us Sunday, June 15. Baptismal services were held in the evening at

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SALVATION (Cont. 16)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

However, to know and to do that which one knows, are two different things. Our text says: "For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil, which I would not, that I do:" "For to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." This is an exceedingly humbling truth; and Man will acknowledge it only if he loves the truth more than his pride. But only when he sees his hopeless enslavement under the dominion of sin, and his captivity to the law of sin, which is in his members, only then will he look for help outside himself, and cry in utter despair: "O wretched Man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer is "Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 7: 15-25). The work of the law written in the heart (as also the Mosaic Law), only condemns, because of Man's impotence to do it. But he is, as it were, "married to it" and bound to it and only death will make us loose and free from it, both as to its credits and debits on God's Books, its good and evil deeds, its Righteousness and Sin, its justification and condemnation, recorded there for or against the "Natural Man" who is "In the Flesh." These books are closed and he is "married to Another," even to Him by whose crucified Body, (he too and together with him), he became dead to the Law and with whom he is also risen again unto a newness of life, and in newness of spirit (Rom. 7:1-6). All things having become new, the old records are balanced and set aside, if not destroyed, and the new creatures Name, now belonging to the spiritual and heavenly Race of the last Adam, is recorded in heaven in the "other Book of Life."

Next month, the Lord willing, we will further explore into the hopelessness and wretchedness and incurable plight of the "natural Man," being "in the flesh" (Rom. 7:5 and 8: 8), in order that the blessed words of truth, of the Faithful Witness, may strike with ever more conviction: "Ye must be born again."

"... the Gentiles ... which shew the work of the law written in their hearts ..." (Rom. 2:14-15).

As we have previously observed, the knowledge of good and evil is a natural inheritance of every son of Adam, and is not as though he had written in his heart, the "spirit" of the law of God. This is a promise to Israel under the new covenant, yet future, and today under the election of grace, it is a promise to every true believer, regardless of race, whose heart God knoweth and has purified by faith, God also bearing them witness by giving them the Holy Ghost. (Acts 15:8-11). According to our text, the "natural man" shows the "work" of the law written in his heart and not the "spirit" of the law; and there is a vast difference between the two. The first is, as stated, for the "natural man," who receiveth not the things of the "spirit" of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Under this "work law," man is held responsible, for because of it being

Hymn of the Month

FARTHER ALONG

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Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder
Why it should be thus all the day long,
While there are others living about us,
Never molested tho' in the wrong.

When death has come and taken our loved ones,

It leaves our home so lonely and dread;
Then do we wonder why others prosper,
Living so wicked year after year.

Faithful till death said our loving Master,
A few more days to labor and wait;
Toils of the road will then seem as nothing,
As we sweep thro' the beautiful gate.

When we see Jesus coming in glory,
When He comes from His home in the sky;
Then we shall meet Him in that bright mansion,
We'll understand it all by and by.

Chorus—

Farther along we'll know all about it,
Farther along we'll understand why;
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine,
We'll understand it all by and by.

written in his heart, he discerneth and knoweth "by nature" the things he doeth, even from a child, whether they be good or whether they be evil, his conscience also bearing witness, and his thoughts the meanwhile accusing or else excusing one another. The tragedy and the plight of the "natural man" is, that while he has together with the gift of discernment of "the face of the sky and of the earth",—that is of the "natural,"—also the discernment "of himself to judge what is right," (Luke 12:56-57) but the "good that he would, he doeth not: but the evil, which he would not, that he doeth. For the will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good, I find not."

This impotency of the "natural man" to do as good as he knows and shun the evil, without God and spiritual regeneration, and without the enabling grace of God, "who worketh in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure" is a truth and revelation of Holy Scripture, which is very resentful to the "natural man" and his pride moves him on, bribing the voice of his conscience as it were, in self effort and struggling in the flesh, to do the good, he would do, seeking for glory and honour and peace, and even eternal life, which, admittedly, "a "patient continuance in well doing," would be worthy of, at least in the sight of men.

He hides from men and self his own failures, or at least greatly minimizes and excuses them, while he has a satisfaction in pointing out the failures of others and readily judges them harshly, not realizing that in so doing, he creates for himself a severe yardstick of judgment and condemnation. Furthermore, because of this double standard: a lenient one for self and a severe one for others, the Bible calls men "unrighteous." But the situation should be in reverse. Men should be very lenient toward others, and slow to judge: "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matt. 7:2.)

