



And he said, lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son. Gen. 22:12.

And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. Genesis 22:11.

Night Scenes In the Bible

Abraham's Night Vision at Beersheba
Genesis 22 Chapter, 1-2 Verses

"And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

This is the sacred narrative. We believe Abraham was an hundred and twenty years old when he received this strange and startling command to offer his only and beloved son, Isaac, upon an unknown mountain in the land of Moriah. The message came to him in a vision of the night in his quiet home in Beersheba. We can imagine there was no more sleep for him that night, after he had heard that mysterious voice, which spoke only to him and which only he could hear. He already passed for an old man even upon the longer average of life in his time. It was no longer easy for him to bend before the storm of affliction and rise with renewed strength when the blow was past. It is hard for an old man to find that the sorest trial is reserved until last. Fifty years before, when Abraham left the land of his fathers, the prospect of a long life yet to be enjoyed helped him in his first great

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THE SEVEN DISPENSATIONS

Many times we have heard references made to the old and new dis-

Testament period. Dispensation refers to certain periods of history. The Old Testament is actually divided into five different dispensations. The first dispensation is that of "Innocency," starting at the beginning of creation and lasting less than one hundred years. During this period was the creation of man, the downfall of man, and the expulsion from the garden. Through sin, man became separated from God.

TREASURED VERSES

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again unto you.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Genesis 22:3-8.

dispensations. The old dispensation refers to the Old Testament period and the new dispensation to the New

The second dispensation was that of "Conscience." This period was between the time of the expulsion from the garden to the great flood, a period of 1656 years. This was the time in which Cain slayed his brother Abel, and from the time of Abel until Noah there were few true followers of God. Enoch, through his obedience to God, was given the special privilege of being taken up without ever seeing death. During this period, the people became so wicked that it repented God that He ever made man, and in order to destroy this wickedness, He permitted the great flood to come about.

The third dispensation is that of "Human Government." This period brought about the appearance of established government. During this time there were great men of great thoughts. It might have been during this period, as many times referred to, "that there is nothing new developed today but what has been developed sometime in the past." It was

also during this period the great pyramids of Egypt were made. The people became so exalted and disobedient to God that they attempted to build the tower of Babel, thinking they could reach Heaven by this method. It was necessary for God to punish them by confusing the tongues which brought about the separate speeches, and it was necessary for them to form separate nations. This dispensation lasted for a period of 427 years.

The fourth dispensation was that of "Promise." Up to this time God had been dealing with nations as a whole. It was during this period that God called Abraham to Canaan and made the promise to him and his people that they would inherit the land forever. It was also during this period that Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and the twelve tribes of Israel prospered until they became a source of danger to the Egyptians, so they placed the Israelites under bondage and slavery. This period lasted for 430 years.

The fifth dispensation is that of "Law," which lasted for a period of 1524 years. During this period, God called Moses to deliver the Jews from bondage in Egypt, at which time occurred the great Passover. Moses led the people through the Red Sea toward the land of Canaan, and God provided his people with manna and water during the 40 years that they stayed in the wilderness. Nearly all the prophets lived during this time.

The sixth dispensation is that of "Grace," the dispensation that we are living in at this time, in which there is freesalvation to all men. During this period we had the resurrection of the Lord, and the Holy Spirit that descended upon the people at Pentecost; and the world has its greatest opportunity for Salvation, which means that the people living during this period carry a greater responsibility toward God, and a greater judgment will be brought upon them than any of the people living in other dispensations. During this period, and before the coming of our Lord, the Jews will move to Palestine and will live there for a certain period of time, but will not

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act of obedience to the Divine command.

But now he needed repose. His quiet home in Beersheba had been sought as a place of rest. There he had planted the sacred grove and reared a living temple for the worship of the Most High. There he had set up an altar and called on the name of Jehovah, the everlasting God. There he had sunk deep wells in the rock and opened fountains of living waters upon the borders of the desert. There he had gathered round him a great household, even hundreds of servants and herdsmen, and thousands of camels and sheep, goats and cattle. His flocks and tents covered all the grassy plain between the deserts of Arabia and the hills of Judea. There Abraham had become very rich in silver and gold, and he was already greatest among all the men of the East. There was fulfilled to him the Divine promise in the gift of Isaac, the son of his hopes and his heart. He had left father and mother, kindred and country, at the Divine command. He had lived a pilgrim and stranger in a land not his own. He had clung to the Divine Promise, when to all human judgment it seemed an impossibility. He had already borne grief and bitterness in sending forth Ishmael to wander in the wilderness. And after all these trials of faith, could there be another and greater to wring his aged heart when he was least able to bear it?

be converted or recognize Christ as their Lord until He comes, at which time they will be converted as a nation and not individually. At the end of this dispensation will come the resurrection of all the saved dead and the translation of all living believers in the Lord.

The seventh dispensation is that of "Kingdom." It begins with the second coming of Christ, at which time Satan will be chained for a thousand years. Satan will then be loosed a short while before the end. Then will come the final judgment.

Ben Getz.

