



"And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day brings to our hearts and minds deep thoughts of love and gratitude.

As we think of our mothers, ever there comes forth the thoughts of never ending love and unselfish motives, which are found only in a true mother's heart. No task is too great, no day is too long or hard in time of sickness, and yet ever encouraging those in grief or distress.

She is kind, sympathetic, understanding, trustworthy, and last of all to mistrust or doubt her children. By the Word of God, she is duty bound and ever ready to serve. Indeed she is our truest friend.

The wonderful trust our Christian mothers have in God enable them to go on day by day, knowing there is a Higher Power watching over all, protecting and caring for her children in time of danger.

Mother's Day was instituted in our country some forty years ago. By presidential proclamation the national flag is flown on government buildings in honor of the day. Mother's Day observance was introduced into England some few years later.

Many are privileged to wear the red flower, in honor of their living mothers, while others must wear the white flower, in memory of our mothers who have passed on.

Regardless of which color flower you wear on this Mother's Day, your hearts should all be filled with thanks to God for YOUR MOTHER.

Forrest Ritzman.

WORKERS

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard." (St. Matt. 20:1)

And who can we say is this householder but our Lord and Saviour, who is inviting you and me to come into the vineyard and work for him, spiritually speaking, to give our heart

TREASURED VERSES

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

For what is a man profited, if He shall gain the whole world, and lose [forfeit] his own soul [life]? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul [life]?

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."
Matthew 16:25-27.

wholly unto Him, and consecrate our lives unto His service.

It is very interesting to note, in Chapter 20, that no instructions were given as to the type of work each should do nor the quantity that each should produce, but only commanded that they should go into the vineyard and work and that each would receive what was right.

This fact should be encouraging to every believer, because regardless of the talents or abilities that are entrusted to us, few or many, the reward will be ours if we but obey the Master's call and work. Also, that when the Lord promises that He will give "whatsoever is right," we can be assured that it will be so. This work need not mean that we must be a preacher, Sunday School teacher, trustee, or someone of importance in the church, but that in our own little corner exercise the talent entrusted to us so that God's name may be magnified thereby.

Some people are financially poor but are endowed with the gift of love and friendliness, so that in exercising this talent others can be encouraged and their path made brighter and their cross easier to bear; if we are able to visit sick people and console them, it is our duty to do so. Some are talented with kindness and good judgment and are able to smooth out troubles and such should not be backward in working this good work as required. Some members are exceptionally fitted for helping in the church work, some are blessed with financial good fortune and should give freely as the Spirit directs. May we also mention those that are the good neighbour who do not hesitate to open their homes for gatherings which increase the Christian fellowship.

There are so many more which

space does not permit us to mention. Can we not see, however, that there is some work to be done by every believer and that it should be done without thought of personal gain or honor but that through it all we can thereby earn the eternal reward which we know will be much more than we are worthy. Considerable personal satisfaction and peace of heart and mind may also be gained thereby in our lifetime in knowing that we are doing what the Master wishes.

Let us not wish to receive something of high standing for our efforts here below, but be content with that blessed reward of a place in heaven, just to enter into the gates and hear the Lord say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father." "For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in." (St. Matthew 25: a portion of verse 34 and verse 35).

Al Fisher.

Note: The scripture reference in the Article "Resurrection" by Elias Winzeler on page one, column 2, and the last line, of the March **Silver Lining** should be Psalm 33:6-9.

THE LOVELIEST STORY

The loveliest story we have learned
Has come from the long ago;
A story so blessed and sweet and true
Which we wish every one to know.

A Baby was born in a lowly place—
A stable—but shepherds came
And wise men, too, with their gifts
of worth,
Followed there 'neath a starry flame.

That Baby was Christ and our Savior
blest:

He went about doing good.
But cruel men took Him and then He
died
On a rough, rugged Cross of wood.

The loveliest part of this story true
Is that Jesus rose from the dead.
To give us life, just as flowers rise
With new life, from their earthly bed.

Hope, Peace, Faith and Love,
These are the jewels from God above,
Sent to earth on Easter morn,
For God's creation to adorn.

