

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, EVEN by him doth this man stand here before you whole."

—The Acts 4:10.



"This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner."

The Acts 4:11.

A Hiding Place

Everyone needs at some time or other a place to hide, a refuge from people and things. Sometimes we need to hide from ourselves and our problems. In Revelation chapter six, we read how the kings and great men will hide themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains at the coming of the Lord and will say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb."

Everybody needs a hiding place in God, a place of abiding refuge, God has given us that hiding place through His Son Jesus Christ! It is important that we find this place of security in Him. We need Him now, we need Him tomorrow, and we will need Him when life ends, when man must stand before Him. It is better to find a hiding place in and with Him, than to hide from Him as multitudes will in that day when Jesus will come again and judge. They will seek to hide themselves from God who sits on the throne in heaven and from the face of Jesus Christ.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How could He love us so, when we have often been so independent of Him, going our own way, holding to our own feelings and ideas, and try-

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YOUTH—TARRY NOT!

"Flourishing youth thou our hope and our fond expectation, Hark to the voice that is calling in kind invitation."

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" (Eccl. 12:1).

No doubt nearly every young person is familiar with that scripture. But, have you ever seriously considered what it means in connection with your own living soul? Have you, in other words, fully realized the very importance of accepting Jesus in your youth?

HE IS RISEN

"In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first DAY of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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

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

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

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

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."—St. Matthew 28:1-6.

If not, why not pause a moment and give the matter some thought? I can hear the reply of a young soul already, "Why should we young people turn to the Lord? That's all right for older folks, but we're young and we want to enjoy the pleasures of the world. Of course, we do have the wish to join the church someday, but not now, perhaps some more convenient time."

To that we would reply—there is no better time to come to Jesus than when we are young. Scripture says, "Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." Yes, now is the hour in which you may be saved, as for tomorrow we have no promise that we shall be here to take advantage of the free gift of salvation.

Another reason we like to see the youth turn to Christ is because they, being yet in their teens, are thus ready to be moulded. As to the pattern of life which they wish to be likened unto, that is of course each individual's choice. But why not give in to the Master Potter and let Him mould and shape your life into His own likeness? Why not do this now, before the years of time roll by and your heart becomes hardened to the Lord's tender callings and you become satisfied living in your sins and believing in your self-righteousness?

Then another reason we so gladly

invite our youth to come to Jesus is because the church needs *you!* Surely no one can deny that. Where would our church be tomorrow if it had no youth within its fold today? The church really does need the support of young people. Wonder if you have ever realized the joy it brings to a Christian's heart to see youth respond to the gentle invitation of Jesus and become born again!

Yes, the church does need you and even more important—you need the church! You'll find much more happiness and contentment in life if you are anchored to the "Solid Rock" and have the members of the church to share fellowship with. Certainly no one can deny the fact that as we go through life there are many sorrows, trials, and difficulties. Therefore, coming to the realization of such, can you, dear friend, feel that you are strong enough to fight the battle of life on your own strength, independent of Christ and the Church?

Every sincere Christian knows that no matter how fierce the storms of life may be, there can always be found comfort and encouragement when we are being in close communion with our wonderful Saviour. When converted it does not take long to heartily agree with the writer of the beautiful hymn, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Going back to our young soul who said young people yet wanted to enjoy the pleasures of the world. To that we would say—you who have not tasted of the goodness of Jesus Christ have not yet begun to live! You haven't learned what real joy and happiness is. Why? Simply because you have not the peace and contentment that is the Gift of God to every sinner that repents. Remember young people, that kind of joy you can't buy anywhere in this world—no, because it's only accessible through our Lord and Saviour. He alone is the way to Eternal life and by no other method or way can you hope to enter into the mansions He has prepared for those who are His children.

Dear friends of the truth, if you'll once make the decision to live for Jesus, He'll change your life completely and all things that once gave you so much pleasure in the world shall no

longer be of interest to you. For when we are born again, we are new creatures in Christ, and from then on we have new interests in life. How we can then rejoice, being a child of the King, no longer a slave to the Prince of Darkness and his pleasures.

Scripture teaches us that—"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10) "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Young people, what are you going to do with Jesus? That is the question. Yes, He's calling you to come today. Will you accept His kind invitation?

"Tenderly Jesus embraces the
lamps of His treasure
Youth, thou shalt furnish the Shep-
herd His favorite pleasure.
Blessing and glee, showers the
Father on thee,
Prize of His flock without meas-
ure."

(No. 168, Zion's Harp)
Wilbur Hoerr

A HIDING PLACE

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ing to be our own Saviour? David said, "Thou *art* my hiding place," and in Colossians 3:3 it speaks how a true Christian's life is hid with Christ in God. We who have found our hiding place with Christ; let us always look to Him for refuge, as He is the Rock of Ages in all our needs and cares. Thank God He came as a sin-bearer and Saviour. He is the founder of the church and the head of the church. He gave Himself for the church, and for that reason we should seek in Christ a hiding place from an accusing conscience, from the power of sin in the soul, and from sinful practices and habits. I believe there is no torture known to man comparable with the torture of an accusing conscience.

Dear Reader, I believe you will agree with me that the devil is responsible for all the world's ills, and therefore we all need a hiding place from the power of Satan. That can be found by coming to Christ and confessing our sins and in all humbleness to cry to God for mercy and forgiveness. We will then most certainly be forgiven and our accusing con-

science will be purified and perfected. So with a clear conscience man is BORN AGAIN out of water and spirit and is called a child of God.—But trouble and sorrow, sickness and pain, fear and torment, does not end here, for Satan is always trying to rob us of that precious pearl, which we received through repentance. Oh, what a comfort to know that God cares and is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. That is why Jeremiah of old cried out "O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction." Matthew 10:29 and 31 tells us "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." "Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Is it not wonderful to be a lamb of such a Shepherd; He admonishes us so often to fear not, and if we love Him above everything, He will cast out all tormenting and fear. So let us fully put our trust in Him, the One who cares and watches.

