



"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, WHO IS the health of my countenance, and my God."

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God."

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"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5. [It is a fact that there are many temptations crouched and waiting for a chance to spring and devour us. Likewise, it is a fact that, for some of us, while we are here, many a day of sickness will be experienced. A further fact is that there will be heartaches and disappointments and sufferings on life's journey. Yet, God's plan has fully considered all. His promises should be grasped over and above all the hardships. Come, let us enter the chapel of meditation and listen to Brother Kenneth Stoller. His home church is Latty, Ohio, but he writes from overseas.]

If we are satisfied with our blessings and trust on our Lord and keep His commandments, surely He will take care of us. In our lifetime we have many trials and dark hours. We may at such times think that our God has forsaken us, if we do not stop and realize how many blessings we really have had and now have.

How many of us have left our loved ones and headed for some distant place, not knowing where? How it does grieve our hearts to part, even though we expect to meet again on this earth. Yes, it does awaken us and let us realize a great many blessings we enjoyed that we hadn't even noticed.

I wonder how many of us really appreciate and thank God for our daily blessings. Are we content with what we have, or are we dissatisfied? Have we shared our blessings with
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[When we make a forward movement of such far-reaching consequences as confronts us NOW, we rightfully demand indisputable proof that such is God's will. We need facts, unquestionable evidence that the considered move is the work of God. We must reason CALMLY and SOBERLY. We are instructed to "prove all things." Then, with the conclusions of sound reasoning God has given, we set our feet into the brim of the Jordan, and find the waters parting and the way clear. Bearing these things in mind, listen to the facts set forth by a brother of our church.]

There was the grave-yard of national Israel, stretching in rolling

HAVE YOU FACED THESE FACTS?

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

hills and grassy sod. There was not a country that it did not cross. The taps of suffering and sadness echoed, while the white pale silence gave not the slightest evidence of life. It was a tragic story, a true story that is told in millions of trials of aching hearts.

We'll begin way back in olden times. Israel was young then and had stretching before it the brilliant prospects of a glorious future. But

they cared not for a happy time and hardened their neck against God. They were told, but they would not hear. Speaking of them and their land, God says, "... they defiled it by their own way and by their doings; ... I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen. ..."

Many years before, a prayer was offered by Solomon. A beautiful temple had been constructed that was lavished with riches. The king turned his heart to God, spreading his hands toward heaven. Some of his solemn petitions were: "... if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives. ... And so return unto thee with all their heart, and with all their soul ... and pray unto thee toward their land. ... Then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people. ..." That prayer was heard.

The beautiful temple and the walls of the city were destroyed. Among those who were carried captive to Babylon was Daniel. He saw the overthrow of mighty Babylon, and

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● Also News To Rejoice the Heart

Mountain Climbers

Up, up, up climbs the joyful road of the cross. Every foot of the way means sacrifice that is measured in the denial of the wants of self. But our eyes are on the mountain-top, from whence gleams the prize of happiness supreme. Heavenly glories rainbow their reflections in the face of the pilgrim. He has for his listening delight the sure word of the gospel, filling the air with the melody of hope. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

There are sharp hair-pin turns to be negotiated. There are steep inclines to be gained. The pilgrim learns that physical endurance and physical strength will fail to move him. He would love to gain the heights, but the utmost and top-most energy leaves him in his tracks. "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The strength of the Lord and the power of His might is the secret that leads to a victorious journey. Faith gives him skill in gaining the heights.

Careful driving is the sure method to victory. If we run ahead of the Lord, we have lost our position and find ourselves further back than before. Then, too, we must take only one section of the road at a time. Serenity and confidence will carry us, step by step, through the fiercest temptations and the darkest trials. "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength . . ."

The skillful driver always keeps in mind a factual appraisal of self. It is prone to do wrong, stubborn and uncompromising, and pouts when it does not get its way. It is proud,

stuck on itself. It likes to give vent to its feeling and likes the dark odors of anger and wrath. "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection . . ."

The snare of the devil lurks in dark roads that a wise driver must consistently pass by. The entrance is covered with a foggy mirage, and to the unwise appears like it would give satisfaction. The farther the trail goes, the sharper the descent and the higher and wilder trouble and anguish bristle in all their anguish. When we are in doubt as to the Way, we should prayerfully subject each decision to God's tried and proven road test. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Fairbury and Forrest: We rejoice with our two dear friends, Mrs. Lucille (Widmer) Richardson and Mrs. Ben Huber, who have found Peace with God and man. We are happy for them and may they be a shining light unto many others.

Hancock and Morris: Mrs. Gideon Rinkenberger Bagley gave her testimony and was baptized May 20.

Henry Koehl announced Sunday, August 12, that Kenneth Schmidgall has Peace with God and man. Truly we all rejoice over such wonderful news.

Leo: We all rejoiced when Joseph Conrad, who is past the age of three score and ten, was baptized on June 24. We are also happy over the repentance of Elaine Norr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Norr.

Peoria: We are happy to report that Betty Woerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Woerner, has turned to the Lord in repentance. We wish her God's grace.

Princeville: We all rejoiced Sunday, August 5, when Nathan Martin could be baptized and added to the fold. Nathan, who is in the Army, was home on furlough.

Portland: We are very happy for

our friend Mary Mathis who confesses Peace with God, and expects to be proved and baptized as soon as an elder comes out.

Sabetha: Martin Esslinger and wife were proved and baptized and united with the body of Christ at the country church Sunday, June 10. Among our visitors were John Gerber and wife and sister, and Mrs. George Bruellman and son Harley and wife from West Bend, Iowa. The call of the eleventh hour also brought unto Christ's Sheep Fold on March 25, after receiving grace and peace with God in his 78th year, Dan Steiner, over whose freedom we greatly rejoice. God still performs wonders.

