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"Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain."

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

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[Modern man in his quest for learning apart from God stands in the path of huge tidal waves of theories that sweep into the corridors of present day education. The magnificent physical order is presented in such a way of unrealism that the unbelievable is accepted in place of the truth. Only God can rescue from the flood of unscientific reasoning that rigidly holds its iron-clad grip on the individual. If a heart once looks to God in prayer, He alone can unlock the impossibilities and remove the icy grip of these distorted theories.]

"Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite." The construction of the Master Architect causes us to stand in awe. From the tiny atom to the gigantic universes, we behold an order and exactness that is amazing.

Consider His beautiful winter wonderland. "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" "He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?"

Men who are skilled have taken thousands of photographs of magnified snowflakes. In basic construction, all were the same, but each differed from every other in design. Each snowflake up and down the scale adds its own tone of beauty, and when played by the Creator, fills this earth with the beautiful melody of wintertime loveliness.

With true scientific method, God
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"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

[The world roars on in its rush of everyday living. The deafening clash of a multitude of futile activities close in on its inhabitants. The noisy din pounds incessantly on its pleasure-loving children. But there is a safe retreat from this commotion. God's children have found the peaceful resort He provides. Give your ear now to Brother Ramas Schlatter as he tells of the beauties of this peaceful retreat.]

DIVINE COMPASSION

"What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

It is assumed that David wrote these words when he was fleeing from his rebellious son Absalom. No doubt he was recalling the happiest days of his life when he was tending his father's sheep and where he learned how to trust in his Lord and Saviour.

Many times perhaps he led his sheep into some green pasture by a still stream where they could satisfy themselves and lie down in contentment. In those days he was only a poor shepherd lad, but he had learned to trust in his God who never failed him even in times of fear and sorrow. No doubt he would have been glad to have given up his royal authority and his wealth for just such a time as he experienced back in his youth.

We who are living in our world of wealth and pleasure might do well to look to some of David's experiences and learn to trust in his and our God. Although we have many wonderful inventions in our day, we seem to have lost the art of true Christian fellowship. We do not seem to be able to lie down in God's Word of green pastures and beside the still waters of prayer. We might do well to remember the secret of power lies in being alone with God.

David experienced this many times in his life when he was a shepherd lad. Once while he was caring for his flock he professed it was the power from God which helped him to kill the lion and the bear. Although there was a large crowd present when he slew the giant, yet David was alone with his God because he trusted on-

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Mountain Climbers

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

Through the precious name of Jesus we have been saved from sin and its penalty. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Now we want to please Him. He said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." Some day, already marked on God's calendar, we are going to receive our trophy, if we have been faithful and true.

How about my training for this battle of life? Is it such that I can say I have obeyed the rules of my Jesus? We must not partake of anything that will not develop our spiritual man. We must be diligent in exercising ourselves the way God wants us, so that every part of our spiritual physique is built up. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Some of the things our Lord asks us to sacrifice hurt, because our flesh desires its own way. But we have chosen the way of the cross. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." When we submit to God's training, we are sharp and keen toward heavenly things. "... bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Taking part in this world's pleasure and sports, even with our ear, makes us blunt in cutting the joy and pleasures of a spiritual life.

We must be in the *center* of God's

will to experience moment by moment joy and contentment. "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

We must be on *guard* against the adversary of our souls. Our coach's instructions are: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation". Satisfying the clamoring of the flesh leaves a large hole in our defense!

We must be *forward* in carrying His glorious banner into victory. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." We must be continually pressing in with love for spiritual victory. Each of us should pray for power to love all and be thus unconquerable.

All through the practice sessions and at our last minute instructions our coach has emphasized love among the team. "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." When jealousy and bickering and strife make their ugly inroads, our speed is slowed down and even stopped. Love looks over the minor mistakes and faults and peculiar ways of our fellow members. Each fills his own place to the body of the team. "And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary". Love will so perfectly coordinate our actions that we will work and live and suffer as one, hand in hand journeying onward to the celestial city.

Detroit: On December 17, Helen Shaw was baptised and added to the fold of Christ. We wish her God's blessings in her new life. Brother Rudolph Graf of Akron and Brother Otto Ramseyer and Brother Henry Wackerle of Bay City conducted our services on that day. A number of others from Bay City and Dan Emery of Akron were also with us.

Remington: Baptismal services were held Sunday, December 31, for Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pittman, Marvin Clauss, Mary and Esther Kilgus. George Yergler of LaCrosse, Indiana, was with us for the occasion. "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee". Num. 6:24.

Wolcott: We are happy to report that our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Onie Klopfenstein, have turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish them God's grace and guidance further on. They were announced to have peace on January 28.

Lamont: Sunday, December 17, Mrs. Emil Huber was added to the Fold of Christ at Gridley, Kansas. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." St. John 15:16. Visiting brethren were Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wittmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bahr of Sabetha, Roy Farney of Burlington, Oklahoma, and Robert Young of Wichita. Even though we cannot have peace in world affairs, let us never lose that peace which cometh from Him above. "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 14:27.

Forrest: Hugh Wallace is a patient at the St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois. We rejoice with him that he has found his Savior and wish him a speedy recovery.

Roanoke: On January 28, Mr. and Mrs. James Martin were announced for proving.

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went about His work of creation. Like a huge choir singing in perfect harmony, all His creative acts blended their individual voices, attesting to the wisdom of their Creator. We can certainly say, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Their is danger in doubt. Unbelief is crouched, ready to spring at the least opening. Once gained, its poisoning festers and spreads to more and more of the soul. The feverish mind is led into accepting a framework of theories that deceive into total darkness. The giant steel jaws spring shut, crushing every bone of life. "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to the trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: Which some professing have erred concerning the faith."

Held up to His truth, all knowledge contrary to His revealed evidence becomes a maze of blind alleys. His natural laws shine out clear and brilliant, richly endowing every eager child of His with the true facts of the natural sciences. "Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? . . . Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth. . . . They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge."