We know there are many things in the word of God we do not fully understand. The prophet Isaiah saith, "For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." So we should not become discouraged in living for the Lord, even if things do not always go to our desire. So often we say, Why did this have to happen and others can go through this life so easy? It seems like everyday something happens to make us ask that. We are glad for the Word of God as it says, "Neither are your ways my ways." That is why He taught us to say, "Thy will be done."

I am reminded of that beautiful hymn found in the Gospel Hymn Book:

"In thy cleft, O Rock of Ages, Hide
thou me
When the fitful tempest rages,
Hide thou me;
Where no mortal arm can sever
From my heart thy love forever,
Hide me, Oh, Thou Rock of Ages,
Safe in Thee."

Michael Weyneth

Voyage of Life

We have all started upon this voyage, the destination of which will be the home of the blest, the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

This voyage is very much a reality, and we should try to understand it; it has many responsibilities. Let us cherish the light we have from God that we may be guided aright amid perils and changing experiences.

Life is a battle between good and evil from childhood. Good teachings and influences would draw us toward God, and evil things which we see and hear would draw us downward and away from God.

As children at home, we have sailed upon calm waters, carefully watched over by a mother's love and safely guided by a father's skill. That you have reached the period of youth is therefore, for you, a very serious fact, for you are now in command of the vessel. You are sailing through winding channels, rapids, and rushing currents into the great sea of active life. On your skill and caution depends the safety of the passage and the shore you will reach.

Neglect the rules laid down on the chart of experience by previous navigators and the ship will soon end on the rocks or be so damaged as to peril your safety on the remaining portion of the journey. It is therefore well to take counsel of experience, study the dangers, and let caution be your pilot; many rocks and strong currents will be avoided and life's sailing will hold much pleasure and happiness.

Jesus is the perfect navigator, and, if we will let Him be at the helm of our ship of life, there is no doubt but we shall reach yonder shore in safety. The many wholesome teachings which He spoke and are preserved for us are the charts to safely guide us.

A good beginning has been made by many of our youth in accepting the invitation of Jesus to come and follow Him. You who have repented and been born again out of water and spirit and are now living in the

new way of life are being led by the Holy Spirit to be submissive, obedient, and a good example unto the youth who are still unconverted. Continue to be a good influence.

A person who advocates charity and is not charitable, or kindness and is not kind, or patience and is not patient, or forgiveness and is not forgiving, or submissiveness and is not submissive, etc., might as well not advocate, because his works would not exemplify his speech.

Young people are impetuous; they see work to be done. Their life is before them and they envisage the great things that can be accomplished and progress made, which is natural. However, the Christian youth are endowed with a new heart and a new mind and do ever look unto the great shepherd, Jesus, for guidance. Youth will look unto the church and its leaders for counsel and then proceed with full support and confidence upon a clearly charted pathway. This is a slower process and requires more patience, but is the only way which carries the assurance of a completely successful and happy voyage.

When this youthful ambition is combined with and tempered by the counsel of experience and the course properly charted or the undertaking clearly analyzed, a team is formed that spells not only success, but unity, peace, happiness, and many blessings in the voyage of life.

Understanding one another is so important in this respect, and you also have a great responsibility in your doings so that you are not misunderstood. The Brotherhood should be as one large family, working and pulling together, considering each others' viewpoint, with the thought through it all of doing the will of God and for the praise and glory of His great name.

The Lord has been good to all of us. Let us therefore continue to walk hand in hand, both young and old, in love and unity, so that our ship of faith may safely weather all storms and reach the Haven of Rest, eternally saved.

Al Fisher.

WHAT IS SIN?

Man calls it an accident; God calls it an abomination.

Man calls it a blunder; God calls it blindness.

Man calls it a chance; God calls it a choice.

Man calls it a defect; God calls it a disease.

Man calls it an error; God calls it enmity.

Man calls it fascination; God calls it fatality.

Man calls it infirmity; God calls it iniquity.

Man calls it a luxury; God calls it leprosy.

Man calls it a liberty; God calls it lawlessness.

Man calls it a trifle; God calls it a tragedy.

Man calls sin a mistake; God calls it madness.

Man calls it a weakness; God calls it wilfulness.—*Exchange*.

PRACTICE ALSO COMES IN HANDY

By Arthur Mercer

A British soldier one night was caught creeping stealthily back to his quarters from the near-by woods. He was taken before his commanding officer and charged with holding communications with the enemy. The man pleaded that he had gone into the woods to pray by himself. That was his only defense.

"Have you been in the habit of spending hours in private prayer?" the officer growled.

"Yes, sir!"

"Then down on your knees and pray now," he roared, "you never needed to so much."

Expecting immediate death the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in prayer that for eloquence could have been inspired only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"You may go," said the officer simply when finished, "I believe your story. If you hadn't drilled often you couldn't have done as well at review."

Suffering is a wonderful fertilizer to the roots of character.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Bluffton

"For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee."

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Maller, Joel E. Schwartz, and Eugene E. Maller arrived home Tuesday evening, August 9, following a trip through Canada, Niagara Falls, and New York City. They spent Sunday, August 7, at Union City, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shrock from Oakville, Iowa, attended our mid-week services on Thursday evening, August 18.

A very blessed week-end was spent August 21, with baptismal services conducted for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schwartz, Elizabeth Bertsch, Evelyn Stoller, and Leonard Bertsch. We had the privilege of having in our midst Elder J. A. Getz, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Grimm, and many others from Morton, Illinois, and Elder Joseph Klopfenstein and family from Gridley, Illinois. We enjoyed their visit and welcome them all back.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerber left Saturday, August 27, for an extended trip to the churches in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota.

The engagement of Alice Fiechter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fiechter, to Millard Aschliman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aschliman, was announced Sunday, August 28.

