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WHEN WE PAUSE TO THINK

Bro. William Stettner

"I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. . . ." St. John 6:48-50.

"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." Isaiah 4:1. These seven women give us a clear picture of the kingdom of the nominal Christendom which exists today, before our very eyes. They represent the mass of people who claim that they are Christians, but are not willing to take upon themselves the cross and self-denial, as Christ has commanded us.

They ask for the name of Christ, so they may call themselves Christians, but they ask for the name on their own terms and demand under what conditions they will accept Christ: namely, they will eat their own bread. They do not want the bread from heaven, the true

Word of God, and his teaching. They want to eat their own bread, their own false teachings which comforts them in their sins and

Beauty Of The Lowly

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

From St. Luke 2

does not disturb their conscience. They want to keep on their own apparel, which is sinful, and cover it with some new patches, do not

want to depart from their old sinful nature and bury it, into the death of Christ. All they ask for is the name of Christ; in this way, they think their reproach will be taken away.

A true Christian and child of God cannot live without the bread from heaven, namely the Word of God. A true, reborn person wants to shed his old sinful apparel and receive the pure, white apparel from Christ the Lord.

It is very sad, that so many souls are misled through such false teachings. When we pause to think of it, how Satan is leading so many souls into destruction, how can we ever thank God enough, that through Christ, he called us with an holy calling, and gave us the right understanding, that we could come from darkness to light, and from death to life.

God's love to us should humble us in heart and soul, more and more each day, to be willing to surrender everything that is displeasing in his sight.

Let us all serve our Lord, not out of fear, but out of pure love, and be true and faithful till life's end.

CONTINUING WITH FROEHLICH

In his addresses and talks, Froehlich used an earnest, clear, and positive speech, which awakened the lukewarm and chastened the opponents of the truth. This led to a decision of the spirits, the one to repentance, the other to enmity.

Early in 1837, Froehlich was forced to the realization, that he could not remain long in his native city, as his marriage took place

without state-church copulation. It was blessed, however, by the united prayer of the congregation at Hauptwil. As this was not according to state-church order, its validity was not recognized by the civil authorities.

The home state-church congregation at Brugg denied the young woman the right to be received into citizenship although the publi-

cation of the banns had taken place, and the marriage sanction, the marriage certificate, and the immigration sanction had been granted.

All petitions to the authorities of the cantons, Aargau and Thurgau, as well as an interview with the federal president at Berne, to obtain recognition of the marriage were without result.

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OUR GREAT GOD

Henry Souder Jr.

Our God is beautiful. He is warm and pleasant in love. To be with Him brings sweet feelings of home . . . chords that breathe of joy unspeakable.

We learn about His glory . . . about what He likes, when we see things He made. The sunset talks about His glory . . . His thoughts brought the flaming scarlet, the soft touches in pink and rose. He sparkles each little night diamond.

The soft winter white hushingly speaks of God. (His wonderland white He uses even more beautifully, in eternity!)

"All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee."

God is a warm shelter.

Beyond God, there is no limit. He holds the universe and the universe of universes in His grasp. But beyond that and heaven . . . beyond

that, thoughts would wrench the mind. All is perfect peace when we flee to Him.

He has everything in perfect control.

Thoughts of eternity belong to God. He gives them to His children. They are happy hopes. Numbers—cubed, multiplied, or repeated—cannot express eternity. How boundless it will be when days no longer jacket our thoughts, nor ending no more shadows our steps!

Too often, we limit our knowledge of God.

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

Think who this is with whom we walk.

Where understanding cannot tread, He is perfect. He is kind and

great, to take part in our little things. He has stepped into history. He is great, in that no span of our thoughts can measure. What acts and tributes took place in ages we have no access to . . . except, He whispers of Himself to those He loves.

"I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

He likes the warm scenes, the little friendly things, the fellowship of a loving family. This is another part of His greatness.

He didn't choose the pomp and boast of stately palaces and the idea of high things. He chose those things that bring joy to the humble heart.

In Jesus Christ, we come to things, ways and character of God (Continued on Page 24)

CHRISTMAS IS REAL

Christmas is real, is joyful and bright,
Filled with more than dreams are tonight,
For with God's own Son, in bountiful love,
There's brought glad tidings, peace from above.

Sleighting comes Santa, some will array . . .
Comes down chimney, some fairy tales say,
But what these can't do, God can, and more!
There is no end to His heav'nly store.

He hears a child's prayer, wishes faith said;
No chimney nor wall e'er halts His tread.
He comes and He places His real, good gifts,
And bright eyes glow, and love's joyous lifts.

We fall asleep, mid our dreams of morn,

We hope mid tears when heart is torn.
He fills with love's glad warmth forever . . .
Christmas is good from heav'nly Giver.

If thus we can go sweetly to sleep
Wrapped in warmth of sweet glow of peace,
Ours is delight, and joy waits for morn;
The contented heart does Father adorn.

Rooms of delight, after long winter's night,
Will spread for wond'ring, joy-colored sight.
The family's all in! Christmas is here!
So dear is our home; so real is our cheer.

Our Father's gifts, so priceless and dear,
Grow more precious as days dwindle near.
Christmas fin'ly 'rives; we are at home,
With contented hearts, no more to roam.

So look for the real gifts of His grace,
Of more wonders than mind can embrace,
Home, rich in mem'ry, yet glad to be . . .
Wonderful Christmas! Wait till you see . . .

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NEWS


AKRON, OHIO

Reporters: Ruth Taylor and Alice Graf

We were saddened by the sudden death of our sister in faith, Susie Palmer, October 10. She was such a busy person, doing good for all she came in contact with. She was 72 years old. She is survived by Donna and Selah at home, Vida Tomanek, Seraph Childress and two sons, John and Bud.

Sis. Irene Bragiel, Bay City, accompanied by her daughter, Carol, brought Sis. Marian Knochel to visit us.

Sisters Emma Wackerle, Bay City, and Lucille Maibach, Detroit, spent a couple days visiting in Akron.

Sis. Juliet Graf is home, after spending several weeks in City Hospital for treatment of flabitis.

Rudy Graf Jr. is confined to his home with mononucleosis. We wish him a speedy recovery, and patience for the weeks while he is down.

WILLIAM AND IDA INGOLD

Written by Bro. Rudy Graf

The life of Bro. Will and Sis. Ida Ingold was filled with many and varied events. A book could be written, if all could be told about them.

Will was a son of John Ingold, and Ida was a daughter of Isaac Gehring. Both were born in Monroe County, Ohio. They were a happy and interesting couple, whose marriage followed a mutual affection from childhood on. Much to their dismay, their marriage was not blessed with children.

Soon after marriage in 1901, they moved to the Rittman area to farm, on land one mile west of the present Rittman church. Later, about 1910, Will found employment as a carpenter at Barberton, near Akron—so they moved to the city.

It was in 1918 that both Will and Ida repented. Ida was baptized November, 1918, and Will in March, 1919.

They were always very hospitable, and many of us enjoyed sumptuous meals there. Visitors

were always met with a hearty welcome. Will, with his friendly smile, and Ida never lacked in words to express the feeling of her heart, "Do come right in."

Will was full of spiritual zeal, & soon took part in Sunday School as a teacher. In 1924, he was called into the ministry. He was an able preacher and had a knack for reaching the young folks, as well as the old. They were very diligent in visiting sick, aged, and feeble. In that, they cast their bread upon the waters, so then also it returned to them again after many days. From the youngest to the oldest one, they both took time out to greet each one.

In 1925, it became apparent that Akron needed a new church site and building—Will made the plans for our present church building. As he grew older, he turned from carpenter work to pattern making. He was employed for many years at the Diamond Match Co. in Barberton.

About 1935, Bro. Will submitted to a serious abdominal operation, after which his health was never as it had been. It was a sad day and a terrific shock to us all when in October, 1942, he died of a heart attack. Sis. Ida never overcame the blow of this, and declined steadily in health, until March, 1943. In just a few months, this active and so very useful couple were gone, leaving us with many pleasant memories of them.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Doris Graf

Visiting this month were Bro. and Sis. Willis Ehnle and Tony and Joy, who were on their way to Japan, where they are now living. Both Altadena and Maywood congregations enjoyed the slides of Japan that Bro. Willis showed and narrated to us. Sis. Anna Novokow, Peoria, visited this month. She came to California with Sis. Elizabeth Feldman, who has returned home, after a long visit in Tremont. We are happy to have both of them here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frank, originally from Oakville and Michigan, are living here in West Covina.

They visited their daughter, Sis. Betty Baker, this month. Bro. Eddie Dotterer visited the Altadena and Maywood congregations, while here from Phoenix.

We were also very happy to have Bro. and Sis. Ernest Graf from Akron visit us for two weeks. Bro. Ernest ministered to us on Sundays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4. We certainly enjoyed their visit, as we do those of all our visitors. We welcome everyone to come and see us.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Worship service and Sunday School was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnett, the parents of Sis. Doris Moore, the evening of Oct. 1.

Bro. and Sis. Philip Bambach of Ohio visited the Athens and Hillsboro churches, Oct. 14.

Bro. and Sis. Orville Sauder of Peoria visited the Alabama churches, Oct. 21.

Sunday, Oct. 28, worship service was held in the Lester, Ala., community, for Bro. Wesley Long and his families and friends.

Worship service was held in the home of Bro. and Sis. Marvin Moss in the Prospect area.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Reporter: Faye Wackerle

Nov. 4, Bro. Phil Wingeier from Alto and Bro. Ben Schlatter from Junction were our visiting ministers. There also were other visitors from our various churches. We enjoyed their fellowship.

I neglected to mention that Bro. John Wackerle is back home, after being in the hospital for several days, following a serious accident. He was working under his car, when it slipped off the jack and fell on him. I believe he is very thankful that he is yet among the living.

Bro. George Eisenman is still in the hospital. He suffered a slight heart attack.

On Oct. 11, a baby girl, named Bethany Ann, was welcomed into the home of Bro. and Sis. Jim and Marlene Ramseyer. She is their first baby.

Before Too Late

What if I went to sleep tonight . . .
And never woke again?
How would I look before my God . . .
And to my fellowmen?

How could I answer for my life . . .
To relatives and friends . . .
As death would overtake me with
No time to make amends?

These are the questions serious . . .
I all too seldom ask . . .
As carelessly from day to day . . .
I go about my task. . . .

I only think of life in terms . . .
Of income and expense . . .
Without regard to any sin . . .
And to its consequence . . .

Oh, let me kneel before my God . . .
And say this prayer tonight . . .
"Forgive me for my failures, Lord,
And help me see the light."

BERN, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Lester Hartter

Although this was in the possession of an aged sister who has departed, and was written many years ago, its teachings are still as good as ever:

The small Apostolic Christian Church on the hill really upholds its doctrine. Daily life is a drama of practical brotherly love. Sincere and quiet members preach sermons of kindness, ask little of the world. In war, they served peacefully. The drama isn't demonstrative, but it reflects generalities of sincere, quiet and patient rehearsals. They refuse to quarrel, for a quarrel is breaking a commandment.

But brotherly love is not the only precept of this church. Its fundamental doctrine lies in the words of Christ, **My kingdom is not of this earth.** The congregation believes its reward awaits it after death, meanwhile endeavors to exemplify the teachings of the twelve apostles. Because of their disbelief in the value of material things, members of the church ask little of the world, nor do worldly indulgences, use moderation in all things. They eat and drink with moderation, for gluttony or over-indulgence are not Christianlike.

The Bible is read with consummate interest. Members seek meditation and in visits with all other members.

Converts are always welcome, but they must be sure they wish to be converted in truth and sincerity, to become a new-born being in Christ and to live for Him.

Bro. Joe Aberle, from our neighboring Sabetha church, ministered to us Oct. 14. Many other visitors were welcome guests. Bros. Aberle and Harvey Grimm officiated at the funeral of Joe Aeschliman of the Bern community. He was 86. Then, a funeral service was also conducted this past month by Elder Lester Hartter and Bro. Harvey Grimm, for George Bauman, whose birthplace was at Bern, but who had lived in Colorado for many years.

The newlyweds, Bro. Lyle and Sis. Lois Stoller of Latty had been to Colorado on their honeymoon and stopped off as guests of Sis. Lydia Marti and son, Bro. Joe. A singing was also held at Bro. Leonard Baumgartners.

Our son, Lynn, who has been ill for some time after his operation for ruptured appendix, is very appreciative of all the kind acts shown him.

Bro. Lester Hartter has been suffering from a painful back ailment. If it be God's will, we pray that he will have a surcease from pain, and will then be able to care for his family. Our son, Steve, has a painful ankle, which has been sprained quite a few times. This handicaps him.

Bro. Vernon Esslinger had the misfortune of losing two fingers in a corn-picker accident. Aged Sis. Leah Bauman has a broken leg, occurring during a fall. This is the same limb that was broken once before.

Sermon sentence: "The Bible builds bridges, not walls".

Our annual church housecleaning was held the latter part of October.

As Thanksgiving approaches, may we all breathe a prayer for this, our land of the free.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Frieda Kipfer

The Sunday School enjoyed their annual supper on Oct. 14. The evening was spent in singing, with a talk by Bro. Carl Kipfer, and a closing prayer.

Our friends, Donald and Dorothy Mayer, have repented and were announced for proving.

Announcement has been made of the engagements of Bernadine Steffen, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Dan Steffen, to Robert Nahrwold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nahrwold of Ft. Wayne; and Theodore Kipfer, son of Sis. Mabel and the late Bro. Eli Kipfer, to Theresa Haiflich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Haiflich of Uniondale, R. 1.

Bro. Joe Isch, 80, passed away on Oct. 25, after an illness of four and one-half years. He was the son of Jacob and Mary Schaller Isch, and was born in Gridley, Ill. His marriage was to Sis. Minnie Aeschliman, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters—Sisters Herbert (Lucille) Frauhiger, William (Betty) Longenberger of Bluffton, R. 3; Edward (Viola) Gerber, Ft. Lauderdale; John (Irene) Neuen-schwander of Bluffton, R. 1; and Mrs. George (Mildred) Krill of Bryant, R. 1; four sons, Glen, of Decatur, R. 3; and Bros. Ervin, Bluffton, R. 4; Kenneth, Berne, R. 1, and Hubert, at home; and 23 grandchildren. Bros. Orville Ringger, Wm. Stettner of Elgin and Joel Souder of Leo officiated at the funeral. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Other ministers who visited here this month were Bros. Henry Sabo, Robert Beer and Ben. Stavenik, all of Mansfield, on Nov. 4, and Bro. Glenn Hackenjoes of Portland, on Nov. 11. Bro. Hackenjoes visited his parents here, after attending the conference at Francesville.

Hospitalized last month were Sisters Virginia Rauch, Marjorie Reimchisel and Bro. John Gilliom.