The voice in the night vision at Beersheba must have fallen upon Abraham like a peal of thunder from a cloudless sky. The terrible command seems to have been intentionally chosen to harrow his soul. Four times the emphasis falls where it would give deepest pain, "Take now thy son, thine **only** son Isaac, whom thou **lovest**." It would have been enough to break an old man's heart to lose such a son by sickness and death, but even then he could be watched over and comforted in his last hours. How could a father shed the life blood of his son? How could he light the fire that would burn the body to ashes in his sight? If Isaac had been a disobedient son or had caused his parents grief, but on the contrary, he was gentle, amiable, and greatly loved. How cruel must have seemed that voice which commanded him to blot out that life in which he himself lived anew in his old age. If it had been his silver or gold, his flocks or herds, his promised land or peaceful home that he was asked to give up, or if he had been commanded to spend the remainder of his life in poverty or exile, it would have been hard for an old man. But it would have been nothing compared with the command to sacrifice his only son with his own hand. The voice came in a vision of the night. It might have seemed to him that he had dreamed. He arises to try and dispel the dream in the cool air under the bright stars, and he remembers the Divine voice which called him out of Chaldea fifty years before, that had once said to him "Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: so shall thy seed be." Can it be that same voice has commanded him to slay his son? Again he remembers the words of the Divine voice "I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered." And now this same voice has commanded him to slay his son. Shall he believe both when one contradicts the other and so at last an old man go childless and in sorrow to the grave? He looks northward and eastward and sees the light of

altar fires upon the hilltops; and he well knows the heathen inhabitants of the land offer their own children in sacrifice to Moloch, Baal, and Chemosh. Shall the worshipper of the true God become like one of them and stain his hand with the blood of his son? He bows at the foot of the altar he had reared unto Jehovah in an agony of prayer for more light. The dawn comes up in the eastern heavens and he knows that it will soon be day. If the journey is to be undertaken, there is no time for delay. If the command be from God it must be obeyed; the quickest obedience will be found the easiest and best. Abraham knows all this and the father of the faithful was not a man to dally or seek excuse when once the way of duty, however hard, is plain. So he goes silently to one of the tents and calls two of his servants. They prepare wood for the sacrifice and lay it upon the beast of burden and the aged father calls his son. Shall he tell him what is the object of the journey? How can he tell him? It seems a better time when they are far away on the long journey.

But shall not the son be permitted to take leave of his mother? It would be cruel not to do so; but how can it be done without confessing the object of the journey and perhaps make it impossible for Abraham to obey the divine voice. We do not read in the sacred narrative what perplexing questions passed in Abraham's mind; but it does say that he arose early in the morning and saddled his ass, took two of his young men and Isaac, his son, and went unto the place of which God had told him. It must have been a very oppressive first day's journey in company with his only son to whom he had always confided in and now must keep a secret from. Every time he looked at his unsuspecting face he must have turned away to hide a tear. Many times he must have felt it was deception not to make known the dreadful object of the journey and yet we believe he did not.

When night came they all lay down. Isaac and the young men slept. Then the agonizing father

could withdraw from the company and pour out the sorrow of his heart under cover of the darkness, even as a greater Sufferer prayed in his agony "Oh if it be possible let this cup pass from me." The stars come out and remind him so clearly of the Divine promise "As the number of the stars, so shall thy seed be;" and he is on his way to sacrifice his only son. All night he waits if peradventure that voice which gave the terrible command will speak again and tell him his faith has been sufficiently tried, his son may live. But no message comes. Another day begins and they renew their journey and hasten on. As they approach the hills, Abraham looks at each one with trembling; lest he shall see the sign of the place where the sacrifice must be made. He passes the oaks of Mamre where he interceded so fervently for guilty Sodom; but no angels appear to hear his petition for his son. Night comes again. Abraham lies down with the rest upon the bare earth, wearied and ready to perish with having carried the terrible secret of this errand so much longer shut up in his heart. Isaac sleeps as the lamb sleeps the night before the sacrifice. The wakeful father suffers keenly when he looks upon the serene repose of his son. He listens and longs to hear the Divine voice speak and say it is enough. But the night passes and the morning of the third day begins and no message comes. Abraham must renew the journey with the expectation that before another evening closes the bloody sacrifice will be completed. Had he not better turn back and never tell anyone of the object of this journey so his son shall live and be the joy and staff of his old age? If Abraham had been anything less than the father of the faithful, it would have been easy for him to yield to such thoughts. Here we see what faith coupled with character and determination to do right can accomplish. He would have lost the fulfillment of the Divine promise and the rich inheritance of his great faith. The journey is taken up again.

Soon the mysterious sign, perhaps something like the flame of the burn-

ing bush or the glory of the tabernacle, appears upon a distant height. Now all doubts and questions are settled, the voice was the Almighty, the sacrifice must be made. He girds his soul anew to complete the act. "And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you." So he lays the wood for the burnt offering upon Isaac, took fire and a knife in his hand and they together go silently up the steep alone. Now the father must tell the son the object of their journey, which he had carried in his heart. Isaac speaks to his father, reminds him that here is fire and wood but asks where is the lamb for the sacrifice. Abraham answers, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb." Now the dreadful moment has come. Isaac must be told, his consent must be secured, for he is a full-grown man of above twenty years. He can easily escape his aged father.

