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Bro. Elias Souder . . . in the last Silver Lining was his message of heavenly things . . . he even helped a little to fill the address hopper . . . Wednesday Sept. 24 was his last few steps . . . he lives now in heaven with Jesus.

BYE FOR NOW

(The very beautiful, touching words that follow were written by Bro. Elias Souder. They were sealed, and opened after his home-going.)

Wishes for my Coronation Day

The ministers . . . Singers . . . don't put them in the balcony; put them right up in front where everyone can see them. This is much nicer. Songs . . . Such songs as "Where the Roses Never Fade", "Thy Merciful Arms", etc. Ushers . . . Get David Lantz and Phil Sch-latter to help the others (since they don't know the people, they need help). Henry Schwartz is also good . . . See that our employees get inside, and all the bank employees, plus the directors . . .

. . . I always love you, and my prayers for you would fill books, if I had them all wrote down . . . this life will all be over for all of us very soon, maybe sooner than what we think, and what a day that will be if we can all be together for ever and ever . . . where there are pleasures for evermore without end. On the other hand, Hell is terrible. Who will dare to take a chance to go there . . .

My body will be sweetly resting, but if you go over to visit the grave, my spirit will be with Jesus, but the graves have always been a very sacred spot, knowing that at that great day they will all open, and our spirits will again reunite, but with a much more glorious body. I will have joined many over there already; there is joy in the

presence of the angels . . . so maybe I will know something about that . . .

Bye, till I meet you in Heaven is your Dad's prayer.

We have had a happy and long pleasant life together, and I hope it will continue that way with you all; there may be some perilous times ahead that you must experience, but above all stay true, even if it will cost your life. O I pray for all of my grandchildren; they too may see some perilous times. I am sure there are things that you all would like to consult with Dad, but he has gone to a much better place, so I hope I can close with these words, GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD MORNING.

DAD & GRANDPA X X X X X

OUR DAD

The Editor

Coming events soon happen . . . then slip into the past. Memory has a certain way of showing love in radiant loveliness. How rich is life, when we gain our keepsakes that wait in the Tomorrow. In the irons of fire is the treasure purified.

It was Sunday, October 20, 1968. "Dad is 78 today . . . Ed led at noon." The beautiful song, "When The Saints Go Marching In", was given. Bro. Ed mentioned about singing it for Dad's birthday.—"I'm just a weary pilgrim, plodding thru this world of sin; Getting ready for that city When the saints go marching in . . ."

There are things that might seem little. Somewhere, sometime in this life ties are shaped, drawn together, written in each other's hearts . . . Ties of eternity. Life

is a friendship ground. Life is a family growing up, and its beauty of unbroken circle we see in eternity.

Wed. Oct. 30—"Dad and I visited Jess and Mary (Gerber). A train went past. At the elevator, golden heaps of corn were waiting—Coming back was sunset, and the color cast on the world is certainly beautiful." Yes, another life was getting closer to sunset, and how wonderful the light!

Monday, Nov. 17 . . . The following, mother understood was a dream dad had . . . "In a high building, a woman lived in an upper room . . . To reach there, you had to climb past dirty places. It was beautiful" . . . There were flowers . . . "When asked, Why she was not going to stay there, she replied: It

was better up higher."

Dec. 24—Delivered to Payne (Ohio)—snow-covered fields along the way, with ground showing. I recorded, thoughts or vision (before) . . . of waters, as of moon or sunlit. It seemed I could tonight imagine or view a casket and someone in it. There would be sands slipping out . . . Joe Rice, Enos Steiner, Sis. Mabel Hall . . . and more . . . Their footsteps on earth silent.

Dec. 25—The stillness and quietness of a small town—Christmas evening hastens to a close—houses, some friendly, some with love . . . There is that finding motivation and cheer from almighty gift—we are the ones whose thoughts ebb and flow—

In memory is another Christ-

mas eve . . . There was snow . . . a house in Harlan . . . I was along with Dad, and we were delivering furniture . . . Then there was another . . . I wanted to be home on Christmas eve, but the truck broke down in Waynedale . . . we were stranded for awhile . . . but it passed . . . Ah those rich associations, how we should strive to keep their everlasting joy. Love knows no unsatisfied moment in God's house of forever!

February 1969 . . . Evening church at the Fellowship Center . . . The fireplace with hot coals gleaming . . . the picture of the loveable old man, with a beard, in prayer. Can we even grasp all that we can know? We see through a glass darkly . . . partly . . . but those home scenes, how they beckon . . . on those dear, familiar faces there will be no trace of care. Dad had a cardiogram earlier in the day.

It was evening services, March 5. We sang the lovely 97, "The Land Of Beulah". My latest sun is sinking fast, My race is nearly done. Dad said, this song was sung 50 years ago, when his father was among them.