At this writing, nine of our young friends have turned to the Lord in repentance.

Births: To Bro. and Sis. Claire Yergler, a daughter, Oct. 19; to Bro. and Sis. Thomas Pfister, a daughter, Nov. 6.

Our church is located in Wells County, on the Wells-Adams Co. line. The directions are 5 miles east of Bluffton on Rd. 124 and 2 miles south (to the right); coming from Decatur, take Rd. 27 to Rd. 124, turn west (right) for 6 miles, then south (left) for 2 miles.

Ft. Wayne lies 25 miles north of Bluffton on Rd. 1. There is regular bus service from there through Bluffton to Indianapolis. The nearest large airport is Baer Field, about 18 miles north of Bluffton.

The terrain in this vicinity is slightly rolling, growing hilly as it nears the Wabash River, about 1¼ mile south of the church.

There is no wasteland here. Everything is farmed, except a good-sized area about two miles west of the church, the Quabache (Wabash) State Park. This started out as a CCC camp during the depression, and many beautiful trees were planted. Next it was a game preserve. Now it is a park. It has a small lake and beautiful grounds, picnic facilities, etc.

We have a large variety of birds. The most unusual songsters being the brown thrush, mockingbird and cardinal. There are hunting seasons for quail and pheasant, squirrels, rabbits, coons. There is an occasional fox hunt.

Our climate is mostly moderate, with adequate rainfall. Our hot weather is 90 degrees and sometimes a little higher, and zero or lower is considered really cold. Some winters, it doesn't go that low. Snow isn't a problem either, except once in awhile.

Our principal crops are corn, wheat, oats and soybeans. Tomatoes are also quite common, but involve a lot of care and responsibility, as housing must be provided for the migrant workers, mostly Jamaicans. They are conscripted by their government, and are valuable workers, moving on when the crop is harvested. Other workers are Texans (Spanish) and negroes from southern states who are on welfare. The nearest canning factories are at Decatur, Bluffton and Ossian.

We also have considerable dairying, hog and poultry raising and egg production.

Most of our people are farmers and factory workers, but there are also many in business and in offices. Jobs seem to be plentiful in our neighboring towns and Fort Wayne. Franklin Electric Co. in Bluffton is an up and coming factory. There is also a piano factory, bottling works, engineering factory, pretzel factory and dairies. Berne has furniture factories and other industries.

Our church is quite large. The auditorium holds 1200, balcony 300, Sunday School over 600. The lunch roll is 253 families.

There are two cemeteries, the

newest one across the road, the old one beside the church.

Our neighboring churches are Ft. Wayne and Leo.

Come and visit us.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Reporter: Lydia Heuberger

The Bremen Church is located in the town of Bremen, one block off State Road 6, which goes through the center of town. Bremen is a town with approximately 3,000 population. Our members and friends live within a distance of 30 to 35 miles. We are located in a farming district, but our congregation consists of people from various occupations, including owners of business establishments, business managers, banking, engineers, teachers, farmers and laborers in factories.

On Oct. 27, Larry Meister and Karen George were married. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meister. He and his wife are engaged in farming.

Our report for the Bremen Church is very brief this month, but we have one of the most important items to report, when we can announce one of our young friends, Tom Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Manny Steffen, has made known he has peace in his heart with the Lord, and is now awaiting baptism at a later date.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ernest Anliker

We enjoyed having a few guests in our assembly this past month.

Sisters Ida, Caroline, Katherine Schmidtgal of Peoria. They were visiting Sis. Marie Kuntz and daughter, Sis. Ruth.

George Lance and family and his mother, Sis. Louise Lance, also spent a Sunday with us. George teaches at Iowa City, where they now are living. They are formerly of Girard.

Sis. Elfrieda Schafer, West Bend, is spending a few weeks in Bro. and Sis. Ernest Anliker's home. She is Sis. Rekie's mother.

Paul R. Wagler is stationed in Yokuska, Japan, following a two week visit with his parents, Bro. and Sis. Ben Wagler. His address is: Paul R. Wagler, Y-A 192, c/o F.P.O. San Francisco, California.

Bro. Blaine Applegarth was real fortunate, even in the midst of misfortune. His glove was caught in a

corn picker, and his thumb was badly injured.

Sis. Joyce Pohl spent a week in the hospital for observation. We trust Sis. Joyce can soon again enjoy good health.

Little Mary Beth, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring, is in the hospital with pneumonia. Hope she will soon be well enough to come home.

Rolyce, son of Bro. & Sis. Kenny Scheitlin, made his third trip to the hospital within five months, two hernia operations and now a fracture in his foot. He has a cast on and uses crutches.

Bradley, son of Bro. and Sis. Uriel Gehring, has been in a foot cast for several weeks, but is now able to walk with his cast.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Substitute Reporter:

Mrs. John Somerhalder

Sis. Lavern Roth has asked me to write for the Silver Lining until her return. I trust that we may all receive a blessing from the news and lessons therein.

We were all saddened at the death of Bro. Henry Tanner, who passed away at the age of 88 years, on October 8. He attended church on Sunday and passed away in his sleep during the night. Sis. Ida, his wife, was hospitalized at the time of his death, however, was able to return home on the 8th. Bro. Henry had recently been baptized, after many years of faithful attendance in our congregation. His warm greeting each time we met him revealed his happiness in living for the Lord. We will all miss him very much. Several children survive, including Bro. Elmer Tanner of this congregation.

On the week end of October 14, Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Tony and Joy, from Japan visited our congregation. They were on their way to the coast to board a plane for Japan, after spending some time in the States. We enjoyed a pot-luck supper at the church on Sunday evening, after which Bro. Willis showed his slides and explained the work in Japan. We had a very blessed Sunday, with Bro. Willis giving both sermons. Certainly the prayers of all in attendance were answered, as God's rich blessings, through the inspiration and revelation of His

word, was granted to our congregation.

Our Friend, Fred Kraus, Harper, Kansas passed away Oct. 27. His funeral was Oct. 30 at Harper, with Bros. Elias Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson officiating. The Oklahoma church had charge of the services.

Bro. Elmer and Sis. Alice Tanner attended the funeral services of her brother, Earl Anliker of Forest.

Sis. Lydia Hanhart, who has been staying in the home of Bro. Claude and Sis. Mabel Springer for several months, left Oct. 23, to make her home at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha. We will miss her very much, and wish her God's richest blessings.

Sis. Eileen Bahr, wife of Brother Lester Bahr, has been hospitalized with a broken arm, cuts and bruises, as a result of an auto accident. She returned to her home Nov. 3.

Bro. Ed Farney, who has been quite ill at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, has come to Kiowa and is staying at the home of Pete and Sis. Marie Farney. He has been able to attend services the last several Sundays.

Our friend, Mary Armbruster, has returned home from the Kiowa District Hospital, after being confined for several weeks.

Timmy Farney, 6, son of Aaron and Earlene Farney and grandson of Bro. Reuben and Sis. Marie Farney, has been hospitalized at St. Marys Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma, for the past week. The extent of his illness has not been determined at this time. May all of our prayers be with little Timmy, as well as all the others in need at this time.

Many young people from our congregation are attending schools to further their education. Following are their addresses:

NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE, ALVA, OKLAHOMA

Donna Schupbach

Girls Annex

Connie Diel

Women's Resident Hall

Jeanene Allenbach

Room 117, Women's Resident

Hall

Nancy Kircher

Room 117, Women's Resident

Hall

Donald Diel

Shockley Hall

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY,
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

Mary Guthrie

331 Putnam Hall

Kathleen Farney

215 Boyd Hall

Sis. Diane Farney

Smurthwaite House

1500 North Manhattan Avenue

KANSAS STATE TEACHER'S
COLLEGE, EMPORIA, KANSAS

John Gleichman

Men's Dorm Room 314

FORT HAYS STATE COLLEGE,
HAYS, KANSAS

John Farney

212 West 7th Street

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Jeff Young

On Oct. 14, Bro. Ed Hohulin was our guest minister. We thank Bro. Ed and those who accompanied him, and invite them back again.

Sis. Bertha Sinn was in the hospital for surgery, Sis. Helen Knapp and Bro. Elmer Hari for observation and tests. May the Lord grant them health again, is our prayer.

Our friend, Lowell Bauer, son of Bro. Harry and Sis. Mattie Bauer, broke a leg in a freak accident on the farm and is wearing a cast.

A daughter, Sally Rae, was born to Bro. Morris and Sis. Katie Zimmerman, on Oct. 12; a son, to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Shirley Bauer on Nov. 2 . . . He was named Rian; a son, to Maurice and Irma Martin.

On Oct. 21, Bros. Dave Mangold, Joe Zimmerman and Albert Aberle visited our congregation. We are always thankful for such visits.

Bro. and Sis. Raymond Roth's of Burlington are spending some time here with their son-in-law and family, helping with the fall harvesting.

On Oct. 28, the marriage of Sis. Joy Rae and Bro. Roger Hari was performed by Bro. Emanuel Gude-man.

We were truly blessed and thankful for the visits of Bro. Merle Kaisner of Fairbury and Bro. John Rocke of Goodfield, who ministered to us on November 4, and those who accompanied them and many other visitors from various churches on that day.

Bro. Roy Farney from Phoenix stopped Friday, Nov. 9, for evening services. Also present were Bros. John Widrick and Jerom Farney from Croghan. Their wives accompanied them.

Dale Feller, son of Bro. and Sis. Ezra Feller, entered the services of our country; his address is:

Pvt Dale A Feller

US 55746620 Co D 3rd Bn

US AMTC Class 5 B

Fort Sam Houston Texas

Our devoted Bro. August and Sis. Carrie Steiner Yentsch, who were such faithful custodians of our church for 29 years and are now laid at rest, have left many precious memories.

At the beginning of the 29 years, the salary was 7 dollars a week, with a small increase as time went on. At that time, the church was heated by two coal furnaces, one at the north end and one at the south end of the building, and an extra heating stove in the children's room.

The coal was carried with buckets from a nearby coal shed. On a cold morning, they started fire at 3 o'clock in the morning to get the building heated. Two copper boilers were filled with water and placed on the kitchen stove to heat. One was carried in from the outside flowing well, for the coffee. The other was cistern water pumped from an inside pitcher pump for dish-washing. This was done every Sunday morning for the party that was serving lunch, without complaint, and I believe every one was satisfied the way August and Carrie did it.

The last duty on Sunday morning was to once more dust the pulpit and the Holy Book, to make sure the blessings would not be withheld because of dust. After this was done, they were seen in the assembly room, eager to hear God's word, unless Carrie was making coffee, which she often did.

Sis. Carrie always greeted everyone with a hearty "Good-Morning", and a pleasant smile in days of sorrow or sunshine, which is never forgotten by those who knew her. If someone would suggest to her warm advice, she would say, "Isch das soo!" ("I didn't know that!")

Sis. Carrie immigrated to this country in her twenties. She did housework at Elgin (Ill.) previous to her marriage. She and her husband lived in a small home across the road from the church, which is still occupied by the custodian of the church today.

In the winter months, the peonias in her window could be seen from the assembly room, which was indeed a display of God's beauty. After they resigned, they moved to a small home in Claytonville. Sis. Carrie was ever willing to render her services to the sick and needy, as long as her health permitted.

Bro. August passed away in 1930 at the age of 67 years, and Sis. Carrie in 1940 at 68 years of age. Their life was worthwhile, and a fruitful harvest. The only relatives are neices and nephews. Among them are Sis. Carrie Weiss and Sis. Anna Egolf, who are true assets in the church.

A smile is the rest to the weary,
Daylight to the discouraged,
Sunshine to the sad,
And nature's antidote for trouble.

If someone is too tired
To give you a smile,
Just give him one of yours, anyway,
For nobody needs a smile as much
As those who have none left to give.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Schumacher

We are glad to have another new convert in our midst, Mary Lou Ott. Mary Lou is the daughter of Jack and Margaret Ott. We hope that she will be taken into the fold soon.

A baby daughter was born October 16 to Bro. and Sis. Don and Lorna (Steffen) Schrock. They've named her Susan Kay.

We are glad to report that Bro. Jake Miller, Jr.—who fell and suffered a serious back injury this summer—is much improved. He has been moved to Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington. Bro. Jake is now able to walk with a cane and a brace, and is able to come home from the hospital for short stays. He and his wife, Sis. Marian, are very grateful for all the kindness shown to them during this trying time.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Reporter: Mrs. Clayton Virkler

Bro. Webb Farney has returned to his home from the Syracuse Hospital, where he has been under treatment for asthma and pernicious anemia.

Sis. Pernal Virkler (wife of Howard Virkler) has been in the Watertown Hospital for tests and treatment.

Bro. Donald and Sis. Alice Farney are the parents of a baby daughter, Leah Alice, who was born October 25. This is their fourth child.

On October 21, a number of the Naumburg congregation went to Utica to visit Bro. and Sis. Zimmerman, at which time they sang and held a short service.

We are happy to report that our oldest son, Henry, age 14, has repented and been converted from the things of this world. His testimony was heard by the church on Saturday evening, Oct. 27. He was baptized on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28. Elder Brother John Bahler was here and conducted the ceremony, and services. A number of Rockville people, school friends and their families attended. Henry's school principal was impressed with the gravity of the ceremony and wondered if every baptism was conducted in a like manner. Another friend mentioned that many of the churches of today have lost the import of conversion and baptism, such as our church carries out. For the preservation of these Christian doctrines we are very thankful. At this time, Henry is the only teenage member in our congregations.

Sis. Laura Farney has been confined to her home with a blood clot on her leg. However, she is coming along nicely.

Bro. Leon and wife, Lydia Virkler, have left for their winter home in Florida.

Rose Farney of Croghan has suffered a heart spell and is staying with Sis. Edith Schwartz of Croghan.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Louise Steffen

A Prayer For Every Day

Sing to God in joyful voice.
In his loving hand rejoice!
Earth and sky alike proclaim
Praises to his holy name.
He who guides the swallows' flight,
Will not lose thee from his sight.
All thy trust in him confide,
Ever in his love abide.

Visitors of Oct. 7 were Bro. and Sis. John Fuhrer Sr. of Mansfield;

Sisters Elizabeth and Clara Wall and Minnie Dotterer of Junction; Bro. and Sis. Phil Metzger of Sabetha; Bro. and Sis. Jake Bahler of Remington; Bro. and Sis. Ben Stickling of Peoria; Bro. and Sis. Ralph Schlipf and boys, Johnny and Mike, and Fredora Wettstein of Gridley.

Grant Steffen, son of Bro. Ezra and Sis. Rose Steffen, spent a little time at home during the time his brother Garth and family of Portland were here. He is a doctor in Denver, Colorado.

Oct. 20, Bill Kinsinger, son of Bro. Pat and Sis. Leah Kinsinger, and Sandra Jones, daughter of Ben and Dorothy Jones, were married at her home in St. Charles. Bro. Herman Kellenberger performed the ceremony.