MY ANSWERED PRAYER

I asked to be made like my Saviour:
He took me right then at my word;
And sent me a heart-crushing burden
Till the depths of my soul was
stirred.

I asked for a faith strong, yet simple:
He permitted the dark clouds to
come;
And I staggered by faith through the
darkness,
For the storm had quite obscured
the sun.

I prayed to be filled with a passion
Of love for lost souls and for God;
And again, in response to my long-
ings,
I sank 'neath the chastening rod.

I wanted a place in His vineyard:
He took me away from my home;
And placed me among hardened sin-
ners,
Where I—humanly—stood all alone.

I saw I must give up my ambitions:
Which had been my "air castles" for
years;
But, as I knelt in consecration,
I whispered "Amen" through my
tears.

I wanted a meek, lowly spirit:
The work He gave answered that
cry;
Till some who had once been compan-
ions,
With a pitying smile passed me by.

I asked to lean hard on my Saviour:
He took human props quite away;
Till no earthly friend could give com-
fort,
And I could do nothing but pray.

They saw me out in the vineyard,
To harvest the ripening grain;
My eyes were still moistened with
weeping,
My heart was yet throbbing with
pain.

But many a heart that was broken,
And many a wrecked, blighted life,
Was made to thank God for my com-
ing,
And rejoiced in the midst of the
strife.

I had prayed to be made like my Sav-
iour,
And the burdens He gave me to
bear
Had been but the great Sculptor's
teaching,
To help answer my earnest prayer.

—Pilgrim Tract Society.

GOD'S TOMORROW

"Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord forever." Psalm 23:6.

As up life's mountain side I stray,
Thinking how wearisome the way,
I hear a sweet voice softly say,
" 'Tis better farther on."

What though the way be rough and
weary,
What though thy footsteps be
awearry,
Look up, faint heart, and be more
cheery,
'Tis better farther on.

When up the last steep hill we go,
And see the valley all below,
'Tis then we feel and see and know
'Tis better farther on.

Though thickest mist thy path doth
veil,
And storms and thunder-clouds pre-
vail,
No heart that will trust should ever
quail,
'Tis better farther on.

Behind are all the mists and tears,
Behind are all our cares and fears,
But soon the heavenly gate will ap-
pear,
Just a little farther on.

Are you tired, look up and see the
break of a new day—it is God's To-
morrow.

Note: No paper was mailed in April. This will be the only paper mailed in May. Much of the news and writings were for the April paper. For the June paper, we hope to be more on a timed schedule. Around the 15th of the month you may receive future papers.

The Dying's Last Message to the Living

John Wesley said, "Our people die well." After God has given a soul definite assurance of its adoption into His family and that soul has maintained that experience by walking humbly and closely with God, it is easy to die.

Few today ever receive a definite Divine witness of the Spirit that makes them bold in the presence of death.

The attending physician today, when he sees his remedies are failing to restore the patient back to health and that death is soon to lay its icy hand on that mortal frame, gives a potion to the patient that eases pain, but invariably weakens the consciousness of the mental faculties. The patient then "just sleeps his life away."

The modern physician is trained to do this, thinking he is doing the patient a humane service by alleviating his pain, and that he is saving his friends the sorrow that may come to them because of the agonizing cries of the soul that is dying without hope of God.

A prominent physician in this city (Cincinnati) said, "If I did not give them (the dying) dope they would make a lot of noise." "Doctor, what would that 'noise' be about?" They would pray (not ashamed to pray now), and call for others to bring their enemies to their bedside so they could ask their forgiveness. Some of them would get a glimpse of the awful future and see demons waiting to seize their wicked spirit as it leaves the body.

It was not uncommon in the early times, before this modern day when the dying are given the stupefying draught, that the saints would shout the high praises of God and hear entrancing heavenly melodies from the glory world, and would see the angels who were to convoy them to everlasting bliss.

It would seem that in these closing days that the dying are not met by a delegation, as formerly, from the unseen world. Why? **THE DYING ARE DOPED!**

The dying should not be deprived

of their last opportunity of giving a testimony to the living, whether they are being ushered into a world of eternal joys or everlasting woe.

