

THE SILVER LINING



Grabill, Indiana

February, 1961

BEFORE BAPTISM IS BELIEF AND BELIEF MUST MEET GOD'S TEST FOR GENUINENESS

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone

Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? . . .

Ye see then how that by works a

man is justified, and not by faith only

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”

From James 2

SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

Henry Kilgus, Elder Brother From Forrest, Illinois

I have been asked, over and over, to make a writing or short history of my experiences and contacts with many Alabama people.

If we are asked to do, or to give, something that might be helpful and useful, and do it not, it may in time only leave us something to regret.

Let us remember the commands of the Lord, Love ye one another and return good for evil, while the door of grace is open. Let us sow to the Spirit, that we can of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

I will, with the help of the Lord, try to give a brief explanation of a few of our experiences and happenings, while serving there the last thirteen years.

I will now begin on our first visit

to Alabama, which was in February, in the year of 1946.

My wife and I were kindly invited by Bro. and Sis. Andy Nussbaum to visit Alabama with them, which we accepted.

Leaving Indiana together by train, arriving at Athens, Alabama, Friday evening, we went to the Ross Hotel all night, just one block from the train station.

We arose to a beautiful Saturday morning, went across the street and one block west to the Athens Cafe, for breakfast. From this cafe, we went two blocks east to the White Sale Garage, where a car was stored, owned by our churches, to be used by any of our brothers or ministers

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YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN

Ben Sommer—Submitted by Noah Schrock

Conclusion

WHAT A RESPONSIBILITY

What an experience. What a blessing! Also, what a **responsibility!**

Henceforth, we are no more our own, but are betrothed as the bride of the Lamb, to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, the heavenly bridegroom.

Henceforth, we may no more live unto ourselves, but into Him who lived and died for us.

Blessed are we if we continue in this faith and in the love all our days, being faithful unto death, bearing fruit of the Spirit³⁰, serving God and our fellow men in love, keeping the commandments of Christ, growing rich in good works done in the Lord. "For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."³¹

But woe unto us, if after being saved and having vowed to serve God and to keep the commandments

of Christ, we fail to do so; if we content ourselves merely because we no longer live in sin, and neglect to labor in Christ's vineyard and harvest field; if, after having said "I go, sir", when the Lord called us to labor for Him, we neglect to go, and neglect to labor.

Woe unto us, and double death is **the portion**, if, after we have been "once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come," if we shall fall away, and crucify the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.³²

There is no second regeneration for such. "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak."³³

³⁰ Galatians 5:22, 23

³² From Hebrews 6

³¹ II Peter 1:11

³³ Hebrews 6:9

From A Sermon By Bro. Benedict Weyeneth

June 9, 1864

Submitted by Michael Weyenth

Translated from the German by Peter Weber

Scripture Reading: Hebrews, 10th Chapter, from verse 30.

The apostle teaches us in these words that we should fear the living God.

"Vengeance **belongeth** unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord."

He shall judge His people.

The Lord shall take vengeance on the godless with flames of fire. We have Israel as an example, how He

punished them in the desert through many different plagues, how he chastised them in many different ways, before he led them into Canaan. And He also deals with us the same way, if we are not obedient to Him. Only through much suffering, anxiety and pain can we reach the upper, heavenly Canaan.

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Henry Souder, Jr.

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Along the lonely road that morn-
ing, dawn started to deepen its a-
wakening song. The soft outlines of
the ridges of the eastern hills would
catch the climax of God's awakening
chorus.

Outside the city gate was a garden.
The lonely would come there. Spring
would breath its fragrances . . . and
handiwork from the hand of God
would wave in its colored best. It
was exquisite, that first blush of
beauty, that softness that surrounds,
the pleasant . . .

The morning shafted its first
thrill of golden light . . .

Then climbed higher into morn-
ing sky.

"But Mary stood without at the
sepulchre weeping: . . ."

The hours, though brief, can sweep
the soul with the sheets of torrential,
down-pouring bereavement.

So had been her hours.

But the heightened delights of
great happiness . . . the sweet scenes
of inexpressible loveliness . . . are
woven into the texture of God's for
ever.

But we are on the under-side of
the clouds, and must experience that,
when the clouds are full of rain, they
empty themselves.

The stone of the sepulchre was
chipped and caverned with the con-
viction and conclusion, of the last
chapter of man's day . . . Solid rock
. . . and rock rolled against rock.

"She saith unto them, Because
they have taken away my Lord, and
I know not where they have laid
him."

The last timbers of mortality in
the soul soon are shaken.

Our weather-beaten cabin sombre-
ly echoes the footsteps of yesterday
. . . and films the shadows of those
who have walked on . . .

But grief is an emerald, though
lonesome, isle when borne in hope.
And when we appear stranded in the
midst of an ocean of sorrow . . . that
is when we tune our bright expect-
tation, of the sailing time for home.

Where we are looking makes a
wealth of difference. God is building
on tomorrow . . . his nestled home
rests just ahead . . . and all the
memories and familiar faces wrought
in His goodness fit in His plan.

"And when she had thus said, she
turned herself back, and saw Jesus
standing, and knew not that it was
Jesus."

Jesus came to earth to a sorry
scene. Shells of sin had left their
shock and their pock. And finally,
when we turn to the light, we seem
so slow sometimes to catch on to
eternal realities. Like the body that
can't move, at times it is . . . just . . .
all . . . we can do.

We had turned our own hearts to
thrill for **today**. The acts would be
thrill . . . thrill . . . thrill . . . but, in-
evitably would have come that deaf-
ening moment of time's anguish . . .
that screamless or screaming screech
. . . and then, the end.

But, oh, our Lord's heart yearns
to bring into the living room of His
Father's house . . . that moment of
gathering . . . with the smiling faces
of ageless happiness of those we hold
dear.

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman,
why weepest thou? whom seekest
thou?"

Jesus seeks to quicken those chimes
of the heart that catch the music of
eternal day.

Faith beholds the brightest morn-
ing—while clouds are **still** in sight.
Hope is a motion in the heart that
gladdens the inner man, expecting
eternal morning, while yet sorrow

plays her marshal music. And love? Love is home. Love fills the vacant chair, it hopes and believes, through thick and thin . . . flies mortal prison . . . gleams in golden morning.

Love meets us where we are.

If, as Mary, we hasten to the tomb while it is yet dark, He will dawn the morning. If we weep at the sepulchre, and look within but believe, He will speak through the quiet . . . and lead us to where gladdened joy knows the heights of happiness.

"She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary."

We have our sorrow-lined moments. The muted evidence of still forms tear and tug, while we hug the silver-lined memories. We think and tarry at the old scenes . . . and view the covering of dust, where the hand of silence echoes sharp the pain of severance.

But His love is a fragrant home. We rub our eyes, and remember we forgot, home and loved ones are at the end of the path.

We look up into the soft blue of eternal spring, and feel the sweet

breeze brushing our cheek, cheering our heart. We listen in the superb beauty, and hear a red-breast of eternity singing, amidst the blossoming of hope.

We see the sun beaming in at golden morn, at home.

Have you really pressed in hope into the glad fore-sight of family-clasps of forever? Have you been with Jesus to the glory-swept heights of rapture? And come away with heart aglow for the home of happiness?

It's true, we in mortal sight must see the mortal-chipped cavern . . . the pause of suffering sorrow. But, just as real as the tomb where our Lord was laid was empty . . . and as actual as Mary saw the presence of the Lord . . . so does He, today, **actually, really, vividly** bring us to hope, to believe, and to love the ties of tender touch in the home of tomorrow.

We stand on the edge of tomorrow . . . and are within walking distance of the fulfillment of His dream, that dear, heart-touching, fragrantly sweet moment of **the family circle unbroken.**

This is Home.



NEWS



AKRON, OHIO

Sister Elizabeth Kraus has returned home from the hospital, and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Bro. and Sister Rudolph Graf attended the funeral of Bro. Carl Baer, Friday, Jan. 6, in Peoria.

John Greenbank, who is attending Ohio State, has a new address:

908 Steeb Hall,
70 W. 11th Ave.,
Columbus 10, Ohio

Bro. and Sister Rudolph Graf and children, Arthur, Margaret, and Rudy

Jr., spent Sunday, Jan. 8, visiting the Detroit Church.

Bro. and Sister Merle Laukhuf visited Martha's family, Bro. Dan Elmerys, Jan. 6.

Bro. and Sister Charles Novotny spent the New Year's holiday with their children in Francesville.

Sunday, Jan. 15, we had visitors from Princeville, Bro. and Sister James Ringger, Bro. and Sister Daniel Feucht and daughter, Betty Jane, and Sister Elizabeth Kieser.