God begins His own report of the creation with these words: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Of what does the material we see consist? "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." God's children, centuries ago, could grasp scientific precepts, even though they were never schooled in a college or university. Today science reveals exactly the same truth.

Every physical thing we see consists of atoms—the paper you are reading, your hands, your hair, the

water you drink, even the air you breathe. An atom is a miniature workshop, humming with activity. The workers are tiny units of electrical energies. The positive worker is called an electron, while the negative is called a neutron. By far the greatest area in an atom is space. One estimate of the size of an electron is 1/50,000 the diameter of the atom. One man says that if all the space were taken out of the body, what would be left would be a speck just visible with a magnifying glass! Or take an estimate of the size of a combination of the workshops, the molecule.—Six specks of dust containing a thousand million.

God was the Engineer that designed these magnificent dynamos. He gave each of the tiny workers their duties. The wheels of this industry are turning — the electrons and neutrons put their shoulders to the work. They interact and cooperate, and we see the fruits of their labors. The holy scriptures alone is the key that explains why these energies so perfectly coordinate in the structure we call the physical world. "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the LORD. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death."

We can take a lesson from the teamwork among these tiny units of electrical particles. The activity and cooperation of them give the elements. Oxygen and gold are two of the 90-100 different elements. God's careful planning is very evident. Each is different as we step up the scale, and yet each blends its tonal qualities to the beautiful chord of orderliness. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Have you ever been enthralled with the sweet melody God plays in the starry heavens?

"Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."

Marvelous is the power of the Creator. Every movement of this starry symphony is rich in splendor and magnitude. "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good."

We cannot understand all as we peer into the starry spaces, but we can direct the wonder of our hearts into praise for our great God. The astronomy revealed in His Word we know is our telescope of wisdom that explains some of the facts of this vast mechanism of universes and universes.

This particular universe contains billions of stars, even perhaps hundreds of billions. As men peer into the starry distances, they see clouds of light, perhaps other universes. One million of these have been discovered and the perimeter of the universe of universes has not been found. Many estimates of men through the years have proven false, but God's Word has been and always will be the sure test. We can read that God brought Abram forth abroad, and said, "Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: . . . So shall thy seed be." God says in Jeremiah 33:22: "As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."

If an airplane could travel between the earth and the sun at 250 m. p. h., it would take around 53 years. To reach Jupiter it would take around 275 years, while the second most distant planet would require approximately 1600 years. But a small yard in Chicago compared with the rest of the earth is scarcely adequate to

compare the solar system with this universe. "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades?" The light that can be seen today from Pleiades has been travelling approximately 168,000 miles per second. It started its journey about the time of the first settlement of English colonists in America.

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou are mindful of him?" Pause in wonder as you consider how much farther the starry creation of our God goes! Scientists estimate the spiral nebulae of Andromeda at hundreds of thousands of years away, when the speed of travel is 168,000 miles per second. Yet this is not farthest point discovered, and the border of the starry network has not been found! The estimates could be wrong, but God's Word is always sure.

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him? . . . Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing."

"And God made the beast after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was good*." Think of the wide variety of creatures in this world, for example, the tiny field mouse, the tall giraffe, the elephant, the ant. Infinite wisdom carried out the intricate details of each creature.

Experiment and observation will never explain how so complex a creature as a giraffe is produced. The baby giraffe begins as a single impregnated cell begins dividing. The production work proceeds and the ears are put in place, the heart is built, the body takes shape. But how are the cells so marvellously coordinated and guided in their actions? And how do the myriads of electrons and neutrons collectively come together and bring the right elements into the right relationship? We would stand in amazement if we would see a house build itself up, putting in the windows and doors and every small detail. We become lost

in a maze of thinking, but we know that the intelligence of God explains all. "Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee. . . ."

If we could see this first cell of the giraffe and compare it with the first cell of a field mouse, we would find they would look somewhat similar. Yet within each is the blue-print for the outline of the grown animal. As the cell begins dividing, a certain part takes no part in the construction of body-building, but stays intact and will be part of the reproduction mechanism of the baby giraffe. Thus we see how God has provided that like must beget like. A chain runs back to the day when the first giraffe was created!

Intelligence that we cannot comprehend drew up so marvellous a plan for humanity that we stand in awe at every step of the way. From a tiny, tiny first cell comes a vast network of nerves, the complex machinery of the brain, the delicate engineering of the bones, the sensitive photographic machinery of the eye, the wonderful receiving mechanism of the ears, each at their proper time and in their proper place. Our hearts blend with David's in his words of praise: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; marvellous *are* the works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, *and* curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was none of them*." How did these electrons and neutrons become arranged into hundreds of millions or perhaps more of cells? Every explanation other than the facts in the holy scriptures leads to a blind alley. We find rest for our weary intellect in the scriptural revelation. "As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all." The human facul-

ties are so that human reason cannot peer into the things that have been purposely hidden from view. This is true with both physically and spiritual truths. The ordinary processes of science become completely out-moded; experiment and observation and reason must be laid aside. In the physical world, scientists can observe that certain things are happening and can construct formulas that will fairly accurately gauge the results, but cannot see the actual working. They see the reflection, but the real machinery is hidden from human eyes.

"He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end." Man can gain knowledge of how atoms act through probability tables, but the atom remains a mystery. Man can figure the interval between two stars through the addition of the concept of space-time, but the marvellous workings of the clockwork of the starry creation remains a mystery. Life itself is a great mystery to natural man.

Brilliantly lighting the sky of comparatively recent discoveries are the evidences found in the annals of different peoples, and in geology, in archeology, and in statistics. Thousands of discoveries blend their individual voices in such a mighty symphony that the music thunders throughout the halls of our modern twentieth century.

The holy scriptures reveal the facts of a world-wide flood. "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered. . . . And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man."

