



"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."
—Genesis 28: 15

"My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up."
—Psalm 5: 3

SOUND IN FAITH

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"That he might be the FATHER of all them that BELIEVE . . . who also walk in the steps of THAT FAITH of our FATHER ABRAHAM . . . who is the FATHER OF US ALL." (Rom. 4: 11, 12, 16).

While we ever should be *Looking unto Jesus, as the Author and finisher of (our) FAITH* (Heb. 12: 2), "we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses" and elders of long ago, who BY FAITH have "obtained a good report." The report of a few of these witnesses and elders of Faith we find in the pages of the Holy Scriptures, some enumerated especially in Hebrews eleven. But the unnamed great cloud of Witnesses of Faith have their report indelibly recorded on heavenly pages. "These all died IN FAITH . . ." "And these all, having obtained a good report THROUGH FAITH . . ." (Heb. 11: 13, 39), "were strangers and pilgrims on the earth," and even now yet wait to receive the inheritance of the desired and promised *better and heavenly things* which by faith in a faithful God, who cannot lie, they so long ago already did possess.

Outstanding and unique among these ELDERS OF FAITH is FATHER ABRAHAM. It should be profitable to consider his report in some detail for those who desire to "walk in the steps of THAT FAITH of our father Abraham."

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TIME TRENDS

This is written on Memorial Day, a day originally set aside for commemoration of our honored dead. It was meant to be a day when flowers were to be scattered on the graves of the soldier dead, not only as a symbol of appreciation; but also to remind all of us of the price that was paid that we might enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

TREASURED VERSES

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.—Psa. 100.

However, like many of our holidays, the original purpose became a side issue as the reigning spirit of our times stepped in and began to hold sway. Christmas became commercialized as a gift-giving time by many, while the Greatest Gift of all, the Son of God, became the Forgotten

Man of Christmas. Thanksgiving, instituted by the early settlers as a day of thanks to God for His divine protection and His innumerable blessings, became a feast day, with little recognition of the providence of God. So, on this Memorial Day, the intended solemnity is barely remembered, as millions of our fellow countrymen take to the roads and to the air to get away from work and worry, as warnings are flashed of two hundred or more impending deaths as a result of accidents.

Now it is not my purpose to be a gloom-caster; however, these happenings portray a trend of the times; they are an indication of how quickly the solemn, serious things of our time are supplanted by those less worthy.

We are living in what is commonly accepted to be the Laodicean church age, an age lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—and therefore perilous to the spirit. However, it is true in a spiritual sense as well as in a material sense, that the darker the night is, the brighter the light will shine. Therein lies not only our spiritual duty but also our spiritual opportunity.

The greatest progress made by the Church has been during days of adversity and in times of persecution. The re-awakening of our own Church occurred during times of religious intolerance and bigotry. However, opposition only caused increased faith,

and imprisonment greater zeal. Driven from one town to the other and from one country to another, our forefathers in the faith eventually crossed the water to found their homes in a foreign land, our land. Like Abraham they were, strangers in a strange land looking for a city whose builder was God. Congregations were established, converts were added, and the work of the Lord prospered—the light was kept shining.

This pioneering spirit seems to have somewhat abated with us, perhaps because there is no longer persecution and hardship. And yet in our very well-being we must be watchful, lest we become self-sufficient and no longer find it necessary to “lean on the Everlasting Arms” of God. Of particular moment then is the need of prayer and the holding of daily devotions. The holding of family devotions is a matter which should not suffer neglect. There is nothing more beneficial, more spiritually wholesome, than this matter of daily communion with God. It not only renews and invigorates our faith, but it also serves the highly desirable purpose of planting spiritual seed in the heart-soil of our children.

Herman Hueni.

IF I GAINED THE WORLD

If I gained the world, but lost the Savior,
Were my life worth living for a day?
Could my yearning heart find rest and comfort
In the things that soon must pass away?

If I gained the world, but lost the Savior,
Would my gain be worth the life-long strife?
Are all earthly pleasures worth comparing
For a moment with a Christ-filled life?

Had I wealth and love in fullest measure,
And a name revered both far and near,
Yet no home beyond, no harbor waiting,
Where my storm-tossed vessel I could steer.

If I gained the world, but lost the Savior,
Who endured the cross and died for me,
Could then all the world afford a refuge,
Whither, in my anguish, I might flee?

O what emptiness without the Savior
'Mid the sins and sorrows here below!
And eternity, how dark without Him!
Only nights and tears and endless woe!

SOUND IN FAITH

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First, upon what grounds does the Scripture call him “the father of us all” who believe? Why is he not simply one of the many believers of old? Why is he set apart as a father, especially in view of the words of Christ: “call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven” (Matt. 23:9). This latter expresses the relationship of the CREATOR to the CREATURES, who through Adam, “which was *the son of God*,” must be recognized as the origin and fountain-head of all human existence and life, and implies responsible Fatherhood. The Fatherhood of Abraham on the other hand expresses a relationship which is spiritual in character, and is a kinship solely based upon a “like precious faith” with Abraham. That God would place a man “subject to like passions as we are,” and who was not without faltering steps, into such a unique position as to make him “the FATHER OF ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE” and by *promise* give him a heavenly and innumerable *Star Seed*, which at the same time are also the “children of God,” *begotten of God according to His abundant mercy* (I Pet. 1:3) and “of his own will begat he us with the word of truth” (Jas. 1:18), is a revelation of almost incredible implications. It so intertwines the human with the Divine, the natural with the supernatural, the temporal with the eternal, and all as the *workmanship of God* (Eph. 2:10), that when God’s accomplishment of the NEW IN CHRIST will be unveiled before heavenly Principalities, the Wisdom of God,—now appearing as foolish-

What, tho’ I might live without the Savior,
When I come to die, how would it be?
O to face the valley’s gloom without Him!
And without Him all eternity

O the joy of having all in Jesus!
What a balm the broken heart to heal!
Ne’er a sin so great, but He’ll forgive it,
Nor a sorrow that He does not feel!