J. W. Gerber, who recently underwent surgery, is improved at this writing.

Don Gerber, Richard Yergler, Truman Baumgartner, John Neuenchwander, Robert Gerber, Hubert Isch, Irene Isch, Alice Troxel, Ruby Moser, Phyllis Gerber, Lillian Ringger, Justine Fiechter, Amelia Baine, and Ted Isch spent the week-end of August 28 visiting in Chicago.

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Bremen

"For the mountains shall depart,

and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee."

The engagement of Phyllis Laidig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Laidig Jr., to Richard Billman was announced.

A surprise birthday party was held August 9 for Carolyn Schumacher. Milford, Goodfield, and Remington guests were present.

Robert Hueni, Earl Zeltwanger, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klopfenstein attended the proving at Milford, August 27.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hueni were in Wolcott, where he officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Christ Stoller.

Mr. Joseph Bauman is recovering at home from a recent accident.

A large group of young folks from Remington and some from Wolcott and Cissna Park visited us Sunday, August 28.

Wilbur Hoerr of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. George Zimmer.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach of Remington, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schumacher of Eureka, Illinois, visited us August 7. We enjoyed a picnic at the Bremen park and the evening at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zeltwanger's.

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Burlington

"O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires."

Those vacationing this month were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schrock, Mr. Joseph Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock, and Mrs. Ed Kircher to Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Freiden, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Farney to Indiana and Illinois; Mrs. Ada Miller, Godfrey, Doris and Robert to various points in Illinois and Iowa; Mrs. Katie Hodel

and Mrs. Hulda Prather to the Ozarks in Missouri; Misses Kathryn and Erma Miller to Illinois, Indiana, Bay City, Michigan, and Rockville, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth have returned home from Bloomington, Illinois, and Kansas City, Missouri, after receiving medical aid.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weyenneth and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois, spent a few days in our community recently.

Those attending the Ott reunion at Gridley, Kansas, were: Rev. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder, Rev. and Mrs. Roy Farney, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ott, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Rassi of Morton, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Brown.

Mrs. Martha Heinold, Mary Ann and Art, of Indiana spent Sunday, August 21, in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Farney of Wolcott, Indiana, visited relatives and friends August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kilgus of Remington, Indiana, visited our community August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Schurter and family of Elgin, Illinois, are visiting relatives and friends.

Open house was held for our dear Sister Maggie Zehr, who celebrated her 90th birthday. Her children and many relatives and friends attended the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diel have established a new home in the city of Cherokee.

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Chicago

"And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones."

Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Hermann of Peoria were in Chicago Sunday, August 7.

Our visitors Sunday, August 14, included Rev. Will Furrer of Wolcott, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wenger of Roanoke, Raymond, Laura, and Edna Wenger of Fair-

bury, and William Yackley and Alvin Neukomm of Peoria.

Alice and Clara Heiniger of La Crosse, Indiana, spent Sunday, August 21, in Chicago.

The Chicago congregation received quite a surprise Sunday, August 28. We had many visitors from Bluffton, Wolcott, and La Crosse, Indiana, and Peoria, Forrest, Fairbury, and Elgin, Illinois. We were very happy to have the folks with us and we extend all of them a hearty invitation to come visit us again.

We are happy to know that Matilda Rassi of Morton will be in our midst for a short time.

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Cissna Park

"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children."

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Fred Jacobs on August 14. Elder Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton was here for the services. Mrs. Fred Jacobs was the former Emma Weiland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer of Bluffton accompanied the Sam Aeschlimans down here on the week-end of the 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Remm of Lamar, Missouri, visited friends and relatives here during the week of August 14-21.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kaufman and daughter, LaVerne, Wilmer Kaufman, and Lynn, Elna, Dona, and Jerry Feller spent the evening of August 23 at the home of Ed Frey in honor of their daughter Marjorie's birthday.

Arlene Winger, Aldine and Arlene Knapp, and Myra Farney are vacationing at Monticello, Indiana, this week, August 28-September 3.

A miscellaneous shower was held at the home of Elna Feller for Marjorie Rinkenberger on August 30.

The Sunday of August 28 was enjoyed by all when many visitors were here. The visiting ministers were Rev. John Yergler of Bluffton, Rev. Conrad Gutwein of Francesville, Rev. Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Rev. Hen-

ry Wackerle of Bay City, and Rev. Bahr of Sabetha, Kansas.

Many from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Stoller in Wolcott, August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kupferschmid and Paul spent the week-end of August 27-28 in Milford, Indiana, with Mr. and Mrs. Kupferschmid's daughters, Mrs. Harold Beer and Mrs. Levi Beer.

Several from here attended the funeral of the former Helen Wackerle of Bay City, August 19.

We expect to be in our new church sometime during the next month.

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Croghan-Naumberg

"In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schini and three children of Remington, Indiana, spent several days the first week of August visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer.

On August 3, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Dotterer of Junction, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Slaughter and children of Bay City, Michigan, Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr of Leo, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Gust Knochel, son, Dickie, and Billy Schembs of Remington, Indiana, were visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Farney and children spent August 7 at Rockville, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones and son, Kerry, of De Motte, Indiana, and Peter Kuykendall of Arlington, Virginia, spent several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer.

On August 13, Richard and Robert Leman, Elmer and Gilgian Stoller, and Donald Broquard of Forrest, Illinois, visited this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farney, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Virkler, Timothy Farney, and Mrs. Barbara Witmeyer spent August 21 at Rockville, Connecticut.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Gerst, Elizabeth Gerst, and Mrs. John Wagenbach and daughter, Barbara, of Oakville, Iowa, visited here August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Hoerr and children of Taylor, Missouri, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Julias Farney and a few other acquaintances.

Mrs. Anna Thompson and daughters of Rockville, Connecticut, spent two weeks visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herzig. On their return home, Mrs. Herzig accompanied them to spend several days with her mother, Mrs. Limburgur.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider of Rockville, Connecticut, spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler and son, Wayne Lee, spent the week end of August 28 at Rockville, Connecticut, and several days touring New York City and Washington, D. C.