Alabama: Gladys Vess was baptized on Sunday, August 26. A number of others are repenting. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bauman, Henry Kilgus, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsier, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Manz and two daughters, Madelene, and Henrietta, and two others from Ohio.

Lester: Marilyn Wulf, Violet Knobloch, and Mrs. Ernest Feucht were added to the fold on July 22. Henry Koehl and many visitors from Morris and West Bend enjoyed a blessed day.

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our neighbors? If we could only see just a bit of the suffering that is going on in those war-torn lands across the sea, it would help us all to humble ourselves more.

We can see how weak the human race really is when we see strong young men lying cold in death — killed by their fellow-man. Yet in this same war-torn land, where everyone walks in fear of his fellow-man (for one never knows whether the other one is friend or foe), God is still with His people.

I was walking through a strange village one evening, through narrow crooked paths with one of my buddies. Since we had never been there before, we were almost lost. From behind the rock walls peered the eyes of strange, frightened men, which only made our feet move faster. We knew we must get out before dark.

Suddenly we heard the voices of children singing. Very dimly we

heard an organ playing. Immediately we drew nearer in order to hear better. To our great joy, they were singing Christian songs. We could not understand the words, as they were in Korean, but we did recognize the melodies.

They invited us in. All were smiling as we sat down. We had hardly been in our position on the floor when a man handed us an English book and pointed to the song, "Work for the Night Is Coming." The organ began playing and we sang with the children, each in our native language. We sang several other songs. During this time all fear was gone, for God was among us, and where God is, fear and sorrow is driven away.

We hurried on, as the night was darkening. All the way back we were talking of the joy we had in those few minutes. We were safely in before the fear of night was upon us again. So, you see, God really is everywhere. Even if we think we are alone, God is with us. He helps us when we most need it.

We also must remember He sees what we do. He loves us and wants us to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Often He lets punishments and sorrows come over us so we will again humble ourselves and do His will.

We all have so much work to do yet, for truly our night is coming when we can work no more. If we do not work now while we can, how can we expect to receive a just reward? If we can only live a life that we shine with goodness to our fellow-men and are a true light, that already has its reward here on earth, and much more in time to come.

While traveling across the ocean, I was so reminded of the comparison of a ship at sea and a child of God trying to stay on the straight and narrow course. It seemed like the waters were always moving. Large waves and storms and so many things kept trying to move us from our original route. So through life, our ship of faith is always threatened with storms and trials. We are kept busy trying to keep on the right course.

Finally when we can see the shore,

it gives consolation, for we then know that we will have peace, quiet, and rest from the roaring sea. Even though it looked like a long journey and at times impossible, when all is over, it will be worth the reward. Think, dear ones, how much greater our reward will be when we safely guide our ship of faith in that eternal harbor, into everlasting peace and rest.

Yet, it makes one wonder why so many have not accepted God's way of life. We must think they surely must not know what they are being deprived of. Maybe we are not doing our duty. Let us consider, each one, our own lives. If we can save but one soul, it will be worth more than all the world.

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the victor, Persia. Daniel offered an humble prayer that is recorded for our profit. The time was "In the first year of Darius".

Jerusalem was to lie desolate seventy years. Daniel understood this by letters he read from Jeremiah. He pleaded with God: ". . . let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: . . ." Daniel confessed his sin and the sin of his people Israel—he fulfilled all the essentials that Solomon's prayer years before showed were necessary. The answer came.

About the time of the evening oblation, Gabriel touched him. "O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision."

Daniel asked and God revealed brilliant rainbow sprays of divine wisdom, bursting in all their splendid beauty. It was a complete panorama, a sweeping view, of seventy sevens of years. From a mount Nebo of vision, Daniel saw the ship of Israel sailing in the return of a remnant in troubled waters. There was the glorious revelation of the coming of Jesus. After His rejection,

the vessel was swept into uncharted seas of sorrow and woe, with the storm and night increasing in its nightmare pitch during the tribulation. Finally, Israel entered the haven of tranquility and rest.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy." Throughout the pages of the holy scriptures and especially Revelation the word "seven" occurs. The creation was completed in six days, and God rested on the seventh. For six days the men of war, seven priests with seven trumpets, and the people compassed Jericho once each day. The walls fell flat on the seventh day, after the seventh time on that day, and after the blowing of the seven trumpets and the people's shout.

The mysterious word seems to write *finis* to any work of God. The underlying strata in the holy scriptures reveals a basic understructure of sevens and its multiple. In the original languages the Scriptures were written, Greek and Hebrew, numbers are expressed by letters. (On the dial of a telephone, the same position of the finger may mean either a letter or a number.) In the scriptures, one symbol may be read as the letter "alpha", while in another place the same letter may mean "one." Therefore, each letter that makes up the words and phrases has an arithmetical number.

The numerical theme of completeness and perfection can be found in every paragraph of the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The first verse of Genesis has dozens. The numerical value of the three important Hebrew nouns: God, heaven, and earth, is 777—111 sevens; that of the Hebrew verb "created" is 203—29 sevens; that of the first, middle, and last Hebrew letters is 133—19 sevens; the last letters of the first and last words is 490—70 sevens.

This theme is found so perfectly that even the place of a word can

be determined. Writings not actually inspired when analyzed reveal their falsity. Thus, the extra books outside of the Bible canon of 66 books are found not to be part of the holy scriptures.

The mysterious clock hanging in the hall of Daniel is marked off in digits of weeks. In reading the time, the word "week" means a week of years (see Genesis 29:27, 28). When the hand has made a complete revolution, 70 sevens of years, or 490, will be passed. However, the hand stopped abruptly when it was one week short of the 70. For long centuries it has been silent, while another time-piece is in use, ". . . and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."