We do not read that he faltered or refused to submit; but the bare narrative, that Abraham prepared the altar and laid the wood in order, bound Isaac, his son, and laid him on the altar and took the knife to slay him gives a hint. Which was most to be pitied? It is hard to tell, the father who must strike the blow or the son who submits in silence to be slain. If the sacrifice is made, the sorrowing father will certainly endure a longer and deeper agony. But now at length it is enough. The voice from heaven comes. The faith of the father and submission are sufficiently tried. "Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."

This great act of faith, which made Abraham the father of the

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NEWS

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Mr. and Mrs. Max Meyer are parents of a son, born May 17.

A daughter was born May 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fiechter.

Mrs. Edward Gerber, formerly Viola Isch, has been released from the Irene Byron Sanatorium in Ft. Wayne, where she had been a patient for several months.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler and son, James, and daughter, Dorothy, visited our congregation Sunday, May 22.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr, and Mr. and Mrs. John Moser visited in Bay City, Michigan, over the week-end of May 30.

Miss Kathryn Liebig, who recently underwent an eye operation in Ft. Wayne, is reported to be improving.

Mr. Roy Reinhard and Virgene Steffen were united in marriage Sunday, June 6, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A reception was held following the wedding at the Steffen home for friends and relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Isch visited in Gridley, Illinois over the week end of June 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Maller are parents of a baby daughter, born June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kipfer are parents of a son, Ronald Lee, born June 12.

Among those visiting us over the week-end of June 13 were Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Feller from Cissna Park, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein from Francesville, Indiana, and several young couples from Roanoke, Illinois. We enjoyed their visit very much and welcome them all back. Rev. Feller conducted evening services on Sunday.

A double wedding ceremony was performed by Elder Sam Aeschliman on Sunday, June 20, for the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Obed Moser. Dorothy was united in marriage to Vernon Gerber, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Eli Gerber, and Joyce was united in marriage to Kenneth Troxel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Troxel. A dinner and reception for friends and relatives was held at the Moser home following the wedding ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schambach and daughter, Katherine, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schambach from Elgin, Illinois, visited in our community over the week-end of June 20. They were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aschliman.

Mr. Noah Steffen, 43 years old, passed away Tuesday, June 22, after an extended illness. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Aldula (Schwartz); two daughters, Wava and Carolyn; one son, Lester; the stepmother, Frances Steffen; two brothers and two sisters. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Elias Dotterer, Thursday, June 24.

Dale Fiechter and Doris Tonner were united in marriage Sunday, June 27, by Elder Sam Aeschliman. A dinner and reception for friends and relatives was held at the Tonner home following the wedding.

Announcement was made Sunday, June 27, of the engagement and approaching marriage of Alvin Fiechter to Bernice Frauhiger. The wedding will take place early in August.

Many from here visited the Junction, Ohio, congregation Sunday, June 27, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Drayer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kipfer, and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Schaefer.

BREMEN, INDIANA

The engagement of Sam Schuch and Ann Beer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beer of Milford, was announced June 6.

The Sam Martin family and the Sam Kieser family of Princeville visited our congregation Sunday, June 20.

Rev. Henry Souder was able to be with us again after an illness of three weeks. We wish him continued health.

John Laidig, Sr., was able to attend church June 20, after being confined to his home due to illness for some time.

We enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Ehas Souder, and sons, Henry and Dwight, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Souder, and George Stiglitz, Jr. of Grabill visit us Sunday, June 27.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Miss Dorothy Miller and Mrs. Sol Rassi and son, Timothy, from Morton, Illinois, spent two weeks visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schupbach were host and hostess to a group participating in a song service June 20.

Earl Kilgus of Forrest, Illinois, spent several weeks in our community doing custom harvesting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herbst and Norene and Ben Hodel from Roanoke, Illinois, spent a few days with Mrs. Herbst's sister, Mrs. Sam Schrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ziggenhorn of Peoria, Illinois, were recent visitors in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weidman and family of Metamora, Illinois, are visiting Mrs. Weidman's sister, Mrs. Richard Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Farney and family spent Sunday, June 20, with us.

Miss Fredika Scheif from Harper is here for a few days, while her niece, Mrs. Matilda Beyer, and family of Gridley, Kansas, are spending a short visit in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Schupbach returned home from Germany where Leon was engaged in occupation work in that country. Mrs. Schupbach is a German bride of three weeks.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On Sunday, June 6, Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer visited the new church at Remington, Indiana.

Our congregation enjoyed a blessed day Sunday, June 6, when Rev. Otto Norr from Leo, Indiana, held services.

A Sunday School picnic was held at Gus Baum's in Highland Park, Saturday, June 26. There was quite a large attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haas and Mr. and Mrs. George Haas and family of Elgin, Illinois, visited us Sunday, June 27. There were also other guests from Elgin.

Doris Scharlach, who has been working in Chicago, has left for her home in Remington, Indiana, July 1.

Laverne Kaufmann and Eunice Sladen from Cissna Park, Illinois, are now working in Chicago.

CROGHAN, NEW YORK

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer are spending some time in Remington, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farney have visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eaton at Rochester, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Farney and Mildred Farney at Syracuse, New York.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Bahr and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wenger and daughter from Sabetha, Kansas, spent the week end of June 13 in Croghan.

Mrs. Amanda Virkler, Frank and Bettie Virkler, and Miss Clara Virkler spent June 13 at Bay City, Michigan.