Sunday, Jan. 22, we had visitors,

Bro. and Sister Ralph Weber and family, Kenny and Lillian Rupp and family, and the John Zollinger family from Rittman and Bro. and Sister Ben Stavenik from Mansfield.

Sunday, Jan. 22, Bro. and Sister Forrest Ritzman were in Bluffton to attend the funeral of Marie's uncle, Bro. Will Kipfer.

Bro. and Sister Rudolph Graf and Margaret were in Bluffton Jan. 28 and 29, for the provings and baptisms there.

Bro. and Sister Gordon Greenbank have returned from visiting in Ft. Lauderdale and the churches in Alabama.

ATHENS, HILLSBORO, LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

The Sisters and friends of the Landersville area, a large crowd gathered at the home of Lester and Sis. Bessie Drake, for worship and Sunday School services.

The sisters and friends of the Athens church met at the home of Sister Aline Home, Friday afternoon, Jan. 13; at Landersville, they met in the home of Era Craig, Wed., Jan. 11; at Hillsboro, at the home of Sister Pearl Stricklin, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 17. All enjoyed a closer fellowship with one another, around God's Word.

Our visitors for the week end of Jan. 15 were, Bro. and Sis. Fred Traub Sr., Bro. and Sis. George Bruellman, West Bend and Bro. and Sis. Emanuel Gudeman of Cissna Park.

Jan. 26, a wedding anniversary dinner was enjoyed, for Bro. and Sis. Henry and Pearl Stricklin and all their families and friends, in their home.

Jan. 23, the Landersville young people of the Bible and Junior classes spent the evening singing for people in the neighborhood, and later had refreshments at the church.

A blessed day was Sun., Jan. 29, as

two souls, Jennie Lou and Lela Favors were baptized and added to the fold in the Athens church. Our visitors for the day were: Bro. and Sis. Noah Bauman, Sis. Jean Bauman, Sis. Donna Hartzler of Rittman; Bro. and Sis. Gordon Greenbank, Barber-ton, Ohio; Bro. and Sis. Albert Schini, Remington; Bro. and Sis. Charles Huber of Elgin, Illinois.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter, Doris Graf

Among those visiting us over the New Year's week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Warren Sonnoman, of Seattle, Wash.; Bro. and Sis. Joe Hodel of Roanoke; Ronnie Eberle, Marvin Knobloch, Gerald Martin, Gene Siebenthal, Jordan Elsasser, of Princeville; Bro. and Sis. Joe Dotterer and their children—Bro. Bill, Sis. Marilyn, Carolyn, Johnny, of Phoenix; Sis. Roletta Farney, Sis. Connie Schupbaugh, Sis. Ethel Waibel, Carol Waibel, also of Phoenix; Sis. Rosemary Marti of Bloomington, Ill.; Sis. Ruth Schumacher of Congerville; Bro. and Sis. Joe Kaisner of Forrest; Bro. and Sis. Fred Messner of Winthrop, Minn.; and Bro. and Sis. Burt Gudeman of Cissna Park.

We are happy to have Sis. Emma Giesel with us over the winter months. She is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Joe Traub.

On Wed. evening, Jan. 11, both Maywood and our congregation enjoyed the film and talk on the Holy Land, given by Joe Schrock from Congerville, Illinois. Services were also held by Bro. Joe here on Thurs. eve., Jan. 12.

Those visiting our congregation on Jan. 29 were: Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser of Fairbury; Bro. and Sis. J. C. Sauder of Tremont; Bro. and Sis. Harold Schieler, of Remington; Bro. and Sis. Geo. Waibel, and their son, Gene; Allen Oberlander; Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler, their son, Lowell, and

daughter, Janice, and Dave Bahler, all from Remington.

Sis. Mary Bahler of Remington was here visiting her son, Chuck, and family. We were also happy to have Bro. Daryle and Sis. Edith Wieland and their children, Reagan and Darla, and Sis. Lydia Friedinger of Bay City with us over Jan. 29 and Feb. 5. They were visiting Edith's parents, Bro. and Sis. Joe Klotzle.

Honeymooning in California this month were Bro. and Sis. Joe Miller, of Gridley, Ill.; and Dennis and Carol Messner of Winthrop, Minnesota.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

Bro. John Bahler of Rockville visited our congregation on Monday evening, Jan. 9.

Bros. Noah Bauman of the Rittman church and George Sinn of Latty were here on the 14th and 15th, to assist in the provings of the eleven friends who had been announced. All were baptized.

Nine more were announced for proving. They are Julia Gerber, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Wm. Pfister; Victor Gerber, son of Bro. and Sis. Eli Gerber; Suzanne Kipfer, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Henry Gerber; John Kipfer, son of Bro. and Sis. Eli Kipfer; Colleen and Alvin Ringger, daughter-in-law and son of Bro. and Sis. George Ringger; Rose Marie Frauhiger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Fred Moser; Thomas Frauhiger, son of Bro. and Sis. John Frauhiger; and Phyllis Fiechter, daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis. William Fiechter.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Carolyn Frauhiger to Pfc. William G. Gerber. A March wedding is being planned.

Bro. Aeschilman assisted Bro. Sinn in the provings of Betty and Alvin Manz in the Junction church, on Jan. 21. Baptism was after morning service on Sunday.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, for Bro. Wil-

liam Kipfer, 92. Bro. Aeschilman officiated, and burial was in the church cemetery. Relatives from Sabetha, Milford and Akron were present.

Bros. Rudolph Graf of Akron and Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley spent the week end of the 27th here, to assist with the provings of the friends who had been announced. All were baptized.

Sixteen more have been announced for proving.

Bro. and Sis. William Kipfer have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janiel, to Charles Johnlaz of Murray.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Bertsch, a daughter, on Dec. 29; to Bro. and Sis. Leonard Steffen, a daughter, on Jan. 11; to Bro. and Sis. Harry Gerber, a son, on Jan. 14; to Bro. and Sis. Don Gerber, a daughter, on Jan. 14; to Glen and Shirley Aeschilman, a daughter, on Jan. 15; to Bro. and Sis. Everett Geisel, a daughter, on Jan. 16; to Bro. and Sis. Richard Reimchisel, a son, on Jan. 18; to Bro. and Sis. Vernon Meyer, a daughter, on Jan. 24; and to Bro. and Sis. David Ringger, a daughter, on Jan. 31.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

Visitors to the Bremen congregation on Jan. 15 were: Bro. and Sis. Reuben Scharlach of Remington; Bro. and Sis. Victor Beer and Bro. and Sis. Walter Steffen and families of Milford; Bro. and Sis. Marvin Clauss and family and Bro. Alf Clauss and his sister, Percey, of Remington.

They were also guests in the home of Sisters Ernestine and Mildred Meister, their father, Emil, and brother, William.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Souder and Bro. and Sis. Louis Gerber and their son, Louis, are vacationing in Florida.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Bauman returned on Jan. 22 from a two-week vacation in Florida.

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church on Jan. 22: Bro. and Sis. Robert Hueni; Bro. and Sis. Earl Zeltwanger and son, Mark; Bro. and Sis. Harold Zeltwanger; Bro. and Sis. Manny C. Steffen and sons, Tom and Mark. They were Sat. evening supper guests of Bro. and Sis. Manny A. Steffen, Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Roth, and supper guests of Bro. and Sis. Eli Leman.

Sister Mrs. Fred (Marie) Moser is visiting her daughter, Sis. Ruth Steffen, and her family. She was hospitalized a few days, due to a heart condition, but is much improved, and is at the home of the Steffens.

Quotation: To go bravely forward is to invite a miracle.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Reporter: Mrs. Raymond Roth

Sister Lydia Ott, who spent six weeks in Phoenix, visiting her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Roy Farney and Sis. Roletta, returned home by plane Jan. 6. Sis. Ott was accompanied by Bro. Roy Farney, who spent ten days visiting here.

Holy Communion was held here Sun., Jan. 8, with Bro. Roy Farney officiating.

Bro. and Sis. Joe Hodel of Roanoke visited here Jan. 11. Services were held in the evening.

On Sun., Jan. 16, Diane Farney, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Farney, was announced to have repented and found peace with the Lord. Diane is attending Kansas State University at Manhattan. Marilyn Frieden, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Jeff Freiden, has also been called from darkness unto repentance.

On Jan. 15, Sis. Emma Michel and Bro. John Griener of Sabetha, were united in holy matrimony, with Bro. Roy Farney officiating. Other visiting ministers for the day were Bro. Joe Aberle of Sabetha, Bro. Wayne Miller of Ft. Scott. Their wives ac-

companied them. Many relatives and friends from Sabetha, Gridley, Wichita and Ft. Scott, Peoria, Cissna Park and Roanoke attended.