As the chimes of time showed the end of the 69th week, Jesus rode to Jerusalem as King. "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times."

The supreme note of the hour was the exultation of Christ as King of the Jews. "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." The atmosphere is charged with a current of divine praise and joy as Jesus is received in the colorful glory due unto Him. ". . . the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

A crisis point in God's agenda of dealing with the Jewish nation was reached. Some of the Pharisees are blind to faith's picturesque beauties and make the request, "Master, rebuke thy disciples." The extreme importance of what was happening can be seen from Jesus' reply. "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

They received Him not. They spurned their Creator. They were joined unto their idols. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Instead of looking into the perfect mirror of God's Word, the nation deliberately and wantonly gazed into the deceptive mirror of unbelief. They pushed God's invitation away and crucified His Messiah. The prophetic clock read: "And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself. . . ." The historical records in the gospels add, "And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

What strange and tragic actions will wilful disobedience blind man or nation to do! "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." They forfeited their birth-right, refusing the King and the kingdom. Henceforth, with their hearts glued to their stubbornness, they are broken from the root and fatness of the olive tree. "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

The death knell pealed mournfully throughout the land, signifying the passing of a once gallant race into the cemetery of silence. Through the passing parade of long centuries, the clock has been silent. It happened like Hosea prophesied: "My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations."

A tidal wave of physical suffering

roared over the nation, leaving ruin and anguish in its wake. ". . . and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined." Jesus said of the temple, "See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

Centuries before this, in Persia, wicked Haman schemed in blind hate to stamp out the Jews. He sold the king on his plan, "And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day. . . ." Be the instrument ever so sharp, or the sword thrust ever so strong, when it meets something on which God has His eye, it is turned back like paper.

Providentially placed as queen in the land was a young Jewess named Esther. She found favor with the king and won his heart. *God always has some man or woman in the necessary place to carry out His will.* She had to risk her life to plead the cause of her people, but Mordecai told her, ". . . if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Through her position and pleadings the cruel thrust was turned aside, and the nation was preserved.

Time and again the Jew has had to bite the dust of sorrows. A deathly stillness and the dark shadow of persecution haunted and overshadowed them. God had forewarned them what would happen if they would disobey: "In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see."

The Jew has swallowed a bitter

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Also News of New Babies

CHILDREN ARE AN HERITAGE OF THE LORD

There's a new baby at somebody's house . . . a precious bundle that will bring many hours of happiness to mother and father. In each scene of the child's development, the divine artist has beautifully painted real pictures of delight. We may travel many miles to see Niagara Falls or the Grand Canyon, yet at the fireside of home is a more lovely picture, the everyday scene of a cozy family life.

In God's wonderful Word can be found facts on child psychology which point the way to successfully building a character. Human writers may be wrong, but one may always rely on God's advice. "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels . . ."

How much do you love that little girl or boy? Have you heeded the great scriptural principle of discipline? The best affection bestowed on a little one is often wrapped in the sober clothes of punishment, like sitting on a chair or going to bed. "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."

It's a garden of character you will be culturing. Take care to weed out the little habits that might become ingrown traits. "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying." Affection that spoils is a biting whip that leaves dark bruises on the child's character.

Discipline gives the character a trim, good-looking appearance. True affection helps the personality to grow fresh and strong and lovely. It gives many delightful hours of companionship. A cautious use of strictness, showered with mercy and love, causes the garden to blossom in full beauty and color.

A shining principle in God's Book is loving affection. It is beautifully illustrated in Jesus' treatment of the little ones. "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and

said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God . . . And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

Bremen: A son, Ricki Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Billman on May 15; and a son, Dennis Craig, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buck on May 17.

Elgin, Iowa: On June 15 a son, David Joe, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Metzger.

Hancock and Morris: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joos became parents of a baby daughter, born May 11, and named Rhonda Lynn. Also Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheitlin are the parents of a baby daughter, Merrie Lynn.

Latty: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Klopfenstein are the parents of a son, Wayne Alvin, born August 10. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Waters are the parents of a baby daughter, Mary Ellen, who was born to them on July 24. Mrs. Waters is the former Elizabeth Stoller. And a son, Bruce William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stoller July 27.

Princeville: Mr. and Mrs. Burton Streitmatter are the parents of a son, born May 3. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knoblock are the parents of a son, born August 1.

Tremont: A son, Gary Allen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Koch on July 8, and a son, Roger Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. David Koch on August 6. The babies are cousins. A son, Gregory Gene, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rassi on August 13.

Leo: A daughter, Cynthia Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch on June 1. On June 29, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wiley became the parents of a son, Samuel Eugene. And Mr. and Mrs. James Winzeler became the new parents of a daughter, Lillian Marie, on July 8. A daughter, Alice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin.

Lester: Twin sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mogler on August 2, named Randy and Russel. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Metzger.

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pill. "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee." They have experienced the heavy and painful thuds of verbal persecution. The word "sheeni", the root of the word "sheninah", has been clubbed at them many times. "Sheninah" in the Hebrew is the very word that, when translated into English, means "taunt" and "byword".

"And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind. . . ." The outcasts at the nation of Yemen felt the gloom of sorrow and the spikes of persecution. Out of every 1,000 children born, only 200 survived. They felt the gnawing of poverty. The weight of some of the men was 70 or 80 pounds. Some of their twelve-year-old children weighed about what a four-year-old would in America.

The Gentiles of Yemen hemmed them in with restrictions. Building a house over two stories was forbidden in order that a Jew could not look down on a Moslem. Wearing of shoes were prohibited. At night the Jews were compelled to stay in the ghetto. Every orphan was claimed by the state and forced to be a member of the state religion. In the nation of Afghanistan, they could neither work for the government nor farm.