If I have but Jesus, only Jesus,
Nothing else in all the world beside,
O then everything is mine in Jesus;
For my needs and more He will provide.
Melody No. 182 Zion Harp.

ness in the world,—the Power of God,—now appearing as weakness,—the Love of God, His boundless Grace with majestic Truth and Righteousness, will be lifted to a new height and praise and glory, and power and blessing and honour will redound and exalt His holy Name, “throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Perhaps the clearest statement in Scripture, which makes ABRAHAM the FATHER OF ALL BELIEVERS after Him, is the Word spoken by God Himself: “Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: . . . SO SHALL THY SEED BE.” (Gen. 15:5)

Now “Seed” are ever Children, and Abraham had a natural Seed or “children of the flesh,” as most parents have under the original or Adamic blessing: “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.” (Gen. 1:28). This blessing was renewed unto Noah (Gen. 9:1), but “That which is born of the flesh is flesh”;—they are ever “children of the flesh.” But Abraham, unlike any other man ever living, was blessed also to have a multiplied *spiritual Seed BY PROMISE*, which at the same time would be the “*children of God*,” and of which Isaac is a type. Thus we read:

“Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they ALL CHILDREN*: but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, they which are the children of the flesh, these *are NOT THE CHILDREN OF GOD*: but the children of promise are counted for the seed.” (Rom. 9:7-8)

And again: “Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.” (Gal. 4:28)

But now, while there is a multiplied star Seed included in the promise to Abraham, there is also a ONE SEED included as his Seed, which is Christ. And it is through Jesus Christ that the blessings of Abraham come upon all the families of the earth. And the BLESSINGS of Abraham come only with the FAITH of Abraham.

“Know ye therefore that they which are of FAITH, the same are the children of Abraham. . . . So then

they which be of FAITH are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal. 3:7, 9).

"For ye are all the CHILDREN OF GOD by FAITH in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's Seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:26, 29)

Let us then endeavor to examine the FAITH of our father Abraham, in the light of the Word of God, that in turn we may also examine ourselves, whether we be IN THE FAITH, and "walk in the steps of THAT FAITH of our FATHER ABRAHAM," in order that "the blessing of Abraham" be also upon us.

According to the definition of Hebrews 11:1, "FAITH is the substance of THINGS HOPED FOR . . ." it is very reasonable to assume that Abram HOPED FOR children from Sarai, but she was barren, and as the years passed by and age came along, the realization that he must remain without the blessing of a child of his own and without an heir must have weighed depressingly upon this godly couple. For otherwise Abram was greatly blessed, a rich man with a large household. (Gen. 13:2 and 14:14) "And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given NO SEED: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir." (Gen. 15:3)

It appears that at the age of seventy-five Abram received the FIRST PROMISE. It included *greatness* as a Nation, a *great Name*, of being blessed and being made a blessing; of a seed which will possess a LAND. (Gen. 12:1-8). In Genesis 13:14-17 this promise is renewed, first of the LAND and then with emphasis upon his Seed to be as innumerable "as the dust of the earth."

This PROMISE of being made a great Nation, of Dust Seed or Sand Seed and a Land for them to dwell in, is looked upon as the natural posterity of Abraham, which are "the children of the flesh" and which "are NOT the children of God." This Promise relates largely to the temporal blessings, in "the times of refreshing," and "the times of restitution of all things" according to Old Testament prophecy; the time of the *Restoring again of the Kingdom to Israel* in the yet future millennial

reign of Christ. (Acts 1:6, and 3:19, 21)

Based upon these PROMISES, the FAITH of Abraham continued TO HOPE for natural children, for a name, for a nation, and for the possession and inheritance of the blessed and promised land, in which he sojourned as in a strange country. Perhaps around the age of eighty-two he received the SECOND PROMISE, when he was bidden to "LOOK NOW TOWARD HEAVEN, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them:" "SO SHALL THY SEED BE." And "Abraham BELIEVED GOD."

This look toward Heaven in FAITH for an innumerable, heavenly or *Star Seed* is what we are primarily interested in TODAY. For they are "the CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS," where "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female." They have a heavenly citizenship, a heavenly inheritance (Eph. 1:11) (Col. 1:12). They are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Eph. 1:3), and they are "THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE," as Isaac was, and "are counted for the SEED" — even Abraham's SEED, irrespective of race or color, or sex.

Since then Abraham's spiritual Children, the promised *Star Seed*, have a "heavenly calling," Abraham, "the father of us all," also looked for a City whose builder and maker is God. He *confessed that he was a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth . . . and desired a better country, that is, an HEAVENLY* (Heb. 11:13-16) And as he, the FATHER OF US ALL, was, so are we in this world.

In Genesis 13:14-15, Abraham is bidden to "Lift up now thine EYES, AND LOOK . . . for all the land which thou SEEST, to thee will I give it." Here was the PROMISE of an EARTHLY inheritance and a Seed to possess it. The fulfilment of this promise is still in the future.

But in Genesis 15:5, Abram is bidden to "LOOK NOW TOWARD HEAVEN." Here is the PROMISE of an HEAVENLY INHERITANCE and a spiritual Seed to possess it. Every Believer *walking in the steps*

of that FAITH of our Father Abraham today, who walketh by FAITH and NOT BY SIGHT (II Cor. 5:7), who LOOKS by FAITH upon the INVISIBLE things PROMISED, and not with EYES upon the VISIBLE to be now possessed, is of Abraham's Seed, and an heir according to the PROMISE. And we have FAITH in PROMISES, just as we believe in the Word, the Character, the Faithfulness, and the Ability to perform of Him that PROMISED.