The fact that the genealogy of every branch of the human family runs back to Noah and his family is shown by the accounts of the flood that have been found. We can take the Aztecs of America, the Hindu of Asia, the Greeks of Europe, or the Fiji Islanders and each shows evidence of the great flood. All togeth-

er, no less than 41 nations, tribes, and dialects give evidence of the facts in the Bible.

The Miao people live in inland China. Listen to part of their account:

"So it poured forty days in sheets and in torrents . . .

The waters surmounted the mountains and ranges.

The deluge ascended leapt valley and hollow . . .

But the Patriarch Noah was righteous.

The Matriarch Gaw Bo-lu-en upright.

Built a boat very wide

Built a boat very vast. . . ."

What a dark and dismal picture was natural scenery on the earth during the great deluge. "In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." "And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days."

The scars remain yet. Fossils, animal and human, are found in such great quantities and in such arrangement that the chronicle of the great deluge can be read from the earth's memoirs! Stones and boulders nearby, together with the bones, are rubbed, ground, smoothed by water.

An excavation discovered evidence of the flood at Ur of the Chaldees, Abram's old home. Remains of part of the civilization of Abram's time were found. Then when the depth of the outer plain was reached, eight feet of clean, water-laid clay was discovered, the flood's own record, written by itself. Deeper still were the remains of civilization before the flood. At Kish, hundreds of miles away, an amazing echo was found of the great deluge! Stranded fish remains were lying perfectly horizontal. Receding flood waters left their toll on dry land. ". . . and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

By a study of statistics it has been calculated that the population of the world doubles approximately every 168.3 years. Using this ratio from Noah's family gives approximately the present population. If the ratio

was used from Adam's time, the figure would be much too large. The holy scriptures state: "And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

The most beautiful melody of all, with its heavenly strains going on into eternity, is Jesus dwelling in the heart of His ransomed child. However, there is one essential that is absolutely indispensable for salvation, the evidence of faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen . . . he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Faith is the hand of the heart that reaches through the reasoning of the natural man to God. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned."

The crisis of your life is not reached in your reason, but in your heart. You must make a choice of what you want to do. When you open the door of your will, God will show you the next step. He knows the case history of every human personality. Do you want to know God? "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

In some way cold logic can never understand, God creates a longing in the heart for inner peace. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." The individual begins to recognize how sick he is. He begins to realize how grotesque and weird has been the feverish delirium in which he has been so restlessly tossing.

"Repent ye, and believe the gospel." Repentance is the marvellous process God uses for the soul to be severed from sin. Human nature is infected with a deadly poisonous malady that has ingrown every part of the human heart. Jesus says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He took the sentence due

us for our sins, and now by faith we come for forgiveness that He has earned.

Step by step the grace of God enables the willing one to go. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." It is very important to do His bidding and wait His time. His time and method for repentance will vary with the individual. Rushing through ahead of His Will would be a work of the flesh. To open a chrysalis will not yield a beautiful butterfly. Only the proper method and time God provides will provide a complete purging and lead into the beautiful valley of peace.

The psychology revealed in the holy scriptures shows how perfect God's knowledge is of the human personality. The workings of the heart and the words of the mouth are interrelated. Open confession of each sin removes a splinter that has ached for many years. Irritations with others that have rubbed raw or have been fermenting unacknowledged are corrected through restitution and apology. Jesus sets the individual on the road to recovery. "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

After baptism, with the laying on of hands, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in the cleansed heart. His communion is sweeter than all. More real than any power of reasoning is the unseen presence of Jesus. And when the life's work is ended, His redeemed will journey on and on with Him through a timely eternity. ". . . there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us a place of broad rivers and streams. . . ." Why don't you slip down off the pride of your heart and lift your eyes in prayer to this Wonderful One?

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ly in his guidance, and he was not disappointed.

Although our problems and cares might appear to us as the giant did to the Israelites, we should trust in the living God as David did and not in earthly riches and power. Then we too can say as David did:

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

The Secret of Sunshine Valley

ALSO NEWS OF SHUT-INS

Paul writes, "... I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content." Have you learned the secret of contentment? Until you have, you close your eyes to some of the most beautiful scenic spots of your spiritual trip through this world. What we often overlook as some things to be avoided, some things that hurt ourselves too much, are lovely wooded trails that are filled with the fragrance of heavenly joy.

Contentment

O, that we might be content,
With what our Blessed Lord has sent,
Whether on the mountain peak,
Or sobbing when the trial we meet.
He it is Who knows the best,
He it is Who sends the test.
He has said He'll ne'er forsake,
But guard us tho we sleep or wake
So trust Him now, cast out your fear,
Put on a smile and dry that tear.

"... godliness with contentment is great gain." Can you bring the gift of a will resigned and still? There are so many thorns of our own making that we put in our way in our path to glory. We make the going so extra hard for ourselves by our inward murmuring and complaining against the interruptions and pains of life. It is in quietness and confidence that we drink in all the beauty of a rich heavenly experience. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ".

Are you on the main road to glory, the shortest cut to rest? "Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." Perhaps we have an ideal in our mind of what our path should be like. We see what we could be doing if living were normal, if we were on the path that exists in dreams. But that path may be a dead-end. The Master carefully maps every mile of our way. The pains we have, the interruptions we experience, the hardships we encounter are all road signs that point us closer to Home. "Cause me to

hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee."

Do you daily experience the thrill of God's Book? Have you paused in wonder as you view the awe-inspiring depths of His mercy? Have you seen the holy scripture's majestic mountain-peaks and viewed its lovely hidden valleys? "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart. . . ."

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life. . . ." At the end of our road is Home. Think of feeling invigorated and find it immortality. We will breathe new air and find it immortality. Gone will be the sickness, the pain, the sleepless nights, the heartaches. Towering in the center of our view of faith is the Father's house of many mansions. Its peace and joy and rest will be more sweet than we can imagine, except by faith.