The following account is true in every detail: About the year 1906, there was a man by the name of Lucien Weaver, who with his family lived near Owensville, Ohio (25 miles east of Cincinnati). He lived on Jackson Pike, about two miles out from this country village of 300 inhabitants.

Mr. Weaver was a man of few words, but if any one needed a friend, he could go to this man with confidence that, if possible, Mr. Weaver would help him.

He had two daughters, Anna and Florence. His daughter, Anna, who lived about one-half mile from his home, was very low with the dreaded disease of tuberculosis.

Mr. Weaver and his wife dearly loved Anna and would go and sit with her as her death seemed very near. Anna was a devout Christian just waiting for the summons of her Lord. Mr. Weaver caught cold during these nightly vigils, which resulted in pneumonia. He was very sick from the beginning. Anna died and was buried but Mr. Weaver was not told of it, for they feared to let him know of the death of his beloved child, as it might make him worse.

He lived a few days after Anna's death. For about two hours before he died he talked much. Those present in his room were his family and the attending physician. He constantly told them of the beautiful music he was hearing. He held continuous conversations with friends he had known on earth, but who had departed to be with Christ; among them were his father and mother.

The friends at his bed-side would often ask him questions concerning what he was seeing and hearing, which he answered intelligently. Toward the last he suddenly exclaimed: "Why, there is Anna!" "Anna, I did not know that you had gone ahead of me!"

Every dying soul has a testimony for the living, and they have a right to be permitted to keep a clear mind to the last. The dying testimony of

the sinner as well as the saint is of great importance to the community.

Dying folks, invariably, will tell the truth when facing eternal realities. A minute of testimony in the dying hour may be worth more to the world than all one may have done and said during a life time.

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OUR GLORIOUS SPRING

Spring is here in all its wealth
Bringing joy; promoting health
Sprouting blossoms on the trees
Bringing sounds of birds and bees.

Spring is here—it's here to stay
Days grow longer, day by day.
Hearts are lighter, having fun,
Knowing that the winter's done.

As we ride along we see
Farmers busy as can be
Sowing seeds into the ground
Fearing April's thunder sound!

Birds and beasts alike are still
Sleeping soundly now until
They shall rise again anew
Each a task has set to do.

Springy dew is on the grass
Left from when the night did pass.
Morning light has come again
Man shall soon awake and reign.

Likewise, as I now have told,
God's true children shall behold
Such a spring in future life
After winter—life long strife!

Do not be among the clan
Who neglected God's great plan
Heedlessly did pass it by
Thinking, "I'm too young to die."

Be as Farmers in the spring
Sow your seeds! Your heart will sing
If they're planted 'fore the storm
They, with care, great fruit will form!

You will then be one of few
Who to God have remained true.
They shall be the ones who then
Shall, like Spring, live once again!

—Eleanor Stoller.

NEWS

Toledo, Ohio

Funeral services were held for Emma Meister February 7 by Elder Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, and Rev. Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana. Emma passed away February 4.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman and those who were with them from Bluffton stayed over Sunday. A blessed day was had by all.

Church services were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Jr., in Detroit, Michigan, February 9 by Elder Otto Ramseyer, Rev. Henry Wackerle, and Rev. Joe Waibel all of Bay City, Michigan. Those attending from Toledo were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck, Thomas Grant, Robert Stevens, Willis Eisenmann, Mrs. Julia Grant, Misses Clara Eisenmann, Minnie Zeltwanger, Catherine Rager, and Emily Frautschi.

Elder and Mrs. Elias Dotterer of Junction, Ohio, and Elder and Mrs. Noah Bauman of Rittman, Ohio, visited here Sunday, February 22. Baptismal services were held for Mrs. Mary Bauman Hiles of Monroe, Michigan. Mrs. Hiles' five brothers, sister, daughter, two grandchildren, and two nieces were here for the day. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sabo and others from Mansfield, Ohio, also visited us that Sunday. Communion Services were also held February 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ross have moved to Toledo from Chicago. Mrs. Ross is the former Emily Grant.