Bro. and Sis. Glenn Moser and Leanne of Roanoke and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yergler and Debra of Cissna Park visited Sis. Moser's and Mrs. Yergler's parents, Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth, in January.

A meeting was held on Jan. 22 to elect new officers. Bro. Ronald Allenbach succeeds Bro. John Somerhalder as Sunday School superintendent; Bro. John Schrock was re-elected as one of the appraisers for the Brotherhood Aid; Bro. Frank Kisling succeeds Bro. Ronald Nelson on the Hail Aid, and Bro. Raymond Roth was re-elected as trustee.

Visitors here Sun., Jan. 22, were Bro. and Sis. Wm. Moser and family of Morris, Minn., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Galatin of Emporia, Kansas.

Bro. John Schupbach, who was seriously ill following major surgery Jan. 17 at the Kiowa Hospital, is some improved at this writing.

A number from our congregation and community have been ill with the flu and pneumonia this past month.

Diane Farney was proved and baptized Sun., Jan. 29, by Bro. Sam Anliker of Lamont, Kansas. A number of visitors were present from Sabetha and Wichita.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

Sis. Minnie Kellerhals is convalescing at her home. Sis. Bertha Honegger is caring for her.

Sis. Caroline Gudeman and Bro. John Hodel have been in the hospital, but are home again, much improved.

On Jan. 13, a girl, Amy Jo, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Nancy Yergler.

On Jan. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bauer became the parents of a son, Timothy Duane.

We are all happy to have Bro.

Emanuel and Sis. Ida Gudeman with us again, after spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Our Elder Brother, Josh Broquard, assisted by Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold, visited our congregation Sun., Jan. 29. We welcome them back.

We have six souls announced for proving and baptism, for a later date. May the Lord be with them, and richly bless them.

Our friend, Earl Clauss, left for the Army on the 19th of January. He will be stationed at Fort Sam Houston. We wish him God's blessings in the future.

At our midweek services Feb. 2, our guests were Bro. Art Gudeman and his wife, Mary. It indeed was upbuilding to hear the encouraging message. Our hope is, they can come again soon.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Don Schrock

We appreciated the visits last month of Bros. LeRoy Hartman and James Hoerr. Their wives accompanied them.

Wayne Wettstein, son of Bro. and Sis. John Wettstein, was married to Judy Turner on January 22.

We are thankful that Bro. Ben Zimmerman has improved from his illness and is again able to attend church.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

A son was born to Bro. Howard and Sister Pat Schifferer on the 24th of December. The name is Dean Howard.

Sister Joyce Huber and relatives of Fairbury, visited here and showed slides of the Holy Land and Europe, at the home of the Schrock sisters, Lydia and Louise, on the 21st and 22nd of January.

The 29th of Jan., announcement was made of the coming marriage of Sister Elizabeth Lauber of Elgin to Bro. Mike Schumacher also of El-

gin. Bro. Frank Woertz and his wife and Bro. Lehman and his wife of Goodfield, visited here, the 29th of January.

A son was born to Bro. Edwin and Sister Carolyn Haas, Feb. 4. The name is Thomas Edwin.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

January 20: Bro. Jeff Rocke passed away at his home. He was a faithful member since his early youth, and now has gone on to his reward in heaven. His funeral was held on Jan. 22, with Bro. Joe Getz of Morton and Bro. Leroy Huber conducting the services. It was a large crowd, with folks from various places attending. Quite a few ministering brothers were in the audience. Bro. Jeff was the father of Bro. Joe Rocke, one of our ministers.

Jan. 22: Several cars of young folks from the Bible Class went to Princeville, to sing this evening for Christian Endeavor.

Jan. 28 (Saturday evening): Loretta (Strahm) Wiegand was proved, before a large group of witnesses. She is the wife of Elton Wiegand. She is from Bern, Kansas. Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern and Bro. Leroy Huber were in charge. Jan. 29: Bro. Lester Hartter of Bern, Kansas, Bro. George Wagonbach of Princeville, Illinois, and Bro. Simon Wiegand and Bro. John Rokey of Goodfield were visitors. Loretta Wiegand was baptized this afternoon. We welcome her into our congregation.

Sister Minnie Leman is improving nicely, after her long illness. She is able to be up and around in her home. We hope and pray she can soon assemble with us in the house of worship.

Our friends, Wayne and Laura (Bachtold) Kupferschmid, are repenting. May God be ever near them, and help them, so they may be added to the fold some time in the near future.

Feb. 1: A large crowd attended evening services tonight. Bro. Joe Hodel had the services. The Roanoke congregation were in attendance. We are happy to have them worship with us the first Wednesday evening of each month. The third Wednesday evening of each month, the Eureka congregation are invited to the Roanoke church for services.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We thank Bros. Bob Hueni and Earl Zeltwanger of Bremen for their inspiring messages, Sunday, Jan. 22. Also visiting us from Bremen for the week end were their wives; Bro. and Sis. Mannie Steffen; and Bro. and Sis. Harold Zeltwanger.

The young people spent a most enjoyable week end in Milford, Jan. 7 and 8.

Sis. Mary Traub, with her daughter, Sis. Mary Mae, spent a week in Texas, visiting her daughter and family, the Everett Martins.

Bro. Alden Nussbaum underwent major surgery Jan. 24. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser are spending some time in Phoenix, and attended the dedication services there.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Christian Metz

In January, we enjoyed the visits of the following ministers: on the 1st, Bro. Sam Kilgus of Remington; on the 22nd, Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton; on the 29th, Bro. Earl Kilgus of Remington.

The funeral of Rose Ifft was held on the 10th.

We were sorry to hear that one of our ministers, Bro. Joe Kaisner, suffered a heart attack while visiting at Maywood, California. We wish him a speedy recovery, if God so wills.

On the 22nd, announcement was made of the engagement of Sis. Edna Wenger and Bro. Paul Wiegand. We

wish them God's grace in this step.

Also on the 22nd, Bro. Roy and Sis. Martha Metz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Mary Stoller have left our congregation, and will attend church at Gridley.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Elder Bro. Dave Mangold and Sis. Anna arrived for the winter months; also, many brothers, sisters and friends are visiting at present.

Sister Wanda Gerber, wife of Bro. Wendell Gerber, has a new baby girl to care for.

The Sunday of January 15, visiting Bro. John Yergler from Bluffton and Harry Sutter and their wives visited Sarasota.

Our wish is for a permanent community at Sarasota to be established soon, as 40 or more souls were visiting Jan. 15, and many more are planned later.

Brother Sam Wieland and Sis. Ida, Bro. William Moser, Sis. Emma, Bro. Charley Graft, and Sister Adeline have arrived for the winter months.

Elder Bro. Noah Bauman and his wife, from Rittman, visited Ft. Lauderdale, and ministered unto us, the Sunday of Jan. 22. A large gathering was held in the church building for evening meal and services. We had a very blessed day. May God bless all the efforts of ministering brothers who visit us.

Sunday of Jan. 29, our Elder Bro. Joe Getz and his wife, Elizabeth, and ministering Bro. Henry Souder and his wife visited us.

Bro. Lou Gerber and his wife and son accompanied Henry Souder, and intend to visit us a month or two.

Visitors from Peoria this past month were: Bro. Phil Hoerr, Sis. Sophia, Bro. Chris Sauder, Sis. Lena, Bro. Will Herbst, Sis. Elizabeth, Bro. Ephraim Oberlander and his wife, Mabel.

A blessed week end was enjoyed

visiting with Bro. Pete Hoerr; his wife, Sister Kathryn; his daughter, Carol; and Bro. Noah Herman and Sister Lorraine from Tremont.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Robert Walder

Kenneth Steffen of Bluffton was married to Roberta Holloway of Bluffton, while home on Christmas leave. Kenneth and Roberta arrived here the 4th of January, and are residing at 142 Foulois Road, Village No. 2, Fort Sam Houston.

Visitors over the week end of the 8th of January were Brother and Sister Joe Hodel, Roanoke; Brother Joe Schrock, Congerville; Brother Leon Kuntz, Oakville; and Brother Harold Somerhalder, Gridley, Kansas.

The Ben Millers and Marciel Furrer of Wolcott spent some time here over the week end of the 21st of January, with their daughter and husband, Juanita and Duane Schneider.

Earl Clauss of Cissna Park arrived here for training the 29th of January.

Brother Reuben and Barbara Herman of Peoria visited here the week end of the 29th of January.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Brother and Sister Rudy Bahr and family of Gridley, Kansas, visited here January 8.

Brother Elmer Roth of Fairbury visited at the home of Brother and Sister Wayne Miller and family, January 18.