(To be continued)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

Lente, an Indian storekeeper of Isleta, told the missionary that he had read nearly all of the New Testament which he had given him. "I read all the time I have to spare," he added. "Ah, Lente," his white partner interrupted, "don't try to make the missionary believe you are so interested. I watch you over there in the corner. You have the book open, but you go to sleep over it . . ." "No, I am not asleep. You do not understand. You see, all my life I wondered why we did not have any of the words that Jesus spoke when He was here on earth; why someone did not write them down so we could know just what He said. But I never knew that they had been written down until Brother Burnett came. He gave me a little book . . . I thought it could not be of much importance. But when I came to read it, I found these words, 'Jesus said.' — On and on I read, and every time I came to those words, 'Jesus said,' my heart was so happy I could hardly bear it. I had found what I had been longing for all my life—the words that Jesus spoke while on earth . . . When I come to these words, I cannot go on. I must stop and close my eyes and pray. I must thank God that the words that Jesus said came to me before I died." Turning to his partner, he said: "No, you do not understand. I am not asleep. I am thanking God that I have in my hand to read for myself the words that Jesus said."—From "The Word of Their Testimony," by Una Roberts Lawrence, Home Missionary Board, S. B. C. From the Sunday School Times.

NEWS

Bluffton, Indiana

"Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—St. John 14:22-27.

Richard Yergler, Donald Gerber, Truman Baumgartner, Robert Gerber, Irene Isch, Alice Troxel, Ruby Moser, Phyllis Gerber, Lillian Ringger, and Justine Fiechter spent the week-end of May 8 in Roanoke, Illinois.

Mrs. Elmer Heyerly, who has been confined in the hospital in Springfield, Ohio, since a serious automobile accident in January, has been returned to her home.

Mr. Robert Kaehr from Chicago spent the Mother's Day week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr.

Donald Gerber, son of Mrs. J. E. Gerber, has received an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habbeger spent Mother's Day in Remington with Mrs. Habbeger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Haab and Misses Nora Gilliom and Wava Steffen spent Sunday, May 1, in Milford, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schladenhauffen and son, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Schladenhauffen, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Reinhart, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Geisel, Deloris and Lorene Geisel, Dina Fae Steffen, Eileen and Bertha-

leen Geyer, Richard Reinhart, Frederick Gerber, Ezra Reinhard Jr., Hubert Isch, Ralph, Harold, Glennis, LeRoy, and Leonard Steffen, Glen Baumgartner, Sylvan Frauhtiger, John Neuenchwander, Kenneth Schwartz, and Eugene Maller spent Sunday, May 8, in Latty, Ohio. They were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bechtold and Mr. and Mrs. Honneger from Fairbury, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen from Congerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family from Toledo, Ohio, visited us Sunday, May 15, and were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer, Miss Sarah Dotterer, and Mr. and Mrs. George Keitel are spending a few weeks visiting in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Troxel, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fiechter, Robert Gerber, Don Gerber, Richard Yergler, Hubert Isch, and Truman Baumgartner spent Sunday, May 15, visiting in Remington, Ind.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber, Miss Lillian Meyer, and Mrs. Lillian Gerber spent Sunday, May 15, in Francesville, Indiana.

Baptismal services were conducted on Sunday, May 22, by Elders Jacob and William Stettner for Henry Gerber, Mrs. Kenneth Schaefer, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stettner.

We had many visitors over the week-end of May 22, which included Elder and Mrs. Jacob Stettner, Elder and Mrs. William Stettner, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Bertsch, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baer, all from Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wahl from Latty, Ohio, a group of young folks from Milford, and many from Leo. Evening services were held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kipfer spent the week-end of May 22 with Mrs. Kipfer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meiss, in Cissna Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Ernest Isch and many others attended the funeral of Mrs. Isch's sister, Mrs. Sophia Klopfenstein, on May 19 in Gridley.

Kay is the name Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aschliman have given their newly adopted 18-month-old daughter.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerbers' daughter, Catherine Ann, born May 22, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drayers' son, Jerry Lee, born May 30.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr spent the week-end of May 29 visiting in Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gilliom, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Levy, Irene Frauhtiger, Alice Fiechter, Doris Gilliom, and Mary Tonner spent the week-end of May 29, visiting relatives and friends in Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freidinger and daughter, Audrey, from Bay City, Michigan, spent the Decoration Day week-end visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen and family.

Miss Esther Kipfer recently underwent an emergency appendectomy and is improving at this writing.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman spent the week-end of May 29 in Mansfield Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habbeger spent the week-end of May 29 visiting relatives and friends in Remington, Indiana.

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Ilean Geyer and Lenard Steffen on Wednesday evening, June 1, by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sladen.

Harold, Glennis, and LeRoy Steffen, Sylvan Frauhtiger, John Neuenchwander, Herman Aeschliman, Violet and Katherine Steffen, Delores and Lorene Geisel, Katherine Gerber, and Dora Aeschliman spent Sunday, May 29, in Roanoke, Illinois.

Richard Yergler, Hubert Isch, Robert Gerber, Richard Reineck, Truman Baumgartner, Phyllis Gerber, Irene Isch, Lillian Ringger, Ruby Moser, Alice Troxel, and Justine Fiechter spent Sunday, June 5, visiting in Francesville, Indiana.

We had visitors in our midst Sunday, June 5, from Wayne County, O.,

and were guests Sunday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aeschliman and family.

Bremen, Indiana

"Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."—St. John 16:31-33.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schmidt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Freiger and family, and Arlene Gerber of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pfister and family of Elkhart, and S. W. Gerber and son were visitors of Mrs. Anna Gerber at Mishawaka, Indiana, on Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Manny Steffen of Milford and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klopfenstein of Bremen spent the week end of May 1 at Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wieland's of Bay City, Michigan.

A son, Alan Wayne, was born, May 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hartter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller and Mrs. Louis Stoller of Latty, Ohio, visited us May 22.

A son, John Wayne, was born April 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Conrad.

Among the visitors here Sunday 22, were Mrs. Mary Koch and son, Gene, of Tremont, Illinois, Eva, Wilhelmia, and Mrs. Christdeana Bauer of Peoria and Doris Clauss and Emma Jean Anlicker of Fort Wayne.

