



"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh en-

vy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

But godliness with contentment is great gain."

"....the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

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IN MEMORY OF BROTHER DAVID MANGOLD

In all time, beginning at the creation, there have been men that lived and that devoted their lives to their God in a dedicated service which left their mark and impression upon the hearts and minds of their generation, and the generations that followed which read the records contained in the Holy Scriptures.

The prophets of old and the holy apostles referred to the faith and patience of the patriarchs, Job and many others, and recommended to the early believers in their writings that they follow these examples, & finally included themselves, saying

even as you have us as ensamples.

We, the present generation, have all of these examples and even more, having been permitted to live among and walk with many sincere and devoted servants of God, whose love, sincere faith and devotion to their God has been an inspiration to many of us from childhood days. In the passing of our beloved brother, Dave Mangold, there has been left for us an example of humility and a deep desire to acquire the mind of Christ, and in this manner to live with his fellowman. His mild manner and understanding way endeared him to old and young alike,

enriched his life and won for him a host of friends and admirers, both in and out of the church.

We believe that he has gone to his reward, that his faith and hope have become a reality, and that he has joined the many faithful that have left us a good example. In reflecting upon his labors and endeavors as a shepherd of God's heritage and as a loving husband and kind father, we can join his children and household and call him blessed, as we find King Lemuel of old spoke of his faithful mother as recorded in the last chapter in the Proverbs.

JOURNEY

Bro. Henry Geistlich, 1866

I bade farewell to several brethren, bidding goodbye to my dear wife and children. My heart was very sad.

Friday . . . Many brethren at Zurich showed their brotherly love to me, as they bid farewell at the depot. I committed them and my entire house unto the wholesome guidance of God and our Lord Jesus Christ. How good if we can trust and have the assurance that He will take care of us, according to His precious promises. May His name be forever praised.

We took a taxi to the brethren Senn, who live in a suburb of Basel. We were very welcome, which was a consolation to me. How refreshing is brotherly love; it is the sweet fruit of life. Having had supper, we retired, after committing ourselves to God in prayer.

I awoke the following morning, feeling refreshed.

Sunday . . . In church, I conducted the morning service. Text: Colossians, second chapter, verses one to three, which I opened . . . from which the Lord granted me a blessing to speak, namely, about an inward conflict which the apostle had, concerning the church of God.

Tuesday . . . Paris. I saw Emperor Napoleon, as he rode between the lines of his troops. This can be

an example to the faithful, who belong to the spiritual regiment . . . how the true Lord and King has called us to fight for Him and His Kingdom. His Kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and His empire is forever and ever.

Thursday . . . I felt well in body and soul, writing home to my dear wife. I could turn my spirit to God, who will not forsake us when we are alone, amid the confusion of this world. Thanks be to Him, the good shepherd, for His love.

Monday . . . Last night I slept quite well, although there was considerable shaking of the ship. In the spirit, I was home by my loved ones. Among the ungodly, waiting is very lonesome. I turned my heart to God and His help, who will help unto the end, if I call to Him. It is the easiest for me when I am thinking of my dear Saviour; no matter where we may be, on land or on water, He is close to all who call to Him.

Tuesday . . . It came to me that being dissatisfied is also a fault; therefore, as it is God's will, I will be thankful.

Our ship raised its sails in the morning, but had to withdraw them on account of the wind. We also have winds against us. If the power of God were not with us, our ship of faith would not get to

the end of our journey. Alone, the Lord with His great power gets through this sea of life, so that we can enter that haven of peace, and after our troubles be glad in eternal rest and security.

Often, therefore, we long for that haven. O that the Lord will give to me and all that are worthy, to work out our soul's salvation with fear and trembling. Then only will the faithful reap the harvest, which will be the glory.

Wednesday . . . After I had prayed and committed my loved ones to the Shepherd of Israel, I lay down to sleep. I thought of the apostle, Paul, how many difficult, heavy hours he spent on his trips, through dangers and troubles. He was willing to sacrifice his entire life to be true and trust in his Lord. We can hardly comprehend how much affliction and sorrow he had, and also joy. If we have many sorrows, we will have much joy, more so if it is in our hearts as we sing,

I now have found the firm
foundation

Where evermore my anchor
grounds.

It lay there ere the world's
creation.

Where else, but in my Saviour's
wounds?

(More to follow later)

PART IN THE PATH

Henry Souder Jr.

Path of departing. Where shall it end? Some cry out, confess their need and come back. They want peace. Judas rushed headlong into a bottomless night.

What was wrong? Why did he fail for the bright home?

Sold. Judas sold his soul.

The scripture throws in sharp contrast his character so we may profit . . . that not a single grain be lost.

The roll of apostles the Saviour would choose would be made known the next day . . . Jesus went "into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." With Jesus, success is determined hours before, in some quiet place. It happened thus in the garden.

"And when it was day, he called **unto him** his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;" There was a plan, a church in His vision.

The timetable goes on. Jesus spoke of living truths, of giving His body and blood. Those who would partake would have everlasting life.

Judas would not hear. Judas didn't realize where the black bend in the trail led. He schooled himself in notions of strange religion.

Nor was it to be seen by most others. However, He whose eyes are as flames of fires knew. "Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him."

Tomorrow, what? What, when deeds are done? Who can picture that wrench of the soul, that sob in the night, when all is dark, with never light!

Something in the soul, heaped over, hidden, determines downward choice. The soul will be shaken, sifted . . . the chaff will be burned. The grain is gathered into God's garner.

Mary was happy. The clouds had hung low. There were anxious moments . . . the worsening! then, their brother was gone. Dead!

Jesus came. He called. Lazarus come forth. Think of it, four days dead, and then **really** alive! How we can rejoice in hope! To show her thankfulness she anoints our Lord with a costly offering.

Judas' heart is not in tune. Some-

thing is going wrong. "Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold . . ."

Sold. The traitor translates to his own tune. He had the bag, the money. He bare away what was put therein. Bare away . . . to where? He didn't care for the poor.

Jesus stands for His own, the humble. He always does. "Let her alone." More graceful words followed.

Loss does not happen only at the hour. It is a persisting in wrong, a series of slidings. Judas was headstrong, and wrong. His heart rebelled against the kindly Shepherd. He "went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them."

There was the upper room. The Saviour and the twelve were eating together. A sad prophecy of a sad act He told. "Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

If Judas had wanted to believe, these tragic notes would not have been written of him. If you have gone away, stop. There is time. But the limited roars into the night. Stop, ere too late!

Judas never halted. Soon, willful haste would blot out every chance of life. Soon, if he prayed, even his prayer would become sin. The love and grace from His smiling face would be left, for the last time.

"He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night."

There was no sleep for the Saviour that night. The climax comes for Him hours **before** the visible cross. He would struggle in agony, then go.

A strange group was coming. Why was it that Judas bargained with the accepted leadership of unconverted hearts? Judas was leading. He "drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?"

A kiss . . . touch of heavenly happiness, when the heart is pure. The Father's mansion will be ringing with songs of praise in endless peace. The heart, holy, breathes deep in fellowship divine.

Home is a place. That place is filled with love. Its life is joy com-

plete. Perfect love has perfect kiss . . . great things are wonderfully expressive of great things above.

Til we reach the gloryland, we must remember that the devil's dagger is dripping with death. Danger dances in the dark!

Only His will is way of life everlasting. Where will that great day find you?

Eternity's Touch

Henry Souder, Jr.

Tell me not of cold, cold heart,
Of civilized dark drought.
Tell me now of love's warm home,
Of heav'n, of joy God wrought.

In a city was a man;
Simon he was by name.
He entertained the Saviour,
Came close to heaven's fame.

In this time unparalleled
Gather what matters most.
"Thou gavest me no kiss," said
The Saviour to His host;

Charity's golden secret . . .
To us He gave such wealth,
Such jewels, such rich array.
Do guard, lest stole by stealth.

This . . . God's gift . . . sublime,
divine,
Of love above, this kiss.
A touch . . . so much . . . speaks of
His
Eternity of bliss.

So much . . . of such unseen yet
Of wondrous happiness,
Life of love tells of Rest now . . .
He doth with radiance bless.

Thus you I have now in heart
(Time nor place can't sever) . . .
We'll be all there, together
By Home's fire forever!

Friends such so much do gather.
In love's bonds true are we . . .
Till then, time when sunset is
In glory unseen, see.

The kiss is timeless beauty;
It tells of heaven much,
Love and ringing mansion depths
Purity's snow white touch!

JAPAN Yoshio Yamazaki

In the beginning, in writing this news, I should apologize to all readers because I skipped several times.

I believe it is the Lord's will for spread of the Gospel in Japan, especially today, because the people are pretty hungry for spiritual matters, especially city people.

We had the member meeting here in Tokyo, on January 10. We chose Bro. John Klaus to be our minister again, especially for Shioda church. Most of the time, our Japanese brothers, Akira Utsuki and myself, are taking responsibility; the second Sunday is Bro. Willis Ehnle. The fourth Sunday, Bro. John Klaus takes responsibility here in Tokyo. I wish and believe our Lord, the Father, will help us here in the Lord's work, until His Son will be back again someday. Now Bro. John Klaus goes to the country churches instead of Bro. Willis Ehnle every second Sunday of each month, and other Sundays Bro. Willis Ehnle takes care of that. Two country churches are too much for Bro. Takeshita alone. I wish you readers, brothers and sisters, to pray especially for our churches in country, because the customs are really strong there. Bro. Klaus family or Ehnle's family plan on moving to the country church in Shioda some time this year, so I wish and pray for them to work with the Lord out there.

Bro. Herbert Erkert visited in Tokyo first part of December. We had a nice time with him. He went to the country churches with Bro. Willis, so I believe he had a wonderful time with our beloved brothers and sisters there. Bro. Jim Hohulin came from Korea, because his Army station is there. He stayed two days with the Ehnles. Then he joined with us here in Tokyo service and also the member meetings.

I had hemorrhoids recently, went to hot spring the other day and saw an old man there who was a "SOKA GAKKAI" believer. He asked me, "Say, young man what's happened to you around here, because mostly old men come and relax here. However, young man like you should have reason to come to hot spring on such a fine day." I explained. That old man said, "Say, young man, by the way I would like to ask you a question, do you believe anything?" I said "Yes, I

am Christian myself." He said, "I say Christian will not help you for your sickness, rather it will become worse. But if you come with me and believe my religion . . . you will be healed. Why don't you come right away, when you are on your way back home." I told him, "I don't believe in the many gods in this world. God is only one, and He created whole world and is still living. He also made you and me. So I chose today's suffering rather than eternal suffering in hell." I gave that old man Revelation 21:8 and 9. That old man did not say anything, after I showed him the Living Word of God.

Dear readers, that is what I believe. If I was trying to explain anything from myself, then I think I would have argued with him maybe a couple hours. It is waste of time, I suppose. The Bible says, "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes." II Timothy 2:23.

BURLINGTON, IOWA Mrs. Rekie Anliker Mrs. Dorothy Taeger

John and Sis. Lydia Kuntz have not been able to assemble with us for a long time, and have many lonely hours. They enjoy company and mail. God will certainly bless and reward those who share their brotherly love with the elderly.

A group of our brothers, sisters and friends attended the monthly service held at the chapel at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. With God's blessings and through the efforts of those who labor, the seed will be planted and the fruits shall be harvested in this day of grace.

We feel that our Zion's Harp is a part of our faith, as many of the hymns were spiritually written. True meaning and feelings God inspired, through the hearts and minds of men.

Why all the Tears

God and I met . . . one sad day . . . I burdened with problems. My eyes drooped to pray . . . why all the tears? Don't you know you could have me? If you walk by My side . . . these things cannot be.

God and I met . . . on another day. Lifted in spirit . . . my soul longed to pray. Out of this love . . . the meetings grew. Don't walk wearily, alone . . . God invites you, too!

Hebrews 13:5

" . . . I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY August Mueller

We had from Rittman Bro. and Sis. Charles Zollinger, also seven soldiers. Due to a heavy cold and icy sidewalks, I was unable to meet them. After service Bro. and Sis. Zollinger, with Sis. Mary Walsh, paid me a short visit and left a few words of encouragement, for which I am very thankful.

On January 5, my beloved wife closed her eyes to this world. She died of a heart attack about 10:00 in the morning. The last thing she did, she answered a phone call, then went back to bed and closed her eyes. When I called her, there was no answer. We shared over fifty years together, and I do not find any reason to complain. She was a wonderful companion, a wonderful mother and a hard worker. How wonderful when one can depart from this world, knowing that a better home is waiting up there. May the Lord prepare us for that eternal home, which He has promised all that love and serve Him. Amen. My beloved wife was laid to rest on Jan. 9, in Fairview Cemetery.

Sunday the 7th due to bad weather we had no service. Now that we are in a new year, let us try to get nearer to God, as we sing, "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Let us not do like Jonah, the prophet, when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh to tell the people that they have forty days to repent or to be destroyed. Jonah did not obey his

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Master, tried to run away. He did not get very far. The Lord put him in a place where he could not get out, in the belly of a great fish. Jonah did not know whether he would ever see daylight again. The Lord did not tell him how long he would have to stay in darkness. Jonah was in trouble. He started to pray. No doubt he promised he would go to Nineveh. The Lord heard his prayer and told the fish to spew him out on land. That, I believe, made Jonah very happy. The Lord told Jonah the second time to go to Nineveh. He went, the people repented. For three days, they neither ate or drank anything, even the animals went without food. The Lord, in His mercy, changed His mind. He did not destroy the city. Jonah was angry. How can a God-fearing man be angry, because the Lord did not destroy lives, besides the animals? I should think he should have fell down on his knees and have given God honor and praise, which is at all times due unto Him.

We were saddened in our congregation when we heard of the passing of Bro. Dave Mangold who was a pillar of the church. He worked day and night in the vineyard of the Lord. He was a man of few words, but the words that he spoke were life and truth. He was in Union City two times that I remember. The last time I met him was when my brother, Albert, died in Eureka seven years ago. Bro. Dave and Bro. Frank Woertz conducted the service. Bro. Mangold read part of a Psalm. He mentioned how poor the people are that do not know the Lord, and how fortunate we are that we can start the day by reading a Psalm in the morning; it goes so much better. A number of hymns were sung. Bro. Woertz closed with a prayer.

I still have the records of the services. I can still hear the voices of Bros. Mangold and Woertz and the beautiful hymns. At home 'tis well, There shall the Pilgrim tarry When tired and worn by sorrow, grief and strife. In heav'n, when the hard race of earthly life is run, The long-borne load no more he'll carry. This hymn was sung at my dear wife's funeral. It is fitting for all that enter into eternal rest, be they young or old.

Jan. 29 . . . Word just came to me that John Zeug passed away this morning.