Funeral services for Sister Sarah Beyer were held September 1. She reached the age of 91 years.

Frank and Betty Virkler and Misses Rita Widrick and Betty Farney spent Labor Day week end at Bay City, Michigan. Mrs. Amanda Virkler, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Earl Ramseyer, returned home with them.

Elder Philip Beyer has returned home from the hospital, after being a patient there five weeks. He is able to be up part of the day. His condition still needs lots of rest and quiet.

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Fairbury

"Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake."

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Bach entertained and had as dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. Herman Menold on Sunday, August 14.

On Sunday, August 21, Emil Herstein was baptized and received into the fold of Christ. We wish him God's blessings.

Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman of Wolcott, Indiana, visited South Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church on

Sunday, August 28, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Honegger.

Several cars from Peoria and Roanoke visited our congregation on Sunday, August 28, and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler.

Miss Esther Kiefer is confined in bed because of a bruised knee and ankle resulting from an auto accident which occurred Thursday afternoon, August 25.

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Fort Scott

Mrs. Lena Burk and son, Clarence Burk, of Tremont, Illinois, visited the week end of July 31 with her sister, Mrs. Rosa Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wagler and son, Paul Wagler, also daughter, Mrs. Matilda Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wagler and children, and Joseph Eberhardt of Burlington, Iowa, spent several days in this community Aug. 1.

On August 7, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Banwart and family and Mrs. Keller of West Bend, Iowa, visited our congregation; also several cars from Lamar, Missouri, visited in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cordill and children of Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Massner and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rever of Hancock, Minnesota, visited our church August 14.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Somerhalder and family of Burlington, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Rassi and son of Morton, Illinois, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Banwart and family, August 12.

Baptismal services were conducted on Monday evening, August 15, by Elders Noah Schrock and Joseph Whittmer for Ruth Dikeman. A blessed evening was also enjoyed by many visitors.

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Francesville

"Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy."

The wedding of Miss Barbara Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Em-

mett Ward, and Mr. David Wuethrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Wuethrich, took place on Sunday evening, August 14, at 6:00, in the presence of many relatives and friends in the church. The ceremony was performed by Elder George Yergler. After a wedding trip, the couple will make their home on a farm near Francesville. We wish them God's many blessings.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gutwein are the parents of a son, born on July 2. He has been named Rodney Wayne.

We had a blessed Sunday July 24, when Miss Kathleen Gudeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gudeman, and Paul Messer Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Messer, were added to the fold of the Lord. What a joy it is to be a child of a King. The services were conducted by Elder George Yergler.

Mrs. Paul Messer and son, Paul, Jr., are spending a few weeks in California, where they have friends and relatives.

The engagement of Miss Dorothy Pelsy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Pelsy, and John Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin of Roanoke, Illinois, was announced August 28.

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Gridley, Illinois

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

Arthur and Edward Gramm, Arthur Kuerth, Ray Meiss, and Harold and Robert Gramm spent 19 days vacationing through the western states. They spent Sunday, August 21, in Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and daughter, Carolyn, left Monday, August 15, for Bluffton, where they visited until the following Monday. Elder Joseph Klopfenstein, his son Carlton, Arthur Schlipf, and Marvin Schmidgall spent the week end of the 21st in Bluffton, bringing Mrs. Klopfenstein and Carolyn home with them.

A group of young members from Gridley attended Wednesday evening services in Goodfield on Wednesday, August 31.

Mrs. Paul Messer and sons Paul, Jr. and Carroll and Annabelle and Merle Yaggie of Francesville spent Sunday, August 14, in Gridley.

Elder and Mrs. Joseph Klopfenstein and daughter, Carolyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Stoller were visitors in Alabama, spending Sunday, August 28, there.

Adolph and Mary Ann Stieglitz of Lafayette, Indiana, spent the week-end of the 21st in Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ringger and son Earl spent the week-end of the 21st in Princeville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ringger of Princeville were week-end visitors in Gridley over the 28th.

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Lamar, Missouri

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Mrs. Jacob Schneider, Peoria, Illinois, spent her vacation with relatives and friends in Lamar.

We had church services the night of August 9. Our visitors that night were Mr. and Mrs. William Cordill, Doris and Johnnie, Oakville, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Earl Banwart, Eldon and Kenneth, and Mrs. Bertha Keller, West Bend, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Pfister, Rev. and Mrs. Gus Sinn and Sarah Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banwart, Carol and Joyce Sinn of Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer, Verna and John of Wolcott, Indiana, were here for a week's visit with relatives. Edward Widmer came home with them for a visit, too, but returned to continue his work there.

On August 16, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Locher, Ruth, Clarine, and Lois, all of Sabetha, Kansas, and a friend of theirs stopped to visit a few of their friends while on their way to the Ozarks.

Visitors on August 21 were Mr.

and Mrs. Lewis Meyer, Sharon, Lewis Jon, and Mrs. John Strahm, of Sabetha, Kansas, and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Schmidt, Ida Louise, and Vera Mae of Claude, Texas.

August 26, Harlan Dale, Edith Hohulin, and Edith's parents, all of Morton, Illinois, visited in Lamar. Also Clara Marti of Fort Scott, Kansas.

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Lamont

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

Elder Noah Schrock conducted baptismal services for Arlene Knapp at Gridley August 14. We wish her God's richest blessings.

Visitors to Lamont and Gridley churches were Elder Noah Schrock, Oakville, Iowa; Elder Joseph Wittmer of Sabetha; Rev. and Mrs. Lester Hartter of Bern; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Young of Wichita; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Farney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ott, Rev. and Mrs. Eli Sommerhalder and son, Mrs. Godfrey Miller, Sr., and Godfrey Miller, Jr., of Burlington, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wohlshlegler of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Huber, Jr., of Erie; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kyburz of Wolcott, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman and Marjorie of Forrest, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman and family of Fairbury, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schneider of Strawn, Illinois; and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney, LeRoy Farney and Verne Lehman of Wolcott, Indiana.