"And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life. . . ." Time and again the bloody axe of violence has been swung. Russia kicked the down-trodden. Buchenwald and other hate centers in Germany cast their grisly shadows. Spain and the Arabs wielded merciless stabs. Many a time has every shred of normal and quiet living been torn to bits by the dark spectre of fear.

The land has had the same sadness and sombre mourning. A travelogue of Israel in the passing centu-

ries presents a sharp contrast with the former wonder land. Formerly, it was fresh with vegetation, and clothed with a lovely mantle of green. The scenic picture-land provided a delightful home for the inhabitants. It was "a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." The song of the rain was sweet, while lovely trees added their touch of beauty.

But how did the land ache for sad centuries! The same sun rose, but a deathly pallor hung over the scene. The people had been warned, "Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; and then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit. . . ." The weather data shows the former rains were not sufficient, while the latter rains were completely absent.

It was a lonesome appearance, "not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein. . . ." The sun hurtled down on treeless acres—on parched land that yawned in thirst, with deserts, desolate steppes, and rocky mountains occupying a dry-eyed landscape. There were some inhabitants, but the busy nation was gone.

However, the holy scriptures plainly stated that, when the dark events of the seventieth week toss the Jews up and down in their frightful fury, Israel was to be the land again. A northern confederacy is to "come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations. . . ."

The last verse of the panoramic view of Daniel shows the terrifying darkness that is to envelop the land. The operations of the temple will again be carried on, but Israel will be deceived into a black alliance

with the antichrist. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Is the clock once again to start moving in its quick completion of the last seven of the seventy sevens of years? God does not move in the way human energy rushes, but He coolly and carefully carries out His blue-print. ". . . he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"

Petal by petal the divine plan will unfold until it blossoms fully in all its wisdom. The prophet Ezekiel is given a close-up view of a desert scene that comes to life. Using the powerful telescope of the holy scriptures, from our look-out point 1951, we also can train our eyes on it.

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live; And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

The great turbines suddenly swing into action, as the time comes for the first phase of operations. Zero hour signals the first wave of movements in the valley. ". . . there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone." The year 1870 saw an agricultural school with over 600 acres

founded near Jaffa. In 1878 some colonists settled at Petach Tiveh, northeast of Jaffa. 1882 saw 7,000 leave Russia and Eastern Europe for Palestine.

The first Zionist Congress was held at Basle, Switzerland, in August, 1897. Their slogan and ambition was "Palestine for the Jew." The year 1917 saw Britain commit herself as favoring Palestine as a national home for the Jews through the Balfour Declaration.

". . . the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." Except for a period of approximately 90 years, the Turks had control of Palestine since 1517. One month after the Balfour Declaration, Jerusalem was surrendered to Allenby.

Allenby did not want to shed blood in Jerusalem nor damage its walls. He cabled the king for advice in case it was impossible. The king advised prayer. The Turks heard that a strong army was approaching under the leadership of Allenby. Terror gripped their hearts, for to them the name meant Allah Be, the prophet of God. While Allenby and his officers were at prayer, the Turkish delegation appeared and surrendered.

July 24, 1922, saw the League of Nations give to England the mandate of Palestine and the Jews the right to return. Through the years England was an important instrument in God's hand. At the end of World War I, there were perhaps 50,000 Jews in Palestine. Up to May 14, 1948, the number increased to approximately 650,000.

"And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them." In two years from May 14, 1948, 400,000 immigrants came. Every third person was a newcomer. Again, in 1951 the population is expected to swell another 200,000. The present population is some 20-25 times the number that returned from the Babylonian captivity under Zerubbabel.

"Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Be-

hold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." In this nation of over 1,000,000 Jews can be found a cross section of the geographic world. (The recent immigrants are said to come from a total of 59 countries.) There are white-skinned, black-skinned, and yellow-skinned Jews. There are serious-faced German Jews and sensitive-faced Yemenites . . . Jews from the Kurdish provinces of Turkey, Iran, and Iraq . . . Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Moroccan, Tunisian, Algerian, and Bulgarian Jews. They have trekked into the land from Paris, Afghanistan, and Rome . . . from Abyssinia, China, and India.

"Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel. . . ." On Friday afternoon, May 14, 1948, Israel's proclamation stating independence was read. Its echo has reverberated around the world. For the first time in over 2500 years, the kingdom has been restored to Israel.

"I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back." Wave after wave of immigrants have hit the air fields and landing docks. A community of 40,000 came from the "south", literally reading "Teman" in the Hebrew, the Bible times' Yemen.

The Yemenite Jews had to leave their possessions behind or sell them for almost nothing. They were forced to pay taxes on themselves and the scrolls and books. Hundreds of miles they trekked on foot toward the British Protectorate of Aden. One colorful view showed 10,000 on desert wasteland. Bearded patriarchs with prayer shawls were travelling from the captivity toward Israel. Some of the women wore shawls wound around their head and chin, the shawl falling to their shoulders. From Aden, the Yemenite Jews were

flown in giant silver-winged C-54's by American boys into Israel. A forced landing would have meant death, but not one occurred.

The love of their country was engrained in them. Down one gang-plank came a man who looked to be about 75, carrying his father of 106. With the father only partly conscious, the son whispered, "Father, we are now in Israel". He gently lowered him to the ground. The old man kissed the earth and then slipped from life.

"Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me."

What God has begun He also will finish. The motors are already set in motion, turning out the finished product of a nation. The glorious climax, the conversion of Israel, will come when Jesus returns in power and great glory. "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. . . ."

"Thus saith the Lord; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord."

Today they flock home . . . but so many have sin-darkened eyes, blind to the light that can alone give joy

and peace and contentment. There are souls athirst there today . . . eyes that speak of a crushed heart that could enjoy happiness. Poverty-stricken, with no experience of true riches, they lie bruised and beaten along the Jericho road.