Miss Evelyn Widrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Widrick, and Urban Farney, son of Reuben Farney, were married June 19.

Visitors who spent the week end of June 29 with us were Alvin Klopfenstein of Latty, Ohio, and Clara, Gertrude, Lorene, George, and William Schambach of Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Virkler became affiliated with our church on Sunday, June 20.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Joel Gudeman and Ernestine Lindoerfer were married Sunday, June 27; both are from Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Groh of Mansfield, Ohio, and Mrs. Nettie Drayer of Indiana visited in Elgin June 22. Herman's old friends enjoyed visiting with him, as it has been a number of years since he visited Elgin.

The engagement of Elmer Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen, and Eleanor Grimm of West Bend, Iowa, was announced June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen visited Mrs. Steffen's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Theo. Steffen, the week-end of June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Steffen went to Bluffton to attend the funeral of Noah Steffen.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schambach, now of Remington, Indiana, visited at the home of John and Louis Schambach, Sunday, June 27.

Clara, George, and William Schambach returned from an Eastern trip; they visited at Rockville, Connecticut, and Lancaster and Croghan, New York.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

John Meister, aged 3 years, died Tuesday, June 8. Funeral services were held Friday, June 11, with Elder George Yergler of LaCrosse, Indiana, officiating.

Misses Gertrude, LaVina, and Viola Moser, Lydia Broquard, Edna Stoller, and Dorothy Steffen returned Friday evening, June 25, from a two weeks vacation trip visiting the Eastern States. On Sunday, June 20, they were in Rockville, Connecticut.

Several cars of folks from Fairbury, including Rev. and Mrs. Joshua Broquard, Rev. and Mrs. Emil Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Steffen, and Mrs. Mary Traub, visited the Remington congregation Sunday, June 27.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

On May 30, several from our congregation attended the funeral services for Jacob Raaf, Gridley, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Banwart and family, of Lamar, Missouri, the week-end of May 30.

David Massner, Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn, Jr., and Joyce, and Pearl Marti attended the funeral services for Mr. Massner's sister, Mrs. Franks, at Oakville, Iowa, May 29.

Mary Reber and Mrs. David Massner and Roy spent the week-end of June 6 visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reber, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. William Reber, who had been visiting there for several days, returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bryant, Elgin, Illinois, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

liam Reber. Mrs. Bryant is a granddaughter of the Reber's; she is the former Marilyn Stettner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Stettner.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hodel, Roanoke, Illinois, visited our congregation Sunday, June 13.

On June 20, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Yackley, Ruth Ann, Rebecca, and Andrew, of Wichita, Kansas, visited relatives and friends here.

June 23, William Reber was taken to the hospital, suffering from a heart ailment. At this writing his condition is improved.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bahr, Gridley, Kansas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reber, June 24.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

We are happy to write about five teen-agers who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They are William and Wilbur Huber, twins, Irvan Gutwein, Richard Wuethrich, and Betty Gastineau. How glad we are to see the youth come to the Lord. There is so much in the Bible to encourage them to trust their Saviour. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Prov. 8:17. Christ Himself only twelve years old was taking active part in service for His Heavenly Father.

A PRAYER

A little boy once long ago,
At even, ere the sun sank low,
Freely offered his meager food,
Which Thou didst take and bless and
break
And with it fed the multitude.

Dear Lord, with like simplicity,
I bring and give my life to Thee
To bless and break as seems most
good;

Then of it take, for Thy dear sake,
And use to feed the multitude.

William Atherton—Sel.

Even the little children enjoy doing things for Jesus. In Sunday School, our beginners, primary, and third class are eagerly bringing their pennies, nickels, and dimes to be used for the Lord's work. One of our projects was buying a bicycle which cost thirty-five dollars for a native missionary in China through

the Oriental Missionary Society. Another project we have started is to bring medical and spiritual aid to the lepers through the American Mission to Lepers, Inc., 77 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois. We have over fifty members of the 'Pete' club for lepers. Pete is a pig bank that each child will fill during the course of the year. Then once a year these banks will be opened and the money sent to the mission. Do you know that we have a leper colony in the United States?

On May 23, visitors were Mr. and Mrs. William Klopfenstein, Jr., and Miss Katherine Norr of Grabill, and Miss Martha Moser, Miss Laura Gerber, and Willis Ehnlé of Fort Wayne.

On June 6, Miss Carolyn Gutwein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gutwein, was united in marriage to Calvin Kaufman, son of Albert Kaufman, Cissna Park. Rev. David Mangold performed the ceremony.

On June 13, Rev. Andrew Koehl and Rev. Joseph Kaisner of Forrest, Illinois, were with us. We enjoyed a very blessed day. Other out-of-town visitors were: Mrs. Andrew Koehl, Mrs. Joseph Kaisner and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Honegger and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Honegger and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman and daughter, all of Forrest, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fritz of La Crosse; and Misses Eldora and Alma Schini of Remington.

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., returned home June 13 from the St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette where he had been a patient since June 10. Rev. Gutwein, enroute home from a business trip to Washington, D. C., became ill on the train.

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Several from here attended Rev. Jacob Raaf's funeral at Gridley, Kansas, May 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kraft of Gridley, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sinn and children of Ft. Scott, Kansas, were here Sunday, June 6. Mr. and Mrs. Kraft stayed Sunday night and Monday with Rev. Fred Martis.