My sister, Emma, was transferred to Pollack Hospital, a nursing home in Jersey City (Room 40). Sis. Ida Knecht is still unable to assemble with us. I want to thank all those that sent me wonderful letters and cards of sympathy.

Even in dark hours, we find reason to give thanks, and praise His holy name. By leading us through dark days, He wants to prepare us for eternity. Let us not grow weary or tired of serving Him to the end.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Among those on our sick list were Sis. Lydia Kraft, Sis. Leona (Dan) Kraft and Bro. Jacob Beyer. Sis. Dorothy (Ephraim) Young submitted to major surgery, but is now convalescing at her home. Sis. Anna Raaf is in the hospital at Burlington, Kans., with a virus. We are glad to report, though, that all seem to be getting along quite well.

A group of 78 friends and members visited our home for a "housewarming". The evening was spent singing hymns of praise to our Heavenly Father.

Bro. John Beyer was elected, from our congregation, to serve as treasurer for the World Relief Fund. He attended the meeting at Francesville.

Sis. Lydia Bahr has returned home again for a time, after spending several weeks in Oklahoma, helping care for her son-in-law, Bro. John Brown, who was very ill.

On a recent Sunday, both morning and afternoon services were on obedience to God. The disobedience of Moses, at the time he struck the rock to bring forth water, made Moses lose the privilege of entering the Promised Land.

It was brought out, though, that God allowed Moses to view the Promised Land. Then was brought to mind the following possibility. What if we were allowed to view Heaven, (which no eye hath seen, no ear has heard, nor has the mind of man comprehended), then be denied the wonderful privilege of entering those Beautiful Gates, because of disobedience?

The fault would be entirely our own, but think of the agony and pain in our hearts! Let us ever be more mindful of our walk of life, and not let disobedience deprive us of the privilege of eternal life with our Heavenly Father.

WOLCOTT, INDIANA

Arles Kropf

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Irvin Lehman, on Jan. 8, for our dear friend, Rosie Heinzelman, who passed away unexpectedly following a stroke. She is survived by her husband, George, 7 children a number of grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

We have had several hospitalized again the past month. Bro. Vernon Schwab and Sis. Norma Blume both had surgery, but are getting along fine, for which we are thankful. Bro. Elmer Stoller, who had surgery in December, re-entered the hospital with complications, but has again been dismissed and is improving.

We wish to thank Bros. Fred Knapp from Congerville, John Roke from Goodfield, and Henry Beer from Milford for their efforts in visiting us and bringing us God's word.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts

Our annual business meeting was held, at which time various reports were read and different matters discussed. Bro. Herman Baer was elected trustee, to take the place of Bro. Jeff Streitmatter, whose time had expired. Bro. William Eberle has been appointed treasurer of World Relief Fund.

Bro. Jack Knobloch, who is serving with the armed forces in Pennsylvania, had the pleasure to spend a few days with his parents, Bro. Ed and Sis. Lucille, and family, the first part of January.

Bros. Silas Leuthold and David Kieser conducted funeral services for Mary Grimm, January 22. She was born April 15, 1884, in Cissna Park, the daughter of Christian and Karoline Waldbeser Grimm, & passed away January 19 in a home in Toulon, Illinois, where she has resided the past eight years. Prior to this, she made her home with her sister, Sis. Lydia Feucht. While in her youth, she answered the call of the Lord to repent, received peace and was announced for proving, when illness befell her and her mind became dim, so that she was never privileged to fulfill her wishes to be baptized. How thankful we can all be that she made proper preparation while she was still in sound mind and health, and feel the Lord has truly been with her these many years. She is survived by her

sister, Sis. Lydia Feucht of Princeville; six brothers, Bro. Sam of Princeville, Bro. William of Chicago, Bro. Eli of West Bend, Ben of Peoria, Chris of Wapello (Ia). and Ed of Madison (South Dakota); and a number of nieces and nephews. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery.

We were thankful to have Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern with us the Sunday morning following his Aunt Mary's funeral. We received blessings from his sincere words. Bros. Dan Koch of Tremont and Fred Knapp were with us also and very willingly expounded God's precious truth. Bro. Harlan Bolliger spent the morning with our beloved youth in Sunday School, for which we were thankful.

Bros. Joe Zimmerman and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke were with us recently, lending their service in His vineyard and giving us much food for thought. In God's vineyard we are the grafted branches, the original being cut off after it bore no fruit, even after the keeper had given it special care. Will the Lord find any fruit in us as He desires, or will it be like the fig tree that bore no fruit? Let us all strive more faithfully to follow the course set before us, for we all hope to meet in heaven.

Raymond and Joann Rumbold are the parents of a son, Rickey Lee, born January 16. A brother and sister welcomed him home. Donald and Mary Lou (Meyer) welcomed a son, James Donald, January 25. He has a little sister, Donna Lou. Bro. John and Sis. Shirley Leuthold welcomed a son, Jerrold Dale, Jan. 30. One brother and two sisters welcomed him.

Sis. Louise Greiner, who has been making her home with her children, recently went to live at the church home in Peoria. We trust she will be content and know she will receive loving care.

Bro. Roy Ehnle of Bradford was with us on a recent Wednesday evening and brought the message of inspiration in deep humbleness and simplicity. How thankful we are to have young brothers who are yet willing to preach the truth, as was taught them by faithful parents. We wish him and his family God's grace to carry out this great work.

Bro. George and Sis. Julia (Streitmatter) Miller observed their golden wedding anniversary February 3. Members of the im-

mediate family gathered to wish them well, and other relatives called during the day. May the Lord continue to bless them the remainder of their life. They have traveled a long way together.

Following is an account by Ralph Endress, telling of his experiences in Denmark.

April 26, I left O'Hare Airport in Chicago. Eighteen hours later, I was being greeted by my Danish host family. That was eight months ago. Now that I am home again, I can look back to my many wonderful experiences.

Each day brought something new. How fascinated I was at some of the practices used by the people. A common sight in June was a farmer and his family in their sugar beet field, with a hoe in their hands and wooden shoes on their feet.

Although manual labor is still being used quite a lot in Denmark, the farmers are advancing rapidly toward mechanization and specialization. For instance, during the six months I was on a Danish farm, a number of implements and improvements were added to the farms. To mention several of the purchases, **there were** a Massey Ferguson 35 Deisel tractor, a Volvo grain harvester with a five-foot cutter, a sugar beet unloading wagon, and a front-end loader.

The installation of a grain dryer was also a farm improvement. The dryer, powered by electricity, would dry 256 bushels of barley down 4% in 24 hours. Because grain drying is a relatively new operation in Denmark, it drew the attention of many community farmers.

The implements and improvements I have named were mainly purchased through a cooperative. When visiting with a typical Danish farmer, he will probably tell you he belongs to 10 or 12 cooperatives. A few that come to my mind are the dairy, swine slaughter, machineries, & farmers' banks. The cooperative system has played an essential part in making Denmark the leading agriculture country in Europe.

While in Denmark I made extensive tours of the country. I was astounded to find that only 1/10 of 1% of the Danish population attend church regularly.

November 1 marked the end of my required 6 months in Denmark.

I then began traveling with another Illinois boy. We covered about 10,000 miles, in some 15 countries in a two-month period. What I have seen and learned while serving as an International Understanding Student, I hope has broadened my mind and has given me an appreciation for my country and home.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT Carlton Lanz

Business transacted at our annual meeting moved smoothly, with few changes necessarily being made. There were two, however, one in the electing of Bro. Emanuel Schneider as a trustee, replacing out-going Bro. Lee Bahler—who had served a term of three years, and secondly, when Bro. Edwin Hoffman was chosen Sunday School Superintendent to succeed Bro. Rudolph Luginbuhl, who resigned on completing two years in that capacity.

An acknowledgement of a tape recorder as a gift to the church from Bro. Will and Sis. Martha Schneider was cited by Bro. John Bahler, at the meeting.

Bro. Paul Lanz is convalescing at his home, after an operation to which he recently submitted. We wish him patience and a good recovery. Bro. Carl Erismann, discharged from the hospital, could again attend services at the church on Sunday. Sis. Marie (Moser) Hany, nursing a badly sprained ankle for several weeks, is recovering from her mishap.

Bros. John Bahler, Harold Lanz, Ernest Luginbuhl, Werner Kupferschmid and Edwin Hoffman drove to New Jersey to extend their personal sympathy to the bereft family of John Zeug, who died January 29. As many times that he came to Rockville, he would always assemble with us. With his family, he had planned a trip to the Virgin Islands, when he was stricken. His health had not been at its best of late. This again reminds us how mortal mankind is.

It has always been a pleasure to hear that man sees his need for repentance and the great reward it carries. At present, there are four dear friends who believe they have received peace from God, and we announced as such on Sunday. They are Donald Schneider, Peter Hany, Sherman Lanz and Alden Reutter. Proving will come at a latter date.

BERN, KANSAS**Mrs. Morris Edelman****Mrs. Leonard Baumgartner**

Our congregation is meeting every two weeks through the winter months, to practice hymns of the *Zion's Harp*. The first practice session was held at Bro. Louis Meyers, the next at Bro. Ephraim Strahms. This week we will meet at the home of Bro. Melvin Rokeys. We are learning songs we did not know and practicing difficult ones.

At the last baptism, we found the hymn we sang, while everyone was standing around the baptismal waters, *The Covenant of Grace*, no. 163, very fitting:

My Lord, and offering do I bring;
My heart I give to Thee.
I gladly give this heart of mine,
Which Thou dost ask of me.

After everyone was again seated, the hymn, *Now it is Done*, no. 209, seemed very uplifting:

Now it is accomplished!

I'm no longer mine;

Lord, I will forever and always be
Thine,

For Thou hast created and purchased me, too,
Baptized with Thy Spirit, Thou
makest me new.

Visiting ministers were Bro. Ed Hohulin of Goodfield and Bro. Ben Zimmerman of Congerville. No one in our church knew that either of these brothers was coming. It was such a nice surprise.

Bro. Leland Plattner spent three weeks' leave home from the service with his family.

We missed Sis. Lucy Rokey for several Sundays, due to mumps.

A group of us visited the Apostolic Christian Home last Sunday after church, to sing hymns for the residents.

Bro. Melvin Rokey has been elected to serve a three-year term as trustee, along with Bros. Joe Rokey and Roy Rokey.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS**Joyce Huber**

How can we escape "weeping and gnashing of teeth"? Nicky and Gloria Kaeb, children of Bro. David and Sis. Mary Kaeb, and Terry Zimmerman, son of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Margaret Zimmerman have turned to the Lord. After her brother was moved to repentance,

Gloria awoke and responded to God's call, too. We praise God the three may join the redeemed and escape this weeping.

Sis. Clara Steffen, who has arthritis, spent two weeks at the Ottawa Arthritis Hospital in Ottawa, Illinois. Clara has gone to Ottawa before, and this time again they gave her different kinds of treatments, therapy, etc., including a new treatment. She states that she is able to move her hands a little better and has gotten a little help. She wishes to share this with others, so that other arthritic sufferers may learn of this arthritis hospital. Even though Sis. Clara is handicapped with arthritis, she has a lot of courage and is always trying to bring cheer to others. May God bless her for it.

We enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Henry Sabo of Mansfield spending a couple weeks in Fairbury. He visited and brought cheer to sick people and spent Thursday evening and Sunday ministering on love, and radiating it himself. The other Sunday he spent at Bradford.

We were privileged to have visiting elders for services: Bro. Noah Schrock, Oakville; Bro. John Bahler, Conn.; Bro. Rudy Graf, Akron; Bro. Joe Waibel, Bay City, and Bro. Fred Grimm of Quincy.

Bro. Wayne Gerber of Lester was a guest minister. He explained the conspiracy of Abimelech, Judges 9, as Abimelech wanted, just one person to rule over the others, instead of sharing the responsibility, so he slew his brethren and had himself made king. Jotham, who hid himself and was saved, spoke the parable in which the olive tree, fig tree, and vine did not want to reign over the other trees, but only the bramble would accept to rule (he wanted to be trusted).

There have been many farewells for Bro. Eli and Sis. Bertie Leman, as they left Fairbury and moved to Morton. They lived at Fairbury most of their life, having been born here and raising their family here. We are sorry to lose them, as they have been a help in the church and for the aged. We trust God to bless them in their new location, and that they will return for many visits with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Meyer left Fairbury to live in Morton. Ralph resigned his position at Fairbury and took a job at Morton. Since his parents, Bro. and Sis. Amos Meyer,

live here, we trust that we will see them often with us.

FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS**Leland Plattner**

Our visitors in January included Bro. George Yergler from La Crosse and Bros. Frank Woertz and Bob Grimm from Goodfield.

Bro. Pete Baltic left our group January 11 for his home near Rittman. He has been released from active duty from the army.

Our friend, John Waibel, from Bay City, will also leave us soon. He has been ordered to Korea when his training ends on February 5.

It is a comfort to know that our God is not limited in power and can see and hear us wherever we are. Those of us in the army should be thankful that we aren't required to get permission from our chain of command to call on our God. Our authorities are not always at our side but He is. We can't predict the time nor place that we'll feel the urge to pray. The test of Daniel should be a lesson to us and remind us that no authorities can restrict the word of God or the power of prayer. It is easy to pray when we have time and when customs suggest it, but to pray when we "don't have time" can be worth a lot more.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

WEST BEND, IOWA**Anna Schmidt Marilyn Schneider**

Sunday January 17, we heard the testimony of our dear friend, Duane Metzger, who is in the service. Bro. Paul Banwart, assisted by Bro. Alfred Fehr, proved and baptized Duane. We wish him an abundance of grace in his new walk of life. We hope many will heed the Lord's call. Bro. Wayne Gerber from Lester had short services in the evening. We always appreciate it when brothers from another congregation will avail themselves to preach the true word of God.

Hospital patients for the past month have been: Sis. Ida Banwart returned home Feb. 2 from the hospital in Mason City, where she underwent surgery. She wishes to thank everyone for the cards, letters, and prayers that were sent her way. It was greatly appreciated. Sis. Ida enjoyed reading the *Silver Lining* while she was in the hospital. Bro. Ed Zaugg returned home from the hospital, after being hospitalized for 2 weeks. Leonard

and Helen Anliker had their baby son in Iowa City again for surgery, and have returned home. Gary Schneider, son of Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Ella, entered University Hospital at Iowa City for surgery, Feb. 5.

We are happy to have Sis. Katie Alt assemble with us again, after being ill for sometime. Many of the folks have been ill with the flu.

May God be with them all and give them the needed strength and courage.

Frank and Sis. Katie Dogotch observed their 50th wedding anniversary, Jan. 17, with open house. Many gathered to congratulate them and wish them well. Nathan and Sis. Esther Banwart observed their 45th anniversary on Jan. 25, at the home of their daughter and husband. Bro. Will and Sis. Ida Metzger observed their 54th anniversary on Jan. 22. We wish them all God's blessings and many more happy years together.