January 22, Brother and Sister Lloyd Kraft and family and John and Jean Kraft and family of Gridley, Kansas, visited our congregation.

Sister Sarah Buckley underwent surgery January the 18th. At this writing, she is improving, and is now at 515½ S. Crawford Street, Ft. Scott.

Brother Samuel Huber is still in the hospital. His condition is about the same.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

We enjoyed having Bro. John Bahler of Rockville and Bro. Sam Aeschliman with us on Tuesday evening, January 10, for services. This was Bro. Bahler's first visit to our new church.

Sister Amanda Virkler and son, Raymond, of Croghan, N.Y., has been visiting her daughter, Betty, and son-in-law, Leon Schulz. We are happy to have them in our midst.

Bro. and Sis. Jess Stoller attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Jeff Rocke, at Eureka, on Sunday, January 22. Also, Bros. Verlin and Ronald Stoller left on Sunday to attend their uncle's funeral.

Sis. Mary Pulver, wife of Raymond, has returned home again, after quite a lengthy stay in the hospital. She is getting along nicely.

Sis. Emma Clauss returned January 21, after spending three weeks in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Bro. and Sis. Maurice Stoller have returned, after making a trip to Dallas, Texas.

Sis. Mattie Clauss and Sis. Laura Gerber left Thursday, February 2, for a two-weeks vacation in Florida. They plan to visit Sis. Marty Moser and others.

Our annual business meeting was held Tuesday, January 31, for the election of Sunday School teachers and other officers for the year. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo. Beer were present at this meeting.

Our visiting ministers for the month of January were: Bro. Irvin Stoller, Jan. 1; Bro. Joel Souder, Jan. 8; Bro. Earl Zeltwanger, Jan. 15; Bros. Orville Ringger and John Bollier, Jan. 22; Bro. Henry Manz, Jan. 29.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

Sis. Cordelia Leman has been hospitalized since New Year's Day, when she fell at church and fractured her

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Births since the last writing are as
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daughter; to Dale and Ann Ward, a
son; to Frank and Kathryn Lockhart,
a daughter, Tracy Elaine; to Johnnie
and Charleen Gutwein, a daughter,
Julie Ann; to Bro. Jim and Sis. Lois
Ann Gudeman, a daughter, Trudi
Kay; to Bro. Willis and Sis. Margaret
Gudeman, a daughter,; and to Herb
and Suzanne Cook, a daughter.

GIRARD, OHIO

Reporter: Jesse C. Emch

Bro. Dave and Sister Ilene Emch
and family and Mrs. Wm. Saylor of
Rittman were our guests on Sunday,
Jan. 22.

Sister Lydia Klotzle was not able
to attend church for several Sundays,
due to illness. We were glad to have
her with us again on Sunday, Feb. 5.

Bro. Rudolph Graf was with us on
Sunday, Feb. 5 We all enjoyed his
sermons very much. Several were
at Bro. Joe and Sister Alma Emchs,
for supper and to spend the evening.

Sister Mary Beard has been with
her daughter, Doris, and family in
Clarksburg, W. Va., for several
weeks.

The Frank Emchs left Monday,
Feb. 6, for Florida. Sister Minna
Emch has a sister living in St. Peters-
burg.

Bro. Lorentz and Sister Caroline
Emch are leaving Feb. 7 for Ft. Sam
Houston, to be with the boys and
others attending in Camp on Sunday,
Feb. 12. The Joe Winklers and Paul
Gasser of Rittman are going with
them. We wish them a safe trip.

Which Am I?

I watched them tearing a building
down,
A gang of men in a busy town;
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,
They swung a beam and a side wall

fell.
I asked the foreman, "Are these
men skilled,
The men you would hire if you had
to build?"

He gave me a laugh and said "No,
indeed!

Just a wrecking crew is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken a year to
do."

I thought to myself as I went my
way,
Which of these roles have I tried to
play?

Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and
square?

Am I shaping my deeds to a well-
made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?

Or am I a wrecker who walks the
town,
Content with the labor of tearing
down?

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GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Marilyn Schieler

A daughter, Melinda Joy, was
born on Jan. 18 to Bro. and Sis. Willis
Gramm. At home to welcome their
new sister are Curtis, Gail, and Roger.

Bro. Joe Miller and Sis. Anna Meyer
were united in marriage on Jan. 22
by Bro. Joe Klopfenstein. A wedding
supper was held in the church dining
room.

Provings were held Saturday eve-
ning, Feb. 4, for Don and Rozella
Gramm. Baptism was Sunday after-
noon. A supper was served in the
church dining room afterwards.
Visiting ministers this week end
were Bro. Sam Aeschliman of Bluff-
ton; Bro. Harold Gramm of Morris;
Bro. Albert Wuthrich of Pulaski;
and Bro. Jos. Zimmerman of Eureka.

We wish to extend our welcome
to Bro. and Sis. Harold Stoller and
their family, who have recently
moved to our community from For-
rest.

I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way.
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.

I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she,
But, oh, the things I learned from
her,
When Sorrow walked with me.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

Visitors January 15 — Ministers, Bro. Fred Marti, Lamar, Bro. Jake Pfister, Ft. Scott, and their wives; Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn and son, Bro. and Sis. Dan Sinn and family, Ft. Scott; Bro. and Sis. John Kraft, Burlington, Okla.; Bill and Fred Kraft, Gridley, Kan.; Mrs. Joe Fullington, Burlington, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. Alan Stukey and sons, Burlington, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peare and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mentha and family, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Caudell and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Caudell and family, Neosho, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kraft and family, Gridley; Mrs. Gladys Botham and family, Kansas City, Mo.; Matt Strahm, Minnesota; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam E. Kraft and sons, Emporia.

Visitors January 29—Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sauder, Chappell, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Young and family, Turon; Denise and Kevin Beyer, Gridley; and Ann McCurry, Madison.

ILLINOIS STATE NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Shirley Gudeman

Our first meeting of 1961 was held on January 5. Brother Ed Ringger of Gridley and Brother Ed Hohulin of Goodfield were our guest ministers. Brother Ringger meditated upon Colossians 3. Twenty-one students and 31 guests were present.

Brother Russell Rapp of Morton and Brother Ed Hohulin of Goodfield were with us on January 12. Bro.

Russ selected as his text, I Corinthians 10. There were fifty-one present.

Jan. 19: We were happy to have Brother Joe Schrock back with us, after being gone for the past two weeks. During his absence, we enjoyed having Brother Ed Hohulin with us. Brother Joe read and meditated upon Romans 6—a very fitting chapter, since we have a new convert, Nancy Roth of Fairbury. Of the 42 present, 23 were students.

Guests for the month were from: Goodfield, Congerville, Gridley, Fairbury, Cissna Park, Roanoke, Morton, and a few from the Bible Study group at the University of Illinois.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Sister Anna Stoller is spending some time in Princeville with the Earl Grimms, helping to care for her new grandson.

Jan. 21 was the wedding day of our friends, Lydia Ann Dunham, daughter of Bro. Charles and Sister Laura Dunham, and Wayne Miller of Grover Hill. The reception was held for them in the evening. They will make their home in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bro. George Sinn was in Junction Saturday evening, Jan. 21, for the provings, and also on Sunday, for the baptisms of Alvin Manz and his wife, Betty.

A number of relatives from here attended the funeral of Bro. Jeff Rocke in Eureka, Jan. 22.

Bro. Dan and Sister Laura Stoller and Sister Minnie Stoller of here and Sister Evelyn Zimmerman of Eureka are spending some time in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Those of our congregation who have recently been hospitalized are: Bro. Rudy Wenninger, Bro. Dan Stoller, Roy Rager, Sister Anna Rager and Sister Esther Stoller.

Bro. Andrew Dotterer and Bro. Henry Manz of the Junction congregation were here for Wednesday eve-

ning services, Jan. 25.

Bro. Ramon and Sister Lorena Steffen of Bluffton visited here Jan. 29.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

We are happy to report, Mamie Schlatter, who was very ill at the last writing and spent time in the hospital, is better — convalescing at her home.

In January, wall-to-wall carpeting was installed in the church auditorium and front stairway, which helps to make a more quiet church.

Sunday afternoon, January 29, Janice Winzeler of this congregation and Richard Schrenk of the Alto congregation were united in marriage by Herman Hueni of Bremen. Herman's son, Robert, accompanied him here. The young couple are making their home in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

David and Mary Lantz returned home, after spending several days with their son, Lowell Lantz, who was at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He has now been transferred to Maryland.