A few young people drove to Sabetha, Kansas, for the week end of

June 6 and enjoyed the fellowship and nice visit with friends and relatives very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder and Sarah Lee of Gridley, Kansas, spent the week end of June 20 with friends and relatives here.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Marti, Leonard, Allene and Ervin left for Oakville, Iowa, on June 26, expecting to spend a few days with their two daughters and sisters, Mrs. John Schrock and Mrs. Paul Wagenbach, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. John Spohr, her daughter, Eileen, and Miss Mary Spohr of Morris, Minnesota, are visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Spohr came to visit with her mother, Mrs. Mary Schlupp, who is back at Fred Lanz's again. We are sorry to say she isn't very well.

Pearl Marti and Leon Sinn of Fort Scott, Kansas, spent the week-end of June 27 with us.

LEO, INDIANA

Our Young People's Meeting was held with a large attendance. The Young People's Choir of Tremont, Illinois, were guests and contributed many beautiful numbers to the program.

Several people from here attended the dedication of the new church at Remington, Indiana.

Lena Farney of Fort Wayne was honored with a miscellaneous shower given by Kathrine Norr and Mrs. Raymond Winzeler.

Funeral services for Matilda Bertsch were held on June 23 at the Apostolic Christian Church with Elder Samuel Aeschliman officiating. She is survived by her father, Henry Bertsch, two sisters and five brothers.

DEATH AND HEAVEN

When loved ones cross this vale,
When sight and senses fail,
When in accustomed places
We no more see their faces
It gives us inward pain.

When we for loved ones yearn
And look for their return
When we no more can hear
Their footsteps drawing near,
We look for them in vain.

We can recall their tears,

Their toil through by-gone years,
Each loving deed and word,
Which we have seen and heard,
Will in our hearts remain.

And when the time has come
When labors are all done,
When fails the mortal breath,
We say that hour is—Death.
O, cold and cheerless name!

When loved ones die in peace,
All pain and sorrows cease.
Beyond the dismal tomb
Where vanish night and gloom
They lay all burdens down.

Earth's trials and troubles o'er
Safe on that blessed shore.
No more to bear life's cross,
No pain, heartache, or loss
They win the promised crown.

Whatever more of bliss
To saints shall there be given,
These glories would alone
Suffice to make it heaven!

Henry Beer.

Mrs. Phoebe Bahr of Fort Wayne has received word from the government that her son's body (Eugene Bahr killed in action in World War II) would be sent home in a short time.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Dorthea Conrad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Conrad, to Richard Winzeler, son of Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzeler.

LESTER, IOWA

On Sunday June 13, Edwin, Leona, Alice, and Esty Banwart, Glenn and Mary Jo Banwart, Harley and Donald Bruellman, Mabel Schmidt, Archie and Betty Banwart of West Bend visited at Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. John Feucht and sons of Elgin, Illinois, spent ten days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht.

Mr. Paul Metzger became seriously ill June 27. He was taken immediately to the Rock Rapids hospital.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Rev. Amos Hartzler and several young people from Wayne County visited us on Sunday, June 13. Rev. Hartzler held services which we enjoyed very much.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuhrer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sauder, and Elmer Sauder spent Sunday, June 13, in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. William Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder, Mrs. Anna Hoffman, Mrs. Mildred Dolce, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch attended the funeral of Miss Matilda Bertsch at Grabill, June 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taube and family of Croghan, New York, spent several days with Mrs. Taube's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Isley.

Miss Ann Miller and Miss Anna Vly have gone to Los Angeles, California.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Funeral services were held May 28 for Joseph Kuntz. His death was caused by a stroke.

On May 29, funeral services were held for Mrs. Earnest Frank of Burlington.

Baptismal services were held on May 30, for Misses Marvel Moser, Alma Lou Anliker, and Mr. Eugene Gerst. Rev. Al Fisher and Rev. Simon Wagenbach were with us. We enjoyed the visitors from various places.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eisenman and daughter, Helen, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rauhaus went to Remington, Indiana, May 30.

June 6, our visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rocke, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rocke (formerly from Rockanoke, Illinois), Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Farney, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Buetner. Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner and family went to Morton.

June 13, we enjoyed our visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas, Miss Ella Thomas, and Harlan Thomas from Peoria, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farney from Princeville, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. George Kuntz and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Rauhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Anliker, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anliker went to Gridley, Kansas, and vicinity. Elder Noah Schrock went to Elgin, Iowa.

June 20, we had visitors from West Bend, Iowa: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anliker and his son, Reuben, and wife.

June 27, we had visitors from Fairbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerst, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gerst, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anliker of Oakville went to Taylor, Missouri, June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Schetlin and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eisenmann went to Pulaski, Iowa, June 27.

Ruth Nicholas of West Burlington was baptized and taken into the fold June 27.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Vogel to Walter Merkle of Peoria was announced on Sunday, June 6. They are planning an early fall wedding.

Funeral services for Miss Carrie Weisser, 79, who passed away May 29, after a lengthy illness, was conducted by Elder Emil Schubert. She is survived by an only sister, Miss Louise Weisser.