We regret the passing of our dear, beloved sister in faith, Mrs. Steve Engelhardt, April 27.

Emma Lou Zimmer and Louis Gerber were united in marriage, May 4. Many relatives and friends from a distance attended the wedding. Rev. Herman Hueni officiated. We wish them both much happiness and rich blessings.

On Sunday, May 29, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kilgus of Wolcott, Anna Leonhardt and daughter, Lorrene, Edna Stoller, Martha and Anna Maier of Fairbury, Illinois, and Robert Schieler, Remington, Indiana visited us.

Burlington, Oklahoma

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." II Corinthians 12:9, 10.

On May 22 we had a most blessed day by the visit of Elder Joe Getz and Mrs. Getz of Morton, Illinois, Rev. Joseph Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Getz of Morton, Illinois. Also from Bluffton, Indiana, Rev. Henry Dotterer and Mrs. Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Keitel of Cissna Park, Illinois, and Miss Dotterer from Cissna Park, Illinois. It was a day we shall always remember and treasure.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lambert and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lambert, all of Wichita, Kansas, spent Sunday, May 22, in our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schrock, Misses Kate Bear and Caroline Lehman and Mrs. Charles Gleichman, all of Harper, Kansas, spent Sunday, May 22, visiting our church.

Rev. Lawrence Emch and daughter and niece of Girard, Ohio, visited us May 26 on their way to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller of Ft. Scott, Kansas, spent the Memorial week-end in Oklahoma and Harper, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth of Peoria, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois, visited our congregation on June 5, in which the Lord showered His rich blessings on us through their visit.

Several families from here visited the Harper church on May 30. Among them were Rev. Joseph Aberle and Mrs. Aberle, Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Farney, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Guthrie, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Chicago, Illinois

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glori-

fied together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Romans 8:16-18.

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8, a mother and daughter were taken into the fold. They are Mrs. Ernest Schambach and her daughter, Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schambach of Morton, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. John Teubel of Washington, Illinois, were among the visitors.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler, James and Dorothy, of Leo, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinsman and Mary Ott of Peoria, Illinois, visited us Sunday, May 15.

Sunday, May 22, we enjoyed the visit of a large group of young people from Huntington and Bremen, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Haas, Mr. and Mrs. George Haas, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graff, and others of Elgin, Illinois, were in our midst Sunday, May 29. Rev. Haas conducted the services in the absence of Rev. Fisher.

Harold and Irwin Klotzle, who have been attending school in Chicago, have returned to their home near Sterling, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griner are the happy parents of a baby boy named Phillip Walter.

Croghan and Naumberg, New York

"For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waiteth for the manifestation (revealing) of the sons of God. For the creature (creation) was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope, Because the creature (creation) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty (liberty of the glory) of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:19-23.

Andrew Virkler, who is stationed at the Naval Base at Great Lakes, Illinois, spent the first two weeks of May

with his mother, Mrs. Amanda Virkler and family.

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer, daughter Evelyn, and Misses Clara and Anna Virkler visited Rockville, Connecticut, the week end of May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Schieler and children, Johnnie and Joyce, and Robert Schieler, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Marie Schieler of Remington, Indiana, spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Virkler and daughter Karen of Rockville, Connecticut, visited Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Virkler and family.

The engagement of Miss Cora Belle Wooschlager and William Schambach was announced May 22.

Misses Ella and Augusta Einbeck and Paul Merz spent several days at New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider and children, Lois and Roy, Ronnie Trueb and Frieda Brandly of Rockville, Connecticut, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler Decoration Day week end. They were Sunday dinner guests of Elder and Mrs. Phillip Beyer.

Mr. William Schambach, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Louis Schambach, of Elgin, Illinois, visited Mr. and Mrs. David Schambach and family and Miss Cora Belle Wooschlager, May 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Diggelman and children of Rockville, Connecticut, spent Decoration Day with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Farney.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Farney of Syracuse, New York. The baby did not live. Mrs. Farney was formerly Miss Leona Farney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farney.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bahler and daughters, Esther, Verna, and Wilma, and William Bolliger of Fairbury, Illinois, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler on June 1.

Fairbury, Illinois

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience

wait for *it*. Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his purpose*. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."—Romans 8: 24-30.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Slaughter were baptized and taken into the fold of Christ on Sunday, May 15.

Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein, along with others from Francesville, visited the church on Sunday, May 1, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman entertained and had as dinner guests a group from Oakville, Iowa, on Sunday, May 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber and daughters, Virginia and Joyce, moved into their newly erected home on the corner of Sixth and Elm Streets in Fairbury, Monday, May 30. The Huber's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Fehr, are farming the Huber home place northeast of Fairbury.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Koehl and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Kaisner, along with others, visited the Tremont congregation on Sunday, May 29, and services were again held in the evening.

Fort Scott, Kansas

"What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ

that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."—Romans 8:31-34.

Dinner guests at the Joseph Banwart home May 2 were Mr. and Mrs. William Hartter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rokey of Sabetha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Marti of Lamar, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and twins.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nohl and Nettie of Morris, Minnesota, visited this community May 9.

Our visitors Sunday evening, May 15, were Rev. Samuel Anliker, Roy Wernli, Vernon and Dorothy Schwab of Lamont, Kansas, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Banwart, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden, Virgil Frieden, Mrs. Sarah Braker, Bernice and Raymond Braker, and Lydia Rentsch, of Lamar, Missouri.

Blessed evening services were enjoyed May 24 with Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer of Bluffton, Indiana, Miss Sarah Dotterer of Mansfield, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. George Keitel of Cissna Park, Illinois.

Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn, Leon and Gerald, Miss Ruth Banwart, and Miss Marie Zaugg visited the West Bend, Iowa church and community the week-end of May 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart and Irene, and Miss Clara Marti spent the week-end of May 29 at Lamar, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Banwart and family and Miss Mary Raaf spent Sunday, May 29, at Gridley, Kansas.