Wolcott, Indiana

On Sunday, February 22, Elder George Yergler visited us, and we enjoyed a blessed day. Irvin Lehman was selected as our new minister. We wish him much grace and many blessings in this calling. Brother Elmer Zollinger and others from Rittman and a number from Remington, and Francesville were with us for evening services.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughter, Velma, and Rev. John Trachsel attended the funeral of a cousin, J. H. Ackerman, at Morton on February 26. They also visited Misses Pauline and Wilma Nussbaum at Bloomington and the Fred Feldmans at Fairbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Furrer and son, Jack, visited relatives in Chicago the week-end of February 29.

Mrs. Norman Stoller and son and Misses Mary Ellen and Imogene Gudeman of Fort Wayne visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gudeman recently.

Bluffton Indiana

Max Steffen and Sylvan Frauhofer have returned from a vacation to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dubach, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerber, the Misses Elizabeth, Margaret, and Joan Gerber, Dina Fae Steffen, Christine Dubach, and Doris Fiechter spent Sunday, February 29, in Latty, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Aeschliman spent the week-end of February 29 in Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schieber, Mr. and Mrs. Klaus and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bower from Cissna Park, Illinois, visited in our community over the week-end of February 29. They were guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaehr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechtold and others from Fairbury, Illinois, spent Saturday evening, February 28, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dubach.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moser held a reception in their home on Sunday, March 7, in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Goldie, to Arthur Kipfer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kipfer.

Evening services were conducted here on Thursday, March 4, by Rev. Arthur Gudeman of LaCrosse, Indiana.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman spent Sunday, March 7, in Mansfield, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klopfenstein from Toledo, Ohio, visited relatives and friends in our community over the week-end of Mar. 7.

A reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner

on Sunday, March 14, in honor of the marriage of their daughter, Delores, to William Shady.

Matt Wieland and sons, Roy and James, from Bay City, Michigan, spent the week-end of March 14 in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab and Miss Nora Gilliom attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Getz in Milford, Indiana on Sunday, March 14.

Miss Vilas Birkey from Morton, Illinois, visited in our community over the week-end of March 14.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber's daughter, Marcene, born March 1; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maller's son, Rodney Lee, born March 13; and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Meyer's daughter, Roberta Kay, born March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kipfer, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. William Aeschliman, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman spent the week-end of March 14 visiting relatives and friends in Morton, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schwartz and Lula attended the wedding of Margaret Kipfer and David Schlatter at the Leo church on Sunday, March 21.

Dorothy and Joyce Moser, Irene Isch, Alice Troxel, Justine Fiechter, Lillian Ringger, Phyllis Gerber, Don Gerber, Vernon and Robert Gerber, Truman Baumgartner, Alvin Fiechter, Richard Yergler, Kenneth Troxel, and Hubert Isch spent the week-end of March 21 in Roanoke, Illinois.

Mrs. Sam Aeschliman has been removed from the hospital to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Ringger, after having undergone a major operation March 11.

An aged brother, Ephraim Kipfer, 89, passed away Tuesday, March 23, at the home of his son, Ben, with whom he lived. Surviving are two sons, Ulrich from near Grabill and Ben from near Bluffton; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Wahl and Mrs. Fred Gerber from Ohio; 18 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; three brothers, Joel, William, and Dan; and one sister, Mrs. Katie Reinhard. Funeral

services were conducted Good Friday afternoon, March 26, with many present from Leo and Milford, Indiana, Latty, Toledo, and Mansfield, Ohio.

Baptismal services were conducted by Elder Sam Aeschliman on Easter Sunday for Si Fulkerson. Mr. Fulkerson's wife is the former Velma Steffen.

A shower was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Dubach Wednesday evening, March 31, in honor of Evelyn Aschliman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Aschliman, Miss Aschliman's marriage to Harold Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Gerber, will take place early this spring.

Mr. Robert Yergler, a patient at Irene Byron Sanatorium in Fort Wayne Indiana, was able to spend the Easter holidays with his wife and son at home. He returned to the sanatorium again Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meyer and family spent Sunday, March 21 visiting in Gridley, Illinois.