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Again in this place, which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, shall be an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth them, saith the Lord."

Today Israel is a land of activity . . . but they do not know the good Shepherd that would lead them through His verdant green pastures. In His mind exists the lovely picture of His flocks gathered and freed from the noise and clamor of sin. The Father knows who are His and will surely gather them into the Fold. In the lovely shaded glens of His protection flocks will once again pass under the Hand of Him who telleth them in ancient Israel.

Why can we be so sure? Because His Word is sure and steadfast. Some books may tax the mind to understand, but the holy scriptures are plain to one who is schooled in godly wisdom. When the mind is confused and in doubt, one can look to the markers in the Bible. There only can we find the grounds for unity. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."

Today there is work to do in Israel. A glimpse of the fruits of somebody's labor is given in dramatic Revelation. The loving Shepherd has gathered His sheep from the nation of Israel into the fold, and now the Father tenderly watches over them. He has sent one of His servants—an angel—on an important errand. "And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not

the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed *and there were sealed* an hundred *and forty and four* thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."

We are standing on the brink of this age's quick termination. The plain facts stand that the alarm will soon be sounding that will set the clock in motion in the end week. But the fact also stands that the church must be found with loins girded and lights burning, going about its duty as set forth in the holy scriptures.

"... verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come." Around nineteen hundred years have passed since Jesus walked on earth. In the setting of 1951 we see what He spoke of. Factual evidence shows Israel is again in the land. Scriptural proof reveals that there is gospel work to be done. An examination of ourselves proves we are in the faith. Therefore, it is our duty to embrace the work of God, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

"... if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place . . . and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" Placed by God's foresight in the palace of divine will is our brotherhood. Can we, as the bride of the King of kings, approach Him in submission, so that He may hold out the golden sceptre of His power?

God always approaches a problem with divine realism, and bases His decisions on all the facts, always gauged to the needs of the hour. His blue-print called for an organization that would collectively hold the foundational principles of the gospel plan in their purity. It was necessary that the teachings of "repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and

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● Also News of Shut-ins

The Secret of Sunshine Valley

What can one do when shut in? Did you know that even though you are, you need not be laid off the heavenly pay roll? There's work to do, and you are a very necessary part of the body of Christ, "For if there be first a willing mind, **it is accepted** according to that a man hath, **and** not according to that he hath not."

Have you considered the joyful workshop of prayer? Paul writes of one who did: "Epaphras, who is **one** of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Your love can be a dynamo that empowers you to ask the Hand that rules the world to mold brothers' and sisters' lives.

Have you leaned heavy on the facts He has told you? "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, it we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." There is One alone who can rescue the perishing and He has given you a free hearing as often as you care, to name anything you may wish according to His will. Have you done it?

Did you ever notice how you can see the reflections of your little acts in those about you? A cross word may rebound back to you, but a smile cannot be measured in monetary value. A cheery word may help a fellow traveller up a steep and thorny precipice. A firm handclasp is a bouquet of friendliness.

What do you like to see in a visitor? "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

If you are physically able, you may explore the possibilities of letter-writing. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all **men**, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." You may urge a friend to turn to the Saviour, before his opportunity forever slips into impossibility. God is able to cause the seed sown to spring forth in beauty.

There is coming a wonderful time when we are going to take our vacation in eternity with perfect health. Then we are going to meet the results of the good deeds we have done in this life. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Elgin, Iowa: On Thursday, June 28, Mrs. Albert Butikofer underwent an operation. She is getting along nicely and was able to come home July 6. Fred Schneider and Mrs. Lawrence Gehring are still not able to attend services. On June 17 Mrs. Orville Moore had an appendectomy.

Fairbury and Forrest: Dan Roth, who suffered a heart attack, is improving nicely at his home.

Hancock and Morris: Mrs. John Luthi had the misfortune of falling during the first part of June, when she broke her arm. Sunday, July 8, was the first she could be with us again. Brother Fred Spohr was taken to the hospital July 1 and may his stay be short and good health be restored to him so we can see him in church again.

Peoria: Fred Heinold has been on the sick list. Also Mrs. Arthur Leman, who has been confined to her home with illness for some time, is improved.

Princeville: Mrs. Harold Streitmatter is able to be about again after a recent operation. Her father, William Elsasser, who fell from a load of hay recently, breaking a rib and incurring numerous bruises, was also able to attend church services again July 29. Mrs. Marie Martin, who has been unable to be about for the past few weeks, remains in a serious condition at her home. Mrs. William Stahl is also in poor health at the present time. Herman Dietz, who had the misfortune to step on a nail, which caused an infection, is able to be about again. Miss Jeanette Rumbold, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Rumbold, is confined to bed at her home suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever.

Sabetha: Sister A. Strahm returned to her home from the Sabetha Hospital. Mrs. Lena (Strahm) McFall went to the hospital with a broken hip.

Tremont: Mrs. Chris Schweigert, who has been on the sick list, is improving. Mrs. George Getz, who has been a patient at the hospital, is regaining her health. Her sister, Anna Steiner, from Leo is helping in the home, during her illness.

Cissna Park: We hope George Keitel will soon be able to come to church services again. Mrs. Ervin Walder has been ill with the mumps. Mrs. Junior Kaufman is ill with the mumps. We wish Ben Neukomm, who has been in the hospital, a speedy recovery.

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of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment" be retained in their full scriptural color.

We find ourselves face to face with urgent decisions. Problems far beyond our ability and comprehension confront us. What then shall we do? "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Through faith we open the doors of impossibility. Our thoughts become established and what we should bring most of all, to please our God with the sacrifice of obedience, is again realized.