Mrs. Rosa Beyer spent Sunday, May 29, at Kansas City with her brother, David Berchtold.

Francisville, Indiana

The community was deeply saddened at the death of Maurice H. Messer, age 20, who was critically injured in an auto accident May 4. Maurice was thrown out of the car unto the pavement, and was unconscious when help arrived. He was taken to the Valparaiso hospital where he died on May 6. Autopsy revealed that he suffered a ruptured bladder, fractured pelvic bone and intestinal hemorrhage. With young Messer were

his brother, Carrol, and another boy, both of whom suffered minor cuts and bruises. Maurice was the son of Paul and Nathalia (Stoller) Messer; he was born at Peoria, March 16, 1929. The family came to this community several years ago. Surviving besides the parents, are two brothers, Paul S., and Carrol, at home; his grandfather, S. R. Stoller, of Peoria, besides many other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral services were held May 9 with Rev. Henry Beer of Milford in charge. The body was then taken to Peoria for burial.

Good News of Salvation: Paul Messer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messer, Sr., and Miss Kathleen Gudeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gudeman, Jr., have given their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." Part of Gal. 6:10. The Junior and Intermediate classes, taught by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wuethrich and Melvin Huber, spent their Sunday School class period on May 29 in the home of a shut-in who has been bedfast for over 14 years. This lady testified that she could not make flowery speeches but words could not express the gratitude of such a kindly act.

"He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor." Prov. 22:9. Rev. Guy Braun of Syracuse, New York, was in our midst on May 25. Instead of our regular Wednesday evening Bible meditations, we were privileged to hear an eye-witness report of what Rev. Braun and his group saw in Europe; a stirring account of the spiritual and physical hunger and destitution, immigration problems, and many other facts to give one a better understanding of some of the many problems, also a challenge of what our part is in these serious problems. Among the inspiring words that were uttered was the great faith of those destitute of material wealth but rich in spiritual wealth. A typical testimony was a prisoner of Russia who wrote, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the

Lord? or who hath been his counselor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things; to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:33-36.

On May 29, we were blessed with the ministry of Rev. Otto Norr of Grabill, Indiana. Many other visitors spending the holiday week-end were also with us.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Matt. 28:19. We were privileged to witness the baptism of four young converts, Glen Gutwein, Nola Ward, Nathan Gutwein, and Arthur Novotny. Elders George Yergler of La Crosse and Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton were present to perform the services.

Gridley, Illinois

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:35-39.

Most of the Gridley congregation attended the funeral of Leo Grusy at Goodfield on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Brother Grusy formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yergler, John Yergler, Sr., Mrs. Matt Stortz, and Miss Esther Yergler attended the funeral services for Mrs. Jacob Schmidt at Cissna Park, Saturday, April 30.

Elder and Mrs. Phil Aschliman, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Walder and daughter, Harriet, and Marian Reuter of Cissna Park were Gridley visitors on Sunday, May 8. Elder Aschliman assisted with the proving and baptism of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schlipf, Mrs. Lillian Fenton, and Mrs. Grace Kiefer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14, for William Donnes of Clayton, New Mexico, at the home of his sisters, Sarah and Dena Donner. He died suddenly of an heart attack.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Sophia Klopfenstein on Thursday, May 19. Elder J. A. Getz of Morton held the services. She was confined to her home for quite some time. She passed away on Tuesday, May 17, and would have reached the age of 78 years the following day.

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Rocke of Roanoke and Elder and Mrs. Frank Woertz of Goodfield and many others from Peoria, Fairbury, Princeville, Morton, and Elgin spent Sunday, May 15, in Gridley. Elders Mangold and Woertz assisted with the proving and baptism of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schlipf and Sophia Schlipf.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Witzig and three children spent from Friday, May 20 to Monday the 23 in Bluffton visiting the Amos Meyer family. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein, who had been visiting relatives there.

John Yergler, Sr. and daughter, Esther, Mr. and Mrs. John Yergler, Jr. and daughter Carol, and Edward Gramm spent the week end of the 22nd in Bluffton visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family of Toledo, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herman and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Baer and daughters Sharon and Judy, of Peoria, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Plattner and children of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebach of Forrest were Gridley visitors on Sunday, May 29.

Lamar, Missouri

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in

our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh."—II Corinthians 4:6-11.

Those home for Mother's Day were Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock, Charlen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wagenbach of Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart, Irene and Pearl Marti of Fort Scott, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Somerhalder and children of Gridley, Kansas. Other very welcome visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and family of Fort Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Gerber of Bremen, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nohl and Nettie of Hancock, Minnesota, and several from Fort Scott spent the evening of May 10 at Ben Banwarts.

We enjoyed a blessed day May 15, with Rev. and Mrs. Peter Fankhouser, Rev. Samuel Anliker, Roy Wernley, Dorothy and Vernon Schwab of Lamont, Kansas, and Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister of Fort Scott here. We partook of the Lord's Supper with Brothers Fankhouser and Pfister serving us. In the evening quite a number went to Fort Scott, as Rev. Samuel Anliker was there for evening services.

We were blessed with the wonderful sermons of Rev. J. A. Getz and Rev. Joseph Zimmerman. They were accompanied by their wives and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Getz. Quite a number drove from Fort Scott to assemble with us also.

A few young folks spent the week end of May 22 at Lamont, Kansas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marti and children, Evelyn, Mamie, and Eugene and Lu-Etta Marti and Waymer Strahm of Sabetha, Kansas, spent Sunday and Memorial Day with us.

Lamont, Kansas

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:22.

We had as visitors, April 10, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Young and Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Yackley. We enjoyed their visit and also the services.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ott attended the funeral of Mrs. Ott's brother at Burlington, Oklahoma.

We enjoyed the visit with Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Kisling and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Farney and their two children, May 1. Many of the Gridley congregation assembled with us in the evening to enjoy the services.