Bro. Elmer Banwart has been selected to be superintendent of the Sunday School.

Prayer of the Penitent

God cleanse my soul,
And keep me from deceit.
Make straight my wayward path,
And keep therein my feet.

Cleanse Thou my soul,
And let me ever see
That I my brother's keeper am,
And his example be.

Cleanse Thou my soul,
And let me forward go,
That no other "cloud of smoke"
Or "pillar of fire" I know.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

We again had to lay a loved one to rest this past month, Friend Alma (Wieland) Schoenbine. She is survived by her husband, Bill; her mother, Sis. Kathryn Wieland; and many brothers and sisters.

Bro. William Wieland has been in the hospital, but is now recovering at home.

Sis. Elizabeth Ramseyer is also in the hospital.

AKRON, OHIO

Grace Schuckert—Alice Graf

Those who were in, and now out of the hospital are Bro. Robert Graf, who had hernia surgery, and Sisters Louise Kay Graf and Marie

Dakovich. Remaining for further surgery is 20-year-old Eileen Stanovic, grandchild of Mary Stanovic. She was critically injured in an automobile accident some weeks ago. Sis. Mary Ann Graf is scheduled for an operation on her ankle. We trust that in due time each one can be restored to health and strength again.

Bro. Leon Graf has been chosen as trustee to replace Bro. Ellsworth Graf, whose term has expired.

A second child, Kellie Lin, grandchild of the Peter Barnas, was born to Diana and Duane Stringly.

The testimony and baptism of Friend Alma Metzger Stauffer brought much joy, as she experienced her life-long spiritual wish to become devoted to God with a pure heart and to be united with the brethren in true fellowship. She expresses appreciation to the ministers, and the many members and friends who attended the ceremony, especially from her hometown, Girard, as well as to those locally who served them.

Leo and Elizabeth Heib, who came to this country about 5 years ago, were taken into the brotherhood the same day.

There are several among the friends who have been persuaded in their hearts to renounce sin and serve the Lord. In natural life, we cannot see the stars until darkness comes. Likewise in days of repentance, we come to discern how great is the debt of love we owe to God, and "how dark was the night that the Lord went thru, ere He found the sheep that was lost."

A good thought for the month was contained in the closing statement of visiting Elder Bro. Theo Beer's service—"What we do goes farther and speaks louder than what we say."

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Myrna and Loretta Steffen

We were privileged to have Bro. Ben Maibach minister to us. He spoke inspiring words of truth and life, with God's help. During the Sunday School hour, he spoke to the congregation of the beginning of our church and Bro. Froelich's mission.

Sis. Helen Steffen was hospitalized with a kidney infection. She is home and gradually recuperating. Freddie Oesch, son of Bro. and Sis. Joe Oesch, had his cast removed and is back in our assembly again.

We thank the dear Father in Heaven for His wonderful healing power.

Marilyn and Doug Byam have moved to Kalamazoo, Mich., where Doug was transferred. We miss them and hope they will visit with us often. Marilyn is the daughter of Bro. Fred Oesch.

Among our church activities, we have a group of senior citizens, who have found it worthwhile, promoting a deep sense of closeness in Christian Fellowship, by meeting monthly in each other's homes.

As our God is a God of order, they stress the point of meeting on time, as well as departing on time. Furthermore, no gossip is tolerated at their meetings.

They read together. These elderly sisters, doing deeds of kindness for the sick and misfortunate, inspire us with their love and unity. I Peter 3:8 "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:"

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Carolyn Gerber Delutha Moser

"Commit thy way unto the LORD: trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass" "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."

The testimonies of repentance and the witnessing of baptisms for seven dear souls who have now become our new brothers and sisters in the Lord took place this past month. They are Mr. and Mrs. Linus Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baumgartner and Timothy Ringger, son of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Ringger. Bros. George Sinn and Theo Beer assisted Bros. Sam Aeschliman and John Yergler in this most blessed event.

Births: Bro. and Sis. John Kipper, a boy, Troy William, on Jan. 28; Bro. and Sis. Wm. Moser Jr., a boy, Drake Dee, on Jan. 28; Bro. and Sis. Frederick Gerber, a girl, Madelyn Joy, on Jan. 31; Bro. and Sis. Gerald Fiechter, a boy, Douglas Daniel, on Feb. 6; Bro. and Sis. Dwight Moser, a girl, Kelli Jo, on Feb. 4.

". . . My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth . . . The LORD is thy keeper: . . . he shall preserve thy soul", as our shut-ins can say, who were this past month, Bros. Joe L. Isch, Ray Heyerly and Reuben Gerber,

Sisters Katie Isch and Katie Gerber.

Thank You Note: I wish to thank each one for remembering me with prayers, gifts and cards during my illness and stay in the hospital. May the Lord bless you for your kindness. Bro. Reuben Gerber.

Down the pathway of life with each burden and care, through sorrows and joys, Bro. Joel and Sis. Ida Maller were blessed, fifty years of married life. On the 17th of Jan. the 50th wedding anniversary was spent with their 5 children, Sis. Helen (Cliff) Heyerly, Sis. (Neomia) Kaehr, Sis. (Vera) Lester Laukhauf, Bros. Melvin, Robert; and 23 grandchildren. May the blessings of God ever rest on them, sharing together many more happy years.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

LaVerne Roth Kathryn Miller

Our congregation enjoyed the visit and the inspiring messages revealed by the Holy Spirit through Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Oakville.

The entire community was shocked and saddened by the accidental and untimely death of Bro. Lawrence Kiefer, as a result of a two-car collision near Cherokee, Oklahoma, January 22. Bro. Lawrence, 59 years of age, operated an auto and electrical repair shop in Burlington. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Laura of home; a son, Charles of Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Alan (Carol) Schlatter of Spencerville, Indiana; three grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. Funeral services were January 28, with Bros. Eli Somerhalder and Ronald Nelson officiating.

Those from this community who have been hospitalized are Bro. John Brown, who is improved in a measure, and Sis. Hulda Prather, who is a patient at this present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kisling left February 4 for Morton, after Sis. Mary Kisling received the death message of the sudden passing of her father, Bro. Felix Wuthrich of Pulaski.

CROGHAN-NAUMBURG, N. Y.

Mrs. Lawrence Farney—

Mrs. David Schamback

We have two more deaths to report from our Croghan membership. On January 16, Sis. Lydia (Mrs. Abner) Virkler went to her reward, at the age of 63, after a

long illness. She suffered a stroke in 1957, and in May 1963 fell and broke her hip. She had since been confined to a wheel-chair. Her husband, Bro. Abner, died in 1957. She is survived by three sons, Ronald and Rodney (twins) of Croghan, and Allyn with the Army at Fort Devens, Mass.; a brother, Merrill Farney, Croghan; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer (Margaret) Steiner, Carthage, and Mrs. Floyd (Loretta) Graves; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were from the Croghan church, Bro. Robert Beyer officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

On February 2, we were shocked and saddened by the passing of our ministering Brother Jonas Virkler. Although Bro. Jonas had previously suffered with heart trouble, his death was unexpected. He had taken part in the services on Sunday, as usual. He was born June 24, 1894, a son of Andrew E. and Mary Sommer Virkler. He is survived by his wife, Sis. Lena Virkler; a brother, Andrew Virkler, Carthage; and a sister, Mrs. Amelia Steria of Lowville. A daughter, Sis. Blanche, died in 1952. He had served as minister in the Croghan church since 1936. His presence will be greatly missed, not only in the pulpit, but in our midst, where he was ever ready to lend his help wherever needed. Funeral services were held in the Croghan church, with Bro. John Bahler officiating, assisted by Bros. Ernest Luginbuhl and John Widrick. Bro. Norbert Steiner had the committal service. We are greatly indebted to Bros. Bahler and Luginbuhl and their traveling companions for braving our stormy Northern New York weather to come to us.

Sis. Bessie (Mrs. Clifton) Farney and Bro. Arthur Virkler are recovering at their homes, after having undergone surgery. Sis. Pernal (Mrs. Howard) Virkler is a patient in Boston City Hospital, after back surgery. Sis. Barbara (Mrs. John K.) Virkler has also been a hospital patient for some time, but has returned to her home in Lowville.

John Hirschey is home again, having completed six months training in the Army Reserves.

Our oldest member, Sis. Barbara Bachman, age 87, served dinner at Naumburg, Sunday, January 31. She treated us to bread made by her own hands. We thank her for this deed. May God continue to

bless her with good health.

We pray that the Lord may restore to health those who have been missing from our assembly for so many weeks.

Bro. Raymond Stockburger has charge of the World Relief Fund at Naumburg. He replaces Bro. George Hoppel, who passed away a few weeks ago. Bro. Lowel Virkler is treasurer of the fund in the Croghan church.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen

Katie Kachelmuss

On Jan. 11, a son Michael Edward, was born to Matthew and Arletta Hein.

Bro. Herman Kellenberger had surgery, is home again, and was able to take his place among us last Sunday, for which we are thankful.

We could not have church services on Jan. 24, due to a severe ice storm which left most of the city without electricity, thus no heat or light. It was the worst storm on record in this vicinity. Large limbs and trees fell from the weight of the ice, were strewn all over and took down many power and telephone wires. About 12,000 homes were without heat or light for three or four days, making it necessary to use their gas ovens, candles, flashlights, etc. Some rest homes had to be evacuated by ambulances to other homes. Farmers were very hard hit, and much milk had to be dumped. The schools and some factories were closed for several days. Linemen were brought here from eight surrounding states, some from Colorado and Pennsylvania. It was an experience we will never forget. In the sermon, we were reminded that it was a privilege to have the opportunity at a time like this to show brotherly love and kindness to one another; we were also shown how helpless man is when God permits something like this to come over the earth. After a week, the ice is still on the poles and trees, as it was approximately one-half inch thick, having formed from a slow rain all day Saturday, when the temperature was at freezing. It will take a long time to get things cleaned up and all the repairs made. We really appreciate our heat and lights, and we feel that we often take things too much for granted. The young people had a little taste of how it was in years when we had no electricity.

On February 1, a son, Paul Alan, was born to Bro. Elmer and Sis. Ruth Ann Getz. Ruth Ann's parents are Bro. and Sis. Herbert Ramseyer of Bay City. Sis. Ramseyer came here to get acquainted with her new grandson.

One of our aged sisters, Amelia Bolliger, had a fall. She had been in a wheel chair for many years, and is now confined to her bed most of the time. We hope and pray that God will give her daughter, Sis. Enda, with whom she makes her home, strength to go on caring for her, until the Lord will call her to the heavenly home, where she is longing to go.

When the outlook is dark, and the inlook is discouraging,
Then just try the uplook; it's
always encouraging.

ELGIN, IOWA

Mrs. George Butikofer

On January 10, Sis. Martha Frieden passed away at the Elkader Hospital, at the age of 79 years. Her parents were Fred and Rosina Friederick. Martha was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, coming to America at the age of eight. Her husband, Bro. Oscar, passed away in 1956. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Rudy Possell, and a foster son, Orville; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna and Bertha; one brother, Jacob. She had been in failing health for quite some time, being cared for in her daughter's home, after she required special care. Bro. Uriel Gehring officiated at the funeral, assisted by Bros. Paul Banwart and Paul Butikofer. Many relatives and friends were here to pay their last respects.

Kent William, a baby boy, was born to Paul and Sis. Evelyn Puffer, Jan. 20. Congratulations to the parents and the grandparents. The latter are the Gottlieb Puffers of Elgin and the Ernest Weltis of Rockville. The Puffers now have three girls and two boys, namely Audrey, Trudy, David and Kathy, and now Kent.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Noah Schrock, Burlington, Paul Banwart and Earl Banwart, West Bend. We appreciate it and thank the Lord that these brethren were able to come to proclaim the holy word.

Bro. Bert Butikofer was selected

as a minister of the gospel. May God grant him sufficient grace for this important work. Now Bro. Paul will have assistance, for which he is very appreciative.

Winter lends us many lovely scenes. The countryside in this area is glistening with a lovely blanket of snow. As a little girl, I learned to know a bit of poetry which I cherish. It is this.

"The snow had begun in the gloaming,
And busily all the night
Had been heaping fields and highways
With a whiteness deep and wide."

God gives us much to enjoy in nature, and much more to enjoy in a heavenly home.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Walter

Our monthly singing was held the last Sunday of January. A group of eight young men from Princeville sang three numbers. We thank them for coming and singing. A group of five high school boys from Eureka sang several numbers. A large crowd attended. Refreshments were served afterwards in the basement. Everyone is invited to these singings.

Another soul has found it worthwhile to turn her back to the world and live for Jesus. She is Maxine Kempf, the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Ervin and Alice Kempf.

Those who were in the hospital the past month and have returned home again are Bro. John Rocke, Bro. Dan Wiegand, Bro. Roy Le-man, Teddy Blunier. Teddy is now confined to his bed at home, with rheumatic arthritis. He is the young son of Bro. and Sis. Vernon and Verda Blunier. Perhaps cards of cheer would help to brighten the day for him. His address would be R.R. 2, Eureka, Ill.

Bro. Wayne Kupferschmid is a patient in Eureka Hospital, for observation.

Birth: a son to Bro. Melvin and Sis. Margaret Getz, born Jan. 30. He has been named Jeffrey Allen.

Work on the "Home for the Aged" is progressing nicely.

At the business meeting held in January, Bro. Vernon Blunier was put in as a new trustee. New Sunday School teachers are Bros. Richard Rocke and Joel Banwart. Sis.

Ruth Rocke has also been appointed as Sunday School teacher.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger
Norene Koehl

On Jan. 17, Bro. Calvin Moser and Sis. Stella Schmidgall were united in holy matrimony by Bro. Paul Fehr. We wish them God's blessings and happiness in their married life.

On Jan. 13, a son, David Lyle, was born to Bro. and Sis. Lyle Zeltwanger. He was welcomed home by two sisters, Laurie and Cindy.

We were very happy to hear that friend Velma Fehr, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Paul Fehr, accepted the Lord's call. May she find sufficient grace in her repentance.

The engagement of Sis. Lillian Hohulin of Peoria and Bro. William Luthi was announced Sunday, Jan. 24.

Charles Kellenberger, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernest Kellenberger Sr., received his discharge from the army. After a visit with his relatives, he went to Austria to join his wife.

God's word was brought to through the inspiring messages of Bro. Edwin Ringger, on Jan. 31.

We are again having mid-week services on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

There was a good attendance at the January Hymn Sing. The Adult Choir from Peoria sang a few selections. Four couples sang a few hymns. It is a precious privilege to go to the house of worship and express ourselves in songs of praise and adoration to our Lord.