For Christmas season carolling and singing: A book of twenty-three lovely songs, including two Zion's book songs—with three English and some German verses, and two long book songs (with three English and three German verses with one). Among the other songs are "Silent Night," "Angels from the Realms of Glory," "Away In a Manger," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Anyone wishing this book may obtain it at 25c each (printing cost) from Arthur Heiniger, 109 Behrinda Court, Morton, Illinois.

● Also News of Departed Loved Ones

Are You Tracing the Rainbow Through the Clouds?

When death has made a sharp suture in your life, when its wound throbs in sharp pangs from yesterday's memories, then go to God's library and find His album of comfort. Take a comfortable chair of faith and relax in His promises. Lay your weary head in His bosom and let the soft, heavenly music of His holy scriptures soothe your sorrow.

It is when one is in the fiercest pressure of grief that He has promised help and companionship. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." Life is different—the cold water of loneliness—drifts silent and sad, with the hours of recollection painfully and sharply silhouetted. Your timid hand is awaited, so He can give you sweet thoughts and comfort.

In a time of crushing heartaches, the banker holds untold reserves of golden consolation, exactly sufficient for the needs of the hour. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." His door of prayer stands open, ready to receive His child and give matchless comfort, precision-fitted for the personality. **Can we elsewhere find such treasure?**

"... the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Here are a few notes from God's own hand, a history of us if we prove faithful. There is a full meaning in every word, and the glorious reunion of "together" is sure. Home... with Jesus, our life's delight and pleasure. Home... with faithful brethren who we meet sometimes in our memory-castle of yester-years.

"His lord said unto him, Well done,

good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Past then will be the hours of toil in the school of life. Gone will be the tense moments we carefully and prayerfully completed our examinations.

Bremen: Ardale W. Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leman, was fatally injured in an automobile accident on June 26. Funeral services were held on June 29, with Herman Hueni officiating.

Elgin, Illinois: Funeral services for Miss Libby Goll were held July 27. Sister Goll was in charge of the Rest Haven Sanitarium at Elgin.

Elgin, Iowa: On May 6, Mrs. Lisetha Schlupp, an aged sister, passed away suddenly after suffering a stroke. She was almost 93 years old. Funeral services were Wednesday, May 9. On Sunday, June 24, another aged sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Friederich, passed away. Her funeral was Tuesday, June 26. For the past year she has been cared for at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Huldah Sutter. Services were conducted by Paul Banwart of West Bend.

Forrest: John Maurer, 63, passed away May 7 at the Fairbury Hospital. He had suffered a heart attack and had been very seriously ill since April 19. Funeral services were held at Forrest on Thursday, with J. A. Getz and Sam Kilgus officiating.

Peoria: Sister Lina Remund, one of our dear elderly sisters, passed away on June 23. She leaves several nieces and nephews.

Tremont: Silas Sauder passed away Wednesday, August 15. His wife, the former Ida Mae Legel, and two children, Judy and Roger, survive him; also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sauder, two brother, Elmer and Alvin, and two sisters, Mrs. Louise Kuerth and Alice Hild. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 17, with J. A. Getz in charge.

NEWS

Bremen

On July 15, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Gene Witzig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Witzig of Morton, Illinois, who is now serving in the Army in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Ramas Schlatter, Mrs. Mildred Schlatter, Allen and Vic Schlatter, and Dorothy Winzeler from the Leo Church visited our congregation on July 15.

Cissna Park

The Joseph Kupferschmidts' had for supper August 5 the Jonathan Steffen family from Elgin, Fairbury, Forrest, Goodfield, and Congerville.

On the week-end of August 12, a car of Morton young members were with us.

Melba Funk and Aldine Knapp of Peoria have spent part of their vacation with their parents here.

We enjoyed a rich blessing when the following ministers were with us August 19: Floyd Wieland of Detroit; Philip Wingeier of Alto, Michigan; Joseph Ramseyer of Rittman, Ohio; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Fred Grimm, Taylor, Missouri; and Art Gudeman of La Crosse, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Feller, Mr. and Mrs. William Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knapp, and Mr. and Mrs. William Martin are traveling out west to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Maibach and Shirley of Rittman, Ohio, spent the week-end of August 12 with the Dora Walder families.

Mrs. Ida Eisenman and Grace were visitors in Ohio with relatives during the first week of August.

Arlene Feller and James Wieland from Bay City, Michigan, were united in marriage by Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri on August 19. Others were here from Bay City, Detroit, Alto, Rittman, La Crosse, Peoria, Morton, Roanoke, and Eureka.

Detroit

We had a very blessed Sunday on July 15 when Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hartter, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reimschisel, all of Milford, Indiana, and Evelyn

and Ruth Frank of Oakville, Iowa, visited us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Orin Rufener of Rittman, Ohio, Gladys Eggli of California, and a number from Toledo and Bay City visited our community on July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emery and daughter, Grace, and Carol Kaufman of Akron, Ohio, visited their daughter, Mrs. Dan Knochel, the week-end of August 5.

David Mangold, Otto Ramseyer, and Henry Wackerle held evening services here on Tuesday, August 7. Mrs. Fannie Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scherer, and Emma Klaus, all of Roanoke, and several from Bay City were also with us for the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Jr. and Kay and Alan returned August 14 from a ten-day vacation, visiting in Illinois and Indiana.

Elgin, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Sutter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butikofer, Mrs. George Hoerr and Joan, Rose Mary Hoerr of Taylor, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. John Frieden and Mrs. Rose Frieden from LaGrange, Missouri; Paul Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Banwart, Mrs. Bertha Keller, West Bend, attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Friederich June 26.

Mrs. Jacob Gehring, with Phyllis and Eunice, spent Sunday, August 12, at Elgin, Illinois.