Mrs. Mary Emch, Matilda and Eva, attended the Wichita church August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hilty of Sterling, Ohio, visited in our community the week of August 29.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Anliker, Ione and Glen, attended the Anliker reunion at Burlington, Iowa, and church services at Oakville, Iowa, the week-end of August 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clauss and Charles Anliker of Wolcott, Indiana,

visited relatives and friends around Lamont August 30 and 31.

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Latty

"Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David."

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stoller are at this time visiting relatives in Switzerland. Word has been received from them quite often, and they are enjoying their trip very much. They left July 28.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller, Eleanor, Carol, and Elaine Stoller, and George Sinn, Sr., of Fort Wayne, Indiana, visited the Congerville and Goodfield congregations July 30.

Misses Eleanor and Carol Stoller of Fort Wayne and Miss Mary Ella Menold, and Vernon and Joseph Stoller of Princeville, Illinois, spent two weeks visiting the Black Hills, Yellowstone, Montana, Idaho, Colorado, etc., the first part of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schlatter and daughter, Esther, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wenninger are spending an extended vacation in the far west. They visited Portland, Oregon; Maywood, California; Yellowstone; and many other places. They plan to make it a six-weeks' trip.

Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerber, all of Bluffton, spent August 14 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schlatter, Glenn Stoller, Delmar Stoller, Eugene Stoller, Roger and Marguerite Gerber, Marjorie, Melvene, and Earl Zimmerman, and Twila, Eleanor, Carol, and Elaine Stoller spent August 14 in Francesville, Indiana.

Misses Lillian Stoller and Catherine Gerber visited in Milford, Indiana, August 14, attending the Camp Mack meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant visited in Toledo August 14.

A son, Lamar Leon, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller on August 20. The mother is the former Dorothy Furrer of Wolcott.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klopfenstein, and Miss Lillian Stoller attended the funeral of Mrs. Chris Stoller at Wolcott on August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gerber and Catherine, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Laukhuf attended the Schrock reunion at Congerville, Illinois, August 20.

Elder and Mrs. David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hodel, and Irene Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Aeschliman and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leman, all of Roanoke, Illinois, and Mr. Louis Huber, Helen and Wayne Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huber and daughter, and Melvin Gutwein of Francesville spent August 21 with us to witness the proving and baptismal services of Mr. and Mrs. David Stoller. David Mangold assisted Elias Dotterer with the provings and conducted evening services, for which we had many visitors from Junction and Leo.

Many from here attended the Stoller reunion in Monticello, Indiana, on August 18. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zimmerman and children and Mr. Sam Feldman of Roanoke and Peoria visited with relatives and friends in Fort Wayne and Latty following the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn, Jr., and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller, and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Stoller of Fort Wayne visited in West Virginia August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sinn and Albert and Marion Zeltwanger visited relatives in Hancock, Minnesota, the forepart of August. Lyle Zeltwanger, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger of Hancock, returned with them and spent several weeks with friends and relatives here and in Fort Wayne.

Many from here attended the Eisenmann reunion held at Monticello, Indiana, September 3.

We had many visitors from Princeville, Cissna Park, Goodfield, Bluffton, and Mansfield September 4. They were evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stoller of Fort Wayne, following a pot-luck supper at the church. The Princeville visitors, with the young

members of Latty, visited in Bluffton at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cerber for dinner on September 5.

Many from here attended the Huber reunion held at Monticello, Indiana, September 5.

A son, Billy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller September 3. The mother is the former Florence Germann of Bremen.

Mrs. Norman Stoller and son, Steven, and Miss Mary Ellen Gudeman attended the Gudeman reunion, held in Kankakee, Illinois, September 5.

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Leo

"Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people."

Marvin and Oliver, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz, Leon and Allen Jay, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ramas Schlatter, and Victor Schlatter, son of Mrs. Mildred Schlatter, are at peace with our Lord and have been announced for baptism. We are thankful for these loved ones who can now tell with rejoicing of the One who died for them and arose and lives forever! We love to tell the story of Jesus and His love!

The Rauhaus reunion was held on Monday, September 5, at Oakville, Iowa. Among those attending from here were Reverend and Mrs. Otto Norr and Reverend and Mrs. Elias Winzeler.

On Sunday, August 14, many of us attended the programs of praise and song service at the auditorium at Camp Mack, near Milford. Included in the afternoon program was a welcome and report of last year's meeting by Elmer Hartter, a sketch talk by Marion Beer, and talks on "The Meaning of Church Membership" and one talk on "Why Does the Church Observe Certain Ordinances?" Robert Heuni was chairman for our evening program. A number of choirs, a men's group, and a quartet were in the program. Robert read a verse or more of God's Word with most of the hymns (before singing he tells of song). Bill Stieglitz gave an inspiring poem. Reverend Al Fisher in his

address presented a challenge both to friends and members. The Bremen quartet sang one number after his address, followed by a combined choir singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "Lead Me to Calvary." Harry Bucher offered the closing prayer, followed by our closing hymn "God Be With You," the first two verses being sung by the combined choir, and the audience being asked to join on the last two.

We were very much privileged to have as our ministers on Friday evening, August 26, Reverend Henry Gerst and Reverend John Wagonbach of Oakville. Mid-week services are very refreshing and provide a rest for the weary.

Herman Levy, one of our Sunday School members, is convalescing from injuries received in a tractor accident. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Murphy is ill at the Saint Joseph's Hospital with polio. Mrs. Murphy is the former Bessie Keller, daughter of Mrs. Edward Keller. We would recommend to our dear friends that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Miss Billie Sage of Hometown and Darrell Klopfenstein were married Saturday, August 27. A reception was held at the bride's home. Darrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein, while Billie is the daughter of Mrs. Harry Sage.

Eighty-six were present at the John Getz reunion held Sunday afternoon, September 4, at Morton, Illinois. Joseph Getz, Samuel Getz, William Getz, and Edward Getz were the four brothers remaining of the original family of eight. A delicious dinner was served at the city community hall and acquaintances were renewed and made. Hymn singing was enjoyed. Some from here attended.