And now the Spirit of the Lord
Strikes in our hearts the sweetest
chord,

Makes music all-enchanting;
We're happy as we live and love;
The Spirit, given from above,
To us His grace is granting.

Wondrous, glorious,
Sweet and cheering to our hearing
Is the singing.

Brethren, rise; your praise be
bringing!

Zion's Harp.

Ken and Darlene Hoerr adopted a baby girl. Her name is Jamie Sue. Ken's folks are Bro. Ed and Sis.

Esther Hoerr, and Darlene is the daughter of Bro. Joe and Sis. Wilma Hoerr.

Barbara Griffin and Norbert Schneider were united in marriage January 23, by Bro. Roy Sauder, at the home of the groom's parents, Bro. Ernest and Sis. Anna Schneider.

Marilyn Pelini and Richard Hermann were married January 30. Richard is the son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Lydia Hermann.

The engagement of Jean Meier to John Estes was announced by her parents, Bro. Francis and Sis. Dorothy Meier.

The engagement of Sis. Lillie Hohulin and Bro. Will Luthi was made known to the congregation.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Al Aberle and Silas Leuthold.

Our newly elected trustee is Bro. Ernest Haefli. As Bros. Chris Hoerr leaves that office, we wish to thank him for all his time and efforts he put forth while serving as trustee.

The two newly elected Sunday School teachers are Bros. Bob Joos and Herb Stoller. We also wish to thank Bros. Melvin Plattner and Harold Thomas for their time and efforts while they served as teachers.

We have several in the hospitals at this time, Bro. Fritz Pfaffman, Sis. Frieda Neeser, Bro. Emil Bessler, and Norman Buttrick.

The following were hospitalized, but are home again. Sis. Fredricka Sauer, Bro. Harold Thomas, Sis. Dorothy Hoerr, and Sis. Ollie Metz.

Our sympathy goes to the Bro. Paul Meister family. Sis. Rhoda's father, John Zeug, of New Jersey passed away.

We welcome Sis. Lillie Ann Moore to our congregation. She had been going to school at ISNU, and is now teaching here in Peoria.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Velta Laukhuf

Our visiting ministers were Bro. Joe A. Getz from Morton, Bro. Carl Kipfer from Bluffton, and Bro. Harry Sutter from Ft. Lauderdale. It always makes one feel fed and refreshed, with spiritual food, after assembling in God's holy house and hearing so many precious teachings made plain and clear.

On Jan. 24, we enjoyed the visit of the following service boys from Ft. Benning, Ga. Vernon Schrof, Lloyd Honegger and David Steidinger.

Bro. Richard Laukhuf is recovering nicely, following surgery and a short stay in the Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Linda and Melva Messner

Duane Messner, son of Bro. George and Sis. Esther Messner, was hospitalized for several weeks. He is recuperating nicely.

A daughter, Bonnie Rae, was born on Jan. 27 to Bro. Leroy and Sis. Joann Messner. The grandparents are Bro. George and Sis. Esther Messner.

A daughter, Heather Ann, was born on Jan. 29 to Darrel and Jane Redmann. The grandparents are Archie and Sis. Pearl Lienemann.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Diane Olson

Visiting ministers were Bro. Paul Banwart from West Bend, Jan. 3; Bro. Noah Miller, Winthrop, Jan. 17; Bro. Paul Fehr, Morris, on Jan. 31. On Jan. 31, Bro. William Cottrell from Quincy, Ill., ministered to us, also.

How deeply thankful we are to all the ministering brethren, who come and gather with us to share God's wonderful plan of salvation. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the song leaders, Sunday School teachers, and many others who come from far and near to assemble with us.

The Windows of Gold

There is a legend that has often been told

Of the boy who searched for the windows of gold . . .

The beautiful windows he saw far away

When he looked in the valley at sunrise each day . . .

And he yearned to go down to the valley below

But he lived on a mountain that was covered with snow . . .

And he knew it would be a difficult trek,

But that was a journey he wanted to make . . .

So he planned by day and he dreamed by night

Of how he could reach — the great shining light . . .

And one golden morning when dawn broke through

And the valley sparkled with diamonds of dew . . .

He started to climb down the mountainside

With the windows of gold as his goal and his guide . . .

He traveled all day, and weary and worn

With bleeding feet and clothes that were torn . . .

He entered the peaceful valley town

Just as the golden sun went down . . .

But he seemed to have lost his "guiding light".

The windows were dark that had once been bright . . .

And hungry and tired and lonely and cold

He cried "Won't You Show Me The windows of gold?"

And a kind hand touched him and said, "Behold!

High On The Mountain Are The windows of gold,"

For the sun going down in a great golden ball

Had burnished the windows of his cabin so small . . .

The Kingdom of God, with its Great Shining Light,

Like the golden windows that shone so bright . . .

Is not a far distant place, somewhere,

It's as close to you as His good word and pray'r . . .

And your reach for God will end and begin

When you look for Him and listen within.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Annabelle Bahr

Larry Sinn, son of Bro. and Sis. Gus Sinn, was hospitalized several days for a severe tonsillectomy. He has recovered and returned to Kansas University to resume studies the second semester.

Bro. Jim Bahr is treasurer for World Relief Fund.

At our annual business meeting, new Sunday School teachers elected were Sis. Lillian Fischer, beginner's class and Bro. Harold Kraft, Bible class. They replace Sis. Wanda Kraft and Bro. Dan Sinn. Bro. Jim Bahr is the new trustee, replacing Bro. Wayne Miller.

A singing was held at the Bro. Raymond Banwart home one evening. We learned some new songs and practiced on others to learn them better. It is planned to have these practice singings once each month—the fourth Wednesday evening. "Unity", No. 237, Zion's Harp, and "The Golden Harvest", and "Sunday Morning" 46 and 234

in **Hymns of Zion** were some of the songs we practiced.

LA CROSSE INDIANA
Martha Rinckenberger

We at the La Crosse church have accepted the invitation to hold services at the Whispering Pines Old People's Home. The second Sunday of each month has been set aside for us to hold services. January services were conducted by Bro. Edward Frank, along with other members to help with the singing. The old folks really enjoy the services. It gives us great satisfaction to know that we can be helpful to give old people some joyful hours in their declining years.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Floyd Wieland of Detroit & Loren Stoller of Latty. We enjoyed their message. God alone can bless them for their love and kindness.

Sis. Lea Frank had surgery. She is home and doing real good. May it be God's will that she will soon be able to assemble with us again.

Bro. and Sis. Elvin Nuest have a little boy They have named him Dan Arthur. They have two boys and one girl.

When life on earth is over
And our Saviour we must meet,
Then what will be our standing
When we're at our Saviour's feet?

Were we judging our dear brother?
Looking for his faults and errs?
And did we really do our best
To help him through his cares?

How much better to live here in
peace,
Each trusting his own Guide,
And then to meet in love divine,
There on the other side.

LAMONT, KANSAS
Mrs. Bernie Emch
Glenn Anliker

Our Sunday School time has been changed to 10:30, after many years of having it in the afternoon. So may each one be encouraged not to disappoint God, therefore spend the Lord's day according to the fourth Commandment. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Recently, our elder brother, Sam Anliker, reminded us in his sermon, that if it would ever come to pass we would have to give up our Bibles, we could still find spiritual food in our **Zions Harp**.

Isn't this true, if we take time to

read the inspiring words in our **Zions Harp**, and ponder over the words. We only have to turn to the topical index to see the many topics it covers.

We can hardly visualize of being persecuted for having a Bible in our homes. Only recently an article came, where it stated how the Bible readings and school prayers, where practiced in some schools, is becoming void. On coins and in the fourth verse of the Star-Spangled Banner, the word God is being considered, to omit. We can only say that this is just a beginning. Let us hope and pray that the freedom of worship our Government has instituted will not be altered, and will still be respected by man.

While we still have time, let us read our Bibles daily. Then maybe we can permanently remember a few of the important Scriptures. If our Bible is then taken from us, we can use these Scriptures to fight off any adversary of our soul.

Let us not use our Bibles and Zion's Harp just to decorate our book shelves!

MANSFIELD, OHIO
Aaron A. Sauder

Each step I take, my Saviour goes
before me,
And with His loving hand He leads
the way;
And with each breath I whisper,
I adore Thee;
Oh what joy to walk with Him each
day.

Each step I take, I know that He
will guide me
To higher ground; He ever leads
me on.
Until some day, the last step will
be taken,
Each step I take just leads me
closer home.

Moving: We will miss Harold and Ramona Wenninger and their three young sons, who have moved to the Chicago area, where Harold has taken a new position. They will make Elgin their church home. We wish them the Lord's blessings in their new location, and extend a hearty welcome to visit us often.

Birth: A son, on January 24, to Marjorie (Beer) and Paul Hollinger. Little Paul David has a sister and brother to welcome him, too.

Hospital: Those who spent time in the hospital were Sis. Ruth Weiss and Bros. John Oesch and

Ben Beer. Bob Oesch broke his foot and although he was not hospitalized, he has been unable to attend church. We are happy to hear he is improving.

The following is from Sis. Mary E. Sabo: I wish to sincerely thank everyone for the many prayers, gifts and cards in remembrance of me during my stay at the hospital. May the Lord bless you all.

LATTY, OHIO
Mrs. Gale Stoller
Mrs. Ray Sinn

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10

We also rejoice with Janice Laukhuf, daughter of Bro. Merle and Sis. Dolly, who has found grace to repent. We wish her much grace and strength in the Lord in her new walk of life. It renews our faith, when we can see and feel the power of God working within souls who will humble themselves and heed the call of the Lord.

We have had several in the hospital for surgery. Sam Laukhuf, George Keyser and Yvonda Miller, daughter of Bro. Kent and Sis. Gloria, all have recovered enough to return home. We wish them all a speedy and full recovery.

Bro. Floyd Weiland was a visiting minister. We wish to thank him for his visit.

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is . . .

Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

The shadows of darkness are growing long. How long will the Lord yet have mercy?

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Eileen Yackley

"O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD." Psalm 117 If one would take only a few minutes a day think about the many rich blessings the Lord has bestowed upon man, he would not be so quick to complain about the little adverses that meet him on life's pathway.

Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger came from California for the blessed event of the baptism of George Schuster, who is now a brother. It always renews our spirits to hear the testimony of a soul who has felt his lost condition and came to the Lord in true repentance. May the Lord's work always be carried on as he has it outlined in the Scripture.

A baby girl, Robin Jean, was born to Bob and Betty Lemons Sat. Jan. 30.

Nathan Knochel, young son of Bro. and Sis. Herb Knochel, had a tonsillectomy. He is now feeling fine.

Sis. Lois Elsasser has been very ill the past several weeks. We will be grateful when she will be able to be up and can assemble with us again.

We have enjoyed having your reporter, Sis. Cordelia Locher (from Sabetha) and her husband, Bro. Ted, with us. We are all delighted to see the improvement in Bro. Ted, who suffers from a bronchial condition. Bro. Harry Roth (Forrest) has also come here seeking relief — and he hasn't had an attack since being here. Isn't it wonderful when those with a respiratory condition can go somewhere and find the relief they need.

Steve Lemons has been transferred from Lackland AFB to Luke AFB, here in Arizona. He is now able to live at home, while finishing his military obligation.

We have been blessed by having several visiting ministers — Bro. Joe Klopfenstein (Gridley), Bro. Elias Somerhalder (Burlington, Okla.) and Bro. Robert Young (Wichita). It is wonderful how the Lord can bless each minister with a difference in gift of proclaiming the word.

The services that have been scheduled in Tucson on the second Sunday of each month are to be held at the YMCA, 516 N. 5th Ave. at 1 p.m. There is parking space in the rear of the building. Every one is welcome. They will be served by one of the ministers from Phoenix.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY West Lafayette, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Honegger

"Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled." This was part of the verses which Bro. Edwin Bahler read to us from St. Luke 6, for our last meeting of the

semester. Our hunger for spiritual food was certainly filled, as we listened to his inspirational message from Christ's Sermon.

For our first meeting in the new semester, we were quite pleased to have Bros. Ed Hohulin and Robert Grimm of Goodfield with us. We were inspired with their sermon concerning prayer. We heard how numerous people, in the days before Christ, had the desire to pray to God. From Psalm 51 we heard the prayer of a repentant soul: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions . . ." May God reward them richly for their willingness to travel a great distance to minister to us.

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's
voice,
Returning from his ways,
While angels in their praise rejoice
And cry, **Behold, he prays.**

Prayer is the Christian's vital
breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of
death.
He enters heaven with prayer.

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thyself has
trod.
Lord, teach us how to pray!

SABETHA, KANSAS Leona Aeschliman Mrs. Theodore Locher

Bros. Edwin Hohulin, Sam Anliker and Ben Zimmerman ministered to us. As always, we received wonderful teachings and appreciated having these brothers with us.

A group of us had a housewarming for Sis. Lydia, John and Dave Meyer. The evening was spent visiting and singing hymns. Refreshments were served. May they be blessed in their new home.

Sis. Mary Metzger has been hospitalized at the St. Anthony Hospital, having a heart condition and complications. She is improving. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Bro. Louis Somerhalder, who is

a resident of the A. C. Home, received word of the death of Harold Somerhalder, his brother, who lived at Burbank, California. Bro. Louis went by plane to attend the funeral service, held at Maywood on January 23. Bros. Carl Kinsinger and John Dapper conducted the service. Surviving also are two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Son, Mrs. Velma Sullivan of Burbank, California, and Bro. Joe Somerhalder of Lamar.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Mary Hartter observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 24. The immediate families were entertained with a dinner at the home of Bro. Willard and Sis. Eloise Bahr. Mrs. Helen Smith, a daughter who lives in Denver, was the only member of the family unable to attend. May they be blessed with many more anniversaries.

The annual church meeting was held recently. Bro. Harlan Meyer was re-elected as treasurer, to serve a term of three years. Decision was made that Bro. Harlan would also have charge of the World Relief Fund. Bro. Theodore Locher had served as clerk of the trustees for eight years, but wished to be relieved of this duty, due to ill health. Bro. Louis Wenger was elected to fill the unexpired term of the remaining year.

Sis. Fanny Bahr was released from the K.U. Medical Center, Kansas City, where she had been for consultation. Bro. Lewis accompanied her. We pray God will strengthen them each day and grant the necessary grace.

Bro. August Grimm is hospitalized at the local hospital, with complications. May God be with Bro. August and Sis. Leota.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mrs. Albert E. Kipfer

Bro. Jim Gerber slipped at his machine, while working, and injured his leg, which required 15 stitches to close the wound. We are thankful Bro. Jim got along so nicely and is able to be back working.