Several of our congregation drove to Fort Scott for Sunday evening services, April 10. We enjoyed the sermon of Elder Noah Schrock and the baptismal service for the two converts.

Funeral services were conducted, April 19, for Mrs. Fred Fankhouser. Rev. Samuel Anliker held the services.

Leo, Indiana

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead."—I Peter 4:1-5.

Rev. Lawrence Emch conducted services at the Leo church Sunday, May 22. He and his daughter, Betty Emch and niece, Joan Emch, planned to visit friends at the West coast. While they were here, the girls helped send out the May issue of the Silver Lining.

Elder Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana, conducted evening services in Fort Wayne on May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frank and their two little girls from Louisville, Kentucky, visited with their friends and relatives here for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Maxfield are the happy parents of a little son, James Allen, who was born on May 26.

Miss Katherine Schlatter and Gerald Widner were married Sunday, May 29. A wedding reception was held at the bride's home, after which

the couple went south on a wedding trip. They will make their home in Fort Wayne. We wish the couple much happiness.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Beer visited the Leo church on Thursday evening, June 2.

Baptismal services for Joan Schlatter were on June 5. We are very happy to say that there have been five new converts.

The George Steiglitz's will honor Janet Eikenberry with a bridal shower on June 8.

Choir practice was held on June 1 at the home of William Levy of Fort Wayne, and on June 6 at the home of Al Frautschi of Grabill.

Lester, Iowa

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation."—II Corinthians 1:3-7.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernst Knobloch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger and daughter Pearlina, and Carl Feucht spent the week end of May 5 in Winthrop, Minnesota.

Mrs. Kate Dietrich of Elgin, Illinois, is spending several weeks here with her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Metzger, and her sister, Mrs. Ben Feucht.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrain Kellenberger and Nathan Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, visited here the week end of May 29.

Our new church is all finished except for a little interior work.

Mansfield, Ohio

"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired

even of life: But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver us; Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf."—II Corinthians 1:8-11.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dinger visited in Akron Sunday, May 15.

Miss Louise Sauder and Mrs. Miriam Bird were hostesses at a shower given at the Aaron Sauder home Friday evening, May 20, for Miss Sarah Bocka, bride-elect of Byran Rice.

A shower was given Saturday evening, May 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dotterer for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dotterer, who were married Thursday, May 12.

Sister Louise Tanner passed away Saturday, May 21, at the age of 72 years. She had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Dotterer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beery and children of Rittman, Ohio, visited relatives and friends here Sunday, May 22.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Gerber of Bluffton visited us Sunday, May 29. Mrs. Freda Budd was baptized and added to the fold. It was a blessed day. Albert Gasser and family from Rittman spent the week end visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. Emil Bocka.

Peoria, Illinois

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake

wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil."—Psalm 37:3-8.

Funeral services were held May 10, for Maurice Messer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messer of Francesville, Indiana. His death was the result of a car accident. He is survived by his parents and two brothers, besides many relatives and friends.

Three more dear souls were added to the Fold of Chirst on May 15. They were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stock and Billy Heinsman.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Miss Eunice Wiegand and James Weutrich of Oakville, Iowa, May 15. Both are employed in Peoria. They will make their home in Morton.

Mrs. Chris Koehl, who has been a patient the last few weeks at a hospital in Oak Park, Illinois, has returned home. We hope she will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoerr are the happy parents of a daughter, born May 30. The baby's mother was the former Wilma Fehr.

On May 29, Miss Hattie Kaiser of Milford, Indiana, became the bride of David Hoerr, Jr., of Peoria, Illinois, at a ceremony performed at Milford, Indiana. Their new home will be in Peoria, where the groom is in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Honegger, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Koehl of Strawn, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Bachtold of Forrest, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Huette of Fairbury were Peoria visitors May 22. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wiegand.

Princeville, Illinois

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."—Romans 5:1-5.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Musselmann, who passed away at

her home May 7 following a lingering illness, were held May 10. Elder Emil Schubert of Peoria and Rev. Ben Heiniger of Morton officiated.

John and Edith Stahl were baptized Sunday, May 15, by Elder Emil Schubert.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menold are the parents of a son, born May 15. Mrs. Menold was the former Marie Leuthold.

A large number from our congregation spent May 22 in the Roanoke congregation.

Mrs. Katherine Farney submitted to a major operation in a Peoria hospital Monday, May 23. At present she is getting along nicely. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

The engagement of Miss Esther Steiner of Elgin, Illinois, and Mr. Samuel Grimm of Princeville, Illinois, was announced May 29.

Samuel and George Kieser, who have both been on the sick list, are improved and able to be about again.

Remington, Indiana

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."—James 1:2-8.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scheiler, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bahler visited in Detroit, Michigan, over the week-end of May 1.

A group of young folks from Bluffton visited our congregation on May 15 and were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scheiler, Mrs. Marie Scheiler, and Mr. Robert Scheiler returned on May 14 from a two week trip through the East. They visited relatives at Croghan, New York, and Rockville, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scheiler and family attended the wedding of Mrs. Scheiler's brother, Mr. Victor Knochel, to Miss Elinor Benson on May 20 at Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Knapp of Goodfield, Illinois, viisted with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wasner. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinold and daughter, Mary Ann, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heinold of La Crosse and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Yergler and son, Glenn, of Cissna Park were in our midst on Sunday and were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger of Bluffton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steffen of Cropsey, Illinois, also spent Sunday with us and were guests of the Jacob Bahler family.

We gathered for Sunday evening services on May 29, as Rev. Otto Norr of Leo was in our midst. We all had a very blessed evening, with many attending from the Wolcott and Francerville congregations.

West Bend, Iowa

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempeth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."—James 1:12-15.

Sunday, May 1, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moser of Morris, Minnesota, were visitors at the Noah Gerber home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fehr and family, Harley Bruellman, Mabel Banwart, Lorraine Grimm, Betty Banwart, and Mable Schmidt were Lester, Iowa, visitors Sunday, May 1.