Our Young People's Meeting was held on Sunday, August 28. The title of the program was "Youth." A children's group, a men's group, and the choir were among the participants. Herman Groh of the Mansfield church gave the closing prayer. May our prayer be that the Lord will con-

tinue to guide us, and that He will show us His will in all things.

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Lester

"Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger and daughters, Frieda, Karoline, and Pearlina, returned home safely from a ten-day visit with relatives and friends in various places in Illinois and Oakville, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knobloch, Arval, and Ella Mae, also visited in parts of Illinois and returned home safely. The Lord gave His safe protection along the way.

Mrs. Henry Kellenberger is home convalescing, after a six-day stay in the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We had the blessed privilege of having a number of ministering brothers with us during this past month. We thank God He grants us such blessings.

On Sunday, August 21, Florence Mogler, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mogler, was married to August Knobloch, Jr. Both young folks are of this community. Those from a distance attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Kellenberger and Marilyn Pearson of Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mogler and family, Mrs. Mike Schmidt, Jerry and Crystal, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Anliker of West Bend. The couple plan to make their home on his father's farm, after returning from their honeymoon out West.

Mrs. Ruth Metzger and Robert returned to Elgin, Illinois, August 19, after spending several months with relatives here.

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Peoria

"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:"

A group of Elgin young folks visit-

ed Peoria on August 7 and were dinner guests at the Sam Getz home.

On August 14 three more souls were added to the Fold of Christ. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schaer and daughter Helen.

The Robert Hoerr family is now in their new home on Fondulac Drive, East Peoria.

The engagement of Miss Anna Marie Plattner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Plattner, and Gene Koch, son of Mrs. Mary Koch of Tremont, was made known on August 28. They plan a November wedding.

Mr. George Kibler, 76, passed away at his home on September 5. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and one son.

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Princeville

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Dietz are the parents of a son, born August 4, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stichling are parents of a son, born to them August 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Streitmatter, Mrs. William Feucht, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Herrmann and Eugene attended the funeral services for John Frey at Remington, Indiana, August 6. He was the father of Mrs. Streitmatter. The Herrmann's and Mrs. Feucht spent Sunday at LaCrosse, Indiana.

Many from our congregation have been visiting friends and relatives in various places the past month. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rumbold and family visited relatives in Canada, Mr. and Mrs. John Joos and Mary Lou in Morris, Minnesota, Mr. and Mrs. William Knobloch in Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Grimm in Elgin, Illinois, and Sabetha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin in Elgin, Iowa, and Milford, Indiana, Elizabeth Kieser, Ruth and Eunice Feucht in Lester and West Bend, Iowa, and Vivian Leuthold, Miriam Hemmer, and Emily Menold in Lester, Iowa. Mary Menold, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stoller and

daughters, Joseph and Vernon Stoller, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seidel recently returned from a trip through the western states.

Crystal Lee Ehnle, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ehnle, died following injuries received in an auto accident August 17. Her mother received a broken knee cap and is recovering at her home. She was an only child. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Ehnle.

Tragedy befell our congregation again the following week when William Scholl, 43, was instantly killed in an automobile collision. He and his wife, Mary Martin Scholl, were taking their small son Billy to Peoria for observation, as Billy was stricken with polio last year and since has worn a brace on his arm. Only three miles from their home an auto ran into them and the father was killed. Mrs. Scholl received severe facial bruises and a fractured knee. She will be confined to the hospital for about ten days. Billy received bad bruises and a broken heel and arm and will have to remain in the hospital four weeks. Funeral services were held at the church Friday, August 26, for William Scholl, conducted by Elder Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, and Elder Frank Woertz of Goodfield. Besides his wife, he is survived by four sons and one daughter, all at home. The entire community is saddened by his passing and sympathy goes out to the entire family.

Elder and Mrs. Samuel Aschliman, Lillie Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerber of Bluffton, Indiana, were dinner guests of Mrs. Martha Kieser Saturday, August 27.

Rev. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Honneger of Fairbury, left Saturday morning, August 27, for a trip to the western states. They expect to visit friends and relatives in Iowa, Utah, Oregon, and California and be gone about four weeks.

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Remington

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my

ways, saith the LORD."

We enjoyed the company of Forrest, Illinois, folks August 14. They were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sohn and family, Helen and Louise Sohn, and Rose Hari. They were evening guests at the Herman Beckly home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knochel and daughters, Alvina and Lora, and son, Freddie, visited in Remington with the families of their son, Mr. Alpha Knochel, and daughter, Mrs. Harold Schieler, over the week-end of August 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kilgus left August 21 on a ten-day trip to Colorado and other points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger of Bremen are accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frey on an extended trip to the West Coast. They plan to visit various congregations en route.

On August 28 we enjoyed the company of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Gerst and daughter, Emma, and Rev. and Mrs. John Wagonbach and daughter, Barbara, all of Oakville, Iowa.

While on a trip through the West, Eunice, Sarah, Louise, and Paul Wai-bel had the misfortune of an automobile accident in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Their car was damaged extensively, but their injuries were not serious.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and son, Jack, spent ten days of this month visiting with our congregation in Alabama.

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Roanoke

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. William Bucher returned home from a trip out West this month.

On August 14, many young members visited in Oakville, Iowa, returning home that evening.

Guests in Roanoke on the week-end of the 21st were a group of young members from Milford and Bremen. They were entertained at the home of Winifred and Annabelle Martin on Saturday evening and at the home of

Mary Ann Leman on Sunday evening.

Myra Sauder, who will become the bride of James Leman on September 25, has been honored with showers at the homes of Mary Ann Leman, Marilyn Weyeneth, and Lois Zimmerman.

The Misses Frieda, Mildred, and Lois Schneider, Margaret Gerber, and Barbara Flickiger, all of Rockville, Connecticut, visited friends and relatives here this month.