Mrs. Thelma Schlatter and two daughters, Sharon and Joyce, had the misfortune of another car running into them, while driving in Ft. Wayne, Feb. 4. Joyce escaped with minor injuries, but Thelma and Sharon are at the Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

LESTER, IOWA

Reporter: Emelie M. Knobloch

Visitors: Bro. and Sister Albert Wuthrich and Bill Wuthrich of Pulas-ki; Sisters Clara and Lela Banwart, Leonard Anliker, Bob Banwart, Bro. and Sister Eli Grimm, Eli Jr. and La-Vonne, West Bend; Bro. and Sister Adolph Tanner and Sister Hartter, Goodfield; Bro. and Sister Robert Scholl and Bro. and Sister Norman Streitmatter, Princeville; Sister Tillie Kellenberger of Morris.

Births: To Orvie and Laurette

Knobloch, a son, David Lee, on Nov. 19; to Bro. and Sister Freddie Metzger, a son, Kevin Ray, on Dec. 2; to Bro. and Sister Raymond Feucht, a daughter, Jeanette Marie on Jan. 10.

Little Kevin Ray Metzger is recovering nicely from recent surgery.

Donald Metzger, son of Bro. and Sister Ernest Metzger, left for Service on Jan. 4.

Several cars from here spent a blessed day at Bern, Kansas, Jan. 8, attending provings and baptismal services of Leland Plattner, Leonard Baumgartner and Nancy and Donna Hartter. May God give them much grace in their new life.

Many folks were at West Bend Jan. 22, attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Bro. and Sister Will Metzger.

Bro. and Sister Phil Mogler spent Jan. 15 at Rittman.

Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler and sons and Della Metzger spent Jan. 22 at Morris.

Bro. and Sister Earl Knobloch and girls spent several days at Peoria, Princeville and Elgin.

Bro. and Sister Henry Mogler are spending a few weeks in Arizona.

Esther Knobloch, daughter of Bro. and Sister Emil Knobloch, announces her engagement to Dennis Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Warner.

A car of folks attended the funeral of the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fehr, at Morris.

Keith, James and Helen Metzger and George, Margaret and Carolyn Meyer spent Jan. 29 at West Bend.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

Brother Henry and Sister Louise Sabo attended the funeral of Sister Rosie Ifft at Forrest, on Jan. 16.

Brother Wm. and Sister Mary Sauder had their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, Jan. 18. We wish them God's blessings for the future years which God may grant unto them.

The Charles Sauder family spent

Sunday, Jan. 22, in Milford, to visit with the Amos Steffens, who left for Arizona for several weeks.

We have quite a number of shut-ins in our congregation who have not been able to come to church for some time: Sisters Lizzie Griffon, Ida Schaaf, Katie Houston, Brother Kissing, Jacob Wittmer, Sister Sophia Grossenbacher, Theresa Sabo, and friend Doris Witschi.

Sister Elizabeth Wahl has returned to Mansfield to make her home.

Marjorie Beer, daughter of David and Lena Beer, and James Davis were married Sunday, Jan. 29.

Sister Katie Blumenscheih has returned home, after visiting her sister and brothers in the West.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Irma Haab

Sis. Joan Streitmatter broke her leg in three places, when she fell on the ice. She is getting along pretty good at this writing.

Sis. Ann Clayton underwent surgery at the hospital. She is home and getting along as good as can be expected.

The Fairbury and Forrest young members group visited us on Jan. 8, and on Jan. 22, the Bluffton young members group were with us. We enjoyed their visits.

The boys in the service of the government are as follows:

Pfc. Ronald K. Price RA 16649864
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APO 34, New York City, N. Y.

Rodger Hunsberger BT 3
B Division 518-63-81
USS Lake Champlain CV 539
c/o FPO New York, N. Y.

R.C.T. Roger Pfister NG 230 11274
Co. E 5th Bn 3rd T.R.B.
Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pfc. Earl L. Kammerer US 55653919
48th Surg. Hospital (MA)
APO 301
San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Ray A. Haab US 55687351
Co. D 1st Bn U.S. AMTC BAMC
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Sister Mary Moser, 77 years old, passed away January 11. Bro. Henry Koehl officiated at the funeral services, assisted by Bro. Henry Mogler of Lester.

Little Gregory, almost 3 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fehr, passed away January 26. Bro. Leo Moser of Lester had his services.

Many relatives and friends from near and far attended these funerals.

Other visitors this month were: Bro. and Sister Leo Dogatch and children, West Bend, and Bro. and Sister Howard Mogler of Lester.

Sharon Moser underwent surgery at Gillette Hospital, St. Paul, Minn., on January 26.

Sister Sophie Luthi was admitted to Stevens County Hospital on Feb. 2.

Sister Ricka Messner is home from the hospital, but still a shut-in. Bro. Jake Nohl comes to church a half day.

Aaron F. Aupperle, Morris, Minn., Dec. 28, 1960, entered the Air Force His address is:

Aaron F. Aupperle
A.F. 17593954 Flight 1653
P.O. Box 1524
Lake Land A. F. Base, Texas.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

Funeral services for Bro. Wm. Getz, 86, were held January 16. Bro. Ben Heiniger officiated.

The body of Tracy Lynn Felker, 3½ years old, granddaughter of Louise and Harold Hirstein, was brought here for burial from Pensacola, Florida. Funeral services were held Feb. 27. Bro. Henry Grimm officiated.

Bro. Jack Stieglitz was elected to

serve with the Board of Trustees for a term of 5 years.

Bro. Russell Wuthrich of Pulaski, visited and taught the Bible Class, January 8.

Thirty-five students of the Bible Class sang at the Christian Endeavor Meeting in Princeville, January 22.

A daughter, Donna Kay, was born January 20 to Bro. and Sis. Richard Teubel.

Melissa Sue, 6 weeks old, came to make her home with Bro. Harold and Sis. Ruth Krantz.

Lunch is not being served at the church at present, while the kitchen and dining room are being remodeled.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

News around here is very brief, because of weather and road conditions. No one has been able to go, or do, the usual routine of everyday life. In Monroe County, they have not had church services for several Sundays; even the mail could not get through at times. However, we are hoping for the best, knowing now that it can't be too long until better weather will come our way.

Mrs. Emma Berger has been quite ill, and at this writing is not able to leave her bed. This reporter visited with her some time ago, and last reports are that her condition remains about the same.

Mrs. C. O. Wade was a medical patient in the local hospital on January 30 and 31, but is home again and much improved.

Joseph H. Isinghood, husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Riggenbach Bland Isinghood, passed away on Sunday morning, February 5, in the local hospital, following an illness of several weeks. He was born in Brooke County, W. Va., April 30, 1882, and leaves his widow, four sons, three daughters, two step-sons, two step-daughters, 19 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. Brief services were held at the Iams Funeral Home on Monday eve-

ning, February 6, at 7:30, and on Tuesday morning, the body was taken to the Carte Funeral Home in Wellsburg, W. Va., where services and interment took place on Wednesday afternoon.

Live not for yourselves, but for others. Let the law of Kindness know no limits.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: John L. Steiner

The engagement of Bro. Conrad Gerst to Sis. Roletta Farney of Phoenix was made known on January 22.

On February 5, Sis. Lois Gerst of Oakville was married to Bro. Garry Bucher of La Crosse. Visiting ministers were Elder Bro. Silas Leuthold of Princeville and Bros. William Cottrell of Taylor and Uriel Gehring of Elgin, Iowa. Many guests from La Crosse, Taylor, Peoria, and other churches attended.

Conrad and Lois are the children of Bro. Leslie and Sis. Sarah Gerst.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

On Sunday, Jan. 8, the Princeville members came to our church, and the report of the conference was read.

Sis. Marie Moser left for Bremen, to spend the winter with her daughter and family, Bro. and Sis. Manny Steffen.

A daughter was born to the Bro. Paul Meisters this past month.

Bro. Gust Scheitlin of Elgin, Ill., and Bro. Albert Scheitlin of Oakville were our guest ministers, Sunday, Jan. 22. They also attended the Fiftieth Anniversary of their sister and her husband, Bro. and Sis. Carl Rapp.

Bro. and Sis. Lester Bittner have both been in a Chicago hospital for surgery, but are now home again doing nicely. Bro. Kenneth Schafer has also been in Chicago at a hospital. He has been on the sick list for several months. Our prayers go out for all the sick.

Our Sunday School Bible Class

went to Princeville, Sunday, Jan. 22, for Christian Endeavor. Bro. Dick Aeschleman, Bro. Robert Weyeneth and Bro. Walter Knepp accompanied them.

Sis. Wilma Huber, who has made her home here for many years, has moved to Eureka.

Sis. Mary Ott is spending some time with her sister, Sis. Laura Luthy, at Lamont, Kansas. Sis. Luthy has been quite ill.

Bro. Carl Hoerr and family, Bro. Ephraim Oberlander and his wife, and Bro. and Sis. Jonathan Schumacher are spending some time in Florida.