"Beyond the parting and the meeting,

I shall be soon

Beyond the farewell and the greeting,

Beyond the pulse's fever beating . . .

Beyond the waking and the sleeping. . . Love—rest—and home, sweet, sweet home!" Pack your grips, for we are soon leaving for a vacation paradise of eternal sunshine, where there is forever a springtime of joy.

NEWS OF SHUT-INS

Toledo: Emil Frautschi, is in the hospital recovering from a recent operation. He is improving slowly.

Mansfield: We are glad to report that Brother William Sauder, who underwent a hernia operation is improving and has been removed to his home.

Latty: Lloyd Gerber had the misfortune of losing his right index finger to the first joint in an accident at his place of work. At this writing he is getting along fairly well.

Bremen: John Laidig, Sr., has returned to our congregation, after recovering from an operation. We are very glad to have him back with us again.

Remington: Sister Lizzie Sutter has been ill for quite some time and has been bedfast. We wish her a happy and speedy recovery and if He wills, may the Lord bless her with good health again. "... pray one for another. . . ."

Wolcott: Mrs. Aaron Farney is improving at her home, following a recent operation. Miss Lydia Kupferschmid has also been among the shut-ins for the past several weeks.

Fairbury and Forrest: Brother J. N. Bach is a patient at the Fairbury Hospital. He is improving slowly, as is also Sister Sophia Huber, who has been quite ill at her home.

Princeville: Mrs. George Asal, who submitted to major surgery December 11, is recovering nicely in her home. Mrs. Alvin Farney is critically ill in a Peoria hospital. Dan Streitmatter is a patient in a Peoria hospital.

Morton: Brother J. A. Getz submitted to an appendectomy on January 8. He is getting along nicely. Mrs. Lawrence Rapp slipped on the ice and fell, she was taken to the hospital with a head injury. Mrs. Walter Wittmer also submitted to an operation and is in the Methodist hospital in Peoria.

Chicago: Mrs. Frances Falb has been ailing recently and is now convalescing at the home of her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lockwood.

Elgin, Iowa: Fred Schneider has been on the sick list for several months. He has been unable to attend church services.

Lamont: Those on the sick list this month are John Wernli, Mrs. John Ott, Mrs. Chris Sauder, Mrs. Feldor Young, Mrs. Mary Emch, Fred Luthi, and G. Gruber.

Roanoke: Mrs. Arthur Klaus has undergone a series of operations in Kirksville, Missouri. She is back again now and feeling much better. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Bremen: Mrs. Herman Heuni is recovering from an operation.

Tremont: Brother John Schmidt is on the sick list.

Can You Trace the Rainbow Through the Clouds?

"O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God."

Have you ever entered into the pictures and descriptions in the travel folders God provides for His travelers? "... we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Come with me up the mountains of faith, and let us view this paradise of beauty.

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Man was created to experience a day by day personal acquaintance with God. True joy was found in the tie that bound man to his Maker. Without it, we were thirsty and were endlessly restless and feverish. What delight will that be to actually gaze into the face of Him who is the Source of light and life and love.

"My life's best delight and pleasure, Is yon heaven, God's own throne!
And my greatest prize and treasure, Is my Saviour, God's own Son.
All that fills my heart with joy,
Waits in glory there on high."

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Home at Last! With the palm trees of happiness gently swaying in the soft breezes of contentment, we will find that the glorious day has arrived. What a state of delight it will be as we walk in perfect health through the glories of eternity. The shadows of earth will all be gone. "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."

Vacation time is nearing. We are going to live in a land of eternal sun-

shine. The best golden sunshine of this earth will be dim compared with heaven's brilliant glory! "... the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof."

"Some one will gladly his cross lay down, by and by;
Faithful, approved, shall receive a crown,
Shall you? Shall I?
Some one the glorious King will see,
Ever from sorrow of earth be free,
Happy with Him thro' eternity:
Shall you?
Shall I?"

Have you telegraphed ahead for your reservation in the Lamb's book of Life?

We list the following, whose last page has been turned over and "The End" of earthly life has been reached.

Mansfield: Sister Sophia Fernyak suffered a stroke, January 3 while visiting her sister, Mrs. Bertha Stavenik, near Leo, Indiana. She passed from this life January 21 at the age of 71 years. The body was brought to Mansfield for burial. Brothers Forest Ritzman and Rudolph Graf of Akron conducted the funeral services. We extend our sympathy to the family. We will miss the friendly smile of Sister Sophia.

Latty: Miss Anna Metzger, 47, died January 4, at her home in Latty. Funeral services were conducted by Samuel Aeschliman on Sunday, January 7. Godfred Genzel passed away on Friday, January 26, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stoller. He had suffered a stroke several weeks before. Funeral services were held by Harry Bucher, of LaCrosse, on Sunday, January 28.

Milford: Mrs. Kathryn Sorg passed away December 24, after being ill for quite some time. Funeral services were held December 29 for Sam Beer, who succumbed to a heart attack. Fred Armbruster passed away January 7, after suffering from a heart attack. Fred Waldbeser passed away

January 26, after being ill for quite some time.

Bremen: Funeral services were held February 6 for Janet, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Conrad. She died in the hospital after a week's illness. Funeral services were held on January 17 for Rosetta Faub, elderly aunt of Mrs. Henry Souder, with Herman Heuni officiating.

Peoria: Brother John Bitner, aged 85, passed away on December 22, after being confined to his home for many months. He had a large funeral, many friends and relatives coming from a distance. Mrs. Frances Kramer, aged 48 years, passed away on January 5. She leaves to mourn her death her husband and four children. We are glad to say she had made peace with her God and had a longing to go home.

Roanoke: Mrs. Mary Zuercher of Washington, Illinois, died on January 19 and funeral services were held on January 22 in Roanoke. Mrs. Legel of Roanoke passed away on January 21 and funeral services were held on January 24.