On August 25, Mrs. Caesar Klaus of Eureka fell and broke her hip. She was taken to the Methodist hospital in Peoria, where she is reported improving.

Miss Norene Herbst and Miss Marie Klaus returned home from their vacation in Michigan this month.

Mrs. Sigmund Sorg of Goshen, Indiana, has been visiting her friends and family in and around Roanoke and Eureka.

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South San Francisco

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Mr. Chris Hoerr, Sr., his daughter Lena, son Jacob and wife, grandson Richard and wife, and grandson Ralph of Peoria, Illinois, attended the 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob K. Schick July 23 at their son Fred's home, 226 Camaritas Avenue, South San Francisco.

Mrs. Mary Adelia (Adams) Schick passed away at the age of 78, August 17, after a long illness. Funeral services were at the San Francisco Funeral Parlor August 19, conducted by Rev. John Dapper, Maywood, California, and Rev. Joseph Kloetzle of Altadena, California. "When a Christian Dies" was sung by Rev. and Mrs.

John Dapper, Rev. Joseph Kloetzle, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht. The sermon and prayer was by Rev. Dapper. At the grave they sang "At Home 'Tis Well." The prayer was by Rev. Kloetzle.

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West Bend

"For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hand."

July 31 we enjoyed having with us many from Roanoke, Illinois; Elgin, Illinois; Hancock, Minnesota; Oakville and Lester, Iowa; and Elgin, Iowa. Among them were Elder Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa; Elder David Mangold of Roanoke, Illinois, and Elder Henry Koehl of Morris, Minnesota.

Fred Traub had the misfortune of losing his left arm below the elbow while putting belt dressing on the belt of a corn chopper.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Mogler August 21. She has been named Joan Diana.

Arnold, Alvin, and Archie Banwart, Ivan Schmidt, Dale Knobloch, Harley Bruellman, and Bernard and Wilmer Metzger spent July 31 at Sabetha, Kansas. Mary Ellen Metzger and Mary Steiner returned with them to their homes in Sabetha, after spending a week with relatives and friends here.

Miss Velma Kropf of Wolcott, Indiana, Chris, Alphi, and William Moser, and Harold Luthi of Hancock, Minnesota, and Harlan Meyer, Leonard Baumgartner, and Alan Strohm of Sabetha, Kansas, visited relatives and friends here August 14. The same day Mr. and Mrs. Eli Meiss and family and Mary Unsicker of Fairbury, Illinois, were with us.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman, Elaine and Melvin, and Emil Bruellman spent August 14 at Gridley, Ill.

Sunday, August 21, Eunice and Ruth Feucht, and Elizabeth Keiger of Princeville, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger of Lester, Iowa,

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Marti of Lamar, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. John Shrock and Ada Shrock of Oakville, Iowa, were visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frieden and family of Lamar, Missouri, visited relatives here August 28.

Mrs. Paul Banwart and Leona, Lela, and Paul, Jr., and Adrian and Darlene Metzger spent August 28 with relatives at Lester, Iowa.

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Wolcott

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughters were in Bremen on August 3 to attend the funeral of Mrs. Kropf's brother, Chris Hirstein. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stoller also attended the funeral.

Those vacationing the past month were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Furrer and family and Edward Widmer who visited relatives at Lamar, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney and son Le Roy, and Verne Lehman visited relatives at Lamont, Kansas, and also toured the southern states; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Farney traveled through the West; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kyburz and children visited relatives in Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gauger and Mrs. Emma Blume and Elizabeth went to the Smoky Mountains; and Velma Kropf visited friends and relatives at West Bend, Iowa.

Mrs. Louise Stoller, aged 81, passed away at her home on August 18. Funeral services were held on August 21, with Rev. Herman Hueni officiating. Burial was in Wolcott Cemetery.

Rev. John Wagonbach and Rev. Henry Gerst of Oakville were here for evening services on Sunday, August 28. A number from Remington also assembled with us.

Mrs. Maggie Zehr of Burlington, Oklahoma, visited here recently with her daughter, Mrs. John Anker, and family and other relatives.

What's Wrong with Gambling?

Many forms of gambling exist today. People risk great sums of money on the outcomes of races, games, fights, elections, and other events. Many organizations offer "chances" to win cars, rugs, radios, refrigerators, pleasure trips, or some other prize. Much money is gambled in games especially arranged for this purpose, using dice, cards, coins, punch boards, or other devices.

All of these forms of gambling are wrong. Even if they are sponsored by a church, they are still wrong. Here are the reasons why:

1. *Gambling appeals to wrong motives.* When people buy a chance at a church-sponsored event, they may want to help the church. But the church is not using the right method to ask for that help. When a church sells chances, that church is appealing to the spirit of covetousness and not the spirit of benevolence. Benevolence does not require any baits. The truly benevolent soul will give outright with no desire to have even a slim chance of getting something in return.

All gambling appeals to the same spirit of greed. People bet, play numbers, buy chances in order to get a lot of money quickly. Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). God's Word declares further that "no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man who is an idolater hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Eph. 5:5).

2. *Gambling is the wrong way of getting money.* The right way to get money is to earn it. Paul commanded that "if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10). People who try to get something by gambling are trying to get someone else's money without giving anything in return. This is a subtle form of dishonesty, even if agreed to by all parties involved. How much more unselfish, beneficial, and honorable is the Christian ideal for acquiring needed cash, as given in Eph. 4:28:

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

3. *Gambling is the wrong way to use money.* Whether we have little or much money, we are responsible to God for the way we use it. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). "What hast thou that thou didst not receive" (from God) (part of I Cor. 4:7)? (I Cor. 4:2). It is a sin to waste or lose even a small portion of what God has given us. And a very large part of the money risked in gambling is lost. Even in the ordinary routine of life, the Christian often is exposed to great dangers of loss—by fire, accident, market changes, or weather changes. But the true Christian will try to run as little risk as possible. He stays on the safe side. He does not engage in games or gambling affairs which would greatly multiply his risks. Very often, too, there is great dishonesty or much profiteering on the part of those who handle bets or run gambling devices. This means that much of the gambler's money is an outright loss. How can he gamble thus and be true to God?