Bro. Walter Rager, son of Bro. and Sis. Carl Rager, is engaged to marry Sis. Sharon Laidag, daughter of Bro. and Sis. Silas Laidig of Bremen. The wedding is to take place sometime in August. Bro. Walter recently graduated from the University of Toledo, and is now affiliated with an oil company

in Toledo. We wish him a blessed and prosperous future, but shall miss him from our congregation.

Sis. Elizabeth Poe had a hernia operation at the Lutheran Hospital Jan. 29. She is getting along very nicely. Sis. Elizabeth was released from the hospital Feb. 6, and is now convalescing at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Bro. and Sis. Mary and Sylven Gerber, Route 4, Bluffton, Indiana. The doctor informed Sis. Elizabeth that she will be unable to go back to work before 6 to 8 weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Sis. Nettie Drayer is confined to the Parkview Hospital for observation. We hope and trust the Lord will give her the needed grace and strength in her affliction . . . Wishing you, also, a speedy recovery.

Friend David Levy, son of Bro. and Sis. Bill Levy, has returned home from California and is feeling much better again. He has enrolled at the Indiana University at Bloomington for the remainder of this year.

Our annual meeting to elect new officers was held Sun., Jan. 31. It was decided upon, through voting, to maintain the same Sunday School teachers for another year. They are as follows: Verlin Stoller, Walter Rager, Myron Hackenjoys, Emma Unsicker, Ann Swihart and Sharon Pfister. Sy. Fulkerson was voted in as new trustee. The other two trustees who remain are Carl Rager and Raymond Pulfer.

Bill Levy, who filled the vacancy of George Stoller as treasurer, was reelected as treasurer for 1965.

Eugene Strunk and Oscar (Dick) Getz were elected to serve as ushers.

The ministers who assisted in serving us recently were Bros. Irvin Stoller, Loren Stoller and John Bollier.

GIRARD, OHIO Karen Stoll

During this past month, the Lord has seen fit to take from our midst two sisters in faith. Sis. Blanche Baun passed away on January 15. She had been a member of the church for 8 years. Sis. Lydia Klotzle, mother of Bro. Joseph Klotzle of Altadena and Sisters Marian Klotzle and Frieda Gasser of Girard, passed away on January 25. She had been a sister in the church for 69 years. Bro. Joe was in Girard for several days, including

Sunday January 30. The Lord gave him the grace to preach God's word to us, and though we all were in bereavement, the written word, spoken through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, lifted us up and gave us new courage.

Bro. Joseph Emch is in the hospital. He was suddenly taken ill and emergency surgery was performed. We earnestly pray for his recovery.

With God's grace, may we ever strive to do our best in His service and remain close to our Saviour; so that when our time of parting comes, we may be ready to meet our God.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA. Mrs. Gus Weltz

We have had a nice bit of cold winter weather, plenty of snow, with the temperature dipping to zero and below in many places.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beger attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Lydia Kloetzle, in Girard, on January 28.

Finley Ruth has been able to return to his home, after several weeks in hospitals in Wheeling and this city. He is coming along nicely.

A. M. Potts underwent surgery in the local hospital the last of January and is doing nicely.

Miss Della Witschey has improved, after a several day attack of neuralgia.

Mrs. Robert Emch has been returned to her home, after undergoing surgery in the local hospital.

Sam Kaufman is receiving medical care in the hospital, hoping to be able to return to his home real soon.

Lindsey W. Burton passed away in Tarpon Springs, Florida, on February 4. The remains were brought here for services and interment, on February 7.

Mrs. J. G. Burgess continues to visit with Della Witschey occasionally, and together they quilt, visit and reminisce.

W. J. Postlethwait, a retired lawyer and a patient in the local hospital, was 96 years of age on February 6. His many friends showered him with cards and gifts.

Miss Mary Martin, one of the oldest residents, passed away on February 6 at the age of 98. Services were held here on February 8.

Albert Durig is doing very well, continues to live alone and care for the home and himself.

Dan Witschey continues in good health, and on good days can be seen taking his usual stroll.

RITTMAN, OHIO Ella Mae Trent

Within less than a month's time, God has seen fit to call home two more souls. Friend Mildred Steiner, age 75, died January 14 and was laid to rest January 17. We remember her many years of assembling with us, before she moved from our community a few years ago. Immediate survivors include daughters Marie Mulligan, Helen Talvacchio, and Jean Keiner, a brother and a sister. She had been preceded in death by her husband, Bro. Solomon. Mildred had suffered a fractured hip, and we know that death could be welcomed as an end to her physical afflictions.

The second soul to be called from our community was my grandmother, Sis. Ella Steiner. She died February 3, at age 78. Burial was Feb. 6. She was preceded in death by two daughters and her husband. Survivors include two sons, Willard and Bro. John; two brothers, Bros. Ezra and Alpha Beery; 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Although we would never choose a time for parting, the time comes, and it is with renewed confidence and zeal that we press on the narrow path, hoping to be reunited soon with loved ones on yonder shore.

All your grief and sadness
In this world below
Balance not the gladness
They in heaven know.

Entering into this world to parents Bro. Eugene and Sis. Kathryn Bachman was a daughter, Pamela Sue, born Jan. 8. Bro. Edward and Sis. Anita Riggenbach are parents of a son, Chad Allan, born Feb. 3.

Submitting to cataract surgery was Bro. Ezra Beery. Betty Mathys is recovering from abdominal surgery. Hospitalized was Sis. Emma Maibach. Hospitalized following an auto accident is Harold Beery.

We welcome home Bro. Pete Baltic, following his discharge from the Army. Although we hardly knew Bro. Pete, as he joined our congregation during his tour of duty, we trust that now that he is home, he can feel welcome and find love toward him in our brotherhood and in our congregation.

Seeking the Lord in repentance. Dale and Margaret Everhardt. It is our prayer that they may come to know the peace that passeth all understanding.

Bro. Ernest Gerber of Rockville gave us much to think over, as he ministered to us. "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Newly elected officers for our congregation include: Trustee, Bro. Robert Ramsier; Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. Dale Hartzler; Ushers, Bro. Lawrence Stoller and Bro. Robert Gasser, with Bro. Gary Maibach and Bro. Jim Ramsier as alternates.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Martha Kieser

Outside, the ground is white, and it remains very cold. We have had quite a few days of below zero readings.

Our congregation was blest with a number of visitors. Bro. Gerald Sutter spent a Sunday here. Another Sunday, Bros. Henry Sabo, Mansfield; Edward Lanz, Oakville and Uriel Gehring, Burlington, were here. In the afternoon, that day, Bro. Harvey Grimm of Bern joined us. On still another Sunday, Bro. Walter Rehklau visited. Their daughter, Sis. Charles (Marie) Kieser, is of our congregation. We enjoyed the fellowship and teachings these brothers were inspired to share with us.

Sis. Louise Greiner, who has moved to the A. C. home, Peoria, was privileged to spend a Sunday in our midst, after a long absence.

Dan Endress entered the hospital for observation and treatment. Two days later, his wife, Sis. Lois, also entered the hospital, where they became parents of a baby boy. He has been named William Joseph; he has 3 brothers, Freddie, Gary and Keith, and two sisters, Judy and Joan. His maternal grandmother is Sis. Hattie Miller of Pulaski. Dan remains in the hospital for continued treatment.

Sis. Jane (Marvin) Leman had surgery on her nose and is recovering nicely.

Bro. Duane Elsasser has been elected to replace Bro. Roy Ehnle in Sunday School. He was elected for a 5-year term. May the Lord bless him. Bro. Carl Hancher was chosen treasurer of the World Relief Fund.

Bro. Herman Dietz was in Ottawa Arthritis Hospital for treatment for 3 weeks. He is home again.

Becky Guingrich, who is in 7th grade, was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy. She returned to the hospital, after complications, but is home again and recovering. She is the daughter of Bro. Ed and Sis. Doris Guingrich.

Bro. John and Sis. Margaret Tanner and Bro. Sam and Sis. Lucille Kieser have entered Mayo's for tests. Sis. Margaret had surgery and is getting along pretty well. We trust they will all be able to return home to their families soon.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Mrs. Earl Zeltwanger

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:35.

A son, Timothy James, was born to Jim and Barbara Laidig on January 27. Congratulations to the parents and grandparents — Bro. Si. and Sis. Pauline Laidig.

Our congregation enjoyed a blessed evening of song and fellowship Jan. 26.

Sis. Minnie Zeltwanger was admitted to the hospital, for surgery, February 8. May God renew her strength each day.

Bro. Larry Hartter has received his B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University, and is now doing graduate work there.

Sis. Mary Lou Zimmer is with us again, upon finishing a practical nursing course in Fort Wayne.

"In times like these" we find true love so sadly lacking in many homes throughout our nation. Love is the great force that binds husbands and wives, parents and children, God and man. The words from the following hymn express so beautifully the gift of "love."

Love is of a friendly nature,
Does no selfish thought possess;
Love is not a sin partaker,
And is free from bitterness.
Love is truthful, not deceitful,
Does here every burden bear,
And enduring is so fruitful,
In all trials, joy to share.

From Zion's Harp 37

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, ILL.

Ben Blunier

Bros. Elmer Bucher from Francesville and Emanuel Gudeman from Cissna Park brought us won-

derful words of life, the third Sunday in January. It was a real winter day, and roads were just being opened in this area, after the snow-storm two days before.

Ann Rinkenberger and Joanne Ruden, classmates at Illinois Commercial College here, are seeking the Lord in repentance. Our prayers join theirs, as the peace of God comes to their hearts.

Our friends, Ann Reutter and Diane Hofer, have completed their studies at Illinois Commercial College and have accepted positions in the government at Washington D.C.

Congratulations to Steve Weidman, Morton, and Dan Plattner, Goodfield, who are now graduates of the University of Illinois. Steve will continue as a graduate student, and Dan will be a civil engineer with the State of Illinois.

A hearty welcome to Bro. Bob and Sis. Wilma Simpson, who have moved to Urbana. Bro. Bob will be on the staff at the university, in the Dept. of Special Education.

Thanks to Bro. James Ringger from Bradford, who joined Bros. Ed Hohulin and Emanuel Gudeman to bring us God's word the first Sunday in February. We are so grateful for brothers who journey so far to bring us the Word, and for all our visitors who bless us with their presence.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

The twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Aaron and Sarah Schwartz was observed at the Fellowship Center. It was a surprise to them. Many relatives and friends attended.

Edward Frautschi spent his mid-semester vacation here with the Edw. Souders, since his parents, Marjorie and Albert Frautschi, are in Mexico City. They plan on being home by the 12th of February.

The Junior and Senior Sunday School classes were at the Fellowship Center. All reported an enjoyable time.

Francis Bertsch spent several days in the hospital at Auburn.

Nancy Klopfenstein is to remain at the Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne some time as yet. Her condition is good and improving nicely. Her husband, William, was able to come home.

Maurice Frank from Chicago spent Sunday here. Jyl Maxfield

from Huntington College was also home with relatives.

Bro. Maurice taught us in his sermon:

Faith alone will not save us. Sometimes the Lord grants answers to prayers, as he did when Saul was put in for king. Even tho' it wasn't the Lord's will, the people wanted it that way; they suffered leanness. David, the beloved Psalmist, with his many mistakes and failures, whenever he came to the Lord confessing, with a contrite and humble heart, the Lord forgave him, God is still the same today as He was in David's time.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Jeff Young

On Saturday evening, Jan. 9, we were privileged to hear the testimonies of three dear souls, Will Rentsch, Larry Kaufman and Hope Valtiena. Baptism was on Sunday. This was carried out by Elder Bros. Joe Getz and Leroy Huber.

Sis. Louisa Feller had the misfortune of slipping on the ice, breaking her hip and right arm. After being hospitalized several weeks, she was able to be brought home, and is cared for in her home by the aid of a nurse, using a hospital bed.

Seems we had so many sick ones this past month. Bro. George Reckemmer had to be hospitalized again. Bro. John Bauer is in the hospital for treatments. Bro. Ben Neukomm and Sis. Lydia Eisenman had surgery. Tillie (Mrs. Alvin Hari) is a patient in the hospital. May the Lord heal them, so they may return home to their loved ones. Bro. Emanuel was missing Sunday, due to minor back injury. We wish him a speedy recovery.

On Sunday, Jan. 24, Cissna Park congregation was richly blessed with two elders, when Bros. Emanuel Gudeman and Ezra Feller were ordained to this important work. Bros. Noah Schrock, John Bahler, Joe Waibel and Rudolph Graf were here for the services. We ask God for grace to support them in this holy work.

Our congregation wishes to express their thanks to all the elder brothers who served us so faithfully, and wants them to always feel welcome in our congregation.

A baby girl was born to Robert and Marie Kupferschmid on Jan. 24. She was named Lisa Ann.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Lorna Schrock

We rejoiced in hearing the testimonies of Ralph and Linda Knapp, on Sat. evening, Jan. 30. Our elder, Bro. Frank Woertz, baptized them on the following day. Bro. Ralph is the son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Elsie Knapp, and Linda's parents are Bro. Martin and Sis. Zelma Knobloch of Lester.

Mrs. Walt (Sis. Irma) Miller spent a few days in the hospital. We are thankful that she is again able to assemble with us.

Bro. Bob Grimm of Goodfield was invited to be with us when our Bible Class entertained the Wolcott Bible Class. He taught the combined Bible classes in the morning, and ministered to the congregation in the afternoon. We were thankful for his visit.

Full Surrender

Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,
Without one backward look.

Who sets his hand unto the plow,
And glances back with anxious brow,
His calling hath mistook.

Christ claims him wholly for His own;
He must be Christ's and Christ's alone.

FORREST ILLINOIS

Nancy Honegger—Martha Stoller

Eight of our converts brought their testimonies on Saturday and were baptized on Sun., Jan. 31. They were Duane and Juanita Schneider, John and Wilma Honegger, Wayne and Roberta Broquard, Marlene Plattner and Joni Honegger. We were all renewed in faith and deeply impressed as Elders George Yergler, Ervin Lehmann, and Josh Broquard assisted Bro. Henry Kilgus with this work. Before the baptismal waters, with our assembly filled to overflowing, the congregation arose, and hearts and voices flowed together as we sang the beautiful song, "It is Well with My Soul." Truly we were made to sit in heavenly places. Other ministers with us were Bros. Ernest Gerber, Rockville; Henry Sabo, Mansfield; and Wayne Gerber, Lester.

Jerry Roth, son of Bro. Harry and Rachel Roth, has turned to the Lord in repentance.

Gene Metz, son of Bro. Joe and Sis. Mary, has returned home, after receiving his discharge from the army.

James Ricketts, son of Bro. Meredith and Sis. Leona, has already been discharged recently. He and his wife, Jean, will continue to make their home in Topeka, Kansas, for the present time.