On June 27, Miss Geraldine Hoerr became the bride of Clarence Peters, son of Mrs. Bertha Peters, of Peoria, at a ceremony at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hoerr. After a wedding trip, they will make their home in Kentland, Indiana, where the groom is employed.

Mrs. Mary Wagenbach, widow of the late George Wagenbach, passed away suddenly at her home on June 30. She is survived by five sons: John of Oakville, Iowa, George of Princeville, Simon of Tremont, Lester and Louie of Peoria, and one daughter, Miss Edith Wagenbach.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

The Bible Class of Gridley, Illinois, spent Sunday, May 30, with us. They were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Streitmatter in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ricketts and Ruth, Mrs. Harold Hinshaw, and Mrs. Dan Streitmatter attended the funeral of Joseph Kuntz at Oakville, Iowa, May 28.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ehnle visited relatives in Oakville, Iowa, Sunday, May 30.

The Misses Vivian Leuthold, Hulda Martin, Martha Menold, Lillian Dallinger, Eunice and Lyola Feucht

spent the week-end of Memorial Day in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Reinbald are the parents of a daughter, born June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hermann and Margaret, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Streitmatter spent Sunday, June 5, in Remington, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin, Arlys and Arlene, returned recently from a trip which took them to Elgin, Iowa, Bay City, Michigan, and other places.

A number from our congregation were visitors Sunday, June 20, in Gridley, Illinois.

We enjoyed visitors from Fairbury, Illinois, Sunday, June 21. Services were conducted by Brother Ben Wiegand and Brother Kilgus. The congregation assembled again for evening services.

The Sunday School picnic was held Sunday, June 27, with many in attendance.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Mary Sommers, aged 78, died suddenly Tuesday, June 22, of a heart attack. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Leah Ward of Burlington, Iowa, and Mrs. Cornia Traub of West Bend Iowa; one son, Rev. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa; two sisters, Lydia Wuthrich of Pulaski, Iowa, and Mrs. Lucy Widmer of Sabetha, Kansas; two brothers, Felix Wuthrich, of Morton, Illinois and Fred Wuthrich, of Spokane, Washington. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Noah Schrock on June 25.

Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sheitland and daughter, Mildred, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Eisenmann from Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, June 27, with us.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Visitors at church on Sunday, June 6, were Rev. and Mrs. Theo. Beer and others of Milford, Indiana, Rev. Al Fisher and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer of Chicago. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beckley.

Quite a number from here attended the large funeral of John Meister at Fairbury, Illinois, on June 11.

Many visitors were in church on Sunday, June 13, from Peoria and

Gridley, Illinois.

We enjoyed having with us on Sunday, June 27, Elder and Mrs. Joshua Broquard and Rev. and Mrs. Emil Bahler and many others from Fairbury, Illinois, as well as several from Rittman, Ohio. The visitors from Fairbury were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer of Castorland are visiting Mrs. Beyer's mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schambach of Elgin, Illinois, have moved to Remington. We welcome them to our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schini are the parents of a daughter.

Miss Benita Getz, who was seriously burned five weeks ago, passed away this morning at six o'clock, July 1, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, where she has been a patient since the accident.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leman are the proud parents of a baby boy born last week. Mrs. Leman is the former Viola Beer of Milford, Indiana.

Miss Helen Funk, who will be married to Ben Fehr in July, has been honored at a number of showers. A miscellaneous shower at the home of Ann Blunier; a Personal Shower at the home of Dorothy Martin; a Linen Shower at the home of Lucille Leman; and also a shower was given at the home of Mardell Leman, at which the honored guest was presented with a joint gift.

On June 12, a group of young married folk visited at Bluffton, Indiana. They enjoyed their trip very much and returned home on Sunday evening.

Miss Dorothy Blunier, daughter of Mrs. Elmer Blunier, and Charles Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leman of Roanoke, were united in marriage at the Christian Church in Eureka on June 27. After their wedding trip, they will make their home in an apartment at Ames, Iowa, where the groom will continue his studies at the College there.

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold and daughters, Ruth and Esther, and son, Charles, left on a trip through the

Western States on June 21. They plan to be gone about a month. We wish them a safe trip and God's blessings all the way.

Mrs. Jacob Rassi passed away at her home in Roanoke on June 27. Funeral services were conducted on June 30 by Rev. J. A. Getz of Morton.

The marriage of Helen Feller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feller of Cissna Park, and Richard Zimmerman, son of Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman of Roanoke, was solemnized in the presence of friends and relatives on June 20, by Rev. J. A. Getz of Morton, at Cissna Park. After their wedding trip, they will be at home to their friends in an apartment in Roanoke, at the home of the groom's parents.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Klopfenstein are the parents of a son, Harley Dean, born May 23. The baby's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Nohl, and Cecil visited them on June 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yergler and family of Cissna Park visited the Stoller families on June 13.

Mrs. John Widmer, Edward and Mary, of Lamar, Missouri, were here from June 8 to 15 visiting Mrs. Widmer's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family. They were supper guests on Sunday evening at the Levi Kropf home.

Miss Mary Ellen Gudeman of Fort Wayne is spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gudeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gudeman and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pelsy of Francesville visited our congregation on June 20.