4. *Gambling has a bad effect on those who engage in it.* Keen observers of life have pointed out that gambling leads to other practices which are very wicked. Heavy winners go on sprees of drunkenness; heavy losers steal, kill, commit suicide. Even those who gamble "only a little" soon discover that they are indulging more and more. Time is wasted, the mind becomes so occupied that higher interests are neglected, and the moral senses becomes dulled. One's influence over others becomes bad. Even little boys imitate the gambling parent or older brother, and may as a result become hard and cruel gamblers.

"The love of money is the root of all evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through

with many sorrows" (I Tim. 6:10 A. R. V.). "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." (Prov. 16:8).

What the founders of our nation say about gambling:

"Gaming is the child of avarice, the brother of iniquity, and the father of mischief" (George Washington).

"Gaming corrupts our dispositions, and teaches us a habit of hostility against all mankind" (Thomas Jefferson).—*Gospel Herald*.

There is no profit in walking mournfully, or putting on a sad countenance, because all the profit a person ever gets is from the joy that is in a heart. The advantage of fire does not lie in the things it consumes.

The sweetest of all the uses of adversity is to show us the joy that nothing can take away from us. We are to be tried as by fire, but there are some things fire cannot destroy. The three Hebrew children passed through the fiery furnace but they were not damaged in the least by the fire.

Now, let us see what the benefit of the fire was to them. It proved the power of God to keep them and it proved the fire of hell could not harm them. This certainly would fill any heart with joy to understand what God can do for all who put their trust in Him.

We are all bound by chains of sin, but God's power can loose these chains and set us free.

Let God have your life. He can do more with it than you can.

There is no easier pathway to God's best. The price is small, the gain is great. We give up our own little life and receive an abundant life.

"Lovest thou me more than these?" John 21:15.

The Well-Groomed Christian Woman

I thought how fortunate I was to walk into the hall just at that moment, because as I glanced up the stairs I was held by what I saw. A young woman, taller than the average, was coming down. Her back was straight and her shoulders were lifted, but there was no stiffness in her posture; as she reached the foot of the stairs, she didn't let her carriage slump.

With a sure, light step she came to the living room door and paused, not to make an impressive entrance, but to take a survey of what lay before her. She noticed an empty chair across the room. Will she still be confident and at ease as she passes through that large roomful of people? She met her hostess on the way, and it was a lesson to watch her accept introductions smilingly and correctly, without any awkwardness or self-consciousness. She came to the chair and sat down. She was intensely alert and interested in everything about her.

What is her rare secret? Is she as controlled inwardly as she is outwardly? She must be, or there wouldn't be that harmony in her appearance and her actions. She is a Christian woman possessing the refinement and culture (which is the privilege) of the one truly possessed by Christ. There was no evidence of carnal pride there in the form of rouge, lipstick, arched eyebrows, and painted fingernails. That wasn't her idea of being well groomed. But I was aware that she was clean. She must have realized that God didn't intend for her to have curly or wavy hair, because it was extremely straight with no suggestion of an artificial wave. But it was beautiful. Her healthy scalp glowed where she had parted her hair slightly off center to relieve a bit the length of her plain face.

As I had observed before, her eyes weren't made-up with tweezers and pencil and mascara, but they did draw one's attention. They were clear and soft and shining. They were bright and wide-awake, which spoke of plenty of sleep and pure

thoughts and high ideals. Her mouth was rich with color, but not artificially smeary. Lipstick didn't paint that curve, but it came from a happy generous heart that expressed itself in smiles and words of love and courage. Her skin was the peaches and cream type, but it was firm and glowing. There weren't large pores as the result of the use of powder and rouge and the lack of good soap and plenty of water.

Her hands weren't motionless, but she didn't fidget with them. Her nails were pink and white, not from polish, but because they were clean and healthy. They weren't long nor were they chewed below the finger tips, but they were trimmed to the outline of her tapered finger tips.

Her dress wasn't new, but it suited the occasion. It was plain and freshly cleaned and pressed. Her shoes weren't new either, but they were of the best quality and clean. I had an opportunity to speak with her and I felt, "She is a queen, not stiff and rigid and unapproachable, but winsomely lovable with her perfect grooming."—*Arlene Bumbaugh in Gospel Herald.*

"I WANT HIM TONIGHT"

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in." Rev. 3:20.

A little girl went with her mother to a hall where the gospel was preached, and listened quietly to an address on "The way to be saved," but it seemed as if the preacher spoke only to the grown-up people. On the way home the child asked her mother, "Is Jesus a Saviour for a little girl?" "O, yes," said the mother, "he is a Saviour for the youngest, as well as the oldest. You see, he died for all and that takes in you as well as myself."

"Then I want him for my own Saviour, and I want him to-night," said the child. She opened her heart's door and Jesus came in. He made her happy even though she was only nine years of age.

MEMORIES

When the evening shadows lengthen,
When the sun sinks in the west,
Oftentimes I fall to thinking
Of the loved ones gone to rest.
Over in the land eternal,
In that city by the sea,
Loved ones gone from earth forever,
Are watching there for me.

Golden memories, half forgotten,
Of the friends of long ago,
'Mid the magic of the evening,
Come to me in ceaseless flow.
Days of careless, happy childhood,
When a lad at mother's knee,
In the gloaming, in the wildwood,
Roaming happy and careless free.

Mother dear, in heaven waiting,
For your boy to wander home,
Long my weary, wandering footsteps,
In the earthly path must roam.
Guide my wayward, errant footsteps,
Wheresoever my path may be,
That when life on earth is over
I may come and live with Thee.

QUOTATIONS

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

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It is only by the blood of Christ that we are cleansed from sin.

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The four centuries from Malachi to the coming of Christ are called the time of silence, because no prophets arose who left any record of their sayings, as far as we know.

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