Announcement was made Easter Sunday of the engagement of Virjean Steffen, daughter of Mrs. John Steffen, and Roy Reinhard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Reinhard.

Burlington, Oklahoma

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi and son of Morton, Illinois, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder, and many friends and relatives here.

Misses Eilene Schock and Dorothy Miller of Morton, Illinois, visited relatives and friends here recently.

Brother John Barth of Wichita, Kansas, visited our church recently. He was accompanied by Mrs. John Barth and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aschliman.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher and daughter, Nancy, and Kathryn and Erma Miller returned from a visit in Illinois; Iowa; and Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Chicago, Illinois

Those from here who attended the funeral of Samuel Fehr at Roanoke, Illinois, March 21, were Carolina Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Meyers and children, Nancy and Leonard, Mrs. Ben Hofer, Miss Loretta Buettner, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Meyers, and Walter Meyers.

On March 21, we had many visitors here from Milford and Bremen, Indiana, and from Elgin, Illinois. Mr. and

Mrs. Tofel Steffen, Jonathan Steffen and family, and many others.

Thursday, March 18, a supper was served in the church basement in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Greiner, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrenk, who have just returned from their wedding trip. About 90 persons were served.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wingier from Alto, Michigan, attended church services in Chicago, on Sunday, March 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer spent Sunday, March 7 at the Leo church; they were week-end guests at the homes of Eli Farneys and Elias Winzellers.

We are glad to hear that Edward Wreath, who has been in the hospital, is now at home recovering.

Croghan, New York

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer, Mr. and Mrs. John Widrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler spent the week-end of March 7 at Rockville, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Farney have returned home from visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beyer sold their farm and purchased the Beyer homestead farm from Ralph Beyer, his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luginbill, Mrs. Kenneth Virkler, John Stockberger, and Leonard Luginbill from Rockville, Connecticut, are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramsier of Bay City, Michigan, are visiting her mother and family, Mrs. Amanda Virkler.

Fort Scott, Kansas

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knobloch from Lester, Iowa; John Moser from Sabetha, Kansas; and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marti and Marie, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Banwart and children from Lamar, Missouri, visited friends and relatives here February 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Noel and children, Linda Schmidgall from Hancock, Minnesota, and Mrs. Elizabeth Marti from Sabetha, Kansas, visited relatives here March 5.

Mr. A. R. Sinn and Mr. Raymond Banwart visited the Lamont, Kansas, Church, Sunday evening, March 7.

Mr. Sam Anliker and Ione, Mrs. Sam Schwab, Vernon and Dorothy, and Mrs. Hulda Jacobs from Madison, Kansas, visited our congregation March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi and Timmy, Eilene Schock and Dorothy Miller of Morton, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart and Joan of Lamar, Missouri, visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart the evening of Mar. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banwart and Wayne Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banwart and Eldon from West Bend, Iowa, visited several days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart and family.

Several of our congregation attended the wedding of Dorothy Marti and Paul Wagenbach at Lamar, Missouri, Sunday, March 21.

Rev. and Mrs. Peter Fankhauser from Madison, Kansas, visited our congregation on Good Friday evening. We had a very solemn hour with an impressive sermon and the partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Lamar, Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marti and sons, Robert and Charles, and Mrs. Sarah Braker and son, Leonard, spent the week-end of February 29 in Oakville, Iowa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Banwart returned on March 10 from a trip to Taylor, Missouri; LaCrosse, Indiana; Fairbury, Illinois; and Oakville, Iowa.

Dorothy Marti, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Marti of Lamar, and Paul Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa, were united in marriage by Rev. Jacob Pfister on Sunday, March 21. Among those attending the wedding were Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach and children, Ada, Barbara, Dorothy, Teresa and John; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Woodward; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gerst; Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock and Charlen; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank; Russel Wuthrich and his mother, Mrs. Albert Wuthrich; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banwart and Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banwart and Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder; and some from Ft. Scott, Kansas, including Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Mary Schlupp has shown an improvement since March 17. She fell and broke her leg on January 16. She is now able to sit in a wheel chair and enjoy company. She is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lanz, her daughter.