Bro. Theo. Schlatter has been laid up with rheumatism, and has been unable to attend church for some time.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

We were privileged to have Brother Joe Schrock with us several days. On January 13, he showed the film of the Holy Land—very interesting and inspiring! Saturday evening, he held a Bible class at the church. We have been given much spiritual food. Also, on Sunday, we could experience such a blessed day! We are thankful to God for the dear brethren that deem it worthwhile to visit our church.

At this time, we are able to report some improvement with our father, Bro. Guy Miller, who suffered a stroke five weeks ago. He came home from the hospital on January 25, and can get around with the aid of the walker.

Sister Clara Kaufman of Silverton has shown some improvement, also, since her stroke. She is able to be up, in a wheel chair, part of the time. We are thankful to God for their recovery thus far, and trust for further improvement, if this could be pleasing to God.

Sister Golda Ditch from Medford, Oregon, visited the Portland church on January 15.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We enjoyed two very pleasant evenings this past month, when the Bible Class was host to Bible Classes of surrounding churches. Sunday, January 8, young people from Tremont, Gridley, Forrest, Congerville and Goodfield spent an enjoyable evening of singing, and Sunday, January 22 young people came from Eureka, Roanoke, Peoria, Morton, and Fairbury, for an evening of inspirational singing. It is indeed inspiring to hear songs of praise by our young folks, and we sincerely hope they realize and appreciate the efforts of their teachers and parents, as well as their own. These are truly precious hours spent together, enjoyed by old and young alike.

Brother Noah Schrock spent the morning of January 15 with us. In the afternoon, he and our Elder Brother Silas Leuthold went to Peoria. In the evening, the Peoria and Princeville congregations met in Peoria to hear the conference report, Brothers Schrock, Leuthold and Joe Getz taking part.

There were a number of babies born the past month. Brother Jerry and Sister Wilma (Moser) Kieser have a daughter, Barbara Marie, born January 11. Brother Walter and Sister Iola (Knapp) Feucht had a daughter born to them January 12. Her name is Debra Ann. A daughter was born to Bro. Eugene and Sis. Betty (Ringger) Herrmann, Jan. 14, and she will be called Jane Ellen. Brother Lowell and Sister Clara (Rassi) Stoller also have a daughter, Carol Ann, born January 16.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to our sister, Josephine Endress, whose son, Ed. died very suddenly from an apparent heart attack, January 19. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, several brothers and other relatives.

Several from our congregation are ill and unable to attend church serv-

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ices. Brother Jeff Streitmatter has been confined to his home for the past several weeks and unable to be out. Sister Edith Stahl has returned to the hospital for treatments, and is in serious condition. Sister Emma Ehnle is in the hospital, awaiting surgery. We wish her grace and strength to meet what the the coming days have in store for her, and hope she will be soon on the mend and able to return home. Sister Evelyn (Baurer) Herrmann is recovering in her home, after a stay in the hospital from complications from the flu. The small son of Brother Alfred and Sister Virginia Streitmatter was hospitalized a few days, but has recovered again. Sister Mary Jane Streitmatter has had the cast removed from her ankle and is able to get about easier again. She had received a broken bone in her foot, from a fall in her home several weeks ago. Roger Rumbold had the misfortune to break a bone in his arm in a game, and has it in a cast. We hope all our sick will quickly recover, and soon be with us to worship again, and in the meantime, may the Lord be their support and comfort.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Reporter: Alice Heiniger

Our January visitors: Bro. Fred and Sis. Frieda Messner, Gibbon, Minn.; Bro. Louis and Sis. Fanny Zimmerman, Roanoke, Ill.; Bro. Bert and Sis. Ann Gudeman, Cissna Park; Bro. Albert and Sis. Elizabeth Kaisner, Maywood, Calif.; Bro. Joseph and Sis. Ida Kaisner, Fairbury; Sister Dora Sauder, Maywood; Bro. Harvey Kaisner, Maywood; Bro. Joe Stoller, Sabetha; Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertha Moser, Fairbury; Bro. Joe and Sister Lillie Waldbeser, Cissna Park.

Also visiting were Friends Verne and Betty Fankhouser, Elmdale, Kansas; Bro. Harold and Sis. Betty Schieler, Remington, Ind.; Sis. Eliz. Leman, Eureka; Friend George and Sis. Schmidgall, Mackinaw, Ill.; Sis-

ter Evelyn Sinn, Eureka, Illinois; Sister Shirley Klaus, Tucson, Ariz.; Sister Emma Hoerr, Peoria; Sis. Martha Blessman, Tucson; Sis. Katie Ott, Sabetha; Bro. Pete and Sis. Katie Fankhauser, Madison, Kans.; Bro. Joe Schrock, Congerville; Bro. Will and Sis. Anna Leman, Bremen; Friends John and Ruby Leman, Bremen; Friends Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Messner, Gibbon, Minnesota; Friends Duane and Mrs. Messner, Gaylord, Minn.; Bro. Levi Messner, Gibbon, Minn.; Bro. Harry and Sis. Hermann, Edelstein, Illinois.

Sis. Roletta Farney announced her engagement Jan. 22 to Bro. Conrad Gerst. A wedding date has been set for March 19. We wish them God's blessings.

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Eloise Wagler

Our visitors for the month of January have been:

January 8—The Bro. Bob Kiefer family of Elgin, Illinois.

January 15—The Bro. Ortie Rocke family, the Bro. Carl Gerst family, the Bro. Orel Steiner family, the Bro. Herb Kupferschmid family, and Sisters Lydia Kupferschmid and Gladys Kupferschmid, all of Oakville.

January 22—The Bro. Roger Moser family of Oakville and the Junior Miller family of Ottumwa, Iowa.

January 29—Elder Bro. Fred Grimm and wife and the Bro. James Sutter family of Taylor.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Bro. Joe Waibel of Bay City spent Jan. 8 with us. He was accompanied by Bro. Joe Wackerle.

Many of our members have gone on vacations. Bro. and Sis. Geo. Waibel, Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler, Bro. and Sis. Harold Schieler, Sis. Mary Bahler and Sis. Marie Schieler are visiting in Phoenix and the California churches, while Bro. and Sis. Gus Knochel and Bro. and Sis. Albert

Schini are spending some time in Florida.

Sister Betty Frey and Bro. Lloyd Schumacher were united in holy matrimony on Feb. 5, with Bro. Herman Hueni performing the marriage.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Lucille Hartzler

A son was born to Bro. Glen and Sis. Lois Gasser on Jan. 8.

Proving and baptism was held on Jan. 8 for our new brother-in-faith, Alvin Laukhuf. Visiting ministers present for this were Elder Bro. George Sinn and Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty. A number of others were also here that day from Latty and Bluffton.

On Jan. 15, Bro. Lorentz Emch of Girard ministered to us.

Bro. Elmer Blough was discharged from the Service on Jan. 13, and he and his wife, Sis. Lorene, have moved back to Rittman. Bro. Paul Gasser completed his Service in France, and arrived home on Feb. 1. We are happy to have them with us again.

Among those in the hospital at this time are Bro. Alvin Steiner, Bro. Carl Stoller, and Sis. Pauline Hartzler. We wish them a speedy recovery.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Sara Aeschleman

Our congregation was saddened by the passing away of Sis. Anna Legel, who after a long illness and many hours of suffering, could finally in peace and joy be at rest in the Lord, and Bro. John Hangartner, who passed away Feb. 2, after failing in health for some time.

Bro. and Sis. Jerry Sauder are the parents of their first son, Jeffery Daniel, born Dec. 28.

Bro. Dave and Sis. Anna Mangold again returned to Ft. Lauderdale, to spend the winter there.

Recent visiting ministers to our congregation were: Bro. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Bro. Maurice Frank, Chicago; and Bro. Sam Aeschliman,

Bluffton. Their visits were greatly appreciated.

I took a ray of sunshine

From my life the other day,
And sent it down the valley
Along its shadowed way.

It met a little sadness,

A little doubt and fear,

But in its lovely gladness,

Left a path of smiling cheer.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Ed. H. Steiner

January 15, Bro. John Greiner and Sister Emma Michel were married by Bro. Roy Farney at Burlington, Oklahoma, and, after a brief honeymoon, returned to their home here. We welcome them with congratulations and best wishes for God's rich blessing.

Among those who attended the wedding from here were Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, Bro. and Sis. Andy Lehman, and Bro. and Sis. Roy Wysong.

January 15, Bro. and Sister Joe Waldbeser of Cissna Park and Bro. and Sis. Eli Moser of Fairbury visited, over Sunday, with members at Sabetha. They were enroute to Arizona.