Holy communion was held on Oct. 21. Bro. Frank Woertz of Goodfield assisted our elder brothers.

On Oct. 22, Sis. Mary Leuthold and her two sisters, Carrie Leuthold and Mrs. Lucy Schultz, left for St. Petersburg, Florida, to see their brother, Charles, who has been ill.

Oct. 29, a son was born to Harold and Mary Lauber Reber. His name is Douglas Scott.

Nov. 4, our Sunday School had the Francesville Sunday School Bible classes. They planned for about 170 pupils and teachers.

About 70 Bibles, with names in gold, were presented to the Bible classes of our Sunday School, Nov. 11, during morning Sunday School. Bro. Al Scheitlin spoke a few words on how they should be used and read, if they are to do us any good.

Nov. 11, we were richly blessed. We had Bro. Roy Farney of Phoenix, and Bro. Lawrence Emch of Girard, with us.

A farewell was held at Bro. Joe and Sis. Ann Schmidgals, for Bro. Leland and Sis. Lorraine Zimmerman. They are leaving Nov. 16, to make their home in Eureka. We will miss them. May God bless them.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Cathryn Wettstein

The ministering brothers that visited us the past month have been as follows: Noah Schrock, Oakville; Wendell Gudeman, Francesville; Robert Miller, Portland; and Joe Hodel, Roanoke. We would

say, "Thank you," and welcome everyone to come again and visit us soon.

Oct. 28 was the evening of our family singing at the church. A small crowd gathered to sing praises to our Lord. It was an evening well spent. Everyone is welcome to come and take part, so we hope a larger group will be at our next singing, which will be Nov. 25.

Birth—to Bro. and Sis. Walter and Wilhemina (Klaus) Anliker, a daughter, Carol Sue, born Nov. 6.

Among the sick are—Sis. Christina Unzicker, who has been a patient in the Eureka Hospital the past few weeks. Sis. Katherine Hartter, wife of Bro. Mike Hartter, has returned to her home, after being a patient in the Eureka Hospital for several weeks.

Bro. Sam and Sis. Aldine Leman's son, Maurice, was married Nov. 3 to Carol Leman from Peoria.

Mary Ann, the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Mathilda Suttor, was married to Ronald Hermann, October 26. They were married by Bro. J. A. Getz. Ronald is from East Peoria.

Sis. Esther Klaus received word from Japan that Bro. John and Sis. Betty Klaus have a baby girl.

Time marches on; its hurrying feet
Are sounding down life's busy
street;

We listen to their measured beat
Time marches on!

Time marches on—'twill end some
day,
When heaven and earth shall pass
away,
And then forever and for aye—
Eternity.

Eternity! Where wilt thou spend
That dateless age that has no end?
O haste and make thy choice, dear
friends . . .

Time marches on!

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Joyce Huber

We rejoice that Ben Zehr saw that he needed Christ as his Saviour and repented; we pray that he will increase in both spiritual and physical strength.

A grocery shower for Fairview Haven was held Oct. 16, with about \$1000 worth of groceries contributed, to begin operating the Home for senior citizens. Over 200 from

Cissna Park, Gridley, Forrest, and Fairbury joined in a singspiration in the Home's reception and dining room. At the close of the singing, Bro. Emanuel Gudeman was called upon, so he expressed that this comfortable home, to be enjoyed for some in the senior years, has cost many people a lot of money and a lot of hard work. But God has prepared a beautiful mansion for "whosoever will" enjoy it in eternity, and it cost His all, His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He then read in God's own words a description, found in Revelation 21, of this future home for all saints.

About 1800 attended the Open House for Fairview Haven, Oct. 26 and 28. Tours were conducted by the directors, with others assisting in pointing out the advantages of the Home and the comforts of the residents, after which guests were treated to punch and cookies.

We were happy to have guest ministers Sunday, Oct. 14, Bro. Art Gudeman of LaCrosse, and Bro. Floyd Weiland of Michigan, who were guests of Bro. Josh Broquard and Sis. Rosa and Ida Hari, respectively.

Bro. Ed Steffen passed away, after a few weeks in the hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 21.

We were grateful for the visit of Bros. Ed Hohulin and Frank Woertz, Goodfield, on Sunday, Oct. 28, who expounded to us, "It is very important that the Holy Bible be proclaimed the world over and that we be able to teach others of our faith." Relatives accompanied them and were guests of the four Steffen sisters.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Nancy Honegger

Earl Anliker passed away quite unexpectedly from a heart attack, after being hospitalized four days. Funeral services were held by Bro. Henry Kilgus on Nov. 23. Surviving are his wife, Sis. Marie; three daughters, Earlene, Elaine, and Mrs. Karel Righter; and son, Daryl.

Our elder, Bro. Henry Kilgus, has been admitted to the hospital and is under observation.

HISTORY

In the year of 1864, the Joseph Virkler family came from Croghan, New York, and settled on a farm north of Forrest. For four years,

church services were held by visiting ministers, in homes and barns, for a few families.

Bro. Rudolph Leuthold, grandfather of Bro. Silas Leuthold, came to this country from Zurich, Switzerland, in 1868, and he became the first minister of a small church that was getting started in a building on the southwest corner of the Virkler farm. He also served as the first elder. The church served a few families at the time, with names such as Keller, Ramseyer, Metz, Swartzentraub, Huber, Abersol, Scharlach, Stoller and others.

The church was growing. About this time Bro. Jacob Honegger, who was also a minister of our faith, brought his family from Zurich, Switzerland. He helped fill the needs of the growing congregation, and was also elder until his death.

In 1875, Virkler land was deeded to the trustees of the church, who were Bros. Nicholas Ramseyer, Frederic Metz and Rudolph Leuthold, to be used to build a larger church and for cemetery ground. By this time, there were many more families settling in the region of Forrest, namely: Haab, Detweiler, Bollier, Schneider, Geiger, Lear, Ebach, Nussbaum, Bach, Stortz, Mauler, Hess, Yoder, Fortna, Kilgus, Hirstein, Munz, Yakle, and Moser.

It was necessary to enlarge the building in 1893, and a 32 x 44 foot assembly room was built on the south of the old assembly room, which was changed to a dining room. The old dining room to the north was then used for Sunday School and kitchen. At this time, there was also more land acquired of the Andrew Abersol farm to the east, to meet the needs of a larger yard and also for room to build stables for the teams of horses that pulled the buggies and wagons over the mud roads.

This church was more commonly known as the Apostolic Christian Northside Church.

Meanwhile, south of Forrest, another little church was growing. Land was deeded to church trustees Bros. Ulrich Steffen, Andrew Roth, and Rudolph Leuthold for \$90.00, in the year of 1875. Several from this congregation had previously attended the church in Fairbury, but as conditions were getting crowded there, land was pur-

chased for a new little church. This church was known to many as the Southside Church.

The first elders were Bro. Rudolph Leuthold, who was also elder of the Northside Church, and later, Bro. Christian Gerber. Some of the first families were: Steffen, Hartman, Gerber, Roth, Wenger, Sohn, Zehr, Slagel and Hari.

As the church grew, there was a need to build on, and a new assembly room was constructed. The old assembly room was used for a dining room, and later on, it was necessary to enlarge the new assembly room. Before electricity was installed, gas lanterns hung from the ceiling in the assembly room, but were only lit whenever evening services were held. At one time, Sunday School was held in the dining room, but a Sunday School building was built later on.

The church was surrounded by horse stables on three sides, which were later remodeled into garages for cars. Gradually the stables were torn down, until they just remained on one side.

In 1944, Northside Church began to raise a fund to remodel their church. As time went on, there was much talk and discussion about whether it would be advisable to build a church in Forrest. Southside Church was also in need of improvements. In 1948, the Southside members decided for half to come to Forrest and build with the Northside members and half planned to go to Fairbury.

Our new church was built in Forrest, in the years of 1948 and 1949. The church was finished and ready for services Jan. 1, 1950. Services were held twice, before the church was completed. In the spring of 1950, both country churches were sold and torn down.

During 1950, we witnessed the blessings with sixteen converts, four weddings, held the Lord's Supper once, and had only one friend pass away.

Our church considers the Sunday School of great importance. It is crowded for room, having 191 in attendance. Nine brothers and seven sisters are teaching. Members total 193.

Our present ministers are Bros. Henry Kilgus, elder; Andrew Koehl, Joseph Kaisner, and Clarence Kachelmuss.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Reporter: Florence Sutter

Vacation time is over and, if God wills it so, we are looking forward to a beautiful and balmy winter, which we all love so much and are so thankful for.

Bro. Ray Wieland met with an accident while in his trucking business and was hospitalized for several days. We are happy to report, he is home again and doing fine.

Sis. Vi Gerber is still considered a bed patient; however, she seems to be doing fine. We visit her from time to time, and we hope she will soon be assembling with us.

Bro. Carl Bachtold's flew to Forrest, Friday, Oct. 5, to attend his mother's funeral.

Paul Olschle, who is one of our winter residents, has arrived and is living in his home at Deerfield Beach. We enjoy having him with us again.

Earl and Betty Sauder of East Peoria visited recently with us at our Ft. Lauderdale church.

Sis. Emily Schneider and daughters of Rockville, Sisters Barbara, Ruth, and Arleen, also Audrey Bahler are visiting us at this time.

Sis. Vi Gerber's father passed away and was buried Sunday, Oct. 28; they have our deepest sympathy.

Roger Bachtold and wife, Shirleene, spent some time here with their parents, and now are residing at 500 East Second Street, c/o Western Motel, Winslow, Arizona.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Reporter: Norman L. Haerr

During this time of year, a person can very easily see God's wondrous and decorative "paint brush" at work, as one drives down a quiet country road. Here in Texas, it isn't as easy to see, as it probably is back in the Midwest. Here, the trees are smaller and the variety of color isn't present. For those of us who are from the farm, this is probably the time of year we would most like to be back home. We can still picture the hillsides, as one by one each tree changes its summer garment for "one of many colors". We can picture a corn field, standing brittle and rustling in the fall breeze; holding up a cobweb or two, and waiting for the ever-hungry

machine to come along and gather in its golden grain. As the ears of corn wait to be gathered in, so we must also be ready to be gathered in when God's great time machine approaches.

On Wednesday, October 3, we were fortunate to have with us Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise Wagenbach and Jimmy and Becky, of Tremont. They came to visit their children—the John Steiners—and at the same time brought unto us, here at Ft. Sam, God's holy word. The week end of October 7, Bro. George and Sis. Elsie Lambert of Wichita were with the group. I was home over the week end, but I am sure the small group here enjoyed their visit, as well as the Word which was spoken. October 28, Bro. Lester and Sis. Ella Hartter of Bern, Ks., were with us. We enjoyed hearing Bro. Lester and especially even on Saturday evening after our singing at the chapel. It is our custom to have the minister read a chapter and say a few words. He did not. He picked up the song book and told us we had already read uplifting words. If we sing the words rather than the music, we indeed were praising God. Each song contains many beautiful and worthwhile words.

The following are the address changes since the last writing:

Pvt Richard J Nuest US55744298
Fitzsimons Army Hosp
Det A Meds 3412
Box 1328 Denver 30 Colorado

Mr and Mrs Paul Haab
114 Pershing Apt 1
San Antonio 9 Texas

PFC Lloyd Massner
703 E Woodlawn Apt 6
San Antonio 12 Texas

Dale Feller of Cissna Park, Max Reimschisel of Bluffton, and Bro. Ronald Barth of Oakville arrived here for their basic training. Their addresses are:

Pvt Dale A Feller US55746620
Pvt Max E Reinmschisel
US55748617

Pvt Donald J Barth US55755635
The rest of the address is:
Co D 3rd Bn USAMTC
Class 5B
Ft Sam Houston Texas

Also Keith Heinold of Valparaiso arrived here for medical training. His address is:

Pvt Keith Heinold
Co E 1st Bn USAMTC
Ft Sam Houston Texas

There is one other address I want to list and that is: Mr. and Mrs. Duane Schneider

H O M E

I am sure they are glad they are home, and we are glad for them, too. However, while Duane and Juanita were here, we also had a place to call home—our home away from home. The boys truly appreciated all that they did for us, and hope that when our time has been served, we can change our address to "Home".

The following is a schedule of visiting ministers: Elgin, Iowa, on November 25, and Rittman, Ohio, on December 9. The ones to contact here are Conrad Gerst, 115A Pershing, or John Steiner, 115B Pershing, San Antonio 9, Texas.

During approximately the middle of October, at 5:00 in the afternoon, there were many of us listening to the radio, for we were told that the President was going to address the nation. Since that speech, there has been quite a little military movement. Immediately after his speech, several units were put on alert. That is, the boys were told to not be gone for too long a period of time and to be ready to start packing. The 47th Field Evac. Hospital and the 566th Ambulance company were the two companies. I am writing this because Bro. Rich Steffen is with the 566th.

For a while, we did not know where they went, but we supposed they went to Florida. Then later, we received word that they arrived at a site about 5 miles from Miami, along with the Field Evac. Hospital. As you all know, Florida is receiving more and more troops everyday. We all hope and pray, as I am sure you all do, that their mission might be accomplished without their having to put to use the things they were trained to do, and that they can again return to their home bases.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Reporter: Marie Zaugg

Oct. 14, Bro. and Sis. Al Scheitlin

of Elgin, Ill., were here a few days. We all enjoyed the inspiring messages by Bro. Scheitlin.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family, Bro. and Sis. Louis Hoerr and Rachelle of Taylor, Bro. Dale Martin of Princeville, Bro. Alfred Banwart, Sis. Marie Marti, Sis. Marie Banwart, and Joan Banwart of Lamar worshipped with us Oct. 21.

December 4, Bro. and Sis. Harvey Smith and family of Wichita spent the week end here.

Sis. Ann Banwart of Francesville came to visit the Banwarts.

The past month, Sis. Elizabeth Sinn, Roger Kraft and Lydia Hawkins were hospitalized for about a week.

Bro. Will Sinn is in the hospital in Topeka, Kansas. He underwent surgery. He reports he is getting along all right.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

We enjoyed having the Mansfield choir with us on Sunday, Oct. 14. A supper was held at the church, with a program given in the evening by the Mansfield and Ft. Wayne choirs. We welcome you back again.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 27, David Bahler, son of Bro. and Sis. Irwin Bahler of Remington, was proved and baptized by Bros. William Stettner and Theo. Beer. We wish Bro. David God's richest blessings. He is employed at the International Harvester Company here in Ft. Wayne and resides in an apartment at the Dan Blume residence.

We congratulate Bro. and Sis. Raymond Pulfer upon the arrival of their first grandchild. A son, Mark, was born Oct. 14 to Richard and Judith (Pulfer) Snyder of Auburn, Indiana.