Sis. Miriam Wenger is using a wheel chair and crutches to get around, since fracturing a bone in her ankle several weeks ago. Sis. Kathryn Honegger has returned home, after spending 8 days in the hospital. She will have her knee in a cast for some time, as the result of a fall.

Sis. Dorothy Rieger underwent surgery, and Bro. Oscar Schneider was confined to his home with pneumonia for some time.

Bro. Wayne and Sis. Judy Anliker are the parents of a baby girl, Sandra Kay.

Our oldest member, Sis. Maggie Bachtold, 92, suffered a stroke and passed away on Feb. 6, at Fairview Haven.

FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Viola Gerber

We remember that it is just a year ago our new church building was completed and the dedicatory services were held. Having a place of our own in which to worship is greatly appreciated by the many visitors, the winter residents and all of us who live here all year round.

Our visiting ministers have been Elder Bros. Joe A. Getz, Morton, and Samuel Aeschliman, Bluffton; Bros. Carl Kipfer, Bluffton; John Wagenbach, Oakville; and Henry Grimm, Morton. Bro. Mike Weyeneth, Peoria, is still with us.

We welcome Bro. Victor and Sis. Dorothy Beer and four of their five children, Bruce, Brenda, Bryan and Debbie, to Florida. They have recently moved to LaBelle and attend church here. Their oldest daughter, Vickie, remained in Milford with her grandparents, Bro. and Sis. Henry Beer, to finish the school term.

On Jan. 31, Elder Bros. Getz and Aeschliman read and discussed the memorandum of the conference that was held in Tremont. Then Bro. Getz read from John 6:53, "... Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." Communion services were announced for the following Sunday.

Also, Bro. Richard Sutter was chosen to serve a three-year term

as trustee of the church. Richard Kaehr was elected to be a Sunday School teacher. Later, a supper was served in the church to approximately 140. Evening services were held. It was a day filled with many blessing for all.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Marian Wiegand and Edith Tanner

"The Great Physician Now is Here"— Bro. Magnus Hartman is home, after having surgery, and seems to be well on the road to recovery.

Myrna Rokey was ill at home for about 3 weeks; we are glad she's able to be back to work.

Our friends, Dan Plattner and Doreen Hauch, were announced that they have found peace with God. May they find grace to continue to build on the Solid Rock, Jesus Christ.

We were especially grateful for the outstanding message that God inspired our beloved elder, Bro. Frank Woertz, to share with us. After reading from Acts 27, he compared our spiritual life to a sea voyage, in which we shall meet storms and dangers. Sometimes the channels may be narrow and shallow, and we will have to lighten our ship so that we do not hit bottom and have shipwreck. Perhaps in the darkest night, God will send a strengthening angel to encourage us. Yet, through everything, we must stay with the ship—with the church. It may seem that there is not much to which we can cling, but **Jesus Never Fails**. Our whole aim and desire in life is to reach that Blessed Harbor!

"Come, come, sweet death," was no doubt often the thought and prayer of our dear, departed sister, Mary Heinold, who is now "At Home," where, "Tis Well". She passed away Feb. 7, after several weeks of illness. Ten years ago, she lost her husband, Bro. George. Surviving are four sons, Joseph, Melvin, Lester, and Wilbur; three daughters, Cora Rogers, Laura Steffen, and Ruth Hunziker; 20 grandchildren, a great-grandchild; two sisters, Anna and Cora; and a brother, Joe Zuercher. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth" was read by Bro. Frank Woertz at the funeral. It was so comforting to know that our departed sister, Mary, had done just that and repented when she was only twenty-five, which made her

a member for more than fifty years. Now we could believe that her Saviour had remembered her and taken her safely through the valley of the shadow of death.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Dianne Emch

We have a new group of students who began their new year by deciding to become children of God. They are Wayne Drayer, Daryle Hari, and Judy Bauer, all of Cissna Park; Maxine Kempf from Eureka; and Terry Zimmerman and Gloria Kaeb, both from Fairbury. We wish them much grace in making the most important step of their lives.

On Jan. 7, Bro. Joe Schrock ministered to us and read Luke 15. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Bro. Emanuel Gudeman.

Bro. Russell Rapp of Morton was with us Jan. 14; his text was I Timothy 4. He stressed the importance of teachers' being indoctrinated with the truth, so that our children's beliefs cannot be swayed. We were blessed with the presence of the Mortonaires singing group that same evening. They sang several selections for us, after which many enjoyed an extended hour at the home of Bro. Carl and Sis. Anne Frautschi.

Those student-teaching from our Bible Class this nine-week period are Ross Hodel (Eureka), in Peekin on the Junior High level, and Jim Rinkenberger (Cissna Park), in Joliet in the math department. Sis. Gloria Leman is serving nine weeks in the Home Economics Laboratory House.

We have begun a new semester, and we miss our three January graduates, Sis. Lillie Moore, Bro. Dale Wiegand, and Bro. Ron Kaufman.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

John Isch

Our guest minister on Jan. 7 was Bro. Earl Zeltwanger of the Bremen congregation. Although a severe snowstorm almost completely isolated our city for the preceding two days, many from surrounding area still managed to attend.

We were blessed with our largest gathering to date, on Feb. 7, having over 100 brethren and friends present. Bro. Elmer Bucher of Francesville and Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington ministered the good word unto us. We also enjoyed the visit of a group of stu-

dents from the University of Illinois.

Bro. Herman and Sis. Helen Norr, faithful ones who have helped so immeasurably in getting meetings organized, are vacationing in Florida. We are looking forward to their return to our fellowship.

Sis. Jeanne Steffen of Elgin and Sis. Christine Leman of Morton have been with us for the past three months, while taking their affiliated training in pediatrics nursing at Riley Hospital. They are leaving the middle of this month to go to Peoria, where they will get their formal instruction in psychiatry. We have enjoyed their fellowship and wish them a blessed and rewarding future in their nursing profession.

It has been decided that for the months of February, March and April, the Francesville congregation will be in charge of our services. Every first and third Sunday during this time, one of their ministers will provide the good teachings for us. Again, we heartily welcome all those who can find it possible to worship with us.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Mrs. Alvin H. Manz

We were favored with a visit from Bro. Noah Bauman, from Rittman. Bro. George Sinn, our elder, was also here, and we partook of the Lord's Supper, in memory of our Saviour's suffering and death upon the cross, so that we may have life eternal. The ministering brothers and several of our number also visited, the evening before, with our ailing ministering brother, Andrew Dotterer.

The Rehklau sisters, who are also ailing for many years now, also were able to partake of the Lord's supper, when the elder brothers, and brothers and sisters of the church, had a short service for them in their home. Sis. Priscilla called me the day after and told me to express their thanks, for they were most appreciative of the thoughtfulness. Sis. Naomi has been not too well lately, having frequent nose bleeds. Sis. Priscilla has been much troubled with her arthritis, and Lydia is about the same.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Paul Haab

It has been uplifting to again

hear what the Lord has done for sinners who found themselves lost. Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Theo Beer officiated in hearing the testimonies of those who have turned their backs to the world, and are now traveling with us up that narrow pathway. Our new brothers are—John Hurd, Nelson Beer, Ken Beer and Joe Beer. Our new sisters are—Carol Hurd, Virginia Beer, Cynthia Beer and Kathy Pfister. We were very happy to have many visitors with us at this happy occasion.

January 29, we assembled to witness the baptism of our dear brother, John Wutrich. John, we believe, is a very special brother, as he has spent his entire life, 58 years, in a wheel chair. We are happy the Lord has revealed to him the necessity of preparing himself for eternity. We wish him God's grace and richest blessings.

Our friends, Jerry and Jane Templin, are parents of a boy, Scott Allen. Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor Beer are the maternal grandparents.

At our annual February Sing-spuration, we featured the Zion's Harp hymnal. It was brought out, how the words of these songs parallel the Word of God. We were privileged to have a group from Francesville take part, consisting of part of the Pierre Neihouser family. We had a good attendance and enjoyed the singing very much.

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Solomon Rapp
Mrs. B. E. Getz

Ministers who visited us were Bros. Lowell Stoller, Princeville; Leroy Hartman, Peoria; and Robert Grimm, Goodfield. They brought us inspiring messages, and we welcome them back.

Births: On January 10, a daughter was born to Sis. Irene and Bro. Lester Kaiser; January 22, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Roecker; and January 29, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Roecker.

Sis. Nettie Kaiser was brought to Rest Mor. She is convalescing till she is able to go home.

Patients in the hospital were Bros. John J. Getz and Sam W. Ackerman and Sis. Ethel Grimm. They are all getting along nicely and have returned home again.

Our monthly song service was held on January 10, with a large attendance. Bros. Leroy Hartman

and Robert Grimm spent the evening with us.

Funeral Services were held for William Krug, age 75, at the Ludwig Mortuary, with Bros. Henry Grimm and Russel Rapp officiating. Surviving are four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3 for Joe Weishaupt, age 73, who passed away at his home in Mackinaw. Bros. Albert Aberle and August Bolliger of Tremont officiated. Surviving are five sons, four daughters and one brother.

Bro. Felix Wutrich, age 80, passed away at his home in Pulaski. The body was brought to Morton for burial.

Services were held February 6. Bro. Russel Rapp officiated, assisted by Bro. Joe Zimmerman of Roanoke.

Surviving are a daughter, Sis. Mary Aleene Kisling; two sons, Bro. James and Lowell of Morton; and two sisters, Minnie Getz and Lydia Wutrich, both of Pulaski.

Spiritual food for our souls was revealed to us by Bros. Vernon Leman of Eureka and Eugene Bertschi of Roanoke.

Bro. Leman was reading from St. Luke, chapter 18, "And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

It is sad when we read of this one person who did not want to give up one particular thing to gain his soul's salvation. Think of it, only one thing he lacked to gain entrance into heaven. This certain ruler told Jesus that all these commandments have I kept from my youth. It must have been an extraordinary young man, we might say, to have kept all these things, yet how sad, when Jesus could see into his heart and realize that he clung to an earthly treasure. It could be many different things, but if you are asked by God to give up something, then we should give it up and join in this precious race. We will all hope and pray to join in the first resurrection and meet on yonder shore, to see Jesus face to face, meet and talk with the Heavenly Father and all the saints that will be there.

"... when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich." "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!"

Yet dear ones, when the time comes, we felt burdened, sin-ridden; our hearts were broken and heavy. We knew we had to have God's help and grace. How precious was it that He could share with us this grace, this help, to come with a true, repentant heart, ask God to forgive us for our former sins, truly have this heart cleansed and purified, and then live for God.

Bro. Bertschi: We have a young man here who went away very sorrowful. Possibly many of us have a tendency to place a monetary value upon success in life. Really that is not necessary. There is very little connection, loved ones, with success in life and riches. As this young man found out, when the Lord required of him the thing that he had his heart set upon, he was very sorrowful.

Take to recognition the word of God, "seek ye first the kingdom of God" and all the rest shall be added unto you. It behooves us, as we establish our goals in life, that we take into account the things that God wants us to do, place our affection upon things above, that we have contained in our hearts the things that God wants there.

We hope that our youth can see and place a value upon the life of a Christian. We hope that they can see in God's people something that they also want, and that they will strive for it, that they will thereby establish their goal in life. The Lord says, Will I find faith when I come again? These things also should be our concern, so that we uphold that faith, that we do not let it deteriorate, but that we keep it strong, that when the Lord comes, He can find faith upon the earth.

Loved ones, we have a church; we are a church. We are a body in the Lord. We are promised, that if we do our part, the church will endure unto the end. Thereby may we be a part of those which the Lord will find faith when He comes. May God bless every word in our hearts. It is His word that provides food for our inner man, gives us courage, renews us in faith, and causes us to take another step along life's way.

PORTLAND, OREGON

Mrs. Edward Unsicker
Mrs. Glenn Hackenjos

Kenny, Donnie, Billy and David Cooper are all thanking Jesus for

their new brother, Gary Michael, is are their parents, Bro. Ray and Sis. Virginia. We Christian parents can never be thankful enough to the Lord Jesus for **Walking daily by our side**, answering our every question! "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philipians 4:19

Our dear friends, Joe and Carolyn Rotter (who has recently confessed turning to the Lord), have been transferred from Ft. Lewis, Wash., to Denver. It was very difficult to see Joe and Carolyn go, but here again, dear ones, we can say with the Apostle Paul, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

Ephesians 6:13

It seems this has been a time of parting for us—in Portland, we truly miss our dear friend, Don Banwart, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Margaret, who has been called to serve our country. How marvelous to know that God hears our prayers for our loved ones, whether they be far or near.

At Silverton, we sorely miss dear Janice (Kaufman, daughter of Jake and Sis. Clara) Montoya and her husband, Leo, who have just established residence in New Mexico, where Leo is continuing his studies, after several years in the U.S. Navy.

Bro. Joe Reber was elected as new trustee in Portland, to replace Bro. Ray Banwart, who had done his duty very faithfully.

Not the least of our blessed heritage is our precious **Zion's Harp!** The thought occurred, "How can one whose heart is fettered to this earth possibly express its longing in words like, "Come, my Friend, and take me 'sunder"—or with tear-choked voices and grateful hearts, how can he again sing—

Lead me, Lord, as Thou best knowest
How before Thee I should live;
If but Thou my footstep guidest,
Joy and blessings I receive.
If in grace with Thee I'm standing,
Dangers fade at Thy commanding;
Guided by Thy hand alone,
Thine and not my will be done."

No. 93, "Trust in God", Zion's Harp.

and be freshly reminded of God's

marvelous protection through another violent storm?

As one of our Sunday School children was returning from school, fighting the wind, she was further startled by a tremendous crash! Rounding the corner of a plumbing shop, she saw that a plate glass window had just blown out! Surely, again God has been good!

PULASKI, IOWA Mrs. Ray Martin

Bro. Fred Grimm was here, read and meditated on the memorandum from the conference. We were richly blessed. May God bless him for his effort.

Bro. William Cottrell was here another Sunday and ministered to us. We were also inspired by his sermons.

On Dec. 30, Kathleen Mae was born to Bro. and Sis. Ray Martin. She has a sister, Audrey, and a brother, Edwin.

The entire church gathered together and helped Lydia and Minnie Wuthrich celebrate their birthdays. They are the oldest sisters of our church. Lydia was 89, and Minnie was 79. Both are very active yet, and enjoy gardening very much. They both are able to attend church every Sunday. May God bless them in their older years.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Saviour's brow
His head with radiant glories
crowned,
His lips with grace o'erflow.

To Him I owe my life and breath,
And all the joys I have.
He makes me triumph over death;
He saves me from the grave.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS Irene Legel

Bro. and Sis. Ralph Knepp observed their 25th wedding anniversary the 14th. Bro. Ralph and Sis. Ruth (Blunier) were united in marriage Jan. 14, 1940, at the Roanoke church, with Bro. Dave Mangold officiating. They are parents of Mrs. Rachel Bauer of Cissna, Mrs. Carol Luginbuhl of Roanoke, Kenneth of Roanoke, Robert, Curtis, John, Richard and Marjean at home. They have lived near here all their married life.