Sunday evening, August 5, the pupils and parents of our Sunday School enjoyed a picnic supper and a singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller of Winthrop, Minnesota, spent the day with us. We enjoyed their visit. Mr. and Mrs. George Messner and son, also of Winthrop, Elizabeth Keiser of Princeville, Illinois, and Matilda Rassi of Morton were with us, too.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butikofer and Joyce Sutter spent the Sunday of August 19 at our church.

Rose and Marie Schmied, Carol and Dona Schupbach, Anna Friederick, Janet Gehring and Lois Pulfer spent the week end of August 19 at West Bend, Iowa.

Bert and Albert Butikofer are on a

17-day leave before being sent overseas.

Fairbury and Forrest

Several cars of young folks from Roanoke visited our congregation on Sunday, July 15, and were dinner guests of Miss Joyce Huber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dapper of Maywood, California, visited the Fairbury congregation on July 7 and the Forrest congregation on Sunday, July 22, at which time Henry Dotterer of Bluffton, Indiana, was also a visitor.

Ben Maibach, Jr. of Detroit, Mich., conducted services at Forrest church on Monday evening, August 6. He and his wife were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wenger on Monday evening and dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Fehr on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber entertained and had as dinner guests on Sunday, August 12, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walder and daughter, Harriet, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mrs. Rebecca Alt, and Miss Twila Farney, all of Cissna Park, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bahler, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bahler, of Remington, Indiana. Ben Walder conducted the services at Fairbury church that day.

The Fairbury Sunday School held their annual picnic on Sunday evening, August 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steffen.

Sunday, July 1, the engagement was revealed of Ester Metz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Metz, to Earl Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gerber, of Rockville, Connecticut. Earl is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Hancock and Morris

Attending the marriage of Libby Ann Goll and Gene Moser in Elgin, Ill., Sunday, June 24, were several relatives and friends, among them being her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Goll.

The Bible Class enjoyed being in Lester, Iowa, Sunday, July 15.

Our visitors July 29 were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wagler and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Hodel, children, Mrs. Ernie Frank of Oakville, Hartzell

Schmidgall, Morning Sun, Iowa, Mrs. Ida Koehl, Mr. and Mrs. George Koehl, and son of Peoria, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zimmerman and children of Rock Island, Illinois.

John, Junior, and Adair Kellenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch and son drove to Elgin, Illinois, July 26 for the week end to bring Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger home after she spent two weeks with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scheitlin and getting acquainted with her new granddaughter, Merrie Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goll's daughter Lila and Sgt. Richard Watson were married at her home July 8 with a reception for relatives and friends in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Hohulin and children of Peoria, Ill., returned to their home August 8, having spent two weeks visiting old acquaintances in our community.

We were happy to hear Ezra Feller Sunday, August 5, with church services in the evening also, instead of singing, which is every other Sunday.

Coming August 4 to spend a week with relatives were Mr. and Mrs. John Koehl, Jr. and Joyce of Plainfield, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koehl and children, Norene Kemp of Eureka, Ill., returned to their home August 11, having spent two weeks here on business and pleasure.

Kay Lynn Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill., is spending the first three weeks of August with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Messner and Cedric, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Messner, Mrs. Ricka Messner, Mrs. Alvin Nohl, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidgall, Mrs. Clara Moser, Mr. Charles Koehl, and Nettie Nohl attended the funeral services for Mrs. Hinricksen in Lester, Iowa, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. August Greene and Robert of Elgin came August 10 and will spend a week visiting their children and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Osmun, John and Mary, were here a week with relatives, returning August 15 to their home in Elgin, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Herman and sons, Mrs. Henry Schaefer, Sharon Baer of Peoria, Ill., will spend two weeks visiting, having come Aug. 11.

The wedding date of Marian Moser and Hartzell Schmidgall of Morning Sun, Iowa, has been set for September 2. A shower in their honor was given at the E. O. Koehl home Aug. 22 with Mrs. Ephraim Koehl, Mrs. Charles Koehl, and Mrs. Richard Messner as hostesses.

Latty

David Mangold, Noah Schrock, Elias Dotterer, Otto Ramseyer, and Samuel Aeschliman visited in Latty August 12.

Roger Gerber is spending a twenty-one day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber. He and his wife, the former Eunice Stoller, returned home August 28 from Fort Meade, Maryland, where he had been stationed.

Verlin Stoller left for the Far East August 1. James Gerber was inducted in the Army August 2.

A telegram was received from Ernest Stoller by his relatives. He arrived safely in Tokyo, Japan, en route to Korea. Marvin Klopfenstein is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

We are happy to see Christine Stoller back with us again after being confined to her home for six weeks.

Kenneth Stoller writes from overseas: "I had the privilege of seeing my cousin, Ernest, also from Latty, when he was coming through to Korea. . . Also yesterday Brother Vernon Stoller and a boy from Paulding, both stationed near here, came to visit me."

Leo

Those from Leo in the service of the government are Wayne Rennecker, Dwight Souder, Marvin Stieglitz, and Ed Sutter, Jr.

Oliver Stieglitz and Emma Jean Anliker were united in marriage at Francesville, June 10, by George Yergler.

Lyle Bertsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bertsch, was united in marriage to Virginia Beck on June 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Stieglitz announced their marriage recently, which took place on June 30. Mrs. Stieglitz was the former Helen Peck.

On Sunday, August 26 we greatly

enjoyed the group that visited us from Remington.

Lester

Pvt. Alfred Knobloch of Fort Meade, Maryland, enjoyed a furlough. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Knobloch, also Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hartog, took him back to Maryland.

On July 15, the Sunday School picnic was held. A large number attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dietrich and sons of Elgin, Illinois, visited relatives and friends over August 5.