Also, Bro. and Sis. Carl Rager have a new grandson, Bruce Allan, born to Bruce and Eileen (Rager) Rosswurm.

A son, Phillip, was born to Bro. and Sis. Arnie and Colleen Moser on Sept. 20. Sorry, this was not published in our October issue.

Bro. and Sis. Ronnie Stoller are the parents of a baby boy, born November 3. He has been named Brent Allan.

Also, Bro. and Sis. Verlin Stoller are the happy parents of a baby

boy, Dennis Allan, born November 10.

Congratulations to all of you.

Sorry, I neglected to announce that Sis. Ann Swihart's daughter, Nancy Carol, was married to Jerry Newport on Sept. 1.

We welcome Bro. Richard and Sis. Rose Ann Aeschleman and family to our congregation. Due to Bro. Richard's business relations, he was transferred to the Ft. Wayne area. They are formerly from Peoria and attended the Peoria church. Their new address is: 4032 Maple Crest, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We wish you God's richest blessings and success in your new undertaking.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elmer Bucher

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalm 100:4

The 1962 conference was held here Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 8 and 9th, with almost all our churches represented. We of the Francesville congregation counted it a great privilege to be host to the brethren. The opportunity to render this service was a joy, with everyone doing it heartily as unto the Lord. It is our heart's desire that everyone present received a spiritual blessing and could feel the spirit of love while in our midst. Knowing that "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it", it is the solemn duty of everyone of the brethren, whether present or absent, to make supplication to God that the gathering might not have been in vain but that we might grow in the spirit as well as in numbers.

Minerva Wuethrich has undergone surgery this past month. We are glad to have her back with us. Bro. Perry Niehouser has been hospitalized again because of his eye.

There has been six precious new babies this past month; a daughter, Glenda, to Bro. and Sis. Glenn Gutwein; twins, Alex and Alexis, to Bro. and Sis. Edison Gutwein; a son Mark, to Bro. and Sis. Dave Wuethrich; a daughter Carla, to Carl and Sis. Yovonne Gutwein; and a daughter, Lauren, to Barry and Trena Radcliffe.

Not only at this Thanksgiving season, but at all times let us count our blessings.

Thanksgiving

The day of Thanksgiving approach-
es once more,
And brings to remembrance the
pilgrims of yore;
They planted their corn, one seed
at a time,
And entrusted the increase to God
the Divine.

Their living was meager, conven-
iences few,
And yet they were thankful when
harvest was through;
They gathered together to honor
their God
Who added the increase as they
tilled the sod.

Today we've acquired a means of
our own
To stimulate increase to seed we
have sown;
We trust in our wisdom and judg-
ment of needs,
In adding the plant food to fresh
planted seeds.

But what of this wisdom, just what
could we do
Had God failed to create the ele-
ments too?
We plant the best seed, then side
dress and spray,
But how much would grow without
the sun's ray?

The God of the pilgrims is bless-
ing today
The seed of the sower in bountiful
ways,
So let's be as pilgrims when har-
vest is through
And gather together to praise him
anew.

Then, each day that follows let's
honor our Lord,
By walking the path that's pre-
scribed by God's word;
The path that He leads us will lead
us to rest
Where comfort and gladness await
all the blest.

GIRARD, OHIO**Reporter: Jesse C. Emch**

Those who visited us are as fol-
lows:

Thursday, Sept. 13, Bro. Willis
and Sis. Lois Ehle and children
from Japan were our guests. We
were all nourished in spirit with
Bro. Willis' message, and likewise

enjoyed the slides that were shown
after Service.

Sunday, Sept. 16, Bro. Joseph
and Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier. Bro.
Joseph Ramsier's messages, both
morning and afternoon, were very
inspiring.

Sunday, Oct. 28, our Elder Bro.
Rudolph Graf was with us. We all
had much to be thankful for, in
that God's word was brought to us
in a very inspiring manner. Then,
two friends, Karen Stoll and Di-
anne Emch, were announced to the
church as having peace. We rejoice
with them, and wish them grace to
continue in this service.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Marian Wiegand**

On October 28, Bro. Francis
Rother ministered to us. After
reading Matthew 11, he gave us a
stirring message. He reminded us
how accelerated the times are, and
how we can become so busy that we
forget God. This is a plan and de-
vice of Satan which is hard to re-
cognize.

It has been our privilege to have
Lisa Eick (my cousin) visit re-
latives here in the United States.
While the rest of the family migrat-
ed to America in 1882, her mother
remained in Germany, married and
raised a family. Lisa and her son
were the first of that family to visit
the United States, and of course we
soon found many things in com-
mon to talk about. Her experiences
of starvation, separation of families
and living in fear of raids during
the war can only make us hope and
pray that God will spare us such
hardships and heartaches.

Thanksgiving

It's Thanksgiving—a day set apart
for us to stop from our business,
office jobs, selling or whatever our
duties may be; to relax and reminis-
ce. As we pause to reminisce over
the past year, some will remember
great joy, others sorrow or mis-
fortune. Yet we can't help but find
many things for which to be thank-
ful—our nation which recently
escaped a national crisis, our com-
fortable homes, many dear friends,
health, plenty of nourishing food,
ample clothing and above all, that
our Saviour calls and gives us such
a wonderful salvation. The hymn
writer who wrote "The Love of
God" summed it up this way:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment
made,

Were every man a scribe by
trade . . .

To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the
whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

Our "Thanks, dear God" seem so
inadequate.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS**Reporter: Mary Alyce Witzig**

Five friends, Doris Stoller, Leila
Funk, Carol Schlipf, Janice Witzig
and Jerome Witzig, were baptized
October 21. The following, Sunday,
four more friends, Jane Funk, Gail
Funk, Vera Miller and Orlan Miller,
were added to the fold.

We again rejoice with two new
converts, Paul and Wilma Zehr.
May God grant them much grace,
and bless them richly.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Bertha Funk
are the parents of a son, Jerry Lee,
born October 25. Jerry Lee has two
brothers and three sisters.

Don and June Zimmerman are
the parents of their third child,
Karen Renee, born November 2.

Sis. Mary Klopfenstein and Bro.
Frank Martin were united in mar-
riage Thursday evening, Novem-
ber 1, by our elder, Bro. Joe Klop-
fenstein. May God grant them
much happiness together.

HISTORY

(Submitted by

Bro. Joe Klopfenstein)

The first services were held in
various homes in 1870. The follow-
ing year, regular services were held
in a residence one-half block south
of the present TP&W Depot. This
house is now occupied by Mrs. Car-
rie Davis. The first minister then
was Bro. Joel Herman. In 1874, the
first church building was con-
structed, on the site of the present
church. The dimensions were 32x40
feet. As the membership increased,
a new assembly room was added to
the original structure, in 1887, and
the old building was then used as a
dining room.

In 1938, the present brick church
was completed. The auditorium of
the present church is 48x50, and
seats approximately 325 people.
The basement area has Sunday
School rooms and a kitchen and

dining room. This present building was constructed and equipped at a cost of \$36,200. At the time this church was built, there was a membership of approximately 150 members, 75 Sunday School children, and about 100 friends in attendance. The church was dedicated on Sunday, November 20, 1938. Bro. George Yergler of LaCrosse, Indiana, and Bro. John Schmid of Eureka preached the sermons. Two weeks after dedication, the final amount was raised, and the church was paid for.

Today, in 1962, 24 years later, we have 238 members, 195 Sunday School children, and approximately 125 friends who attend. We feel that the Lord has blessed the effort of our congregation in the past years. As the hand of time does not stop, the need has become great for more room in all departments. In fact, a planning committee has been appointed to get plans for expansion or possibly remodeling the present church. We all should be thankful when a church is full, at service time, and growing. Certainly, such a situation should make every member and friend happy and willing to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Ministers from the beginning, up to now, are as follows: Bros. Joel Herman; John Spiess; Rudolph Witzig, Elder (who passed away in 1912); Adam Messer; Micheal Kiefer; Jacob Ringger; Engelburt Grusy; John Schlipf Sr.; John Schieler; and Leo Grusy. Present ministers are: Joe Klopfenstein, Elder; George Gramm; Elmer Witzig; and Edwin Ringger.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Rudy Bahr

We have been richly blessed with the messages of visiting Bros. Joe Aberle, Sabetha; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington, Okla.; and Al Scheitlin, Elgin, Ill., the past month.

Bro. T. Winzeler remains about the same in the Coffey County Hospital—his leg is painfully drawn up with arthritis.

Graveside services were held for the infant son of Bro. and Sis. Harold Kraft, Ft. Scott, at our cemetery on October 6. Bro. Harold is the son of Bro. and Sis. Sam Kraft.

Marilyn, Vola, and Colin Young, children of Andrew Jr. and Sis.

Wilma Young, had tonsillectomies on November 1.

Your "old reporter" is back again, since Sis. Dorene will soon be taking the "second most important step" in life. We wish her God's richest blessings. I must admit, when the request for reporters came to send a geographical description, time rolled back to our engagement announcement in '54 and the immediate responses of . . . "Kansas, the wheat state" . . . heat and dust.

Being a "native of Illinois", I'll try to give you a view of some of the differences I've noticed, especially on the farm, since most of our congregation either has been or is engaged in farming. The weather is one of the most talked about subjects, so will start with it. Our average rainfall is 37.27. Kan. gets at a time—six, seven inches of rain, which doesn't soak down and runs off fast, as the subsoil is so "tight"—thus, no "tile drainage" here, making soil conservation a "must." About 90% of farm ground in this township is protected by waterways, terraces, spillways, ponds . . . from the air, it is especially amazing to see the many farm ponds (average of 6 to 8 per sq. mi.). It looks like many puddles scattered all over, after a hard rain. These ponds are usually made in a small draw, with 5 to 8 acres of sod drainage, 9 to 12 ft. deep, covering from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ acre . . . the main use is for water livestock, with many farmers now putting in filter systems for home use, as the well water is extremely hard.

As for temperature—normally the thermometer seldom dips below zero, and not many days are over 100 degrees (about 3 or 4 days this year and none last year). The air is noticeably drier than "back east", with an ever present wind. Our average frost is Oct. 20-25 . . . usually sowing oats comes the first of March, corn about April 25.

Gridley is located on the eastern edge of the Flint Hills, in East Central Kansas . . . west of the corn belt, east of the wheat country, a general farming and livestock area, where the blue stem or prairie grass is "King". Blue stem is a native, warm season grass. Pasture season is from about May 1 to Oct. 15. When the cattle are moved off the pasture, many go to the eastern

feedlots or are fed locally. Other crops are milo, corn, forage sorghums, alfalfa hay, beans, wheat,—many tons of hay being trucked or shipped out, and grain "shipped in".

Our little church is in the town of Gridley, just few blocks off of K-57 highway. The Lamont church is 8 mi. west of us, Ft. Scott is about 80 mi. southeast, & Sabetha, about 120 north. The nearest super-highway is the Kansas turnpike, which goes through Emporia. The Santa Fe stops at Emporia, about 40 miles northwest of us. The main airlines stop at Kan. City (120 mi.) or Wichita (120 mi.). Coming from the east, there is a new freeway that joins U. S. 40 through Missouri or Interstate 35, going through Kansas City, which is about a 2-2½ hr. drive from Kan. City, on Interstate 35, US 50, US 75, K57 to Gridley. Private planes have landed in farmers' pastures here, with a small airport at Emporia.

The population of Gridley is 350, with approximately 100 high school pupils and 170 grade school, coming mostly from the country. The water supply is from a "man-made lake." There is no industry here, thus most of the young folks must seek employment elsewhere.

The first view of Gridley town itself I had reminded me of a "western town" of old, with the wide main street, many roof building extensions over the sidewalks. A fire swept over a block on main street and a lot of it has changed—the stockyards still stand at the south of town, where many cattle used to arrive by train. Now, it is a "treat" to watch a cattle train come in every few years . . . trucks even take the cattle to pasture. Our children still enjoy watching the replacement cattle branded, dehorned, and implanted.

The country roads are edged by the native sunflower in late summer. There are many "timber" patches, with thorny hedge trees along fence rows. Blackberries grow wild. Our springs are most beautiful, with the green rolling hill pastures, red-bud bushes, and small fields here and there of winter wheat. There is "no season" on our beautiful sunsets. For wild life, we have quail, prairie chicken, along with the common rabbit and

scare jackrabbit . . . Oh, must not forget the coyotes—their “cry” on moonlight nights can be heard for many miles.

As for any new things developing—the John Redmond Dam is under construction (completion set for 1964) on the Neosho River north of Burlington, which is just 12 miles from Gridley. The dam will be approximately 5 miles long. They anticipate good fishing, although many farmers enjoy fishing bass, catfish, blue gill, and sun perch from their ponds.

For the most part, one would describe the people as a plain, common, hardworking group. Other than farmers in our congregation are two barbers, both at Emporia; an F.H.A. supervisor and a hardware store owner at Burlington; lumberyard, gas service station, hardware proprietors at Gridley; and two oilfield workers.

HILLSBORO, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale and daughter, Ann, spent several days in the home of Sis. Martha and Elmer Evans, also visiting their relatives and friends.

Sis. Pearl Stricklin had been in the hospital, and is not too well at this writing.

The young people met Monday evening, Oct. 18, for a singing and worship service. All enjoyed a late birthday supper for James Bradford, the grandson of Bro. and Sis. Henry Stricklin.

ILLINOIS STATE

NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Reporter: Joyce Kaufman

On October 18, Bro. Leroy Huber was the guest speaker at our Bible Study. He had a very inspiring message on chapter 17 of St. Luke. Suggestions for studying the Bible were given. Bro. Frank Woertz was with us on October 25. Bro. Joe Schrock began our November meetings. Joe has been going through St. Matt. with us. We studied the latter half of St. Matthew 27. The evening of November 8 was spent in a discussion of St. Matthew 17; because of the brother meeting, no minister was present. Bro. Carl Frautschi acted as leader of the discussion.

We are happy indeed to declare that we have two students from ISNU who are repenting. They are

Mary Lou Ott from Congerville and Ron Kaufman from Cissna Park.

JAPAN

Betty Klaus, Substitute Reporter

We thank the Lord that the Ehnle family arrived back safely. After staying in Tokyo about one week, they moved to the Shioda Church, where they plan to stay until next spring, to help with the church work there. We believe all the Japanese brethren were glad to see them again.

The wedding date for Sis. Toyomi Sugahara and Bro. Akira Utsuki has been set for Nov. 23, at the Tsutsujiga-Oka Church. This will be the first wedding in any of our Japanese churches.

As the autumn weather is here now, it makes me think of this verse. “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8 May the Lord grant us much grace and help, so we may search the scriptures more and apply these verses to our own lives.

A new reporter, Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki, has been appointed, starting next month, as Bro. Inoue is still fairly weak, and it apparently would be some time till he could continue this work.