January 29, Bro. and Sis. Lewis Bahr and Bro. and Sis. Joe Hartter left for Phoenix.

Bro. Menno Steiner entered the hospital Jan. 12 for surgery. He returned to his home Jan. 22, and is getting along fine.

The Apostolic Old Folk's Home held open house Sunday, Jan. 22. Dedication services are set for March 5. The total cost to date is \$137,000. Sister Eva Herman is the matron.

Jan. 29, Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle and son, Richard, and Bro. Roger Aberle went to Burlington, to be present at the proving and baptism of Dianne Farney.

We are glad to report that we have several new converts in our church. Richard, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Aberle, and James and Eldon Metzger, sons of Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger, have found peace with God. We

wish them much grace to prove their faith.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Reporters: Richard and Velta Laukhuf

Apostolic Christian Church
Women's Club Bldg.
Corner of Palm and Park
Worship Time: 1:00 P.M.

Our first gathering of the season in the name of the Lord was New Year's Day, Jan. 1.

Our visiting and local ministers for the month were, Bro. John Yergler, Bro. Harry Sutter, Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Bro. Philip Wingeier.

The following attended our worship services: Pete and Katherine Hoerr and daughter, Noah and Lorraine Herman, Robert and Mary Reiman, all of Peoria; Sam and Clara Grimm, Frank and Naomi Bauman, Noah and Mary Zobrist, W. E. and Verna Bauman, all of Morton; George and Fanny Sauder, Eureka; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kuntz and children, Don Schieler, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, all from Gridley, Ill.; Leon and Lydia Virkler, Croghan; John and Viola Karcher, Watertown, N.Y.; Alice Heinold, Kouts, Ind.; John and Ella Yergler, Elizabeth Kaehr from Bluffton; Martha Moser, Fort Wayne; Philip and Fern Wingeier, Alto; Ben and Lucile Maibach, Detroit; Godfrey Schlatter and Clara Klopfenstein, Toledo; John and Katherine Fuhrer, Mansfield; John Storer, Archbold, Ohio; Harry and Florence Sutter, Carl and Dorthy Bechtold, Andrew and Louise Betz, all from Ft. Lauderdale; Albert and Amelia Schini, Remington; Mrs. Chris Knochel, Sarasota; and Richard and Velta Laukhuf and son, Dean, from Latty.

During the Christmas holidays, Richard and Velta Laukhuf returned home for the blessed occasion of their son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Iris, being united with God through holy baptism. This took place New Year's Day.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 15, the church group was invited to the home of Ben and Lucile Maibach for a pot-luck supper, which was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Godfrey Schlatter and Sister Clara Klopfenstein and Bro. Ben and Sister Lucile Maibach visited Sister Pfister in Tampa and Elsie Morehouse of Dunedion, Florida.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

A meeting was held on Jan. 4, to elect new Sunday School teachers and a trustee, to succeed those whose terms have expired. Bro. Don Feller succeeds Bro. Robert Hoerr as Bible Class teacher; Bro. Roy Grimm succeeds Bro. Raymond Hoerr as third grade teacher; Sis. Charlene Sutter succeeds Sis. Ruth Cottrell as primary teacher; and Bro. Clarence Yackley succeeds Bro. Eli Sutter as trustee.

Sis. Judy Feller went to St. Louis, to consult a specialist regarding her health.

Bro. Eli Sutter submitted to surgery on Jan. 12. He has returned home, and is improving satisfactorily. On Feb. 1, our Elder Bro. Fred Grimm also submitted to surgery. Although he is improving, it is necessary for him to go to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for observation or further surgery. We pray the Lord will again bless him with good health.

Bro. Raymond and Sis. Jeanie Hoerr, their little daughter, Heidi, and Patty Frieden have moved to Columbia, Mo., where Bro. Raymond is entering Missouri University. His brother, Norman, and two sisters, Loretta and Charlotte, are also enrolled there. We are glad that they will be able to assemble with us on Sunday.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Reporter: Emily Frautschi

Sister Hannah Wiederkehr died recently. She had been living in a Rest

Home the past few years. We all have happy memories of her; she was so cheerful.

Bro. and Sister Donald Wenninger and their children from Latty visited our congregation on January 15. Bro. Wenninger's father was recuperating from an operation, in a hospital in Toledo, at that time.

Bro. and Sister Ben Maibach Jr. and family and Sister Dorothy Knochel from Detroit visited us the week end of January 22. We enjoyed their visit, and especially hearing about Bro. Ben's trips to visit the churches in Japan.

Sister Ann Frautschi and Sister Anne Sorg, both of Bloomington, Illinois, spent a couple of days in Toledo, visiting their relatives and friends.

Sister Mary Schlatter of Bay City, visited her relatives and friends in Toledo the week end of Jan. 29. She is in training at a hospital in Detroit at this time.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

Sunday church services are at 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m.

January 8, Sis. Miriam Koch and Bro. Marvin Frank, both of Tremont, were married by Bro. Joe A. Getz of Morton. Bro. Roy Sauder, uncle of the bride, of Peoria was also a visitor with us January 8.

January 22 was the funeral of Bro. Jeff Rocke at Eureka. He was the father of Bro. Orville Rocke of Tremont.

January 31, funeral services were held at Tremont for Samuel Knapp, brother to Sisters Rose Knapp and Anna Lehman of our congregation.

January 15, a son, Earl Dean, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Koch. He has two sisters and one brother, arriving on his brother's birthday.

January 30, a daughter, Janet Ma-

rie, was born to Bro. and Sis. Carl Sinn.

January 8, our Sunday School Bible Class, with their teachers, attended Christian Endeavor at Princeville.

We have several sisters who have been shut-in for several years: Sis. Barbara Getz, Sister Mary Woerner and Sister Bertha Lusher. Also, Bro. Ed Kahler has been in, for several months.

Bro. and Sis. Don Wagenbach and children have moved here from Peoria; also, the H. E. Yerglers and family. We welcome these folks to our congregation.

January 29, Bro. Charles Sauder, who is attending school at Manhattan, Kansas, was home for the week end. Bros. Ronnie Metzger and Ben Wysong were with him. Also visiting the same day were Bros. John Steiner, Paul Wagler and Leon Kuntz; and Annette Rocke, Martha Steiner and Judy Hodel, from Oakville.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Reporter: Dale Eisenmann

We gathered together only once during January, because of the between-semester's vacation. On the evening of January 18, we had a very nice number of students present, even though it was the evening before final exams. Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield delivered the sermon.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

We were richly blessed again this past month with visiting ministers: On Jan. 8, Bro. and Sis. Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton; on Jan. 22, Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer of Milford, Bro. and Sis. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse, and Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park; and on Jan. 29, Bro. George Yergler of La Crosse and Bro. and Sis. Theo Beer of Milford.

The latter two Elder Brother's mission here was to help in the selection of brothers to help in the ministry. This duty fell on Bro. Alfred Bahler

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and Bro. Vernon Schwab. We wish them God's grace and courage in this work.

Other visitors here on Jan. 22 were Bro. and Sis. Fred Gutwein of Francisville, Bro. and Sis. Tod Feller of La Crosse, Bro. and Sis. Will Feller and Sis. Elizabeth Martin of Cissna Park.

On the evening of Jan. 15, a large number gathered at the Wolcott House and enjoyed the slides of the trip to Europe and the Holy Land, presented to us by Sis. Joyce Huber of Fairbury. Other visitors that day were Bro. and Sis. Ed Huber, Bro. and Sis. John Fehr, and Bro. and Sis. Sam Steffen of Fairbury.

We are rejoicing with our dear friend, Nancy Christopher, who has turned to the Lord in repentance. May there yet be many more who will be awakened, is our sincere prayer.

Sis. Lena Kyburz is spending several months with her daughter and family in California.

A son, Rex Edward, was born Feb. 1 to John and Marceille Furrer.

A note about addresses: If you send a change in address . . . or should you tell someone how to get the Silver Lining . . . or should you send a new address yourself . . . be sure to tell about or see so the full address is carefully completed . . . give the box number, the rural route number, or the street number and name.

the editor

SOJOURNS TO ALABAMA

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that would visit the Alabama members and friends.

Bro. Andy Nussbaum had been there before, and knew where some of the members lived.

We made our first call at Sis. Ruth Smiths, who lived close to Athens.

From there, we took her daughter, Nadene, along with us for our guide for the day, as she knew where all

the people lived that we liked to call on. We called on quite a few, over rough gravel roads, through pastures and muddy lanes.

This day was spent around Athens. With evening drawing nigh, we took our guide, Nadene, home, and drove to Hillsboro, which was about 25 miles.

We went to the Theo Brooks family all night. They had three children. His wife, Inez, had not been a member very long. With the help of Sis. Nussbaum and my wife, they soon had supper ready.