Bro. Ben and Sis. Ruth Hodel are parents of a daughter, Ann Louise, born Jan 20. She has three sisters,

Mary Kay, Susan and Janice, and six brothers, Steven, Michael, Bruce, Herbert, Mark and Scott. Grandparents are Bro. Joe and Sis. Katie Hodel of here and Sis. (Mrs.) August Roecker of Morton.

Sis. Emma Blunier (Harold) has returned home from the hospital, after recovering from surgery.

Bro. Lyle and Sis. Mary Lou Martin are parents of a son, 3 days old, by adoption. They named him Lendall Lee. He has one brother, Randall Craig, 11 years old. Grandparents are Sis. Mary Aeschleman and Bro. and Sis. Ben Martin, all of here.

Sis. Gerry and Harley Moser are parents of a daughter, Marjorie Ann. She has three sisters, Debra, Pamela and Diana, and three brothers, Danny, John and Bobby. Grandparents are the late Bro. and Sis. Ed Moser and the Kerns.

We are glad to hear Sis. Ruth Knepp (Ralph) has returned home, after being in the hospital several days.

Bro. Joe Martin, 68, a retired farmer, passed away, after being a patient in the hospital only a short time. He was the son of the Bro. Charles and Sis. Lena (Gerber) Martin. He was married to Sis. Marie Funk in 1932.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Sis. Marilyn Blunier of Hillsboro, Ill., and Sis. Janice Getz of here; one brother, Bro. Carl Martin, of Marengo, Ill.; three sisters, Sis. Lucy Hodel (Ed Sr), Sis. Anna Mangold (Dave) and Sis. Emma Scherer (Lee); and four grandchildren, all of Roanoke. Bro. Gene Bertschi conducted the services. It was stressed how the quiet and humble members have a reward awaiting them.

Bro. Jim and Sis. Doris Hodel are parents of a son, born the 8th, Robert Wayne. He has one sister, Terri Sue 5, and two brothers, Curtis Phillip 3½, and James Michael 1½ years. His grandparents are Bro. Silas and Sis. Caroline Hodel of here and Bro. Phil and Sis. Dorothy Getz of Morton. Grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Sam Getz of Morton.

Bro. and Sis. Silas Hodel will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house, Sun. the 14th, at their home. Bro. Silas and Sis. Caroline (Huber) were married Feb. 10, 1915. They are parents of six daughters, Sisters Mildred Aeschleman, Irene Legel, Malinda

Gerber of here, Norma Bauman and Verda Blunier of Eureka and Dorothy Schmidgall of Washington. Five sons, Bro. Ralph, Bro. Jim, Bro. Bill and Jerry of here, and Bro. Roy Hodel of El Paso, Ill. They have 35 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. We wish them many more happy years together.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI
Mrs. Eli Sutter
Mrs. Bill Heimer

Our annual business meeting was held in January, at which time the new teachers and a trustee were elected. Bro. Roy Grimm, Sis. Lois Sutter and Sis. Linda Kolthoff were elected to replace Bro. James Sutter, Sis. Elizabeth Sutter and Sis. Dona Grimm. Bro. Bill Heimer is the new trustee, replacing Bro. James Sutter, whose term has expired. A committee was also elected to investigate the possibility of an addition to the church.

Bro. Ed Hohulin, Goodfield, stopped here on the way home from Excelsior Springs, Mo. Bro. Hohulin brought us a message from God's Holy Word, on our regular Wednesday evening meeting.

Eleanor Yackley, daughter of Bro. Perry and Sis. Clara Yackley, who is a senior at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College at Kirksville, Mo., has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for the 1964-65 school year.

ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA
Jeri Minger Doris Graf

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I Corinthians 2:4,5 We received much spiritual strengthening from the messages of Bro. Eli Somerhalder of Burlington, Okla., and Bro. Joe Klopfenstein of Gridley, Illinois. We are thankful for the services of all those who teach God's precious word with such truth and diligence.

Our Elder Bro. Carl Kinsinger held funeral services for our friend, Harold Somerhalder. Here for the funeral were Bro. Lewis Somerhalder, and Bro. and Sis. Joe Somerhalder of Lamar. Also surviving Harold are his sisters, Velma and Elizabeth, of Burbank.

The visit of Bro. and Sis. Bob Bradle was greatly enjoyed by our congregation. The Bradles were accompanied by Bob's parents, Bro. and Sis. Chris Bradle, and his aunt, Sis. Mae Sauder. Bob and Mary are now stationed in El Paso, Texas.

Bro. and Sis. Clarence Graf's daughter, Lucy, was in our area for a few days this month. Lucy and her husband, Dick Griffith, have made their home in Stockton, California. Lucy's visit was enjoyed by family and friends alike.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS
Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

A most blessed and impressive week end was experienced by the Gridley congregation, when our friend, Roy Alt, gave his testimony, and was taken into the fold. Coming to be with their father and grandfather to witness this wonderful occasion were Roy's children and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alt and children, also Mrs. Young, Mrs. Alt's mother, all of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins and children from Dayton, Ohio. Roy's children presented him with a Bible, on this most happy day. Mrs. Arnold (Adeline) Sulsbury, from California was the only child not present at this time. However, Bro. Roy and Sis. Matilda plan to spend the remainder of the winter in California with Adeline and her family.

Bro. Frank and Sis. Mary Martin were spending some time in Phoenix. Bro. Frank Martin became ill, and he and Sis. Mary started back home by train. Bro. Frank became seriously ill, had to be taken from the train, by ambulance, to the hospital in New Mexico. His son, Ray Martin from Peoria, and Frank's daughter and husband, Bro. Ezra and Sis. Martha Stoller from Gridley, flew by plane to New Mexico to be with their father and Sis. Mary. At this writing, we have no late report on Bro. Frank's condition. However, we hope and pray he will soon be able to return to his home.

Three little girls had tonsilectomies: Ann, daughter of Bro. Lynn and Sis. Miriam Klopfenstein, Julie, daughter of Bro. Dick and Louise Mae Kiefer, and Patty, daughter of Bro. Carlton and Sis. Betty Klopfenstein. They have all recovered and are back in church and school.

Sis. Clara Funk, who underwent

a hernia operation, is convalescing in her home, and seems to be steadily improving.

Bro. Ben Schlatter from Toledo was guest speaker in our Sunday School. He spoke to the Bible Class about their trip to the far East, Alaska, Japan, Formosa, and other places of interest in the Orient. After hearing his talk, it made us feel thankful that we live in our own country. Submitted by Bro. Herbert Gramm, Sunday School Superintendent.

A singing was held in our church Sunday evening. It was well attended. This is to be once a month. It is a blessed thing to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, as in song by the Psalmist.

How good a pillow feels at night to him

Who kept a silent tongue when evil thought
Was in his thought! The heart fills to the brim

With satisfaction that his soul has bought.
How restless he may lie upon his bed

Who carries some choice gossip to a friend
Which may have been much better left unsaid.

Quick spoken words are often hard to mend;
Kind sleep oft gently soothes the weary brow

Of him whose soul has found a battle won,
While wakefulness will very often plow

A deeper furrow, at some evil done.

The man who wears a bridle on his tongue

May surely keep the heart forever young.

THE BIBLE

It is a book of wisdom;

It commands you what to do,
If you want to find much wisdom,
You will read it through and through.

It speaks of love and justice;
It will guide back, if astray.
It gives you strength to battle
With every tempting way.

They were good men who wrote it:
They were holy, just and pure
They loved their fellowmen,

And of heaven they were sure,
So stick always to the Bible—

It will comfort you day and night,

It will be your best friend ever,
And will always lead you right.

FORGIVE

I've found a little remedy
To ease the life we live,
And make each day a happier one.
It is the word "Forgive".

So often little things come up
That leave a pain and sting,
That covered up at once would not
Amount to anything.

'Tis when we hold them up to
view,
And brood and sulk and fret,
They greater grow before our eyes.
'Twere better to forget.

So, when at night you seek your
bed.

'Ere yet your eyelids close,
Lay all your problems, doubts and
acts,
Before the One who knows.

And wait the verdict of the One
Who knows just why you live,
And hear the blessed words of
peace;

Forgive, as I forgive.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Mrs. Ada Banwart
Martha Steiner

Announcement was made to our congregation on January 31 of the engagement of Sis. Eleanor Schrock, daughter of Bro. Noah and Sis. Hattie Schrock, to Bro. William Knobloch of Lester, son of Bro. and Sis. Emil Knobloch.

Sis. Yoshiko Utsuki left our congregation on Sunday, February 7, to visit Bro. Willis Ehnle's parents in Princeville. We are looking forward to her return in a few weeks.

Bro. Dave Miller is home again, after spending a few weeks in the hospital, due to a heart condition. He is improving steadily.

Bro. Eugene Gerst is in the hospital with heart trouble, also. Bro. Gene, or better known as "Uncle Gene" to many in our congregation, is eighty years old. Our thoughts are with him in his illness.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed

up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." I Corinthians 13:4-7 This was the scripture that was opened unto Elder Brother Sam Anliker, when he visited with us. If we could all live according to the teachings of this scripture, how much happier our time on earth would be.

Bro. Tim Farney has been hospitalized the past few weeks. We certainly miss him, as he is our usher and Sis. Hattie is our coffee-maker. Bro. Tim seems to be getting along well, and we look forward to the time that they can assemble with us again.

Friend Eva Beyer was hospitalized with a stroke. We understand she is able to be up and around now, and hope she will soon be in our midst again. Eva is the wife of Floyd Beyer.

The youngest Sunday School class met at the home of Sis. Ethel Smith, their Sunday School teacher, for Mike Farney's going away. Mike is the son of Jerry and Donna Farney, who are leaving our congregation to move to Amarillo, Texas. Jerry is employed by New Holland Equipment Company and has been assigned to that territory. Mike told his class that they were going to miss him, because he was moving. We certainly will miss them all, but we wish the Lord's blessings upon them. Jerry is the son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ann Farney.

ADDRESSES

Students step toward class door . . . others are working away from home . . . studying is work, too. The addresses present a real picture . . . Addresses show where they are and our love looks here, too. Remember, when they come home, it only takes a little bit to go a little out of the way. Give them a smile and warmth of heart. A letter looks good to them, too.

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Stop! Look! Listen!

Stop—from your sins. Look—to the cross. Listen—to the Holy Spirit.

Such a sweet Gospel was given to us by the visiting Bros. Ronald Leman and Henry Kilgus.

The Bro. Fred Gutwein's daughter, Herbert Cooks', have a baby daughter—Melissa; Hilda Tom's daughter, Richard Haynes', a daughter—Jacinda; and the Emmett Wards' daughter, Joe Sauder's, a son—Stuart. God intends for every baby to bring a bit of heaven to the home and heart.

With love, that never fails, the following brothers were chosen to serve our church in 1965 — Sunday School superintendent, Sidney Leman; on Committee, Eugene Huber; trustee, Lee Overmeyer; ushers, Keith Getz and Ellsworth Pelsy; World Relief Treasurer, George Erb. The ministers expressed their appreciation to all the dear sisters, who do their part in many ways.

WORLD RELIEF

Bro. George Erb

A meeting of World Relief Committee was held at Francesville. Thirty-six representatives from twenty-eight churches attended. Bro. George Sinn opened our meeting with prayer, asking divine guidance.

Bros. Herman Kellenberger, Henry Beer, Herman Norr, Art Gudeman and Wendell Gudeman make up the Committee.

At the Conference, it was recommended financial help be given to

three organizations, the Heifer Project, Mennonite Central Committee, and CARE.

Heifer Project is world-wide, shares livestock, poultry, technical assistance, and educational information where agricultural assistance is needed. It helps meet the immediate nutritional need of people. By giving living animals, it supplies food requirements for all the months, and years, to come. Animals are distributed on the basis of need and ability to care. The recipient passes on the first female calf to another who is in need of assistance. Since 1944, Heifer Project has made over 1,000 shipments to 75 countries.

Mennonite Central Committee ... For immediate help to the needy, they have feeding programs in Calcutta, India; Hong Kong, China and Korea. They have food distribution and medical services in Haiti, Congo, South America and Europe. New and used clothing is badly needed. It was suggested that more pick-up locations be established. In 1963, 415 tons of clothing, bedding, shoes, soap, school supplies, and bandages were received by five clothing centers.

CARE, Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere, is a non-profit agency for assistance to needy people in other lands. It distributes food and other essentials for immediate relief, provides tools of education, health, and self-support to help the needy help themselves to a decent future. They send medical doctors, nurses, and medical technicians, to practice and teach modern medicine. Millions of food packages go round the world, to restore bodies racked by hunger. Youth, whose outlook was hopeless, receive tools and training to fit them for trade. Care food and programs are helping feed 26,000,000 people every month—school children, hospital patients, orphans, refugees, disaster victims, and destitute families.

Our dollars will save lives.

A group meeting was held with the representatives and guests in attendance. The first item discussed was, "How should the funds be divided?" It was recommended that distribution should be approximately equal to the three organizations.

It was decided that Heifer Project would be the first major project.

In closing, the 3rd chapter of Malachi, 10th verse was referred to, and the meeting was closed with a prayer, by Bro. George Gramm.

The Bible clearly defines a Christian's duty as having an obligation to the hungry, the homeless, and the suffering. Duty calls for more than words; it calls for action.

May we, each one, give willingly and cheerfully, as God has blessed us, that we may fulfill our duty to Him.

LESTER, IOWA Emelie M. Knobloch

In our New Year's message, Bro. Leo Moser meditated, We know not what is before us. This all remains a mystery, as during the past year we witnessed several births and several deaths, of different ages. He also mentioned how our parents are going down the valley, one by one. Even though he knew the seriousness of Bro. Mogler's illness, I am sure he never thought both he and his wife would meet their Maker within three weeks.

Sis. Pauline Mogler passed away on January 6, after suffering a stroke Oct. 25. Sis. Pauline was unable to speak from that time. She was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, April 11, 1889. She came to America in 1909, and was married December 19, 1920, to Bro. Henry Mogler, at Peoria. Elder Bro. Leuthold was in charge of the funeral services, Saturday, January 9.

When our sister closed her eyes in death, she could only say in her last moments, "I'm Going Home."

It was Bro. Henry's desire to go home with her. His wish was granted, as the Lord called him on January 26, and relieved him of his misery and grief. Bro. Henry had been in the hospital most of the time his wife was. Bro. Henry was taken by ambulance to the chapel services only, for his wife's funeral.