Leo, Indiana

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber on February 22 were Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr, Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder, Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler, Richard, James, and Dorothy Winzeler, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winzeler and children, Robert Reuter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr and children, Cornelius Levy, Mrs. Bertha Blough, Mrs. Henry Schwartz, Edward, Odie, Maggie, and Mary Schlatter, Carolyn Gudeman, Laura Gerber, and Martha Moser.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber entertained many guests to refreshments at 3:00 Sunday afternoon, February 29. After spending a social hour, the group were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clauss at the new Hobby House.

Miss Amelia Scharlach of Remington was an over-night guest March 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gerber.

Miss Mamie Schlatter and David Norr are confined at the Methodist Hospital, recuperating from major operations. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Miss Astella Pulvermacher and Mr. Richard Lantz were married April 3 1948, at Madison, Wisconsin. The wedding dinner and the reception was held at Hotel Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. David Lantz, Wayne Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Souder, Mr. Gerald Widner, and Misses Delores Widner and Barbara Lantz made the trip that they might celebrate with the bride and groom.

The Leo Sunday School had their Easter Program Sunday evening, March 28. A song story about Holy Week was enacted with the choir rendering the musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pulfer are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank thank their many friends for their assistance and expressions of sympathy at the time of their recent bereavement.

Lester, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doorneweerd are the parents of a daughter, Lois Eileen, born March 1.

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold, Elder Noah Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fisher, Mr.

and Mrs. George Bruelman, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bruelman, Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. William Luthi, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Anliker visited with our congregation Monday, March 15.

As soon as the weather permits, construction will be started on the Lester church.

Mansfield, Ohio

Announcement was made Sunday, March 14, of the engagement of Evelyn Sauder, daughter of William Sauder, and Eli Manz of Junction, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dotterer, and Elizabeth and Clara Wahl attended the wedding of Margaret Kipfer and David Schlatter.

Mother Dapper passed from this life March 29, at the age of 86 years. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 1. She was the mother of John Dapper of Maywood, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulfer are moving on a farm north of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabo attended the funeral of Mrs. Sabo's uncle, Albert Steffen, of Fairbury, Illinois, March 29.

Peoria, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Stoller of Latty, Ohio, visited Peoria relatives and friends recently. Rev. Stoller conducted evening services here on March 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weyeneth and son of Goshen, Indiana, are visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth, for a ten day Easter vacation.

Mrs. Sam Kilgus and daughters, Emily and Alta, and Miss Arlene Bahler of Remington, Indiana, visited relatives and friends here on Sunday, March 21. Miss Emma Beckley, who had visited here for several days, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Baurer are the happy parents of a daughter, born March 27.

On Easter Sunday, three souls were added to the fold of Christ through baptism. They were Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Welk and Miss Marjorie Getz.

Our Sunday School presented their Easter Program to a large audience Sunday evening, March 28.

Princeville, Illinois

The Misses Leona and Gladys Eggli of California and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fehr and daughter of Roanoke, Illinois, spent Sunday, February 29, in our congregation.

A group of young people from our congregation spent March 7 in Remington, Indiana. They were guests in the home of Jacob Bahler.

Elder Emil Schubert and Rev. Roy Sauder of Peoria conducted services here March 14.

Rev. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold returned home March 26 after spending the past several weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mrs. Leuthold is somewhat improved from the treatments she received there.

A number from our congregation went to the home of Carl Klumpp Sunday evening, March 7, and held church services for him, as he is confined to his home for the past year as a result of injuries received in a fall.

We have several proud parents of new babies. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knobloch and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Endress are the parents of daughters, while Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Feucht and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Streitmatter are parents of sons.

Rudolf Dallinger returned to a Peoria hospital and on Saturday, March 27, submitted to surgery. He recently spent five weeks there following surgery.

Mrs. Sam Grimm passed away very suddenly at her home in Princeville, Friday, March 26, following a heart attack. Funeral services were held Easter Sunday with Rev. Ben Heiniger of Morton and Frank Woertz of Goodfield officiating. A large number of friends and relatives from Iowa were present for the services.

Mrs. Alpha Adelman and Eugene of Sabetha, Kansas, spent several days recently visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Stahl, and other relatives.