Morton: On January 7, funeral services were held for J. C. Ackerman. J. A. Getz delivered the message. Many out-of-town guests were present, including Mrs. Dan Getz, Mrs. Henry Beer and son, Victor, Miss Mae Rassi, Lou Rassi, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rassi, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graff of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Souder and Mr. and Mrs. William Leman of Bremen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rigenbach of Rittman.

The Milford group were guests of the Henry Rapps', after eating supper at the church. Mr. Chris Hoerr, Sr. and daughter, Lena, entertained the Milford folks later in the evening.

Leo: Leah Conrad passed away at her home early Tuesday, February 6, 1951. Leah had not been in the best of health for the past year, but her death was unexpected. She was born near Leo, where she lived most of her life. A year ago she moved to Fort Wayne. Her family, nieces, and nephews, as well as many friends will miss her; she has kept the Conrad family home since the death of her

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NEWS

Alabama

Matt Wackerele and wife have returned to their home in Michigan, after being in the service of the good Master for quite a while among the members and friends in Alabama.

Henry Beer, Otto Norr, and Melvin Gutwein spent a number of days visiting the members and friends.

The Maburn Hale Family have moved to Paulding, Ohio.

Melvin Huber of Francesville, Indiana, is in Alabama to carry on the work of the Master, which is so necessary in these sad and perilous times.

Joy comes into the needy homes of those who receive used clothing which is sent from the North. If you wish to help needy families, send clothing to 1405 Seventh Ave. E., Decatur, Alabama.

Bremen

On December 17, Carolyn Schumacher, Mary and Earl Zeltwanger traveled to Peoria, Illinois, where they attended the marriage of Truman Baumgartner and Marjorie Getz.

On Christmas evening, we all gathered at church as our Sunday School presented a program commemorating the birth of Christ. Many from Milford visited us on this evening.

On the weekend of December 30, eighteen young folks from Morton, Illinois, visited us. They were Harold, Gene, and Shirley Witzig, Roy Wyss, Jean Jacobs, Dorothy Miller, Edith, Joan and Eleanor Getz, Louise Birkey, Lucille Jacobs, Kathryn Rother, Mary Frintz. Others were Gloria Freidinger, Ralph and Marian Roecke, Alice Musselman, and Al Newcomb. We all enjoyed the fine Christian fellowship of being with them.

Robert Norr from Leo was with us on the seventh of January.

We were privileged to have Loretta Beutner, Arlene Kaufman, Evelyn Frey, Evelyn Hartman, Peter Ernst, John Fisher, and Dick Hohulin from Chicago in our congregation and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Klopfenstein. Robert and Herbert Heuni were home from college on this week-end.

Several young couples from Milford were in our midst on Jan. 14.

Also on January 14, Mr. and Mrs. John Bittner from Eureka, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sorg and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sorg from Milford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schumacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wingeier and Mr. and Mrs. Feldman of Alto visited our congregation on January 21. We enjoyed their presence and also the evening services immensely.

Chicago

On Sunday, January 14, Henry Kilgus, and his daughter, Alice, were with us.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht on January 20 and 21 were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gerber of Bluffton and Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller, Eleanor and Elaine Stoller, of Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hodel of Roanoke, Sam Schmidgall, Alice Musselman, Jean Jacob, Shirley Witzig, Gloria Freidinger, Lucille Jacob, Dorothy Miller, and Louisa Mae Bierkey of Morton and Bill Heinsman and Moe Sheaffer of Peoria spent Sunday, January 28, in Chicago.

Detroit

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wieland are the happy parents of a son, William Guy, born December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krizan and Mr. and Mrs. Mutrie Sadegi were accepted into our congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Jr. and Connie and Bennie left December 30 for a ten-day vacation in Indiana and Illinois.

Several cars from Bay City visited in our community the weekend of January 14.

Visiting us the weekend of January 21 were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman and children, Velda and Howard, and Mr. Ed Zimmerman all of Forrest, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. John Bauman and daughter, Mabel, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach and Velma Bauman, all of Rittman, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wieland and family of Bay City and Mrs. Mary Hile of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wieland spent

the weekend of January 28 in Oakville, Iowa, attending the wedding of Ralph Ramseyer of Bay City and Lillian Frank of Oakville.

Elgin, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schupbach, Lena and Ruth, attended the Frank-Ramseir wedding at Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman, and Emil Bruellman spent January 28 with our congregation. Communion was held.

Brothers Bert and Albert Butikofer are leaving for Army duty Feb. 6.

Fairbury and Forrest

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Norr and daughter, Katherine, of the Leo church, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wuetrich, Mrs. Marie Wuetrich and daughter, Minerva, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erb and Ida Honegger of the Francesville, Indiana church were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Leman on Sunday, January 21. Otto Norr conducted services in Forrest and Fairbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gutwein, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Jr. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fehr on Sunday, January 28. Philip Gutwein conducted services in Fairbury on that day.

The Sunday Schools from Tremont, Roanoke, Gridley and Cissna Park met at Forrest on January 28, where hymn singing was enjoyed by all.

Forrest

Byron Nussbaum, David Weigand, Harold Aberle, and Roy Maurer left for the Army January 5. They are stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On January 21, we enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Norr and Kathryn from Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wuetrich, Minerva Wuetrich, Ida Honegger, and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Erb of Francesville. They were Sunday evening supper guests of Sidney Leman.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maier, Miss Martha Maier, and Miss Priscilla Sohn left for a visit in Florida.

Mrs. Byron Nussbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Nussbaum visited the weekend of January 27 at Fort Leonard Wood, where Byron Nussbaum is stationed with the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Moser and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Honegger have returned home from a visit to Phoenix, Arizona, January 28.

The annual aid meeting (dealing with hail) was held at our church Wednesday, January 31. There were 19 congregations represented.