Church Descriptions

Tsutsujiga-Oka Church is located in a little village on the southwest outskirts of Tokyo. To get there, one must get off at the Tsutsujiga-Oka station on the Keio Line. It is a 10-minute walk southwest of the station.

Shioda Church is located in the foothills southwest of Kofu, in the Kofu Valley. It is a 45-minute bus ride from Kofu. It is located in a farming area where they grow mainly grapes, peaches and persimmons. There is a beautiful view of Kofu Valley from this church.

Tamahata Church is located west of Kofu, about a 20-minute bus ride from there. It is located in the valley, in a farming area where there are many rice paddies. Any direction one looks, one can see beautiful mountain scenes, especially Mt. Fuji, which is about 25 miles from this church.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

September 23, our Sis. Elizabeth Steffen and Bro. Jesse Kupfersmith

of Latty were united in holy marriage, by Elder Bro. George Sinn. There were many members and friends with us from Latty, Mansfield, Fort Wayne, Milford, Bluffton, and Plymouth, Cissna Park and Goodfield. The couple visited Niagara Falls on their wedding trip, and are making their home just east of the Latty church. We surely wish Bro. Jesse and Sis. Elizabeth God's richest blessings for a long and happy life together.

There were several from the Bro. Emmanuel, Bro. Elias and Bro. Alvin Manzs families on the sick list, with colds, this month.

We were very grateful to have Bro. Vernon and Sis. Arlene Schwab and children from Wolcott with us. Bro. Vernon gave us a very inspiring message on the ten virgins, which furnished much food for thought on living a careful life here on this earth. How many of us need to trim our lamps, lest the Master cometh, and finds us wanting.

Former Song Leader

Bro. Andrew Dotterer

One of the former song leaders of our Junction congregation is Bro. Andrew Dotterer, one of our older brothers. Bro. Dotterer was born July 5, 1890, the son of Elder Henry and Sis. Lydia Steiner Dotterer. He has attended the Junction church all his life, and was born on the old Dotterer home place, just east of the church. The land on which the church stands was part of the old Dotterer farm, which was bought from the government.

Bro. Dotterer found the Lord in 1909. Three nieces and one nephew died of typhoid fever, which brought a great stress and fear over many. It was during this time that Bro. Andrew turned to the Lord in repentance. He was baptized June 20, 1909, by Bro. Henry Souder of Leo.

In 1923, Bro. Dotterer was united in marriage to Sis. Leona Stoller of the Latty congregation. They have five children, Sis. Juliet Schlatter and Sis. Esther Schlatter of the Junction congregation, Bros. John and Henry Dotterer of the Rittman congregation and Sis. Marilyn Fetter of the Toledo congregation. They have thirty grandchildren.

Bro. Dotterer came from a large family. Being the son of an elder he was accustomed to company and

singing. He feels singing is truly a blessing and is a wonderful way to express our love to the Lord. Bro. and Sis. Dotterer have had much company during their married life, and received many blessings from singing.

Bro. Dotterer was chosen as leader in about 1914, after Bro. Eli Dotterer went into the ministry, and was leader until 1928, when he himself was chosen for the ministry.

Bro. Dotterer often helps out on the farm where they lived for many years, and where their daughter, Sis. Juliet, and Bro. Richard Schlatter now live with their family. In 1953, Bro. and Sis. Dotterer moved to the edge of Paulding, where they still live.

Bro. and Sis. Dotterer are now alone, as all the children are gone and married. They are not very well, but are usually able to go to church.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Chas. Rinckenberger

On Oct. 14, we enjoyed a few young couples from Roanoke. They spent the evening with Bro. and Sis. Kenny Bucher. The same Sun., Sis. Lydia Rinckenberger and Bro. and Sis. Ed Alt and family of Cissna Park and the Bob Kaehr family of Bremen spent the evening with Bro. and Sis. Charles Rinckenberger.

Sis. Elvin Nuest and daughter spent the week end with Bro. and Sis. Lester Nuest. They are stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas.

Nov. 4, we enjoyed the Blunier families of Roanoke and Eureka, spending the evening with Bro. and Sis. Ray Heinold.

The week end of the Brother Meeting in Francesville, we were privileged to have a number of elders and ministers come and have services with us. We enjoyed them. May God bless them.

LAMONT, KANSAS

Reporter: Mrs. Bernie Emch

Our little country church near Lamont is located one mile east of Lamont, going on Highway 57 and turning south at the Apostolic Christian church sign, going two miles.

The original wood frame building was erected in 1881, with some later remodeling and additions. The cemetery adjoins the church yard.

We can feel the quietness and peacefulness and God's nearness as we enter our church yard and hear the call of our beautiful bird, the bob white, and the song of the meadowlark.

The spring of the year here is a pretty season. We do enjoy seeing new life spring forth and the greening of our pastures. We live at the east edge of the Flint Hill pastures, which are noted for the abundance of blue stem native grass, as the adequate feed for the grazing cattle during the summer.

As Kansas is noted for its beautiful sunsets, and our church has a clear view of the horizon, often it is a scene to behold and think of God's wonderful creation.

We, living in a farming area, the greater part of our members and friends are dairying and farming people. The crops raised are wheat, oats, corn, sorghum, soybeans and alfalfa. We had an abundance of rain this early spring and early fall. There was a problem to get crops planted in spring. Then, God in his consideration of man, granted us a wonderful harvest season, and all crops could be gathered. How thankful we are for all His blessings.

Some of our members live in Madison, 10 miles from the church, and some also in Emporia, 30 miles on a black-top road.

Our nearest neighboring church is Gridley, ten miles. We can enjoy fellowship with them. We often assemble to gether.

LANDERSVILLE, ALABAMA

Reporter: Clara Heiniger

Worship service and Sunday School was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edd Harville, Friday evening, Oct. 4.

Oct. 23, worship service was held at Phil Campbell, Alabama, at the home of Luther and Sis. Virginia Arnold. Bro. and Sis. Chester Simons, Bro. Carl and Mavis Nayler and families, Bro. Junior and Sis. Mamlie Hale and children, and Bro. John Wagler spent the evening there.

LATTY, OHIO

Reporter: Roberta Stoller

Bro. Gary Eisenmann was in the hospital this month, but is now home, getting along nicely, and is back in church with us again.

Evening services were held on

Oct. 14, with Bro. Vernon Schwab from Wolcott here. We felt very fortunate to have them with us in the evening.

Visitors on October 21 were Bro. and Sis. Ernest Gerber from Rockville. We are thankful for all our visitors—especially thankful to Bro. Gerber, who brought us God's wonderful words. We welcome them all to visit us again.

Lee Klopfenstein, small son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Klopfenstein, broke his leg, has been in a cast now for several weeks, but is steadily improving.

On Oct. 28, the engagement of Sis. Lillian Stoller to Bro. William Eisenmann was announced. We wish them God's richest blessings as they walk life's road together. Sis. Lillian is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Emil Stoller.

LEO, INDIANA

Reporter: Mrs. Elias Souder

The wedding of Henrietta Klopfenstein and Sam Heiniger took place at Leo on Sunday, Oct. 14, with Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton officiating. A reception followed at the Fellowship Center.

Sunday, Nov. 4, the Arthur Gudemans of La Crosse visited. The terrible sufferings of our dear Saviour again were brought before us.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 6, we enjoyed the services of Bros. Noah Bauman of Rittman and Rudolph Graf of Akron. Bro. Graf related some of his experiences with the people in Japan.

A wedding shower, honoring Sis. Sharon Getz of Ft. Wayne, was given on the evening of Nov. 9 at the Fellowship Center, with an attendance of about 70.

"Suffer little children to come unto me . . . for of such is the kingdom of God."

While visiting my little ten-month old granddaughter, Kalisa, at the hospital, I had opportunity to see the sad plight of unwanted little children. However, we are thankful little Kalisa is being helped and is home again. There are others not so fortunate as our loved and sheltered children.

I was entertaining Kalisa. Little 4-year-old Andy, who was roaming the halls, came and asked to play with a toy watch Kalisa had. He looked up at me and asked what time it was on the clock. When I

told him, he looked at me with a smile and said, "Time for Mommy to come?" But Mommy didn't come that evening or the next.

The little fellow had parents who, when he was a baby and was paralyzed in his hands, allowed him to chew off his fingers. Now that life was coming back, surgery was performed on them.

Then, there was the little 2-year-old girl who had been burned so badly that she had to have surgery. She was all alone. Her mother had been there, but had five other little girls at home, one three months old. The father was jobless. He had come up the night before, intoxicated, to see this girl. He wanted to take her home. When refused, he drew a knife on one of the nurses.

The little girl across the hall, in a cast, was sad. Her mother could find time to spend only a few moments with her. She was president of the PTA and had "so much" to do.

So it goes in one hospital. Surely, our dear Lord, whose eyes are on the birds, will care for these little children. Some of the little children will be jewels for His crown and shine like the stars when He comes.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Reporter: Aaron A. Sauder

"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Romans 12:15. and so we extend our sympathy to Sis. Katherine Bocka and family, on the death of their husband and father. But we also rejoice with them that, after many months of intense pain and suffering, Bro. Martin Bocka has gone to be with the Lord. "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also." St. John 14:2,3.

On Sunday, October 21, the following couples from Bluffton spent the day with us: Mr. and Mrs. Jay Kipfer, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Edington, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. John Kipfer, Mr. and Mrs. Al Ringger, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Frauhiger, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kipfer, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Isch, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fiechter, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pfister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moser. Supper was enjoyed at the North Lake Pavillion, after which our guests returned home.

On November 3, Bro. Ben Hartzler and his family from Rittman were with us; Bro. Hartzler brought us a message from God's Holy Word, in both morning and afternoon services. Also visiting from Rittman were Bro. Elmer Blough, Bro. Albert Gasser, and Bro. and Sis. Nelson Ramsier. We enjoyed the visit of Nellie Morrison, daughter of Bob and Sis. Katherine Morrison, who spent a vacation with her family and friends. Nellie is living in Alaska.

Our welcome this month goes to Christi Lee Oesch, born October 16, baby daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Katherine Oesch.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Reporter: Christine Locher

Our visitors Sunday, October 21, were Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Tony and Joy. They were enroute to their home in Japan. Bro. Ed Dotterer of Phoenix spent a week in our area on business and worshipped with us October 21.

Bro. Ernest and Sis. Louis Graf of Akron visited us Sunday, November 4. The day was a very blessed one. We thank Bro. Ernest for his inspiring messages and visit.

Bro. Eli and Sis. Esther Reineck of Bluffton are spending the winter here. We welcome them into our midst.

Bro. Albert Kaisner is slowly improving. He is at home now and has been able to attend afternoon services. We pray for his continued recovery.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Reporter: Arthur Haab

Bernard and Carol Beer have a baby boy.

Bro. George and Sis. Louise Gramm from Gridley were with us Oct. 24. We certainly enjoyed his inspiring message.

A large number of brothers and sisters from Mansfield spent the week end of Oct. 28 with us. We thank them for their efforts and the work of many of the brothers in our Sunday School, and for the part they took in the program after church.

Many of our young brethren enjoyed a singing on Sat. evening, Nov. 3, with visitors from Latty, Leo, Ft. Wayne, Bluffton, Francesville and Princeville.

Our newly remodeled church is located on the north edge of Mil-

ford, on State Road 15. We are on the northern fringe of the lake resort area, and many of our brethren come to spend their vacations in this region. Quite a bit of the land around Milford is marsh or lake-bottom land that has been drained and produces huge crops of corn, mint, and soybeans, year after year. Many of our people live and work in the surrounding towns of Goshen, Elkhart, New Paris, Leesburg, Warsaw and Syracuse.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Mrs. Louie Messner

Kathleen Marie was born Oct. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kussatz. Gwen Marie was born Nov. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nohl.

Robert Nohl was home Sept. 13 for a week's furlough. His address is 4454 S. Mozart, Chicago 32, Illinois.

Kenny Koehl spent a 15-day furlough at home, due to his father, C. R. Koehl's, illness. Kenny is still at Ft. Carson, Colorado.

Sis. Sadie Metzger returned to her home in Elgin, Illinois, Nov. 4, having spent several months at the homes of Bros. John Schaefer and Laurence Nohl.

Bro. Chris Koehl of Peoria passed away Oct. 21. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones living here.

Our Elder Bro. Henry Koehl celebrated his 80th birthday Nov. 14.

Bro. C. R. Koehl was hospitalized from Oct. 12-26, suffering much pain from a crushed disc. Nov. 6, he returned to the hospital in the cities and underwent surgery Nov. 13.

Sis. Minnie Luthi went to Rochester Oct. 30, where she underwent surgery. We trust she can be home in a few days.

Sis. Lil. Zeltwanger suffered a heart attack and was admitted to Morris hospital Oct. 24. She was transferred to Rochester Nov. 8. She is in the St. Mary Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota.

Remember these loved ones in prayer.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin of Peoria spent some time visiting in our community, the end of October, enroute to Portland, renewing old acquaintances and visiting places that held pleasant memories while he lived here some years ago. One stop was to see his farm home that his father built, and take a drink

of the cold well water. While Mrs. George Luthi gave him a drink of water, he expressed how his Sis. Hannah, before the Lord called her home, wished for a cold drink of water from this well. It was 28 years since he had been here, then 7 years ago they and his Sis. Dorothy were here two days, so they really enjoyed this visit very much.

He enjoyed the history of our church in the July issue, and drew my attention to an error of his fathers name. It was printed as Jim and should be Tim.

History Portion

In the spring of 1906, Christ Luthi Jr. and John Luthi came from West Bend. That summer, Bro. Jacob Nohl and Bro. Tim Hohulin of Goodfield came and bought farms.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. B. E. Getz

The state of Illinois has gone back to standard time. Sunday church services begin at 10:00 A.M. and 12:15 noon—Wednesday services, 7:30 P.M.

Bro. Roy Sauder of Peoria was our guest minister on Sunday, October 11; Bro. Henry Souder of Bremen, on October 21; and Bro. Albert Fisher of Chicago on Nov. 4.

Pattie Fite, daughter of Harold Fite and Sis. Edna Herstein Fite, and Gus Stieglitz were baptized October 21.

We are resuming our Song Service the second Sunday of the month at 7 o'clock, at the church. Several numbers were sung by the Peoria Brothers Quartet, October 14.

The funeral of Henry Krug, 61, son of Louis and Rose Krause Krug, was held October 11. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Funeral services for Sis. Rose Ackerman, 76, wife of Chris Ackerman, were held November 6. Bro. Joe A. Getz officiated.

Sis. Anna Baurer is a patient at the Restmor infirmary.

Sis. Olive Rein is a surgical patient at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Bro. Sam Roth was able to return to his home, after having surgery on his hand.