On August 12, visiting ministers and families included Simon Wiegand, wife and daughter, John Rokey and wife, Silas Leuthold and wife of Princeville. Also visiting were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rokey, Sr. and Mayme, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rokey, Jr. and family, and Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller of Sabetha, Kansas.

On August 14, services were held by Herman Kellenberger. He and his family were visiting his aged mother, Mrs. Anna Kellenberger.

Wilbert Knobloch enjoyed a furlough at his parents' home. He was married to Helen Schambach of Chicago.

Mrs. Carl Feucht and Mr. and Mrs. Les Wagenbach and family returned from the west coast. They visited relatives in the Los Angeles area and Portland congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wyss and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Krantz of Morton visited here.

Wilhelm Wulf and Leona Banwart of West Bend will be married September 2. Fredrick Metzger and Estelyn Banwart will be married October 7. The engagement of Phil Mogler and Lydia Feucht was also announced.

Milford

Philip Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer, left August 6 for the Army and is now stationed at Fort Meade, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Ritzman and family of Akron, Ohio, spent Sunday, July 22, with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer and family and Hermanine Beer of Mansfield, Ohio, visited with us Sunday, July 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach of De-

troit spent Sunday, August 5, with us, and Fred Grimm of Taylor, Missouri, was with us in the evening.

Joan Klopfenstein, Bremen, Betty Binkele and Carol Clauss of Peoria, and Barbara Armbruster and Lois Beer spent a little over a week in Alabama recently.

The fifth annual youth day was held at Camp Alexander Mack, Sunday, August 12, with guests present from Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Kansas, and Oregon. An evening program was presented with the choirs of Remington-Wolcott, Francesville, La-Crosse, Bremen, Bluffton, Leo, Milford, and Toledo participating.

George Rapp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rapp, left for the Air Force August 30.

Peoria

Mrs. Lina Schafer and daughters of Roanoke visited our church on July 15.

John Dapper of Maywood, Calif., visited here on July 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. William Maibach visited at LaCrosse, Ind., August 12.

David Wuethrich and family of Eureka and the Rassi sisters of Roanoke spent Sunday here.

The Lester Wagenbachs, Chris Hoerrs, Chris Sauders and Robert Weyeneths are on their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth spent Sunday, Aug. 19, in Goodfield.

Many young folks from Bremen, Milford, and Francesville, Ind., spent Sunday, July 1, here.

Noah Schrock was a visitor July 29, also Mr. and Mrs. David Mangold.

Portland

Garth Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Steffen, from Elgin, Ill., arrived at the Guy Miller home on June 20. He expects to work in Portland for some time.

Mrs. Lydia Bach from Fairbury, Ill., and Elizabeth Bach and her two children, Tommy and Susie, arrived at the Jacob Kaufman home July 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Snyder and Miss Mabel Detweiler from Peoria, Ill., were visitors at the Edward Unsicker home June 30.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, the former Frances Stoller, from Kanka-

kee, Ill., were callers Sunday evening, July 8, at the Guy Miller home.

Princeville

After a furlough with his mother and other relatives, Harold Locher reported to California, where he left for overseas duty the first part of June. He is now serving somewhere in Japan. Vernon Stoller was also home on a furlough before leaving for overseas in June and is now in a hospital in Korea.

Robert Knoblock spent a short furlough with his relatives the last of July before returning to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for further training. On June 17 his engagement to Marvel Moser of Oakville, Iowa, was made known.

Nathan Martin is enjoying a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin, and with other relatives.

We had visitors from Roanoke, Elgin, and Chicago, Sunday, August 5, among them Brother Wagler, who conducted the services.

We welcome into our midst a family who recently came from Offenau, Wurttemberg, Germany: Eugene Christ, his wife Elsie, and three young children. They plan to make their home in Princeville.

William Ehnlé left on the Queen Mary, Saturday, August 4, for Europe, where he expects to visit friends and relatives for five weeks in France, Germany, and Switzerland.

A number from our congregation drove to Peoria Thursday evening, July 19, and enjoyed inspiring words spoken by John Dapper of California. The Dapper family made a number of calls in and around Princeville.

Remington

Miss Evelyn Frey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frey, graduated from the Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing at the Luther Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Paul Clauss, son of Mr. Alva Clauss, spent a furlough from the Coast Guards with his family and friends here.

We enjoyed having the group of young people from Chicago, Illinois, visiting us on the week-end of July 15. They were guests at the home of Betty and Letty Frey on Saturday

evening and at Carolyn and Marjorie Frey's home on Sunday evening.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held July 19.

Wesley Scharlach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach, spent a two-week furlough at his home here. Wesley has been stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and has now reported at Seattle, Washington, for overseas duty.

The engagement of Letty Frey to brother Robert Heuni from Bremen, Indiana, was announced on Sunday, August 5.

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Miss Alma Getz accompanied Miss Fannie Minger of Roanoke to Milford and Bremen, Indiana, visiting friends and relatives the first week in August.

We had our Sunday School picnic on August 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stoller and children of Princeville visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rassi.

The engagement for marriage of Miss Eunice Fehr of Roanoke and David Beutel was announced on Sunday, August 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sauder and son, Merle, and Miss Violet Koch are vacationing in Canada and other places in the north.

Miss Helen Beutel and Roy Zimmerman of Metamora, Illinois, announced their engagement.

Wolcott

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lehman and family spent July 15 with the Morton congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Widmer spent the week of July 17 with the John Widmer and Frieden families at Lamar, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family visited at Bluffton on Aug. 5.

Quite a number from here attended Camp Mack on August 12.

Mrs. Edward Lehman, Mary Lucille, Nathan, and Marjean are spending two weeks with Russell Lehman, who is stationed in California with the Air Force.

Ben Maibach and family of Detroit were with us for evening services on August 13.