Evidently that man has not yet lived, who came up to my requirements—and was as good, as the stand-

ard of the work of the law, written in my heart, demands of the "other man." But let us ever remember: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest, doest the same things." (Rom. 2:1.) The work of the law,—written in the hearts or written on tables of stone, is, at best, a **hard yoke upon the neck**, which, as Peter says, "neither our fathers nor we were able to bear." (Acts 15:10). Unless and until, a "natural child of Adam" finds Liberty and Freedom from this "**unbearable yoke of bondage**," by a new relationship and Standing in Christ, the **last Adam**, he is unable to remove this yoke from his neck, he is held to this Law, is duty bound to keep it, answer to God for his every work and word in a judgment which is "**inescapable, just and righteous**" in the coming "**day of wrath**," in which God will render to every man according to his deeds: And now look into this mirror:

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing, seek for Glory and Honour and immortality, eternal Life: But to them that are contentious, and do not obey the Truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every Soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons." (Rom. 2:5-11).

Here then is a way to glory and honour, and even immortality and eternal life set before man, and it is the duty of every man to walk in it, by working good in patient continuance, obeying the truth and righteousness, and never doing evil. Can you walk in this way? Do you know of any one who can? Many, many, well meaning folks try it all their lives, and if they, at least love the truth more than their pride, they will acknowledge their dismal failure. To try to do the best you can, is not sufficient, according to this Scripture.

No,—to seek eternal life by work-

THE LORD'S APOSTLES

In prayer upon a mountain height
Our Savior spent the darkening night.
The prayer for helpers was His plea:
O, Father, wilt Thou choose for Me?

The Father heard; the answer came.
Of Thy disciples choose by name
The twelve, whom I have shown to Thee,
Thou shalt their Lord and Master be.

The call to Simon Peter came,
Though bold in heart, in Jesus' name
He failed, yet conquered, trusting still
He learned to do the Master's will.

Then Andrew was the Master's choice.
In steadfast faith he did rejoice
To help Him win the souls of men,
And guide them back to heaven again.

He looked to James; the Master's plea,
"Forsake the world, and follow me."
To Christ the Lord his soul was bound,
Until a martyr's death he found.

John was the Master's loving choice,
In Jesus' love he did rejoice.
His love and faith in Christ did blend,
He was the Master's bosom friend.

And Philip sought and found the Lord,
'Twas love and faith in one accord.
A deacon true,—great was his zeal.
His labors did his worth reveal.

Bartholomew was Jesus' friend.
This willing worker Christ did send
With others of Apostle band,
To harvest souls in distant lands.

ing Good is, to be sure, a **glorious way**, but man, carnal and "sold under sin" is utterly unable to attain glory and eternal life upon the way of good works. By the "**work of the law**" written in the heart of the Gentile, like with the Mosaic law to the Jew, is the **knowledge of sin**, and the **condemnation of the Sinner**. "There is none righteous, no, not one; there is none that doeth good, no not one . . . They are all gone out of the way . . . For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:9-12, 23.)

"Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith." For the law of works does give glory and honour even "before God" to the doers of the law,— it makes them just, and they have whereof to boast and whereof to glory. (Rom. 4:2). But the only one ever to have thus whereof to glory, was the Lord Jesus Christ.

(To be continued)

In Matthew did the Saviour find
A publican of humble mind.
Forsook the tax collector's part,
And gave to Christ a willing heart.

Of fear, dismay, and doubtful mind,
In Thomas we example find.
The risen Christ did faith afford,
Then Thomas cried, "My God, and Lord."

In James, the son of Alphaeus
A helper true and virtuous,
The Saviour found a worthy hand
To fill the dear Apostle band.

And Simon, called the Canaanite,
The Lord did bring to truth and light.
'Tis true his record is not plain;
Yet true to Christ he did remain.

Thaddaeus, called by Christ the Lord,
Obeyed the Master's voice and Word.
A true Apostle did he prove,
And labored on in faith and love.

Oh, how reluctantly we tell
That Judas by transgression fell!
By his betrayal crucified
Our Saviour languished, bled and died.

Matthias, now the ranks to fill,
Was chosen by the Father's will.
The holy band was thus supplied,
By God's own choice, and sanctified.

The chief of sinners once was Paul,
He who was chosen last of all;
Repentant, pardoned, labored most—
He's numbered with the heavenly host.

Henry Beer.

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"THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU"

There's a Gospel according to Matthew;
To Mark and to Luke and John too
There's another that many are reading—
The Gospel according to you.

All the teachings we find in the Bible,
Are but facts we believe to be true;
You must live them to make them the Gos-
pel—
The Gospel according to you.

Everyday you are writing your Gospel;
In this life you may never know who
May be helped or hindered by reading—
The Gospel according to you.