Pulaski, Iowa

Miss Mary Miller, daughter of Hattie Miller, became the bride of Roger Moser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moser of Oakville, Iowa, on Sunday, March 28. The ceremony was officiated

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ARE WE DOING OUR DUTY?

We are now at the season of the year in which we are reminded how the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, our dear Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, was crucified. He did only good unto God and man. Our sins and transgressions so pressed Him that He prayed to His Heavenly Father in the garden of Gethsemane so earnestly and fervently that His sweat became as drops of blood. In His anguish He prayed to the Heavenly Father that if it were possible, the cup might pass from Him. "Nevertheless," said He, "not what I will, but what thou wilt." He bore the crown of thorns and died on the cross on Calvary. He was buried. But thanks to God, He did not remain in death and grave, but triumphantly arose and ascended into Heaven where He now sits on the right hand of God and intercedes for you and me. Now the question is, Do we love Jesus as we ought? Let us ask ourselves, are we devoting our lives, our strength, and our all to His service? Are we living and spending our time to become more and more to His likeness? that when He comes to call us from this life, He can acknowledge us as His own and take us with Him into eternal glory and happiness?

Then onward brethren! Let us hasten thither—
'Tis worth the hardship and the pain we bear
To climb this path for there shall never wither
The blest inheritance which we shall share!

Aaron A. Sauder.

ALONE

"Thou art alone!" the voice of doubt
loud cries,
"Thou art alone; these words despise
That promise thee a God to watch
o'er thee,
A hand to guide thee o'er the stormy
sea
Of life. Oh, man, thou art alone!"
"Alone?" the echo soft returns to
me—

"Wast thou alone when thou wast
on the sea,
Tossed by the waves, in danger of
thy life?
Wast thou alone when thou wast in
the strife
And toil of war in battle's heat?"

O Lord, forgive me for my unbelief;
E'en though I caused thee sorrow,
Lord, and grief
By wandering on my own, my erring
way,
Thou still hast ever been my guide
and stay.
Oh, no — I never was alone.

Instead, O Lord, thou didst, unloved,
love me,
And called me to be thine eternally;
And now, in every step along life's
path,
Thou dost console me with thy rod
and staff.—
I thank thee that thou dwell'st with
me.

Arthur L. Moser

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

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On the Rock of Ages I am now secure,
Thru the stormy weather I shall e'er
endure;
There are many things I do not un-
derstand,
Why so many build upon the sinking
sand.

O this Rock was tested many years
ago,
And they failed to move it, either to
or fro;
Whither are you building, said the
Son of man,
On the Rock of Ages, or the sinking
sand?

In this Rock of Ages let me safely
hide
Till the storms are over, restful is the
tide;
Sheltered by a building, one not made
by hand,
On the Rock of Ages, not upon the
sand.

REASSURANCE

When our life is dark and dreary,
And we're troubled, weak, and weary;
Don't give up the fight.
We know the One who gave us breath,
The One who also calls in death;
Does all things right.

Every sorrow has a meaning
If on Jesus' breast we're leaning,
And in Him we trust.
From it we're some lesson learning,
Till our body is returning
Into earth and dust.

Daily joys and heav'nly pleasure,
Which we have in such great measure,
Strengthen our weak soul.
For the love of Christian brothers
Is exceeded by no others,
Though the ages roll.

If our trials cause us weeping,
Place the burdens in Christ's keeping,
He will lighten the load.
He's our guide and our protection,
Leading us in the direction
Of the narrow road.

May He grant us grace and blessing,
While His Spirit we're possessing,
That we reach our goal.
So in heaven, with our Maker,
We, of rest, shall be partaker
For our weary soul.

Charles J. Sauder.

Matthew 6:13 — The American re-
vised version omits the last part:
"For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever.
Amen." The Jamieson, Fausset and
Brown commentary does not state
definitely; the writer states probably
this was not in the original.

Chorus:

O dear Lord help me to build, Build
the house you have planned,
When the storms of life assail, Yes, I
know it will stand;
O dear Lord help me to do, do the
best, best I can,
Build my house upon the Rock, Not
upon the sinking sand.