Supper guests in the John Trachsel home on June 20 included Mrs. Marie Wuthrich and daughters of Valparaiso, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Trachsel and family of Kentland, Miss Clara Nohl of Goodfield, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trachsel and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughters of Wolcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belsley and Karen of Morton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Klopfenstein and family, on June 6.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman and Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart, Phyllis and Betty, spent the week-end of May 23 at Sabetha, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Banwart and Estelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Frieden, Jay and Terry, and Mabel Schmidt spent a few days with relatives at Lamar, Missouri, and Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mrs. John Mogler, Andrew and Martha, Salome Kellenberger, and Eunice Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, spent the Memorial Day holiday with relatives here.

Young people from the Morris, Minnesota, congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Harter, and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Grimm and son of Sabetha, Kansas, spent Sunday, June 6, with us. A picnic supper was held at the Silas Metzger home, with one hundred present.

Some visitors from West Bend spent Sunday, June 13, at Lester, Iowa.

A group of young people spent Sunday, June 20, at Morris Minnesota.

Rev. Henry Koehl and Eunice of Morris, Minnesota, spent the evening of June 16 here. They were accompanied here by Evelyn and Lu Etta Marti of Sabetha, Kansas, who remained for a few days' visit.

On June 16, Louise Knobloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Knobloch of Lester, Iowa, and Raymond Anliker, son of Noah Anliker, were married at The Little Brown Church at Nashua. After a two weeks' trip, they will be at home in West Bend, where the groom is employed.

Gladys, Lucille, and Lydia Jean Banwart are spending a week's vacation at the Albert Wuthrich home in Pulaski, Iowa.

Rev. Joseph Banwart is recovering from a recent operation for the removal of a cataract on his eye.

Mrs. Fred Traub received word that her mother, Mrs. Mary Sommers, passed away June 22. The funeral was held at Pulaski, Iowa, where she had been living with her sister.

NEWS HELD OVER FROM JUNE
ISSUE

Peoria, Illinois

Rev. Roy Sauder has opened a new furniture store near Washington, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Lugenbuhl and two sons, also Carlton Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut, visited our Bible class Tuesday evening, April 27.

Mrs. Elizabeth Altorfer is building a new home.

Emil Metzger, who had both of his limbs amputated, is home from the hospital and doing as well as can be expected.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Getz, Elizabeth Altorfer, and Elizabeth Broquard were supper guests at the Joseph Schumacher home in Eureka, Sunday, April 25.

Billy Heinsman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinsman, had a serious operation at the Peoria hospital April 27. At this writing, he is some better.

Oakville, Iowa

April 18, the Bible class of our Sunday School went to Princeville for the day. Two of the teachers, Orel Steiner and Adolph Massner, accompanied them. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moser, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrock also drove and took some of the class. Our elder, Noah Schrock, spent the day at Taylor, Missouri.

Lee Eisenman and mother, Mrs. Ida Eisenman, Mrs. Emil Feller of Cissna Park, Illinois, Mrs. Joseph Yergler of Gridley, Illinois, Noah Anliker, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Anliker of West Bend, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hinrichsen and two sons of East Peoria, Illinois, visited us April 25.

March 28, Elder Noah Schrock went to Pulaski, Iowa, to perform the wedding ceremony of Roger Moser, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moser, Oakville, Iowa, and Mary Miller, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Miller, from Pulaski, Iowa.

March 21, Paul Wagenbach, a son of Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa, and Dorothy Marti, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marti of Lamar, Missouri, were united in marriage. Rev. Jacob Pfister of Fort

Scott, Kansas, performed the ceremony.

Princeville, Illinois

Mrs. Silas Leuthold spent a few days the first of the month with relatives in Fairbury.

Mr. Chris Martin spent several days in Elgin, Iowa, with Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Streitmatter and family.

Mr. and Mrs. William Huber and Mrs. Mary Eberle attended the funeral of Mrs. Minnie Huber at Elgin, Illinois, Tuesday, April 13. She was the mother of Mrs. Lena Gehrig of our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Baer and Louis, Dorothea, and Marie Keiser spent the week-end of April 18 in Bluffton and Leo, Indiana, and Latty, Ohio.

Funeral services for Bobby Joe Musselman, eleven-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Musselman, were

held Tuesday morning, April 20. He is survived by his parents, one brother, his grandparents, and numerous other relatives.

Mrs. William Eberle was called to her home in Tremonton, Utah, because of the death of her father. Her sister, Mrs. Ed Bach of Fairbury, accompanied her.

Mr. Sam Grimm is recovering from his recent illness.

Peoria was host to the young folks from surrounding churches Sunday evening, April 25. Those enjoying the evening and taking part in the program were Morton, Roanoke, Tremont, Gridley, Goodfield, Princeville, and Peoria.

Miss Caroline Ehnle left recently for Arizona for an extended visit.

Miss Alice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin, underwent an appendectomy April 24. She is recovering very satisfactorily.

The Bible class and teachers of Oakville, Iowa, spent Sunday, April 18, with us.

Hymn for the Month

SUNLIGHT AND SHADOWS

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Following storm clouds, cometh the sunlight,

Following heartaches, cometh sweet peace;

So in our lives oft times when in trouble,

Jesus is waiting to give us release.

Brooding o'er sorrow stealeth our comfort,

All will be well, for God's way is best,

Chastened and humble we see His glory,

Portrayed by whom was given the test.