Hancock and Morris

A son, Roger Lee, was born December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaefer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Messner, Patsy and Gary, left January 19 for Fort Scott, Kansas, where they will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reber.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Schmidgall and children left for Fort Scott, Kansas, January 26 and will be with her parents, Brother Jacob and Sister Anna Pfister.

Hartzell Schmidgall returned to his home January 19, after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidgall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Durkee are parents of twin girls, Judy and Joyce, born January 20. She is the former Dorothy Moser. They have one other daughter, Jane.

The first boys to enter service were Carl Moser, son of Mrs. Clara Moser, in the National Guard January 22, and Donald Schmidgall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidgall, in the Army, January 25. We indeed pray for these boys and may they look to God who can protect them.

Virginia Richards and Donald Schmidgall were united in marriage January 17, with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmidgall, as their attendants.

Lamont

Visitors here December 31 were Sister Carrie Gleichman and Johnny of Harper; and Pauline Nussbaum of Bloomington, Illinois.

Brother George Waibel from Remington, Indiana, visited relatives here from January 11 to 13.

Brother Sam Anliker visited the Oklahoma congregation, and a number of members from here visited the Sabetha congregation January 14.

Visiting brethren January 28 were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner and family of Newton.

Latty

Mrs. Vera Laukhuf honored Mrs.

Ruth Stoller and Mrs. Josephine Wenniger with a baby shower at her home Friday, January 12.

Dick Lanz of Rockville, Connecticut, spent several weeks visiting with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lanz.

James Gerber, Catherine Gerber, Marjorie and Melvane Zimmerman, Earl Zimmerman, and Twila Stoller spent the week-end of January 20 and 21 visiting in Rittman, Ohio.

Kenneth Stoller, who is serving in the Army, spent several weeks at home with his family before leaving for the Far East.

Quite a number of the young members and friends from here spent the evening of January 28 visiting the church near Leo, Indiana.

The engagement of Roger Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber, and Eunice Stoller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stoller, was announced on January 28. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Laukhuf have moved from our community to Rittman, Ohio, where Mrs. Laukhuf's parents live. Mrs. Laukhuf is the former Catherine Zollinger. We wish them God's blessings in their new home.

A daughter, Suzanne Faye, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Wieland.

Leo

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bauman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rigenbach of Rittman, Ohio, on their return home from Illinois were dinner and overnight guests at the Ramas Schlatter home, January 9. The following morning, accompanied by Anna and Sylvia Stiener, they called on Mrs. Bertha Stavenik at the Mildred Schlatter home, before going to New Haven, where they were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Winzeler.

A daughter was born January 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schlatter. She was named Rachel Ann.

A baby daughter, Janet, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Klopfenstein, Jr., on January 31.

Diane Conrad from California spent some time with her relatives.

The wedding reception of Ruth

Grueter and Louis Garman is planned for February 25.

Lester

Mrs. Pauline Feucht and Mrs. Carl Feucht, Jr., returned from the West Coast, after spending four weeks visiting relatives and friends in California and Oregon.

Willis Knobloch and Raymond Feucht spent two weeks visiting various congregations in Illinois.

Also visiting relatives in Morton, Illinois, over the weekend of the 14th, were Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Metzger and Virgil, Bill Wulf, and Karoline Metzger.

In December, sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. August Knobloch, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Knobloch.

Arnold Banwart and Wilmer Metzger spent several days visiting relatives in Lester.

Phil Mogler attended the Emch funeral in Rittman, Ohio; also visited a short time in Elgin, Illinois.

John Moser, Sr., left for his home in Sabetha, Kansas, after spending the holidays visiting his son, John, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knobloch and family spent the 21st at West Bend, Iowa, remembering Mrs. Knobloch's parents on their anniversary.

Mansfield

On January 1, we had a business meeting. Brother Rudolph Graf presided. Brother Ted Schauwecker was elected trustee to take the place of Brother Martin Bocka, whose term has expired.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Beery and children of Rittman visited here Sunday, January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wysong of Fairborn, Ohio, spent Sunday, January 28, in our midst.

Milford

We enjoyed having a group of young people from Princeville, Illinois, with us over the New Year's week-end.

Evelyn, Lois, Philip, Marion, and Frank Beer, Kathryn Graff, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kaiser, Lowell Rassi, and Arthur Moser attended the Gutwein-Gudeman wedding at Francesville, December 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clauss of Fort Wayne

spent two weeks in Florida in January.

Elmer Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Zimmerman, left for the armed forces the first of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beer spent several weeks traveling through the southern states during January.

A group of young people from Francesville, Aaron and Charles Sauder from Mansfield, and Arthur Novotny from Cleveland visited Sunday, January 21.

Joan and Elizabeth Gerber, Diana Fae Steffen, Ruby Moser, and Alice Troxel spent Friday evening, January 26, in Milford, being evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Haab and children visited their daughter, Mrs. Walter Steffen in Elgin, Illinois, the week-end of January 21.

Several young people from Milford spent Sunday, January 28, at Bluffton.

Peoria

Mis Marjorie Getz and Truman Baumgartner of Bluffton, Indiana, were married December 17. A large number of their friends attended the reception from three to five p.m. The wedding supper at six o'clock was attended by close friends and relatives.

Many from here were supper guests at the Martha Kieser home in Princeville on Sunday, January 7. Among them were Chris Hoerr, Sr. and daughter, Lena, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyneth, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leman, Elizabeth Broquard, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Hoerr, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder. It was a very pleasant evening.

Portland

Although their mission was sad, we could still enjoy the visit of Joseph Conrad and daughter, Thelma Schlatter, from Leo, Indiana; Diana Conrad from Pasadena, California; and Al Conrad from San Francisco, California, who came to attend the funeral of Sam Conrad.

The family was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller for dinner and spent a blessed evening there.