We spent Sunday, the Lord's Day, with them at Hillsboro. There were eight or nine members present, a few friends, and children. Bro. Nussbaum and I had a forenoon service, recessed three hours, for dinner and fellowshiping. Then, afternoon service followed.

After service, we drove to Landersville, about 25 miles away, to call on Sis. Carrie Borden. From there, Sis. Borden went with us to Phil Campbell, about 30 miles further, to visit the Luther Arnolds. Sis. Arnold knew of our coming, and had a good supper waiting for us. After supper, we had service in a small circle, and departed at a late hour.

We took Sis. Borden home, and went to Decatur all night. This was the end of another Lord's Day. We were feeling very thankful for the blessings, feeling the hand of God went on before us, and we felt His nearness through the Spirit.

We also made this experience. To approach into a new group of hearers can be attained only by much and earnest prayer for God's blessings to His weak servants, for we can only depend upon Him for grace and utterance. We found receptive hearers there, and felt the Lord's nearness. We were very much impressed with the silence and eagerness with which they listened to the Word of God, and felt thankful to the Lord that we found His peace abiding, and an in-

crease to our weak labors. We hope and pray time will manifest fruit for the kingdom.

Monday, we made more calls around Athens — took the car to its storing-place, boarded the train for Remington, and had a safe return to our homes.

Thanks went to God for the safe journey home.

As the desire grew for the Word of God and the need for Sunday Schools, they were also in need that ministers would visit them more often. By the grace and Spirit of God, we were directed and protected to go to Alabama over fifty times in the last 13 years.

Bro. Bauman and I love to work together in the important work whenever possible, and it is not too often that one or the other goes alone.

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FROM A SERMON

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He will be a terrible avenger for those who lead a godless and arrogant life. The Lord said that their fire will not be quenched, and the worm shall never die. Eternal pain, torture and condemnation will follow them, because they are the fruits of their works.

That is the reason it is so important that we are obedient to the Lord, so that He can guide us according to His will.

There will be a great difference between those that subjected themselves to Him in joy and sorrow, that set their whole trust in God and the Lord, those that He will acknowledge as His own on judgment day, and those that have not done so. He shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; yes, all pain and suffering will be taken away, and eternal joy and peace will be their lot, because they did not love their lives unto death for the Lord's sake. They all came out of great tribulation and pain, but they will be with their heavenly Fa-

ther and the Lamb, in whose blood they washed their sins away, and kept their garments white.

Those He shall all take unto Him in His kingdom, but He shall not recompense the evildoers in this way. A terrible judgment is awaiting them, and they shall not escape it.

He shall answer them: Away from me, ye evildoers, I never acknowledged ye as mine own; go and receive your reward and the recompense for your works in the lake of fire and brimstone. This is what is in store for them.

The Lord shall judge the whole world with the sword of His word. He Himself shall not judge them, but the Word which He has spoken shall do it. Now that we all know this in the present time, let us heed all the more the Word of Life, lift up our feeble knees and tired hands, and remember the great agony that Christ had to suffer. In this manner, the apostle reminds the Hebrews that they have to fight a great battle, and they should not weaken; otherwise, everything would have been in vain. They should not walk in the old footsteps again, but consider how much they have already borne and suffered for Christ's sake. In their time, they had to suffer bodily persecution, because for their faith's sake they were deprived of their earthly goods to try to lead them back to Babylon. But they were separated from these temporal things and could suffer it all with joy.

Their heart was with their Saviour, who out of pure love to all mankind gave His precious blood on the cross, which was sufficient to redeem all men. Salvation is now up to our choosing, and everybody can decide for himself: life or death, salvation or condemnation. Beloved, we too should choose the better part, follow the Saviour, and love Him as much as He loved us. If we would turn away from Him now, and would go our wayward ways again, all that

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we have suffered and borne thus far would not be of any avail. We have to look steadfastly to the many proven martyrs who died for Christ's sake, and now rest under the altar, awaiting the time to judge the world and the heathen and godless, who will be chastised with His rod.

We have to look and pilgrim towards the goal, where Christ beckons with the crown of life to those who are overcomers. Brothers and sisters who do not walk after the rules and ordinances of God create very difficult situations. Each one, therefore, should try to lead a quiet, holy, upright, godly life.

If we died with Him, we have to deny ourselves in this life, because everything temporal will be burnt, as it cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. The Lord prophesied that none that is not clean and holy will enter into the kingdom of God, and it is well that He ordained it this way. Thus, all mankind will be revealed that loves Him from all their heart. He was their rock and castle in times of tribulation.

These are temptations which prove our faith, and they make us each time more valuable.

We have a perfect example in Israel. When they did not obey His word, and went their own ways, He gave them into the hand of the Philistines. He does the same thing with us today yet, if we do not follow Him. We have to follow the Lord, and prepare ourselves for eternity, as the day of grace is short.

Even if the Lord does not come right now, we are nevertheless, in danger every hour, that He could call us from time into eternity.

But it appears that the Lord will soon come; we can see it by the way the world goes. The apostle reminds the faithful of his time to be prepared, for the day of the Lord will soon come. Today we are closer to it than they were then. Therefore, we want to be separated from the world, and

GEMS THAT GLOW

Noah Schrock said, speaking of the ministry, that the church is edified only by the proper thing said at the proper time.

David Mangold wrote that sometimes just one divinely inspired thought gives a meal.

David Lantz brought out the fact that the Lord always has a man where needed, when He needs him.

Ed. H. Steiner writes, We consider our fellowship more than anything the world has to offer, and this is what inclines us to offer our feeble efforts to this work.

at home with Christ; it is written, that in a short while He that is supposed to come, will come.

Patience is a requirement, so that you can discern the will of God. Do not cast away your confidence, which has a great reward. We have to practice this, because the Lord cannot help those who do not trust in Him. He cannot be with them who lose faith and are not diligent to do good, who follow the world. Beloved, do not throw away your confidence. Even today the Lord's arm is stretched out to help all those who trust in Him. He is not pleased with those who weaken.

We are not of those who will become careless, but have faith, love and hope. We have to pray to God for light and understanding, and He hears us speedily. However, one who doubts does not obtain anything, and they have no faith in their hearts. The Lord can only save those who believe in Him. The apostle Paul said: I am certain in the Lord Jesus that nothing will separate us from the love of God who are in Christ. Paul lived unto the Lord from his whole heart, and was ready and prepared to depart this life.

God, our heavenly Father, give us grace in this hour of temptation.

Unbelief leads to damnation every-

thing that is not grounded on the rock, which is Christ. We live in a dangerous time, persecuted and tried by evil spirits and influences, and therefore it is just as dangerous now as it was in former times to fight the good fight for the sake of God.

The Lord, however, still makes, today as in bygone days, the weak ones strong in Him.

The elder body has chosen two elder brothers to work with the Silver Lining. These two are Brothers Sam Aeschliman of Bluffton and Theo Beer of Milford. Already, the fruits of this are showing and we trust the **Silver Lining** will continue to increase and will richly grow.

the editor

WHAT FOR TODAY?

Interlaced with sorrow
Interweaved with tears
Interfered with sinning
Interlinked with years.

Where really then is life,
Franchise sweet of bliss,
Stardom of eternal,
Peace that man doth miss?

Life that is for always,
Above time's dark rift,
Is God's precious secret
Hidden in love's Gift.

the editor

A SWEET GOOD NIGHT

God prettied the sky;
He put there the blue.
He feeds mama bird
And little baby, too.

His love is so sweet
When it's time for night,
And dark comes outside;
And not morning bright.

Then whisper a prayer;
God sees through the night.
He loves little ones;
He will hold you tight.

the editor

THERE IS A BETTER HOME

Somewhere, beyond the sea of life,
Beyond its care and sin and strife,
Where angels live beside a sea,
There is a better home for me.

Somewhere across the border line,
With Him I shall forever shine,
And in His love-light always be,
For He prepares a place for me.

Some place where billows never roll,
And gladness ever thrills the soul,
My home a palace fair will be,
For Jesus builds it now for me.

O happy day, when I shall rest
At home with all the free and blest,
With Him forevermore to be
In that dear home He builds for me.

A better home, a happy place,
Where I shall meet Him face to face;
Yes, yonder by the crystal sea,
There is a better home for me.

James Rowe

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WHAT I DO KNOW

I do not know what God has planned
to come to me today;
I only know that He has promised me
to be my stay,
And that His hand has mapped out
all the way
That I must go.

I do not know what road o'er which
my feet must run the race,
But I do know, though rough it be,
though steep in many a place,
He has said, "Sufficient is my grace,"
As I go on.

—Selected.

Submitted by Elias Souder.