Florence, Lydia, and Floyd Banwart all had their appendixes removed this past month. They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Banwart.

We enjoyed having with us for the Decoration Day holiday several from various churches. They were: Ida

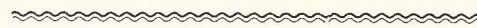
Sinn, Marie Hugh, Clara Banwart, Elizabeth Metzger, and Bertha Sauder of Elgin, Illinois, and Alma Cordell of Chicago, Illinois. Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and two sons, Ruth Zaugg and Ruth Banwart of Fort Scott, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schafer, Antone and Martha Schafer, Minnie, Alphi, and Chris Moser, Raymond and Wilma Luthi, Ila and Vila Zeltwanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meiss of Hancock, Minnesota. Also Frederick, Freida, Karoline, Lydiann, and Pearline Metzger, Mrs. Eli Metzger, Gus Knobloch, Salome Kellenberger, and Elgeva Kellenberger, Florence, Melva, Marjorie, Verna and Howard Mogler, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knobloch and family of Lester, Iowa, and Arlene Kuntz and Shirley Weigand of Gridley, Illinois.

Mildred Sauder returned from Hancock, Minnesota, where she had been assisting at the Ben Griener home for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, Loraine, Eli, Jr., and Lavonne spent Memorial Day week end at Princeville.

Wolcott, Indiana

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which accord-



Hymn for the Month

Where the Roses Never Fade

I am going to a city
Where the streets with gold are laid,
Where the tree of life is blooming,
And the roses never fade.

In this world we have our troubles,
Satan's snares we must evade;
We'll be free from all temptation
Where the roses never fade.

Loved ones gone to be with Jesus,
In their robes of white arrayed,
Now are waiting for my coming
Where the roses never fade.

Chorus

Here they bloom but for a season,
Soon their beauty is decayed;
I am going to a city
Where the roses never fade.

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ing to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls."—I Peter 1:3-9.

Edward, Walter, and Mary Ellen Widmer of Lamar, Missouri, spent several days here visiting their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family. Edward remained here and is working in this community. We welcome him to our congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter, Miss Lena Knochel, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney and Le Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman and children were Roanoke visitors May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Farney attended the funeral of Brother Grusy at Goodfield. They went to Roanoke for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughters spent May 1, with relatives in Fairbury and attended baptismal services for Mrs. Kropf's sister, Mrs. Emil Gertlein.

Miss Lena Knochel has moved here from Fort Wayne. We welcome her to our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kyburz and children visited relatives at Congerville, May 8.

On May 22, we had many visitors from Fairbury, Peoria, Elgin, Bluffton, Francesville, and Remington. A church supper and community singing were enjoyed by all in the evening.

Count It All Joy

Mrs. Charles E. Cowman,—The Oriental Missionary Society.

(Continued from April issue)

Our line of testing lay in the fact that the promises all seemed to be for the **future**, while we needed a **present help**. When month after month went by, then year after year, and there was not the slightest indication of any answer to our heart-cries! The physical suffering was well-nigh more than the human could bear. The agony of pain baffled description. Often upon our lips was the question, "Why?" Were our lives not wholly given to God? Had they not been out-poured in obeying His call to "the uttermost part of the earth"? We might say, "Lord, **what** wouldst thou have me do—**where** wouldst Thou have me to go?" But the question "Why" should be left entirely with our Father.

Instead of making any explanation whatever of the baffling providences, or unraveling the mystery in which we found ourselves enfolded, the Holy Spirit drew our attention to four words in James 1:2. Strange words to be given at a time when hearts were bleeding and breaking! Indeed, we found no comfort in them. There was no glad response in our hearts. If he had but given the promise "I will come and heal him," or "It is I; be not afraid," a glad Amen would have burst from our lips. We did not wish to receive the message which James 1:2 contained; it seemed that our Father was bidding us do the impossible. **How** could we "count it all joy," with life slowly ebbing away, days of usefulness gone, the heathen world deprived of the ministry of one of God's choicest servants? This could not be! "Count it all joy" when we found ourselves in a furnace seven times heated? Impossible!

Not only was my beloved companion lying in the very valley and shadow of death, but the heavy overstrain due to years of missionary activity, battling with strange climates, Satanic powers, and now, this last greatest of all trials, was making deep inroads upon physical strength. This

loved one's helplessness was literally crushing my heart. From childhood our lives had been inseparable, and often at the close of the day we would sit in the fire-light and visualize a long life together.

Joy at such time? One memorable morning He spoke gently: "My child, I did not bid you **feel** it 'all joy,' but '**count** it all joy.'" He sent me to His Word, and "my spirit made diligent search." Weymouth translates James 1:2 thus: "Reckon it nothing but joy, my brethren, whenever you find yourselves hedged in by various trials." Searching the epistles of my favorite Bible hero, I found Paul's written testimony in 2 Cor. 12:10 revealing the secret of his power. A free translation renders this verse: "I take pleasure in being without strength, in being chased about, in being cooped up in a corner, for when I am without strength I am dynamite."

Webster's dictionary gives an analysis of the word happiness: the root word is "hap" which mean that **happiness** comes through chance or circumstance. Psalm 106 threw new light upon this subject. Away back yonder was a people who praised God; whose hearts were filled with joy when they **saw** His mighty works and **understood** His dealings with them. This was a sort of **circumstantial** praise. The sad record follows "They soon forgot his works."

New light was beginning to dawn. I found in the Word of God that **joy** is the fruit of the Spirit, independent of means or circumstances; a well-spring flowing from the heart of Jesus right into ours. "All my (fresh) springs are in thee," wrote the Psalmist. "Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved," and let the joy of the Lord be your strength.