The marriage of Ronald Herman, son of Bro. and Sis. Noah Herman of Peoria, and Mary Ann Sutter, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ed Sut-

ter of Eureka, was solemnized at the home of Bro. and Sis. Joe A. Getz, at six o'clock, Saturday, October 27. Bro. Joe A. Getz performed the ceremony.

Bro. Vernon Blunier of Eureka taught the Bible Class, Sunday, November 4.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Reporter: Mrs. Gus Weltz

Mrs. Emma Berger has gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. B. Glover, in St. Marys, W. Va., where she will spend the winter months.

D. S. Witschey is doing well, able to take his daily walks, and is enjoying very good health at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaufman are as well as usual; while neither one is able to get out much, their general health is good.

Mrs. Gus Weltz, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. C. O. Wade spent October 19, 20 and 21 with their sisters, Mrs. Albert Durig in Girard and Mrs. R. D. Williams in Akron. On Sunday, October 21, all five sisters, along with the husbands of Carrie and Freda, attended the all-day service at the Rittman church and enjoyed the fellowship and the new building that is nearly completed. We all had a great time with the many friends and loved ones.

H. John Lund, the husband of the former Marie Farmer, died very suddenly on November 10. Funeral services and interment took place on Monday, November 12. Mrs. Lund is a granddaughter of the late John and Wilhelmina Kaufman.

Margaret Witschey was hospitalized recently with a hand injury, caused by accidentally running a knitting needle through the fleshy part of the hand, between the thumb and forefinger. She has recovered and is back to work again.

Mrs. Rubena Iris Bland, wife of John (Junior) Bland, passed away on October 14 after a several week's illness. She leaves her husband, one daughter and two sons. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bland Isinghood, is helping out with the care of the children and the home.

Mrs. Ida Riggenbach Brake of Sardis, passed away in the hospital here on November 9. Funeral services were held at the Rush Funeral home on Sunday, November 11, at one o'clock, with additional serv-

ices at 1:30 at the Sardis church, with Noah Bauman and Fred Marty in charge. Interment was made in the Clarington, O., cemetery. Relatives attending the services were: Mrs. Elizabeth Isinghood, A. E. Riggenbach, Elwood Riggenbach, Mrs. C. O. Wade, Mrs. Elza Ritz and Mrs. Gus Weltz.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Bro. and Sis. Floren Stoller of Princeville made known the engagement of their daughter, Sis. Sharol, to Bro. Kenneth Sauder. It was announced Sun., Oct. 28. Sis. Elizabeth Kammerer made known her engagement to Bro. Christ Sinn of Cissna Park. It was announced Sunday, Oct. 14. We wish them all good in their undertakings.

The Lord has answered prayer. We are happy to announce at this time of five souls that were taken into the fold. They are Susan Zeller, Mary Swadley, Gustave and Emily Schumacher, & Janet Koehl. Proving was held for them Sat. evening, Nov. 3, followed by baptism on Sunday, Nov. 4. We truly can rejoice with them, and pray God will always be near them in their new walk of life.

A baby girl was born to Bro. and Sis. Melvin Unsicker, Oct. 10. Her name is Margie Ann.

Bro. and Sis. Robert Hoerr and family of Milford spent a few days last week with Bob's parents, Bro. and Sis. John Hoerr. They attended church services on Thursday evening. They lived here for many years. We were glad to see them.

A Hymn sing was held Sunday evening, Nov. 4. Some of the younger children of Sunday School sang. It was a nice evening.

At this writing, Philip Hoerr is still in Proctor Hospital. Bro. Andy Herman is also a patient there. Sis. Bena Welk had a slight stroke, and is confined to her home. She is 95 years old. We know she would enjoy mail. Her address is 1812 Peoria Avenue. Sis. Pauline Clauss has not been too well. We know she would also enjoy mail. Her address is 1823 N. Dechman. Sis. Lydia Pfister is also a shut in for many years. Her address is 1419 N. Sheridan. Sis. Katie Getz is a patient at the A. C. Home, 711 N. Monroe. There is much to be done for the aged, the sick and the lonely. On that great day when we meet

our great God, the question will be, what have you done for me? The good works and kind deeds of his saints shall all be remembered, with not the least overlooked, not even a cup of water. As Christ makes the best of their loneliness and infirmities, he will take all that is done to them as done to himself, as it says in Matthew's Gospel, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our sister, Mary Kibler, 83 years old, passed away Wed., Oct. 31. She lived in Peoria most of her life. She lived with her sister, Emma Metzger, for many years. Her husband, George Kibler, passed away quite a few years ago. She is survived by three daughters and one son, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her funeral was held Sat., Nov. 3, with Bros. Roy Sauder and Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Sis. Lena Hess, 88 years old, passed away Monday, Oct. 29. She was a resident of the A. C. Home since 1949. She had been quite ill for some time, and longed to go home to her Lord. She was born at Morton, the daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Merkle, and married Henry Hess at Cissna Park, Jan. 9, 1916. He died in 1932. She has lived in Peoria since 1943. Surviving are three stepsons, four sisters, seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Her funeral was held Thursday morning, Nov. 1, Bro. Ezra Feller of Cissna Park officiating.

Bro. and Sis. Noah Hilty, also Bro. and Sis. Ervin Klotzle of Rittman were guests of Bro. and Sis. Joe Heinsman, Sunday, Nov. 4. They also attended the funeral of Sis. Mary Kibler on Saturday.

It was a shock to all of us when we heard Bro. Chris Koehl passed away. Altho' he had been ailing for some time, we didn't think it was serious. He went to the hospital for a check up. They said an operation was necessary. They operated Wed., Oct. 17. It proved serious, and he passed away Sunday, Oct. 21. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. We will miss his many teachings from the pulpit. Surviving are his wife, four sons, two daughters, four brothers, two sisters, twenty-two grandchildren, and many nieces and nep-

hews. The funeral was held Tuesday, Oct. 30 Bro. Joe Getz of Morton had the services.

The Eureka Bible Class visited our Bible Class Sunday, Oct. 21. Their teachers, Bros. Lloyd Schumacher, Vernon Blunier, and Harry Rocke accompanied them. A supper was planned for them.

Our Sunday School Bible Class is anticipating a chili supper on Nov. 11. The proceeds will go toward helping some one in need. We are glad these young folks help along in this cause.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA Reporter: Mrs. Roy Stevig

"If we knew at this moment that our enemies were on the way to drop one of these horrible weapons of war today upon this city, how many of us would cringe and say we were afraid? Can all of us who claim to be children of God say, 'Let God's will be done'?"

Let us ponder on these words spoken by Bro. George Lambert, our visiting minister from Wichita, after reading in chapter 24 in Isaiah, of God's judgment bringing desolation on the land. Although prophesied many years ago, it brings to our minds the recent conflict between the nations of the world. But if we are right on the inside, it is not likely that we will be so shaken by what happens on the outside. "I will fear no evil; for thou art with me . . ." Psalms 23:4

Bro. George and Sis. Ann Greiner and son, Franklin, came to visit us from their home in El Paso, Texas. They spoke of the fellowship we enjoy and take for granted, for they have been transferred to El Paso, leaving their loved ones and many friends with whom they fellowshiped back in Wichita. Truly we should be so thankful for this wonderful blessing of fellowship with God's children.

Sis. Lydia Ott from Burlington, Okla., is here visiting at the home of Bro. Roy and Sis. Minnie Farney, her daughter. Sis. Nelda Ott visited her relatives here, Bro. Richard Schupbach and family and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kokonovich and son, Jon.

Sis. Marie Beery submitted to surgery and is improving nicely, for which we are thankful.

Our Phoenix youth group enjoyed a ride out into the desert. The slow mode of transportation

seemed so restful, compared to our modern day conveyance. It gave us time to enjoy the beautiful sunset and see the shadows cast on the surrounding mountains, as the moon came up. We enjoyed a weiner roast and sang hymns around the fire, before our team of horses pulled us back to our starting point.

A new class for beginners, ages 4 to 6, has been added to our Sunday School, with nine youngsters attending. Sis. Marilyn Dotterer is in charge of this group.

November and December are ideal months here in the valley. Our average day-time temperature now is 80 degrees. The pyracantha berries are turning a bright red, a beautiful sight during the holiday season. Many birds have arrived from their long migratory flights. Harvesting of spinach, beets, radishes, and mustard is now underway. The Japanese flower growers are busy cutting their flowers, to send out by air mail to the snow-bound eastern states. Ranchers are still busy picking cotton, but most all will be completed by the end of the year, as here in our desert community we usually have our winter rains in January.

Arizona is so different than most states in our Union. We have three great natural regions: the Plateau, the Mountain, and the Plains regions. Part of Arizona at one time was called "a barren waste of prairie dogs, cactus, and shifting sands, incapable of producing anything and therefore not worth retaining." But Arizona's "barren waste" is now grassland, on which feed great herds of fine beef cattle and sheep. The "shifting sands" are watered by mountain reservoirs, behind some of the largest dams in the world. This region produces bumper crops of alfalfa, grains, cotton, citrus, dates, grapes, cantaloupes, and winter vegetables. The mountain areas yield mineral wealth, hence, one of Arizona's names, "The Copper State." The other title is "The Grand Canyon State." The Grand Canyon is truly a work of art by our Creator.

We of the Phoenix congregation wish you all a blessed holiday season.

"Like the star that shone over Bethlehem on that first Christmas night, may the peace and joy of Christmas

time shine in your heart as bright."

PORTLAND, OREGON

Reporter: Mrs. Robert Miller

Due to hurricane Frieda on the Pacific, Portland suffered severe winds of 115 miles per hour, on October 12. We are thankful to God for protecting us, as the damage could have been much worse . . . quite an excitement.

Sis. Luella (Mrs. Eli) Leman of Roanoke is visiting here several weeks, with her daughter, Sis. Shirley, and family.

Welcomed by Bro. Mel and Sis. Shirley Hohulin was a baby boy, Douglas John, born October 22. He joins brother Joey and sister Lynn.

Bro. John and Sis. Caroline Wettstein of Congerville visited us on Oct. 21. Their children, Wayne and Judy, and baby, Lisa, are stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

We had Bro. Silas and Sis. Lydia Hohulin visit us from Peoria. Their son, Mel, lives out here.

Our dear mother, Sis. Rose Miller had major surgery on October 31. We are thankful to God she is recuperating, and pray she can fully recover speedily. Her home address is 2415 S.E. Ivon Street, Portland 2, Oregon.

Friend Wayne Locher of Altadena visited us November 4.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Ruth Ricketts

We were richly blessed this past month with visitors, and are thankful for all who found it worthwhile to visit our congregation. How uplifting it is to have those of like faith, from far and near, to meet, and in one body worship together, sharing with one another the blessings of the Lord. May the Lord richly bless and repay them all.

On October 21, loved ones from Taylor came, and Bro. Fred Grimm ministered to us. We all enjoyed a blessed day. Bro. Ben Aberle of Sabetha was a visitor in the Sunday School and shared with our teachers.

Bro. Harvey Heining of Oakville was among those visiting October 28, and his teachings were upbuilding for all. "Cling to the traditions of the church, for they are not only traditions of the church, but are spiritual teachings and commandments from the Lord, and

should not be pushed aside or revised." Bros. Ortie Rocke and Orel Steiner, also of Oakville, helped in the Sunday School, as did Bro. William Huber, who was among those visiting us from Francesville. Truly another blessed day!

On his homeward way, returning from a business trip to Nebraska, Bro. Irvin Stoller of Latty stopped in Princeville to visit relatives, and was persuaded to stay an extra day, to be with us on Sunday, November 4. What a privilege to sit and listen to the experiences of our loved ones, and look forward to the future with them. "No matter when the time of our departure should come, we need not worry if we have prepared our undying soul. Let not your heart be troubled; believe in Me." Only a few words, but with much meaning and food for thought for us all . . .

A daughter, Crystal Beth, was born to Bro. Harry and Sis. Bertha (Kieser) Herrmann, October 14.

Bro. George Berchtold is able to worship with us again, having submitted to surgery recently. We are thankful he is getting along so well, and is able to be about again.

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of our Bro. Karl Klumpp and his wife, Sis. Mina. A number of years ago, Bro. Karl received severe injuries from a fall out of a tree, and has been unable to walk since. However, he is always glad to attend church in his special walker. No matter how severe the pain, he always meets one with a smile and is indeed an inspiration to all who know him. We hope he will soon be able to be with us again. Sis. Mina has been suffering blood clots in her leg. We hope she too will soon be well again. During their shut-in hours, I know they find comfort in God, who is their refuge and their strength.

Coming as a pleasant surprise was the announcement of the engagement of Sis. Sharol Stoller, daughter of Bro. Floran and Sis. Dorothy, to Bro. Kenneth Sauder, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Gertrude Sauder of Peoria, made known Oct. 28.

We are thankful to have more souls who have turned to the Lord in repentance, found peace in their hearts and have been announced for proving in the near future. Jacqueline, Diane and Dean Stahl, children of Bro. Herman and Sis. Lil-

lian Stahl; Betty, daughter of Bro. Daniel and Sis. Natalie Feucht; Arlys and Arlene, daughters of Bro. Chris and Sis. Bessie Martin, are our new converts, and happy are all of us for them. Diane and Dean are twins, as are Arlys and Arlene.

Bro. Willis and Sis. Lois Ehnle, Larry and Joy, have arrived safely in Japan, after spending several months with relatives here. Their new address is as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Willis R. Ehnle
Shioda Ichimiya - Cho
Higashi - Yatsushiro, Jun
Yamanashi - Ken, Japan

PULASKI, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ray Martin

Our visiting minister this month was Bro. Al Aberle of Tremont. His wife, Sis. Emma, and Bro. and Sis. Frank Baurer visited here, too, on Oct. 7.

Other visitors this month: Sis. Ruth Metzger, Mrs. John Seucht and Dennis, Mrs. John Martin and daughter of Elgin, Illinois, Doreen Meyer, Caroline Banwart, and Jan Elsasser of Peoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger of Lester.

Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin are the parents of their first child, a baby boy born October 28. He has been named Edwin Ray.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Reporter: Emily Kilgus

Our visiting ministers the past month were Bros. Elmer Hartter, John Rokey, Lowell Stoller, Ernest Gerber, Joe Hodel and Vernon Leman. We are thankful to God and to these brothers for the many blessings received.

During the week of the conference, we had many visitors, and had services several times. May God ever grant us the desire to assemble as often as we have the opportunity.

We are thankful that Carol Schieler has turned to the Lord in repentance, and now enjoys the peace that surpasses everything else in this world. This is really an encouragement to our church, as it seems we have waited so long for our many prayers to be answered. We hope many more will be awakened. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Harold and Sis. Marie Schieler.