NEWS

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ed by Elder Noah Schrock. Supper was served to relatives and friends. In the evening a reception was held. The couple left on a wedding trip to the South. Their home will be on a farm near Oakville, Iowa.

Relatives and friends from a distance were from Gridley, Princeville and Peoria, Illinois, and Oakville, Iowa.

Oakville, Iowa

On March 7, Rev. Ben Banwart and his wife from Lamar, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kircher from Burlington, Oklahoma, visited us. We had a blessed day. Also guests from the Morton, Peoria, and Roanoke congregations were with us on March 7.

On Friday evening, March 12, Elder David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fischer and Mr. and Mrs. George Martin stopped here on their way to West Bend, Iowa. They left for West Bend the next day. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Anliker and Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock went along from here.

Baptismal services were held on Sunday, March 14.

Mrs. Joseph Eisenman was at church Sunday, March 14, for the first time since her operation.

Mr. and Mrs. William Funk from Gridley, Illinois, visited us March 14.

Remington, Indiana

We had visitors here on March 9 from Princeville and Cissna Park Illinois.

The wedding of Miss Lois Frey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frey, and Mr. Edwin Bahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler, took place on Sunday evening, March 28, at 7:30, in the presence of many relatives and friends in the church. The ceremony was performed by Elder Henry Kilgus, an uncle of the groom. After a short wedding trip, the young couple will be at home on a farm here. We wish them God's many blessings.

The Easter program was given by our Sunday School classes on Good Friday evening in the church assembly room. It was very interesting and was well attended.

Roanoke, Illinois

Samuel Fehr of Roanoke passed away at his home on Thursday, March

18. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, March 21, with many friends and relatives attending.

The engagement of Helen Feller of Cissna Park, Illinois, and Richard Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois, was announced Sunday, March 21. The couple plan a late June wedding.

Three carloads of young members from Bluffton, Indiana, spent the week-end of March 21 with us. We enjoyed them very much and hope they will come back soon.

West Bend, Iowa

On Sunday, March 14, we enjoyed these visitors:

Elder Noah Schrock, Elder and Mrs. David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. George Martin, Reverend and Mrs. Paul Fehr, Mr. and Mrs. Zeltwanger, Mr. and Mrs. William Luthi, Reverend Henry Mogler and Philip, Louisa Mogler, Alvia Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Metzger and baby, Chris, Ernest Salome, and Viola Kellenberger, and Frieda Metzger, Clara Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Anliker, Reverend George Metzger, Noah Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Metzger and Mary Ann, Ruth Schupbach, and Bert and Paul Butikofer.

On Saturday, March 28, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, Edith and Loraine Grimm, and Mr. and Mrs. William Metzger, and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Metzger and Gloria went to Princeville, Illinois, to the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Grimm.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banwart and Eldon and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Banwart and Wayne spent a few days in Ft. Scott, Kansas, and Lamar, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Metzger and family spent Sunday, March 21, at Lester, Iowa.

Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Fehr, Elmer Fehr, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Luthi attended the funeral of Samuel Fehr at Roanoke, Illinois.

I'M ON MY WAY

So often in my sinful state
I longed for peace in heart
But worldly joys seemed much too
great
For me to from them part.

Though many times I heard His cry,
Yes, heard the Master's call

I heedlessly did pass it by
And into sin did fall.

But now the plant is bearing fruit
I have confession made.
The seed has found the needed root
With grace it shall not fade!

How clearly now I see the way
Provided by God's hand
His wondrous love shall with me stay
O'erwhelming earth's vain stand!

Though on this straight and narrow
way
Great trials I shall meet
If I will always watch and pray,
The devil I'll defeat!

God's grace has brought me safe thus
far,
His grace will lead me on
I'm trusting in His loving care
To safely guide me home!

If true and faithful 'til life's end,
I shall then be found,
To heav'n with Him I shall ascend
God's glory to resound!

Though all my life I lived amiss
By sinning 'gainst the Word,
I now have found true happiness
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord!

If only would my loving friends
Come with me—now—today!
They'll ne're be sorry if He sends
Them with me on my way!

Eleanor Stoller.

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