On the nights of December 21, 22, and 23, the young group of our congregation went caroling for shut-ins,

old aged, and poor and needy families. We also distributed boxes of food and clothing to those who were less fortunate. It helped us to realize, in part, the blessings which we take too much for granted, and though we were able to do so little, God let fall upon us His "Showers of Blessings."

On December 24, the congregation enjoyed a Christmas program presented by the Sunday School. The Spirit of God could be felt, as the children portrayed the true meaning of Christmas.

Most of the young people spent New Years' Day at Mt. Hood. How beautiful the graceful firs and pines were, as they bent under their heavy load of glistening, white snow. Before we left, a blizzard had begun, hurling snow all about us. What a change of weather within 50 miles of Portland, where the lawns are green and scattered flowers can be seen blooming. True beauty can be found in His creations.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Allenbach, from Harper, Kansas, have been visiting relatives around Portland for the last six weeks. They left for home on Jan 11. We all enjoyed their visit and fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hilty arrived in Portland on January 17, spending the day sightseeing, and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller, where they were dinner guests. On the 18th they visited Jacob Kaufmans in Silverton, returning to Guy Millers' that evening. On January 19 they left for California, where they will spend a few weeks before returning to their home in Rittman, O.

Mrs. Carl Feucht, Sr., and Mrs. Carl Feucht, Jr., from Lester, Iowa, are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Knapp in Portland. On January 21 they were at the Theo Conrad home for dinner, followed by a singing.

Proverbs 11:30: "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

Princeville

Many from our congregation attended the dedication service of the new church of Peoria, December 10.

Vernon Stoller was inducted into the army December 14 and is receiv-

ing his basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was stationed for a short time in Missouri, and was permitted to spend Christmas with his mother and other relatives.

A large number of friends and relatives gathered at the church on the evening of the 17th, and enjoyed the program given by the children of the Sunday School.

Ludwig Kieser of Princeville and Bertha Sauder of West Bend were united in marriage December 17. Attendants were George Kieser and Mildred Sauder. After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will reside on a farm near Edelstein. Quite a number of relatives from the Princeville congregation attended the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Herrmann are the parents of a daughter, born December 19. Mrs. Herrmann was the former Betty Ringger. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stichling are the parents of a son, born December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Menold spent several days the first of the year visiting relatives in Sabetha, Kansas. On December 31, their youngest daughter, Emily, and Joseph Stoller, son of Elizabeth Stoller, announced their engagement.

Jeff Streitmatter, Jr. and Nathan Martin have been inducted into the service and are at present at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The engagement of Raymond Wagenbach of Princeville and Betty Knapp of Cissna Park was made known January 21.

Evening services were enjoyed by many when Otto Norr visited in our community. He was accompanied by his wife and Mary Wuethrich and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wuethrich.

A number from our congregation attended services in Peoria the evening of January 25 and received a blessing from the inspiring words delivered by Otto Norr.

Mrs. Eggli of Tremonton, Utah, has spent the past several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. William Eberle, and her sister, Mrs. Peter Streitmatter. At present she is visiting another daughter, Mrs. Edward Bach at Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold are

spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Remington

Marjorie Haas, Gladys Steffen, Clara Lou Schmitgall, Robert Haas and Eddie Haas, Elgin, Illinois, spent Sunday, December 31, with the Remington congregation and also spent the New Year holiday at the home of Betty and Letty Frey.

We had a blessed New Year's evening having Ben Miabach of Detroit, Michigan, with us for services; also many others from various congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Zeltwanger of Bremen, Indiana, visited us on Sunday, January 28. They were dinner and evening guests of the Erwin Bahler family.

Our friend, Edwin Hageman, son of Mr. Jewel Hageman, has left for service in the Air Corps and is stationed in Texas.

Roanoke

We have had quite a few weddings the past months. Some of them are: On September 10, Lois Zimmerman of Roanoke and Marvin Getz of Morton. The couple are making their home in Morton. On September 17, Edith Fisher of Roanoke and Glenn Stoller of Latty, Ohio. They are now living in Latty. On October 22, Vera Getz of Roanoke and Daniel Weigand of Congerville. Daniel is now waiting for his call into the armed forces.

On October 29, Mary Ann Leman and William Klaus, both of Eureka, who are now living in Eureka. On November 19, Helen Woertz of Goodfield and Jim Martin of Roanoke. They are living on a farm near Roanoke. On November 26, Dorothy Hodel of Roanoke and Marvin Schmidgall of Morton, who are now living in Morton.

On December 24, Blanche Fisher of Roanoke and Eldon Steffen of Congerville. They are making their home near Cissna Park. On January 21, Annabelle Martin and Eddie Blunier, both of Roanoke. They will live on a farm near Roanoke. On January 28, Ruth Mangold and Robert Scherer, both of Roanoke. Bob is also waiting for his call into the armed forces.

Among some of the recent births

in our congregation are: A daughter, Ruth Anne, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Leman of Roanoke on September 11. The mother is the former Helen Hodel of Roanoke. A son, John Michael, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Roanoke on October 3. The mother is the former Dorothy Pelsy of Francesville. A daughter, Janet Elaine, born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Fisher of Eureka on October 6. The mother is the former Helen Schumacher of Eureka.

A pair of twins, Constance Jo and Cassandra Jean, born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fehr of Roanoke on October 12. The mother is the former Helen Funk of Roanoke. A daughter, Kathleen Sue, born to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hodel of Roanoke, on November 6. The mother is the former Ruth Minger of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hodel of Roanoke are on a trip through the western states. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron B. Moser of Eureka have been traveling down South.

Toledo

On December 26th, Godfrey Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newman and family left for a 3-week trip to Florida. They visited some of the members in Alabama while on their trip.

A number of Toledo folks attended the funeral services of Kathryn Sorg in Goshen, Ind. on December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Zeltwanger of Latty, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stoller and Mr. and Mrs. William Moser of Bluffton, Indiana visited in Toledo over New Year's.