What wonderful secret was God revealing to me? The light seemed like the breaking of dawn. Something was lifting me; nay **Someone!** "Arise, shine; for thy light is come!" This message was ringing in my soul, and

there, right there, in the midst of the most trying experience of my entire lifetime, I placed my weak, trembling hand in His strong one, and told Him that "at his word" I would "count it all joy." Life was completely changed from that moment. A new vision had been given. Into my heart stole the peace that "passeth all understanding." An arm upheld, and has continued to uphold moment by moment throughout the crisis years which have followed.

"The dark-brown mould's upturned
By the sharp-pointed plow,
And I've a lesson learned.
"My life is but a field
Stretched out beneath God's sky,
Some harvest rich to yield.
"Where grows the golden grain?
Where faith—where sympathy?
In a furrow cut by pain."

We cannot be real sympathizers till we have been real sufferers. If we would be a wound-dresser of souls, our own wounds must needs be bound by the great Physician. Dear Fannie Crosby was never permitted to look upon the green fields, nor the lovely sunset, yet she counted it all joy and her uplifting hymns are sung around the world. The deepest joy needs pain to give it birth.

I do not profess to know the philosophy, nor understand the Divine alchemy, but I do know that if we will take God at His Word, and **count** by faith, **count** in the darkness, just because "God hath said" **count**, He has a way of performing things, bringing forth richest harvests from lonely desert wastes, and glorious glows of sunset from out the blackest clouds.

One day, in the midst of those crisis years, there was added to our almost unspeakable testings and buffetings, another of even greater proportion. We were leasing the dwelling which we occupied. Three months before the expiration of the lease, the agent called, stating that the property had been sold and giving notice to remove at once. This occurred during the season of the year when houses and apartments in Southern California are most difficult to secure, for tourists from all sections of the country

come to spend their winters in her sunny clime.

How was this news to be broken to the beloved sufferer? For months he had been carefully shielded from hearing anything of an unpleasant or exciting nature. The doctors had warned against attempting to remove him even from one room to another, lest the slightest strain have a fatal ending. Oh! the suffering in spirit at this moment. **What** were we to do? **Where** were we to go? We were "entangled in the land" as much as were the children of Israel encamped on the banks of the Red Sea. **Exodus** fourteen was read many, many times. What comfort it brought to note that God in taking His children through mystery was un baffled, undismayed. He led them clear through! Israel's deliverance from bondage was associated with mystery and terror, that God should lead them through the sea in its most awful aspect, in the depth of midnight. With all the triumph and joy which accompanied the event, its **mysteriousness** was distinctly and awfully marked. They **m o v e d through** mystery and **after** mystery, following the One whose footsteps were not known. God deliberately beclouded things which they had the **right** and **ability** to understand. The **ability to comprehend is what was wanting. Finite wisdom has no place in God's dealing.**

The cry of the heart at this time was "Awake! Awake in our behalf! Make bare Thine arm!" Satan was right at hand suggesting, "Pity yourself! You are forsaken of God, and this is the proof! Did not I warn you of this when you went to the mission field leaving all behind?" He reminded us of the beautiful home which might have been ours; of the radiant health my companion might now be enjoying; and other delights too numerous to mention here. But, "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Thanks be unto God!

Above the awful roar of the storm was heard a sound of gentle stillness: the voice of the tender Shepherd again speaking to His lone sheep, and saying, "Count it all joy! What you

know not is known to me. I'll take you through, however you're tried!" "In quietness and confidence" was my strength as I leaned upon the everlasting arm! Entering the sick chamber I drew near the couch where the precious sufferer lay amid the shadows of the evening. Taking his hand in mine I gently broke the news that the home had been sold and that we would be compelled to remove at once. How graciously God covered our defenseless heads with the shadow of His wings. He had gone before and prepared the way. The one who was known to his friends as the "smiling invalid" asked calmly: "Are you **counting it all joy?**" And he asked the question with a smile. Soon the room rang with the duet, for we took our harps from the willow and sang not only the Doxology, but the chorus of a dear familiar hymn.

Together, we counted it all joy and trusted. Often in the other years, had we stood together on the seashore watching the waves as they came rolling in from far out among the breakers. Suddenly, they would break in a long line of foam upon reaching the sand, and we would gather lovely pearl-lined shells filled with the soft-toned music of the deep—the echo of the undertone. These seashells would be carried home as mementoes of that particular place, for such mementoes carry fragrant memories.

Today, after that awful night of storm, when God worked for us as **only God can work**, causing the sea to go back, we have another memento, and can "call back" to every tested and tried soul, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The next day a friend suddenly appeared on the scene. He had traveled across the country, more than three thousand miles, arriving on almost the exact hour when a reply had to be given to the agent. Our friend said: "I wish to give you a home of your own, and have come here for that purpose." He had known absolutely nothing of our great need. Will you tell me who gave him the information? Who worketh like Him? Who is like unto our God doing wonders? "As for God, his way is perfect."

Not only was the new home provided, but the heart of the agent was changed, and we were permitted to remain in the leased quarters another month. When the day for removing came, God had so strengthened my beloved sufferer, that, for the first time in many months, he was enabled to walk down the stairs, out into the fresh air, and across the four squares to "the place which our Lord had made." The new home had been designed by a woman whose husband was a patient in a sanitarium. Hoping that he would recover sufficiently to be removed, she had planned the bungalow to suit an invalid. There was a fireplace made of cobblestones along one end of the room—a cozy, cheery place; there were built-in desks and library shelves, a sun-room—a comfortable, unpretentious, wee place, greatly loved by us because God gave it. It was here that we spent six beautiful golden years, the last of my beloved's earthly life and ministry. In this "our desert place" whither He whiled us apart with Himself, "Streams in the Desert" was written. And it was here within these walls, also, that the plans were perfected for **the evangelization of the world in our generation.** Although God did not stretch forth His hand to heal, we were both enabled by His grace to count it all joy until an angel escort came and carried the loved one Home.

"He will silently plan for thee,
His purpose shall all unfold;
The tangled skein shall shine at last,
A masterpiece of skill untold."

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