Following earth life cometh the crowning,

Into God's kingdom, after a while,

Seeing the sunlight gleaming forever,
Shine from our Savior's welcoming smile.

Chorus—

Heartaches will come, and yet there's a blessing,

After each heartache, if we but know,
Christ is behind the darkest of storm clouds,

Sunlight will come if to Him we're true.

NIGHT SCENES IN THE BIBLE

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faithful, shines forth like the sun amid the darkness of far distant times and is an inspiration for all ages and all people. It teaches the great lesson of confidence in God's Word. Nothing is too precious for us to give to God. Nothing is too precious for God to give to us. Abraham's offering of Isaac was appointed to foreshadow a more awful sacrifice, which was complete when the Almighty Father actually gave his only begotten son to die that we might live. No voice from heaven commanded to stay the sacrifice when once He had been nailed to the cross. Legions of angels were waiting to interpose in His behalf, but even as foreshadowed by the submission of Isaac, He gave Himself over to death. So may all God's children and redeemed ones submit to His holy will in faith.

(To be continued)

Thoughts and observations by Philip Beyer from the book *Night Scenes in the Bible* by Reverend Daniel March.

THOUGHTS ON DYING

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No one can be certain that he will not die. The New Testament holds out the Blessed Hope of the Lord's return, when believers who have died will be raised and those still living will be caught up, but no one knows when that will be. The bodies of many devout servants of God, who looked eagerly for Christ's coming, lie today in the grave awaiting the resurrection. It is quite possible that the reader and the writer of these words may have to face the last great Enemy, who comes in many forms, few of which are pleasant. There comes a time when a man must stand alone on the brink of eternity.

This is a solemn thought, against which human nature rebels, and which the world tries to smother by keeping itself busy and amused. And all too many professing Christians are lulled into a false sense of security through dependence on their own character and works. They have hazy ideas of God's love and mercy, of His righteousness, justice, and hatred of sin.

From lectures delivered in St. George's Free Church in Edinburgh by Alexander Whyte, some of which were published in a priceless book, "Samuel Rutherford and Some of His Correspondents" (out of print), come these serious words: "Make acquaintance with death, Rutherford writes to Lady Kenmure. . . . Learn his ways, his manner of approach, his language, and his look. Conjure him up, practise upon him, have your part rehearsed and ready to be performed. . . . Now, speaking of taking ship, when we are preparing for a voyage, and a visit to another country and another city, we 'read up' as we say, before we set sail. . . . Now if Eternity holds for us a new world, with cities and peoples that are all new to us, should we not prepare ourselves for them also? . . . What books do you read when you wish to put on the mind of a man who intends to die well? 'Read to me where I first cast my anchor,' said John

Knox, when dying, to his weeping wife. Does your wife know where you first cast your anchor? Does she know already what to read to you when you are preparing for the last voyage? . . . And then, to come to the very last act of all, there is what we call the death-grip. A dying man feels the whole world giving way under him. All he built upon, leaned upon, looked to, is like sliding sand, like sinking water; and he grasps at anything, anybody, the bedpost, the bed curtains, the bedclothes, his wife's hand, his son's arm, the very air sometimes. On what, on whom will you seize hold in your last gasp and death grip? 'Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!'"

Alexander Whyte did not speak these words—and these words are not now written—to make any believer who has put his whole trust in Christ doubt his salvation or fear death. But if they will shake some careless church member out of his lethargy, and lead him here and now to abandon all hope in his own merits, and cast himself helplessly on Christ as Saviour; if they will lead some really earnest Christians to live more soberly, remembering that their time is short, to fear man less and God more, then they have not been written in vain. Christ has drawn the sting of death, but has He drawn it for you?

LOSS OR GAIN

We oftentimes hear people say, "I can do this or I can do that and it does not harm me." Let us look at it in this way, is it a benefit for me, or does it bring me a gain? We know that no one tries to labor or be in a business, and at the end of the day or week or year looks over his record, and says, "I have not had loss and I am satisfied." Everyone strives to make a profit or a gain, even if it might be small. So we should also strive in a spiritual way, that we would not have to say as the slothful servant, "Here, Lord, is the talent which thou hast entrusted unto me; I was careful not to lose it." But rather that each one may come re-

joicing and say, "Lord, with Thy help and grace, I have labored diligently and have gained another talent." For the one that just kept his talent and did not gain with the same, it was also taken from him. May it be the earnest effort and desire of each and every true Christian that we may make some progress and gain for our Lord and Saviour and for our undying souls.—Aaron A. Sauder.

The Silver Lining staff wishes to express its deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Getz and family of Remington Church, for the calling of Miss Benita Getz to her eternal home. They also wish to express their deepest sympathy to Mr. Henry Bertsch and family for the going home of Matilda Bertsch. Matilda frequently assisted on the Silver Lining work as long as her health permitted.

I bade them good-by as they
passed from my side,
A prayer and a promise I made as
they died,
That when I am summoned from
earth to be free,
I'll meet with the loved ones now
waiting for me.

Waiting for me, waiting for me,
Those loved ones in glory are wait-
ing for me;
Soon I shall cross over, forever to be
With loved ones in glory now wait-
ing for me.

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