We will surely miss our friends, Lloyd and Sheila Waibel, and their two sons, who have moved to Cali-

fornia. We wish them much success in their undertaking. Bro. Herman and Sis. Anna are Lloyd's parents.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Reporter: Elverna Beery

Sis. Lucille Hartzler and Bro. Joseph Blough were united in marriage on October 14. We wish them God's rich blessings.

We are happy that Sis. Elizabeth Ramsier is able to assemble with us again. She is recovering from injuries she received in a fall.

On October 21, we witnessed baptismal services for eight friends, who gave their testimonies of repentance and peace with God. They are: Florence Hartzler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ben Hartzler; Ruth and Edith Gasser, daughters of Bro. and Sis. Arthur Gasser; Linda Zollinger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Elmer Zollinger; Fred Stoller, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Stoller; Glenn Riggenbach, son of Bro. and Sis. George Riggenbach; and Jane and Kenneth Hartzler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Robert Gasser and son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Hartzler. We welcome them as brothers and sisters in faith.

God continues to grant grace for repentance to those who seek Him. We are again thankful for friends who have accepted His invitation. They are Jane and Vincent Hartzler, daughter of Bro. and Sis. George Riggenbach and son of Bro. and Sis. Reuben Hartzler, and Judy and Rowen Schar, daughter of Sis. Ella and Glen Miller and son of Marie and John Schar.

A daughter, Robbin Ellen, was born to Bro. Ronald and Sis. Ruth Steiner on October 23.

Bro. and Sis. Ernest Gerber of Rockville spent four weeks with us, while visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Sis. Betty and Bro. Robert Bauman.

Announcement was made on October 28 of the engagement of Bro. Alvin Zollinger and Sis. Elverna Beery.

Glen Rufener was called into the service and will spend two month's basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He is the son of Bro. Isaac Rufener. Glen's address is:

Pvt Glen Rufener
BR 15-670-485
Co D 11 3rd TR Building
4th PTN B C T
U S Army Training Center
Ft Knox Kentucky

Sis. Martha Riggenbach was hospitalized for two weeks, is now home again and feeling much better.

The four-year-old son, Larry, of Bro. and Sis. Eugene Bachman is a patient at the Children's Hospital in Akron. He had heart surgery recently.

We have been blessed with many visitors this month, and we hope they will all visit us again.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Irene Hodel

On October 21, the engagement of Sis. Carol Legel and Bro. Alan Schrock was announced. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Art Legel and Alan the son of Bro. and Sis. Alvin Schrock of Congerville. We wish them much happiness together.

We were very happy to have Bro. Fred Grimm with us for services and also for Holy Communion, assisting Bro. Leroy Huber of Eureka, since our elder, Dave Mangold, took sick and had to go to the hospital. He was very sick for a week. We thank our dear Lord he has improved enough to return home this week. We hope and pray he can keep improving, so he can soon be with us again.

Sis. Minnie Pfister, who was in the Eureka Hospital, has been transferred to the Nursing Home here in Roanoke. Others in the home are: Bro. Henry and Amos Funk of Gridley, our dear Sis. Tillie Fehr and Bro. Pete Martin of Peoria. They all enjoy the short service and singing every Sunday morning, which we hope is spiritually upbuilding to them all.

Sis. Lucy Hodel (Ed Sr.), who has been in the hospital, is home now, slowly improving. Sis. Emma Schlupp, who broke her wrist in a fall, is home again. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our dear Sis. Hannah Zimmerman, 76, passed away October 31 at the Eureka Hospital, where she was a patient for eight months, being cared for by her nieces and nephews, who so faithfully took their turn in staying with her and helping her what they could. We hope they will be blessed for their deeds of kindness. She was the daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Pfister Zimmerman, and is survived by a sister, Mary, who has been in the same hospital for eight months, a brother, Sam, from here

who, with his wife, has been confined to his home for several years. They are being cared for by their daughter, Sis. Julie Zimmerman, who is very patient and faithful to them. Her sister, Frances, in Peoria, gets home frequently to assist her. Also there are two sisters in Chicago, Sis. Emma and Elsie. We pray the dear Lord will be with these dear ones at all times.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Elmer Aeschleman, 50, who died of a heart attack Sunday morning, November 4. He was a son of Ed and Sarah Blunier Aeschleman. Funeral services were held here Tuesday morning. He is survived by his wife, Irma; a son and a daughter, both at home; seven brothers, Bro. Orie from here, Robert of Eureka, David, Lester, William, Solomon and Lawrence of Peoria; three sisters, Mrs. Roy Beer of here, Sis. Marie Farney of Princeville and Sis. Leah Frank of LaCrosse. This is another example of how uncertain our lives are, that we should prepare ourselves now, while we yet have time for that great eternity.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Reporter: Carlton J. Lanz

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, in one of His parables (Luke 15:7, 10) plainly tells us that there shall be joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents. We, too, rejoice with our dear friend, Harriet Welti, who has turned to the Lord through true repentance. Her further wish is now to be baptized.

Bro. Emmanuel and Sis. Florine (Moser) Luginbuhl had a daughter born to them on Oct. 12, named, Carol Jean. She is their fourth child.

On Sunday, October 13, we had Bro. Jesse Emch of Girard with us as our visiting minister. His wife accompanied him. Together, we enjoyed several pleasant hours.

The following Sunday, Bro. Dave Shambach and wife of Croghan visited here. Also visiting our congregation were Sisters Laura and Alice Weiland, Marion Muncel and Neola Wachler—all of Bay City. We enjoyed several nice evenings together at various homes, where hymns were sung, with scripture reading and prayers said, after which lunch was served in all

homes—long a Christian trait or characteristic.

As of Oct. 28, our church services were back on Eastern Standard Time. Morning services begin at 10 (singing from 10 to 10:30), lunch and song service is from 12 noon to 12:45. Afternoon services for adults and Sunday School for the children from 1 to 2:30.

The approximately 70,000 square feet of parking area encompassing our church building has recently been resurfaced and sealed with a preservative, black-top sealer. With the white lines now painted, we have parking spaces for nearly 150 cars.

On Oct. 29, a son, Leonard Scott, was born to Bro. Emanuel and Sis. Verona (Gerber) Schneider. The couple now has three children.

Bro. Erwin Erisman and his wife were here from Bay City to visit his folks, Bro. and Sis. John Erisman. Although Bro. John has been in failing health, he is able to attend church services nearly every Sunday.

We are conscious, well, of the fact that not all who read these columns always agree with the policies and style of our writings. Yet, every effort is being exerted, however, to bring to the readers of the Silver Lining only that which we believe to be most acceptable and in the best interest of all.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Reporter: Eldon Metzger

Visiting Sabetha congregation and worshipping with them Sunday, October 7, was the Meredith Ricketts family of Forrest. They were visiting their son, Nick, stationed at Forbes Air Force Base in Topeka, Kansas.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Hohulin of Peoria visited the Sabetha congregation October 14. They visited Sis. Hohulin's father, Menno Steiner, and other relatives.

Bro. and Sis. Mathias Strahm of the Gridley congregation worshipped with us Oct. 21.

The engagement and approaching marriage of Bro. Joe Stoller and Sis. Anna Strahm was announced Oct. 28.

Bro. Fred and Sis. Carrie Michel, Burlington, Oklahoma, have been visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Bro. and Sis. John Greiner, for several weeks.

SARDIS, OHIO

Reporter: Mrs. Ruth Headley

On October 12, Bro. Chester Rufener and Dana Riegenbach installed the furnace at the church. Assisting them were Bros. Noah Bauman, Harvey Gasser, Robert Gasser, Darrell Indermuhle, Fred Marty, and Friend Arch Hassig, all of Rittman. We also received donations from Akron, Girard, and Rittman. We wish to thank everyone for the help, and know that God has added his blessings.

Visitors on Oct. 28 were Arch Riegenbach and his wife, Everett Beery, Bro. and Sis. Ike Rufener and Carol, of Rittman.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Reporter: Mrs. Eli Sutter

Our Family

When you asked for a feature on a family, my thoughts naturally turned to my childhood home in Elgin, Ia., where we were born and where we grew to manhood and womanhood.

My father was Edward Grimm, whom many of you remember as a minister, from the time he was a young man, until he passed away in 1937 at the age of 61 years. Mother was Anna Burki Grimm. She passed away in 1936, at the age of 60 years.

To them were born seven children, Marie (Will) Butikofer, Quincy, Ill.; Rose (Ezra) Steffen, Elgin, Ill.; Elizabeth (Eli) Sutter, Taylor; Anna (Jess) Gudeman, Hampshire, Ill.; Fred Grimm, Quincy, Ill.; Sarah (Leslie) Gerst, Oakville; and Leo Grimm, Chicago, all of whom are living except Anna, who died as the result of a car accident in 1960.

We have many precious memories of our childhood, of parents who loved us and brought us up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, who never thought of missing church, and so we, as children, took it for granted that we would always go to Sunday School and church, something we have tried to pass on to our own children.

Very dear to us were our Grandma Burki and Great Uncle Fred Aschleman, who lived with us. Having them with us all through our formative years instilled in us a love and respect for all older people.

Our home seemed to have everything a child could wish for, a creek running by, where in summer

we could swim and fish, even though the fish were small and sometimes caught with bent pins for hooks, the woods, where we could find many kinds of flowers such as the lady slipper, wild columbia and jack-in-the-pulpit, also the walnuts, butternuts, hickory-nuts and the hazelnuts.

There was the big hill in back of the house where we could slide in winter, and whenever we had visitors from other churches, we would walk to the top, which gave a beautiful view of the surrounding country side.

We didn't have the numerous activities that children have now, but we were kept busy and happy.

It was told to us that after our parents had three children and father was made a minister, he looked so young that he decided to grow a beard. He kept it as long as he lived.

At the table, he prayed and read in the German language as long as grandmother and uncle lived, as they never learned to speak English.

I remember so well during the flu epidemic, when so many people were ill and many died, that Mama and Papa were often gone from home, ministering to the sick. Papa said he closed the eyes of many, but before they passed away, he would tell them how Jesus died for them, and many turned to Him in their last hours. It made a deep impression on all of us, when he told us of one that asked him to tell him more about Jesus, and one that sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" . . . but there were others that were not as fortunate, such as the poor soul who "wondered if it would always be so dark".

Mother was efficient and hard working, always ready and willing to have company. I don't think we had visitors in our church as often as we do now, but when they came, they stayed longer, as they came by train, and they didn't come by train to stay only a day or two. We often had singing, not only at our home, but at many other homes. I especially remember going to Schupbachs for singing. It was always important to Papa to have the young folks help sing. Wherever he went, he made them feel they were important in the home, Sunday School and church.

He loved the song "Twilight is

Stealing", which seemed to be a new song at the time. He never seemed to tire of hearing it. Mama's favorite was "On Jordan's Stormy Banks", which was sung at her funeral, when she no longer had to "cast a wishful eye" but had already "crossed over Jordan to that fair and happy land."

I remember many things that Papa told us; one was the legend of the crosses. He told of a time when everyone was dissatisfied with their cross, thinking it was heavier than their neighbors, so they were told to bring them and put them all on a pile, and then they could take up someone else's cross, whichever one they wanted. They did this, but soon were dissatisfied again, and they all ended up by taking up their own cross, which after all didn't seem as heavy as they thought it was. This should be a good lesson for all of us; when we think our cross is heavy, we can learn that others may have a cross heavier than our own.

I know I speak for all my brothers and sisters, when I say how fortunate we were to have had Christians parents and a Christian home to grow up in. We hope and pray we can pass on some of these precious things to our children and grandchildren.

Sis. Marjorie (Arnold) Gerst and children, Jenny and Mark, from Minneapolis spent several days with us, and, while here, Mark became quite ill with strep throat and a serious allergy. He was hospitalized for several days, but improved enough to return to their home.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Reporter: Mrs. William H. Beutel

On September 2, Marcelle Moser, daughter of John and Sis. Lila Moser, was married to Donald Oswald. The wedding took place in the home of the bride's parents. They are living in Bloomington, Illinois.

October 14 was the wedding of Sis. Shirley Wagenbach and Bro. Virgil Funk, Gridley. They are also living in Bloomington.

Bro. and Sis. Richard Martin and family have moved from Morton to Tremont. We welcome them.

Mother Ida Miller was 85 years old on October 21. She has lived all of her life here in Tremont. Her husband passed away in February,

1947; she has lived with her son, Edward, and family. A few weeks ago, she went to live with her daughter, Sis. Clara Grimm, and husband, at 308 E. Roth St., Morton. We will miss her in our church. She has such nice, quiet ways about her. Sis. Emanuel Sinn (Elsie), Tremont, is also her daughter.

Bro. Noah Hermann has been in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our dear sister, Barbara Getz, has been an invalid for about seven years. To go to visit her gives you much to be thankful for. "We need the prayers of those we love".

May God give grace and patience to all the dear ones who need care, and those loving hands who care for them.

Our church is located on Chestnut Street. Coming into Tremont on Route 9, turn south about 4 blocks. Church services are now on Standard Time again, Sunday morning services at 10:00; noon 12:15; Thursday evening services at 7:30.

Featured Family

My eyes are failing me, and I am not able to read letters. I had Will read the editor's letter to me, and as he read the request for an article on a featured family, the Joseph and Eliza Sauder family came into my mind.

Bro. Joseph Sauder and Sis. Eliza Getz were married on May 3, 1891, at Tremont. They raised a family of seven boys and six girls, and these children are all members of the church, as well as many of the grandchildren.

The Sauder home was always ready for company. I remember of one particular Sunday, when unexpected visitors were at church. Mother Sauder was ready. She had dressed seven chickens that morning before going to church. She was always ready and willing to help the sick—she had pills for many different ailments. In fact, she was good in so many ways. They were our closest neighbors for a few years. When we had a new baby here at our house, who came walking a quarter of a mile to bring us a nice big coffeecake? Grandma Sauder! They dearly loved little children, and the children loved them. We left 3 of our little ones with them while going to the city one day, and when we returned,

they had some other children there. I felt we had imposed on their good nature, but the answer was "Oh No, we knew the others were coming; it takes one to be with them anyway, so it all went in together!" There are a lot of similar stories that could be told of this loving family. Father Sauder was busy doing good and being kind to young and old. He was a minister for eighteen years here in Tremont, and before that, he was a Sunday School teacher.

Even though these dear ones have been gone for many years, I feel there are many kind thoughts and precious memories of them.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Reporter: August Mueller

Our visitors were from Rockville, Friend John Rumpf, his wife and his sister-in-law, Sis. Emma Ruch. We thank God that he is willing and able to provide for a few, as well as for many. We were only a few in number, but we were blessed in rich measure through the word of God. We could feel that He was in our midst. We did not neglect to sing praises to his name's honor and glory. Though we were only a few, it was from the bottom of our heart, as we can read in the scripture that what we do, we should do from all our heart. It was a day of joy and blessing.