He was born near Lester, November 19, 1895, lived and farmed in the community until their retirement to their new home at Lester, March, 1963. Funeral services were held Friday, January 29, with Elder Bro. Paul Fehr in charge. Bro. Henry ministered to us for forty years, until his illness in October. He was secretary-treasurer for many years. His father, Bro. August Mogler, was the first minister at Lester.

They leave to mourn their passing six daughters, Sis. Dorothy (Mrs. Adrian Kellenberger) Elgin; Sis. Melva (Mrs. Roland Messner), Winthrop; Sis. Leona (Mrs. Leo Moser); Sis. Florence (Mrs. August Knobloch); Verna Mae (Mrs. Franklin Moser); and Sis. Marjorie Mogler; two sons: Bros. Philip and Howard, of this area; she leaves 1 sister, Mrs. Karl Bauer, Elgin; and one brother, Karl, in Germany. Bro. Henry has 3 brothers, Joe, Alexandria, Minn.; Sam, West Bend; Paul, Rittman; three sisters, Sis. Bertha (Mrs. Jake Gehring), Elgin; Lydia (Mrs. Gottlieb Joos), Fairbury; and Sis. Anna Schmidt, West Bend.

Our congregation mourns the loss of these two dear souls. We know our loss is Heavens gain. This must be hard when one loses both parents in such a short time. Fond memories remain. What the Lord does is well done. May God share his love and sympathy. It was meditated in one of the services, When two pillars are taken from the congregation in such a short while, is the faith of the remaining strong enough to hold God's love and faith together?

Other ministering brothers in attendance were Elder Bro. Paul Banwart, Bros. Earl Banwart, Alphai Moser, Elmer Schmidt, Noah Gerber, Alfred Fehr, Harvey Grimm, Uriel Gehring, Paul and Albert Butikofer, and Noah Miller. Bros. Silas Leuthold and Harvey Grimm shared God's word January 10.

Even with the sadness, we have some joy. Three souls have been announced and are ready for proving, Kenneth and Joyce Knobloch and Adolph Moser. We can only be thankful God's love is still extended to all.

We have one birth: To Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Knobloch, a son, January 13, Jimmy Allen. He was welcomed by three brothers, David, Donald and Jerry.

MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Christine Locher

Our visiting ministers, Bro. Harvey Heiniger of Iowa, on January 10. On February 7, Bro. Elias Sommerhalder of Burlington, Okla., and Bro. Joseph Klopfenstein of Gridley, Ill. We were blessed by the Holy Word and we thank them for their visits.

We wish to thank each of our

visitors who took time to assemble with us, and trust they were as blessed with our fellowship, as we were.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel

Bro. Fred and Sis. Nettie Knochel from Bay City visited their son, Al, and daughter, Marie Schieler, their families, and others. Fifty years ago, Bro. Fred says he visited at our home on their wedding trip. He used to help my folks now and then when we were small. Jan. 20 was their 50th anniversary, which was celebrated by 9 of their 11 children (a son from Arizona and a daughter from Fairbury were unable to be present.) Sis. Esther Siebenthal from here was there for the happy reunion. She is Nettie's Sister.

Where God in truth abides,
Where two join hand and heart,
We find a threefold cord
Not lightly rent apart.

The Viebert family moved to Francesville. Her folks, Bro. and Sis. Perry from Alabama, visited them recently. May God always be their Guide and comfort in their new home.

Bro. Phil Getz has been unable to attend services for some time, due to crippling arthritis. Mail is always appreciated by a shut-in. His address is Wolcott, Indiana.

He knows your strength is spent,
He knows how long the road has been,
how weary you have grown,
For He who walked the earthly roads along
Each lowland and each rugged hill,
can understand,
and so He says
"Be still, and know that I am God".

We've had zero weather for a week or more. A big snow storm closed the roads and schools.

Bro. Earl and Sis. Arlene Kilgus took his father and mother, Bro. Henry and Sis. Lydia Kilgus of Forrest, to Alabama over a week end.

"Jesus loves me this I know,
For the BIBLE tells me so"—
Little children ask no more,
For love is all they're looking for,
And in a small child's shining eyes

The FAITH of all the ages lies—
And tiny hands and tousled heads

That kneel in prayer by little beds
Are closer to the dear LORD'S heart
And of His kingdom more a part
Than those who search and never find,
The answers to the questioning mind—
For FAITH in things we cannot see
Requires a child's simplicity . . .
For lost in life's complexities,
One drifts upon uncharted seas,
And slowly FAITH disintegrates
While wealth and power accumulates—
And the more man learns, the less he knows,
And the more involved his thinking grows,
And in his arrogance and pride,
No longer is man satisfied
To place his confidence and love
With childlike FAITH in God above—
Oh Father, grant once more to men
A simple, childlike FAITH again
And with a small child's trusting eyes,
May all men come to realize
That God alone can save man's soul
And lead him to a HIGHER GOAL.

A Pattern for Living

Christmas is more than a day at
the end of the year,
More than a season of joy and
good cheer.
Christmas is really
God's pattern for living,
To be followed all year by unselfish
giving . . .
For the holiday season awakens
good cheer
And draws us closer to those we
hold dear,
And we open our hearts
and find it is good
To live among men as we always
should . . .
But as soon as the tinsel is stripped
from the tree
The beauty of Christmas fades
silently
Into the background
of daily routine,
And is lost in the whirl of life's
busy scene,
And all unawares
we miss and forego
The greatest blessing that mankind
can know . . .
For if we lived Christmas each day,
as we should,
And made it our aim to always do
good,
We'd had found the lost key to
meaningful living
That comes not from getting, but
from unselfish giving . . .
And we'd know the great joy of
peace upon earth,
Which was the real purpose of our
Saviour's birth,

For in the glad tidings of the first
Christmas night,
God showed us the way
and the truth and the light!

TREMONT, ILLINOIS
Esther Schmid

Twice this past month our congregation has felt the separation of loved ones, two dear souls passing out of this life. Sis. Mary Woerner, who was past 90 years old, passed away at her home, January 10. She had been a shut in for several years, a true example of meekness, love and patience, never complaining while her devoted family faithfully cared for her. We will miss her.

Edward Brunner passed away on January 21 at Pekin Hospital, where he had suffered a stroke. He will also be missed by his family, friends and neighbors, as he was always ready to add a helping hand. Tremont ministers, Bros. Joe A. Getz and Russel Rapp had the services.

Hospitalized this month were Sis. Rose Schurter and Sis. Lydia Kaeb. Both had major surgery and are convalescing at home. Sis. Sharon Herman was at Mayo's for observation. Philip Beutel, son of Bro. Will and Sis. Rose Beutel, had surgery and is still hospitalized.

Bro. Frank Baurer is again able to assemble with us after a lengthy illness. They send this note: "We wish to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their deeds of kindness, cards, letters, gifts, and especially for prayers that were offered for us during Frank's stay at the hospital. May God reward each and everyone of you."

We are thankful that one more precious soul has been called to repentance and conversion, Roger Sauder, son of Sis. Ida Mae Sauder. We wish for him much grace and blessings in this new way of life.

The engagement of Judy K. Little, Pekin, Ill., to Thomas Sauder, son of Bro. Alvin and Sis. Marie Sauder, was announced. A summer wedding is planned.

How we cherish the precious, inspired words in our treasured **Zion's Harp** hymnal. They are often a sermon to us as we sing them. I can remember how my mother, now long years passed on, used to love to read the words, even when not singing them. Not only the words but the melodies are treasured. A

brother who was in the military service in Germany told me, when he assembled for church services there, he couldn't understand the German words, but the familiar melodies meant much to him and he received a blessing.

A poem given by a sister in faith who has a bodily affliction.

"Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I will flee unto thee to hide me" Psalm 143:9

The flesh cries out, "I am weary!" Not Christ, whose mighty love sufficed to bring salvation without price. "I am footsore." If we bleed, His feet have bled in our need; yes, His feet have bled indeed. "I am pale." More pale to see was Christ, who hung upon the cross and bore His father's wrath for us. "And I am sad." Beneath a rod more heavy, Christ for our sake trod the winepress of the wrath of God.

The world cries out, "You are young!" So He was young, who for our sake in silence hung upon the cross, in passion wrung. "And you are fair." Was not our Lord more fair when He stooped for us, to wear a visage marred beyond compare. "And you have riches." Daily bread; all else is His who living, dead, for us lacked where to lay His head. "And life is sweet." It was not so to Him whose cup did overflow with our unspeakable woe.

The devil cries out, "You shall win glory!" In the skies, Lord Jesus please cover up our eyes, lest they should look on vanities. "And you drink deep." When Christ did sup, He drained the dregs from out our cup; so how should we be lifted up? "You shall have knowledge." Helpless dust! In Thee, O Lord, we put our trust. Answer for us wise and just. "And might." Get thee behind us, Satan! We pray the Lord, who has redeemed and not abhorred, will keep us by His precious Word.

ATHENS, ALABAMA

Ann Wagler

A thought for the New Year:

And I said to the man who stood
at the Gate of the Year:

Give me a light that I
may tread safely into the
unknown.

And he replied:

Go and put thine hand into the
hand of God. That shall be
to thee better than any visible
light—
and safer than a known way.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN
Linda Shaw

Where God in Truth abides,
Where two join hand and heart, We
find a three-fold cord, Not lightly
rent apart." These words were
taken from Hymn 79, "The Union
of Hearts" sung at the wedding of
Sis. Kay Polk and Bro. Jerry Cargill,
which was solemnized by Bro.
Joe Waibel on January 31. The
ceremony was attended by many
guests. We wish them God's blessings
in this important step in life.

We welcome in the fold of Jesus
Christ, Brothers John Mayer, Nelson
Beer and Sis. Katherina Bartolf.
Bro. John lived in Detroit, prior
to being transferred to Indianapolis.
Sis. Katherina came to the
United States from Germany, 14
years ago. Bro. Nelson is worshipping
with us while stationed in the
Detroit area.

Our thoughts are with Sis. Christine
Dimitrie, who has been hospitalized
since January 25. We pray that the
Lord will touch her with His
healing grace and restore her to
reasonably good health, so she
can worship with us again.

Sis. Nancy Schrenk of Chicago is
welcomed to our congregation. Sis.
Nancy plans to obtain her degree
in nursing at Wayne State University.

At our annual business meeting,
the following were elected to offices
in the church: Sis. Mary Kainer,
Sunday School teacher; Bro. Floyd
Wieland, World Relief representative;
and Bro. Jerry Cargill, trustee.

FROM BRO. ED'S NEWSLETTER

Thirty to forty million men,
women, and children die of hunger,
every year. If you are mathematically
inclined, figure it out — at
least one a second.

"Imagine that the world's population
would be compressed to a town,
1,000 people. In this town of
1,000 would be 60 Americans. The
rest of the world would be 940
persons. These 60 Americans (6%)
would receive 50% of the income
of the entire town. The 940 would

divide the other half. About one-third of the town would be classified as Christians, two-thirds non-Christians. Less than one-third of the "Christians" would be Protestant, more than two thirds Roman Catholic. How many of these "Christians" would be righteous "Christians"? (**Scarcely the righteous shall be saved.**) In this town, at least 80 would be practicing Communists, 370 others under Communist domination. White people would total about 303, with 697 non-white. The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years; the other 940, less than 40 years average. The 60 Americans, 6%, would have 15 times as many possessions per person as all the rest. The Americans would have over twice as much per person to eat, even though they would produce only 16 per cent of the total food supply. This could lead to ill feeling in the town! The 60 Americans plus about 200 others would be well off, the majority of the 1,000 people would be ignorant, poor, hungry, and sick—physically and spiritually.

Let us share where we can. You have the opportunity to inspire others to share."

A CRY OF A CHILD AT THE DOORSTEP OF YOUR HEART

Is this some child's prayer? "Please God, will somebody feed me?" From South India, it was said that "Schools are dismissed because children are swooning at their desks." At Kerala, India, "Malnutrition, starvation face thousands roundabout."

Three ounces of rice, a mere little child's handful, is all they got in south India. Secunderbad, India: "There they lie on the roadside, on mud floors in their bamboo huts."

Eleven cents a day will buy a pound of rice. The statements were written: "Mothers in India now would sell their children for any amount of food—If they knew the child would be kept alive. People "literally are starving. Death wagons are overloaded. Funeral pyres are burning, because people are actually starving to death."

If a child from India came to your door, ragged, torn, hungry, and asked, "Will you feed me?", could you turn that child away?

SHOW MERCY!

Just before the Silver Lining goes to press, more:

"Cast-out lepers, faces eaten away, feet deformed, hold out disfigured hands, groaning for food . . ."

A picture is shown, a little boy in Seoul, Korea—underneath, "Here is a beggar boy that fainted from hunger . . ."

Korea — "Everywhere children are dying, homeless. They are wandering the streets, begging, pleading to God for mercy . . . The roadsides are littered. The alleys are homes. Hungry, homeless, helpless—little children five and six years old drag along with them their baby brothers and sisters."

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face.

Amount suggested for Silver Lining: \$2.00.

Did you put Zip number in address?

Remember, send changed address in time.

Another edition of *Hymns of Zion* [Published by Bro. Henry Beer] has been completed and is available.

To give you good reading and help . . . In the plans are "Christianity In Japan", by Bro. Yoshio Yamazaki; "Holy Fire", by Bro. Ben Hartzler; "The Apostolic Christian Church", by Elder Bro. Theo. Beer. Some more from a book, submitted by one who is in glorious rest, Bro. Will Stettner, is planned.

the editor

I Will Sing Praises Unto My God

Another addition to the many *Zion's Harp* hymnals is [or soon will be] completed. Do each of your children have a *Zion's Harp*? Give them a book so rich with song. Send \$1.75 for the white edge, \$2.20 for the gold edge, if you want one or more, to Sam Aeschliman, R. R. Bluffton, Indiana, or ask your minister if they are available locally.

NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

SACRED POEMS is the title of a new book by Bro. Henry Kipfer of the Leo congregation. There was a notice in the last Silver Lining concerning it. The book is now available to anyone. It is a small book of 76 pages, containing 40 religious poems, selling for 60c, post-paid. This book is also ideal for a small gift.

As mentioned last month, profits will go to charities of the Apostolic Christian Church. Send your requests to *SACRED POEMS*, Grabill, Indiana 46741. [Send no stamps, please.]

Indiana residents add 2% sales tax.

LORD, HOLD MY HAND

While going through this life,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
That Thy nearness to my soul
May cause my light to shine.

Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
And in my heart instill
Desires for Thy likeness,
My covenant to fulfill.

When I am heavy laden,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine,
For where is greater comfort
For this poor heart of mine?

Lord, hold my hand in Thine
When things do go my way,
For then it is so easy
To go from Thee astray.

Until I see life's ev'ning,
Lord, hold my hand in Thine;
Then lead, when night is o'er,
To that promised rest of mine.

From Sacred Poems