Many read not the words of the Bible;
I will tell you what some of them do,
They are reading the book you are writing—
The Gospel according to you.

There's power in the Minister's preaching,
So you say, I believe this is true;
But the thing that may tell most on others—
Is the Gospel according to you.

God help you to Christ to be faithful,
And to live all His teachings so true,
So that all may be seeing His Spirit,
In the Gospel according to YOU.

NEWS

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which time six young people became affiliated with our church.

The entire community mourns the loss of Joseph Stoller, who passed away at his home Saturday morning, June 14. He had been in failing health a number of years but was always willing to lend a helping hand and was a faithful teacher in the Sunday School a number of years. He had been bedfast for eight weeks before his death. Funeral services were held Monday, June 16.

Miss Rosene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, and Clifford Grimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm of West Bend, Iowa, were married Sunday, June 15. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in the evening. The couple will make their home in West Bend.

Miss Katherine Menold of California is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Menold, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kipfer, Margaret and Esther Kipfer of Grabill, Ind., and Irene Kipfer of Bluffton, Ind., spent several days in our community on the week end of Memorial Day.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer of Lowville, New York, and Elder and Mrs. John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, conducted services here Friday evening, June 6.

Remington, Indiana

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer of Lowville, New York, Elder and Mrs. John Bahler of Rockville, Connecticut, Elder Sam Aeschliman and Rev. Henry Dotterer of Bluffton, Indiana, and many others from various congregations spent June 2 with us.

We again enjoyed having visitors with us Sunday, June 22. Besides Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hueni of Bremen, there were also other guests from Bremen, Elgin, and Francesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Lucile, to Mr. Raymond Steffen of Elgin, Illinois.

Roanoke, Illinois

Miss Helen Hodel, Ruth and Anna Minger, Ruth and Esther Mangold and Mary Ann Leman spent the past week end with Miss Hodel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel, at Orrick, Missouri. The girls returned home Sunday evening accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hodel.

Mr. and Mrs. David Leman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Joanne Louise, born June 10.

Announcement of the coming marriage of Marlis Pfau and Jack Sauder, both of Roanoke, was made known Sunday, June 15. No wedding date has been set.

Elders John Bahler, of Rockville, Connecticut, and Philip Beyer, of Croghan, New York, spent Sunday, June 8, with us at Roanoke.

Fred J. Leman is recovering from an operation in the Methodist hospital in Peoria.

West Bend, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Fehr and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fehr and family spent Sunday, June 8th, at Morris, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bruellman and Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman visited the Ernest Bruellman family at Blue Earth, Minnesota, on Sunday, June 8th.

Rev. Jos. Banwart and Mrs. Mike Schmidt and Jerry and Crystal visited relatives at Lester, Iowa, the week end of June 8th.

Mrs. Bertha Gehring and daughter, Phylis, of Elgin, Iowa, visited relatives here June 12th and 13th.

The wedding of Rosene Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Princeville, Ill., and Clifford Grimm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, of West Bend, Iowa, took place in Peoria, Ill., June 15th. Those from here who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, Arlo, Edith, and Diane Grimm, Archie, Alvin, Betty, and Arnold Banwart, and Bernard Metzger.

Sunday, June 15th, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mogler, Lilly Thomann, and Florence and Berniece Banwart visited at Lester, Iowa.

Albert H. Keller passed away at his home in West Bend on Sunday,

June 22nd, at the age of 63. He leaves to mourn his wife, Bertha; and son, John; and daughters, Mrs. Walter Banwart and Mrs. Earl Banwart of West Bend, and Mrs. Reuben Metzger of Elgin, Iowa; and also six grandchildren. Rev. Michael Miller of Winthrop, Minnesota, held the services. Relatives and friends attended from Winthrop, Minnesota, Lester, Iowa, Elgin, Iowa, Morton, Ill., Fort Scott, Kansas, and Wisconsin.

Wolcott, Indiana

Mrs. Will Furrer enjoyed having her daughter, Mrs. Wayne Stoller, Latty, Ohio, at her home for two weeks after she (Mrs. Furrer) suffered a relapse on April 21, after having had a major operation.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer of Lowville, New York, and Elder and Mrs. John Bahler were visitors of Mrs. Furrer on their trip home.

Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Stoller and son, Darl, Mrs. Ida Zimmerman, and Mrs. Henry Laughauf of Latty, O., visited with friends in Wolcott, Ind., June 15.

Bible reading in the public schools is required in eleven states, prohibited by three states, and in the remaining thirty-four is permitted although not required, according to a survey by the American Bible Society.

States in which Bible reading is compulsory are Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Bible reading is prohibited in Illinois, Louisiana and Wisconsin.

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