Mary and Emily Frautschi were the guests of Emma Klaus in Roanoke, Ill. New Year's weekend, along with Frances Maibach, Audry Friedinger and Dan Knochel from Detroit and Leonard Hitz from LaCrosse. They also visited in Peoria, Morton, Watseka and Remington.

A number of Toledo folks attended the funeral services of Anna Metzger in Latty, Ohio on January 7th.

Mary and Emily Frautschi of Toledo, Frances Maibach, Audry Freidinger, Dorothy and Dan Knochel of Detroit visited the Novotny Family in Cleveland and the Graf Families and Akron Church on January 13th and 14th.

Harold Klotzle and Glen Winkler of Rittman, Ohio visited in Toledo on January 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price and son of Van Wert visited in Toledo on January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born Jan. 24th. Mrs. Stevens is the former Dorothy Sherwin of Detroit.

A number of Toledo folks attended the funeral services of Bro. Ginzel in Latty, Ohio on January 28th.

Tremont

On January 7, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach of Detroit, Michigan, were visitors here.

Among those visiting with members of the Goodfield congregation on Sunday, January 21, were Mr. and Mrs. August Bolliger, Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Pfledrer, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Sauder, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plattner, Mr. and Mrs. William Beutel, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Rocke.

Visitors here on Sunday, January 14, were Mr. and Mrs. Noah Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Feucht, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Klump, the Misses Margaret Herman, Esther Klump, Loretta and Loreine Miller, and Eleanor Asal from Princeville, Lillian Streitmatter and Viola Ringger from Gridley, Amelia Klein — Peoria, Arlene Knapp from Cissna, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schmidgall, David Hangartner, and Harlan Kaiser from Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Norr of Leo, Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Wuethrich, and Mrs. Mary Wuethrich of Francesville were visitors here on Thursday, January 25.

A daughter, Kathleen Susan, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Sinn on January 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Klein and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wagonbach on January 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Plattner and children and Miss Sophie Sauder are spending several weeks in Florida.

Wichita

We were pleased when Brother Noah Schrock of the Oakville church held mid-week services here December 15. Everyone felt richly blessed

through the words which were spoken.

Visiting here from Rittman, Ohio, recently, were Brother and Sister Richard Beery.

Visiting brethren from Gridley, Kansas, December 31, were Ephraim, Dorothy Young and family, and Lydia Young.

Brother and Sister Lou Knapp from the Gridley congregation were among our visitors, January 7.

We were filled spiritually through Brother Lou Bahr from Sabetha, January 7, when he ministered to us. He also held services in the evening. Other visitors from Sabetha were Sister Bahr, Brother Joseph Hartter, and Brother Ed Strahm.

Brother and Sister Bernie Emch, Brother Roy Wernli, Sister Katharine Anliker and daughter, Ione, from the Lamont congregation spent Sunday evening, January 14, with Brother and Sister Roy Yackley. The evening was enjoyed by singing spiritual hymns.

Brother Paul Dopps from Norton, Kansas, was in our midst January 21.

Brother and Sister Al Langhoefer and children, Brother George Lambert, and Sister Arlene Knapp enjoyed a trip to the Oklahoma church recently.

Wolcott

Three of our boys, Russell and Harold Lehman, and Richard Stoller have enlisted in the Air Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Winsford Wood are the parents of a daughter, Sheryl Diane, born January 23. The mother is the former Arlene Furrer.

Miss Sarah Kropf and Glenn Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, spent several days here visiting the Kropf and Trochsel families.

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parents. The family wishes to thank the many friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness during their bereavement.

Portland: Brother Sam H. Conrad was born at Leo, Indiana, and departed from this life December 12, 1950, at the age of 69 years. He spent 48 years of his life in Portland, Oregon.

He united with the Portland Church, where he remained a faithful member. He was with the Portland Fire Department 42 years, serving as fire alarm and telegraph operator. Surviving are three brothers, Joseph of Leo, Al of San Francisco, Theo, and one sister, Martha, both of Portland, five nieces and one nephew. He endeared himself by his loving kindness and generous hospitality to the many who crossed the threshold of his home. "To know him was to love him."

FOR EDWARD SIEBENTHAL of Goodland, Indiana

who passed away Dec. 14, 1950

You're just away!

But oh! we're yearning so much for you,

So suddenly you've climbed a hill And with a smile you dropped from view;

We're listening for your old time step, We'll try to go on remembering the joys we once knew,

But the clouds seem low as we mourn for you,

Walk slowly down that pathway— And in faith as we oft come to the garden of prayer

May we find the sun shining there.

Dear Brethren and Friends:

Greetings! Herewith is a report of offerings for the Lord's work entrusted to me for the past year and also a report of how I have used the offerings for needy people and nations, for the furtherance of the gospel and for the work of salvation.

Total amount of offerings for scriptures and mission work for 1950\$5773.00

European Aid—For scriptures and mission work among refugees and others in Austria and Germany\$2200.00

American Bible Society—World's needs 700.00

Northern Bible Society 200.00

Oriental Missionary Society.. 1150.00

Scriptures for Japan, Philippine Islands, Korea, Nationalist China, South America, Greece.

Island of Haiti, West Indies

For paper and translations and printing of the New

Testament in the native language of Creole.....	1320.00
Overseas Blind — Scriptures in Braille	50.00
Refugees in England—Scriptures in Polish, Latvian, and German	100.00
Alabama Needs	50.00
Postage for packages	3.00

It is only by a knowledge of God's Word by which men receive light and salvation, and may you consider it a privilege to help in the furtherance of the gospel of truth and light.

The redeemed of all ages will be saved by faith in the blood of the Lamb, the record of whom is found in the one book of all books, the Holy Bible.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

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4. Japan — To help produce and distribute 5,000,000 Japanese Scriptures	260,000
5. Europe — another section of the Jericho road	165,000
6. Bible translation, production, and distribution for heart-hungry multitudes in more than 40 nations	446,000
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