Sunday, Oct. 21, we had with us Bro. and Sis. Ray Heintz from Rockville. We had a day of joy and blessing. We thank God, our heavenly Father, that we have ministers and elders to proclaim the word of God unto us. Without his word, we could not live. We sang unto him who gave us a heart to love him fervently and a voice to praise constantly.

Sunday, Oct. 28, we had visitors from Rockville, Sis. Emma Marti, her sister, Sis. Elsie Diggelman, and her niece, Norma Diggelman. We invite them to visit us again. They are always welcome in our midst. We were blessed through the word of God in rich measure.

Nov. 4 we had Bro. Eldon Plattner with us. He returned from Germany, where he served in the Army. He is on his way home. We enjoyed his visit very much. It is indeed a blessing to assemble around the word of God, and to receive spiritual food and drink for our inner man. Nothing in this

world can be compared to this, and there is no higher standing. I fully agree with the poet, where he says, "Our lot is found in pleasant places; a goodly heritage is ours."

As in the natural way, the days are getting shorter and the nights longer, so in the spiritual way, for this age, the Sun of Grace is gradually going down and the darkness is increasing day by day.

We invite members and friends to visit us here in Union City.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Reporter: Donna Bucher

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:4 and 5

On Oct. 11, we had a pot-luck supper at the church, with a business meeting following. Twenty-six attended.

Our Junior and Senior Sunday School classes had a wiener roast Oct. 21 at the home of Roy Frieden in Wheatland, Indiana. Following the wiener roast, the young adults enjoyed singing around the campfire. The evening ended with a ride around the Frieden farm. Everyone enjoyed the day very much.

On Oct. 24, a singing was held at the Valparaiso church. Many from LaCrosse and Valparaiso were there. We had a very inspiring evening, singing songs of our dear Lord Jesus.

Our Valparaiso church is located on the east side of town.

Valparaiso is a thriving community of 15,000 people, 50 miles southeast of Chicago.

One of our places of interest is the university, which has 3000 students.

There are three major manufacturing firms in our town. Their major products are ball bearings, magnets, and food-cutting equipment. These three firms have an employment of approximately 1750 people.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Reporter: Anna Schmidt

Sis. Elizabeth Marti went to Sabetha. She is able to get around some with the aid of a walker, but wasn't able to assemble with us before she left.

Sis. Lydia Jurgens had a cataract removed from her eye and was hospitalized for eight days. At this writing, she is getting fairly well.

Bro. and Sis. Donald and Verda Bruellman have their baby, Liza, home now, after being in the hospital for several weeks.

Sis. Evelyn Bruellman had the misfortune of getting burned with boiling water. She was hospitalized about a week. She is getting along quite well at this writing.

Sis. Mary Fehr is slowly getting weaker.

Sis. Lydia Jergen's grandson, Deane Jurgens, was killed in a car accident.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Reporter: Marguerite Messner

On Oct. 14, Sis. Carolyn Gudeman, Sis. Sharon Getz and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pfister were home, to visit the Levi Pfister family over the week end. We had a shower for Carolyn and Robert, who were recently married, and David and Sharon, who will be married in November. Sisters Sharon Olson and Marion Schmidgal of Morris, Bro. Richard and Sis. Betty Schmidt of West Bend were also with us. We sang, and gifts were passed out. Lunch was served afterwards.

It was the request of members and friends in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to have service there. With the permission from our elder brothers, the first service was held on October 21, at the home of a friend. It was well attended. There are about twelve families of members and friends and also college students in the Twin City area. At present, services will be held every third Sunday of the month, at 3:00 in the afternoon.

Bro. Henry and Sis. Sarah Kellenberger and Bro. Dave Kellenberger of Elgin, Ill., spent a few days here over the week end. Sunday, Sis. Eunice and Sis. Betty Knobloch and Margaret Meyer, Susan Feucht, Alice, Connie and Emma Knobloch of Lester visited with us. Emma Knobloch attends school in Mankato. Paul Banwart Jr. of West Bend spent Sunday here.

Rebecca Messner is getting along as well as can be expected. She will be going back to the hospital some time in November. Sis. Carrie Messner of Winthrop had an operation for gall, Oct. 22. She has been

getting along fine, although she was weak at first.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Reporter: Arles Kropf

We are happy to report that our friend, Karla (Mrs. Lowell) Bahler, has found grace for repentance. May there be many more awakened in these perilous times, is our prayer.

The Milford Bible Class, along with Bro. and Sis. Carlton Beer and Bro. and Sis. Victor Beer, spent a Sunday with us, recently. In the afternoon, the Remington Bible Class joined the group, and in the evening, song service was enjoyed by all, at the church.

We were inspired on the afternoon of Sept. 30, when Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman visited us. We always welcome Bro. Sam into our midst.

Bro. Clarence Kachelmuss of Forrest was our visiting minister on Nov. 4, along with others from Forrest, Cissna Park, and Chicago.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, we were abundantly blessed with many visiting ministers, visiting us on their way to the Conference at Francesville. Among those present were Bros. William Cottrell and Gerald Sutter of Taylor; Ben Maibach of Detroit; Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Oklahoma; Alphonse Strahm Jr. of Bern; Ernest Gerber, of Rockville; Ben Hartzler, Elmer Zollinger, and Fred Marty of Rittman; and Andy Virkler of Bay City. Such gatherings are indeed a blessing to us all.

Geographical Description

Our church is located in the southwest part of Wolcott, two blocks west of U.S. 24 and 231.

We are in an agricultural area, where our main crops are corn and beans. Most of our members are farmers, with a few employed in nearby cities or engaged in other business.

For a small congregation, we are scattered over a radius of approximately 50 miles—some living 25 miles west, some 20 miles east, and some approximately 25 or 30 miles south and east.

Our cemetery is located on a quiet hillside, two miles east of town, back from the road and rush of traffic.

The climate here is typical of the Midwest, with cold, snowy weather

in the winter and some quite hot, humid days in the summer.

There are quite a number of others of our churches within Sunday-morning driving distance, thus giving us opportunity to enjoy fellowship, when we so desire.

We invite visitors at any time.

ELGIN, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. George Butikofer

Greetings, dear readers, from us all. We have been enjoying lovely autumn weather. In these parts, corn picking is the main farm activity at this time.

The marriage of Miss Jo Ann Fette and Dennis Butikofer occurred on Oct. 20. Dennis is the son of Bro. Laurence and Sis. Carolyn Butikofer.

Sorry to report, that Sis. Rose Schmid is not improving, and is at this time in the hospital at West Union, Iowa.

Sis. Sarah Moore, Orville's wife, is recovering nicely from her recent major surgery.

Bro. Bert and Sis. Beulah Butikofer now have a trio of boys. The youngest, who was named Tracy, was born Oct. 9. His brothers are Tony, aged 8, and Lonnie. He is 5 years old.

Bro. and Sis. Ira Farney have a new member in their family. He is Mark Ira and was born on the 25th day of October. He was welcomed home by three sisters, Barbara 12, Kathy 10, Mary 6 and one brother, Wayne, who is 2.

Sis. Ida Pulfer and her son, Leslie, his wife, Wilma, and two children, Jeffrey and Doris, came from Pekin to see Sis. Rose Schmid.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heimer, from Taylor, left Sunday for Mayo Clinic at Rochester, where Bill is going for a physical check up.

I'm closing this report on a happy note: Mary Ann Metzger, daughter of Bro. Erom and Sis. Ruth Metzger, has repented, and wishes to be taken into the household of faith. Let us pray that many more will become conscious of the fact that life on this earth is fleeting, and that as the tree falls, so shall it lie.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Reporter: Mrs. Ezra Gerst

Bro. Gust Scheitlin was in the hospital for a few days, but is home again. Bro. Emil Vierling also is home again from the hospital, aft-

er an injury at work. Sis. Louise Rowell had the misfortune of a fracture in her ankle from a car accident. Sis. Rose Heiniger is home, after almost seven weeks at the hospital. She is in fair condition.

Bro. Ronnie Barth, son of Bro. and Sis. John Barth, left for the service.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Joseph Waibel and his wife on Sunday, Nov. 11. He mentioned in his message that day, the importance of unity, as the blending together of voices.

Our church is in the country on state highway 99, about 19 miles north of Burlington, or 3 miles south of Oakville. If coming from the south, you can get 99 at Burlington. From the north, US highway 61 takes you to Wapello, and 99 from Wapello takes you right to our church. We have a large airport at Burlington, also the Chicago Burlington and Quincy railroad. We also are situated between the "Bluff" and the Mississippi river. The bluff has been a beautiful array of colors. The trees and foliage of brilliant red, yellow, bronze green and brown. There is a beautiful tree at the church that we all look forward to seeing each fall, with the turning of the leaves.

We live in a wonderful farming country, raising corn, soy beans, wheat, etc., but of course are noted for our Iowa corn, which has been especially good this year. I have heard several talking about getting 125 and 140 bu. to the acre. Most of our members and friends live near the church and are farmers. However, we have business men, office workers, factory workers, in fact, most all types of work, and yet the wonderful thing is to be of one mind in the faith. We have one family living over 50 miles, and yet they are very faithful in coming. Also, the college from Iowa City, about 65 miles, brings us visitors quite often.

AT FRANCESVILLE (A Special Report)

We are here for a little. Then we move on. What we do while here, and the home to which we go, mean everything.

Before conference time, we were privileged to have a very pleasant brother, Elder Fred Grimm, in our circle. Bro. Jesse Gerber of Latty

remembered Bro. Ed Grimm, Fred's father. Some very heart-warming words Ed spoke were recalled. When Ed was young, he had his friends, etc., about him . . . But when he became older, many of the old friends were gone. There was more of a longing to go.

Bro. Ed also said about always remembering somebody by something.

The conference started. Bro. Noah Schrock talked about missiles being zeroed in . . . what could happen in a split second. What is seen could be obliterated in a single second. He talked of the outlook of the heavenly, mentioned a new look on the promises.

The very important theme of the day was, **To aim to see that the precious things are retained.**

Our brother, Samuel Froehlich, recognized that world evangelism was recognized in the Scriptures. There is an interest that is touching, shown in Japan in our day. The Faith and devotion to the Lord could be sensed. The translation of the Zion's Harp into Japanese will continue.

Our elder from Akron, Bro. Rudolph Graf, touched a very important point, That upright souls everywhere should be remembered, that there would be an ingathering.

There is spiritual beauty in the work of the Lord in Japan. One woman in bidding farewell, kissed the hand and wept. The brother thought he could have washed his hand with the tears.

The power of the Lord is there. Sinners come in true repentance. They came, out-pouring their burdened souls. Bros. Grimm and Maibach, on their visit, divided to hear the confessions. At midnight, a young man was still unburdening his heart.

The tenderness, love, and sorrow of Bro. LeRoy Huber, our elder from Eureka, moved the hearts of the brethren. The church closed its lines.

LeRoy brought out the thought about the things they are finding in Japan . . . what great loss, if we should lose what they are finding.

Brother Schrock pointed to the source of much trouble. We have come into a different age. The children are teaching the parents. (The currents of civilization would, if they could, sweep all aside, as a roaring flood.)

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Bro. Russell Rapp said privately, "The last chapter hasn't been written". He was speaking of those gone astray . . . But for us, each new day brings a new page.

We need all. Help, even though you may be bedfast or five minutes from home. We will go forward. Brother Grimm said, "Don't let things get away." If all stand together, we can do it.

the editor

December 29, 1865

My dear beloved sister in the Lord our Saviour,

I took the privilege to write to you, beings that I do not know you by sight, but we are well acquainted with you, because you are a child of God. So then we are sisters in the Lord.

I hope that we can stay and live truly in our blessed Saviour, who has suffered for us on the cross, to save all sinners who believe on Him and keep His commands.

The Lord keeps what He says. He that believeth and is baptized in water and Spirit shall be safe and shall not suffer on the day of judgment. Let this be a great thing for those that live in darkness without God, and that shall perish on the day of judgment. It will be a crying and a fainting from those that know His word and did not mind.

We can be happy, dear sister, when we think of God and his one beloved Son.

My dear beloved sister in the Lord, I have not much to write now. I will write to you again. I would like you to answer this letter as soon as you can. If you can't write, so then write German. I can not write German. I think that you will understand this. . . .

Brother Sumer told me to write to you, but I am not the girl that you mean, but I thought that I would write anyhow.

Good-bye, my dear. I send my love to you and all, and all of the dear sisters and brothers send their love to all of your children of God.

Keep yourself in the loving God, for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, unto eternal life. Amen.

From your beloved sister in God,
William Amelia Schwaibold

The address for me: Amelia Schwaibold, care of Joseph E. Virkler, Fairbury, Illinois.

(submitted by Diane Conrad)

Continuing With Froehlich . . .

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On March 20, 1843, Froehlich was expelled from the city of Zurich.

He appealed, but this was denied. He traveled to Wil, Hauptwil, and later to St. Gall, where his family visited him by day.

It was impossible for him to stay in Hauptwil, as a reward had been offered for his capture. On June 27, he was expelled from St. Gall. He fled by night to Rapperswil, and sought refuge at Hirzel, a small village on Zurich See.

In June, 1844, Froehlich made one more attempt in Brugg to bring his marriage papers in order. He was told, that the marriage could be recognized only if he would allow the baptism and confirmation of his children. As his conscience forbade this, there was nothing else to do than leave his fatherland altogether, and settle in Strassburg, where, at last, he had in prospect to find a homestead.

For the time being, he could not take his family along. That was not possible until June, 1846, when he finally succeeded in obtaining legal recognition of his marriage. After seven years of separation, he was united with his family in a home in Strassburg.

The brotherhood met in the Rohr, July 10, 1843, to make petition for recognition. They resolved that the congregations should hold fast to their principles according to the word of God, and to carry them out, whatever the cost might be. Opposition was asserting itself everywhere. Yet, it was not possible to repel the light that had appeared.

Our Great God . . .

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that would never have been known. What marvellous greatness: Touch that brought happiness . . . Way that reached the deepest need of the soul . . . Path of suffering that no one else dared nor could have tread . . . He shows in every step and every act that He is God. We gladly sink to our knees and worship.

"I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory . . ."

Once, we searched the worldly sights. We ran the ragged avenue; we crowded with shouting worldlings. Now, we're happy to be for ever free from that.

We have found rest in God. We have found contentment. We have found God, around whom centers and radiates home without end.

He makes us a part of Home, and Home a part of us. There is a constant glow of good feelings. It is good to be here. Breathing deep in that glow, we explore friendliness and warmth, and feel true greatness.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Fear of the night, fear of the unknown can be for ever banished with His love.

There is a beautiful portion of Revelation that reveals a glimpse into that warm, personal, perfect home: "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:"

We have a circle that knows no dividing, a life that has no ending, and a home that has no leaving. Pressing into the warmth of the fire, our faces are glowed in perfect happiness.