Wed. May 7—Saw vision or picture of beautiful flowers last night—was not sleeping . . . Bro. Fred Wiggs departed soon. My uncle, Bro. Joel Souder went home May 25. Bro. Ed Gudeman followed within the week. Dad walked yet; the homegoing of his brother and dear ones had happened. June 9 found still another, Bro. William Levy. One by one, they have to close their books, he commented.

Wed. June 18 was a nice evening. Nancy, Ed's daughter, was baptized and received into the fold. Dad was glad; his granddaughter was numbered among the blest. He gave out a song that was different, but it grasps the circle view that is unending, "When we all get to Heaven". What a Circle that will be!

Wed. July 23 . . . Evening services. Dad selected No. 15 in the Gospel Hymns: "Where no storms ever beat on the glittering strands, While the years of eternity roll . . ." The reading was from Hebrews . . . Faith. We are strangers and pilgrims here . . . there is the country sought . . . the city. Last hymn, Travelling To a better land . . . Lead me on . . .

Like Aunt Ida, a dear sister of the church of Bremen. July 26 found her in intensive care . . . Mom visits her, and she says she don't

think she will be here long . . . she soon takes her place above. Dad went along one afternoon to the funeral home . . . We went to Wawasee from there, taking some Gospel Hymnbooks . . . back to the funeral home . . . and to our residence.

I remember . . . Loneliness can hurt. A young student at IU, Bloomington. I had gone far from the teachings Dad loved. Sunday morning, the sunshine would be bright on those buildings. . . Dad's clear voice of melody would be remembered . . . how it shone:

It was Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 24. Bob, a youthful employee, was at the phone. Something had happened. Dad had collapsed. There . . . it was said, I think he is gone. Even then, his look was, in his face, so peaceful.

Dad went Home. We had a Gospel Hymnbook with his body. It was open to songs 777 and 778 . . . Victory In Jesus and Glory Gates.

Bro. David Bertsch read of Bro. Elias . . . moving to Grabill from his early residence . . . and of his moving to heaven just so lately . . . Bros. Sam Aeschliman and Verlin Stoller spoke words of grace . . . Sam sat nearby, an uncle to Sis. Lydia . . . 92 and the only one on either side of the house of his generation yet waiting . . . there were the rest of the immediate family . . . Dwight and Betty and their family, Bro. Ed and Sis. Irma and their family . . . Mom . . . Henry . . . There was his sister, Sis. Mary Gerber, and his brother, Bro. Henry J. Souder of Bremen.

Elder Bro. Henry Souder, my grandfather, was waiting at home in heaven . . . so many lovely people are there. Grandpa Souder here had a little bedroom. The room adjoining this had his old rocker. In those two places he was last. To me, the places seemed to carry something wonderfully sweet. Now, this same lovely feeling came, of my dad.

Some things of this world are like old dishes, some broken, some of no value . . . some prove to be cheap toys. . . Those treasures in those rooms of happiness, how much they hold. Sis. Emma Lou Gerber was saying about prayer. It does hold so much. We talk with One who has our loved ones in His sight. More than this, in Him our spirit blends in one with our dear one. Try it, for comfort.

Age 78 years . . . short of the

Oct. 20 age 79. He left some wonderful memories . . . his deeds continue to glow. So few short hours, and ours will be complete.

Let us be kind to all we meet.

OPEN THY MERCIFUL ARMS
(Part of No. 784 in the Gospel Hymns, one of the songs Bro. Elias Souder requested for his funeral services.)

One of Thy children is coming home,
Open Thy merciful arms,
One of Thy children's too tired to roam,
Open Thy merciful arms.
Send out a shepherd; open the gate
Jesus has called and His sheep must not wait.
Oh, what a joy to be traveling home;
Open thy merciful arms.

Tho' we may travel the valley of death,
Jesus will save us from harm
Tho' we be weary we soon will rest;
Open Thy merciful arms.
Do not be fearful lest ye be late;
Jesus has called and His sheep must not wait.
Oh, what a joy to be traveling home;
Open thy merciful arms.

When I awake in darkest nite
And think back o'er my day,
Did I do all within my power
To help one on his way?

Did I encourage, trust and smile,
Or heed an urgent plea!
Or help a soul to find the way
And faith to lean on Thee?

God grant that I may see and grasp
Each chance to share a load
And bring a smile to someone's face
And pave a stoney road.

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS
Norene Herbst — Mary Hoffman
Sis. Alice Funk is residing at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka.

Barbara and Jim Ely are the parents of a daughter, Paula Ann. Don and Sis. Pearl Leman of Roanoke are the maternal grandparents. Bro. Bob and Sis. Mary Bradle are the parents of a daughter, Susan Kay.

Bro. John and Sis. Minnie Hodel received word of the death of George Draper, the husband of Bro. John's sister Elizabeth. Her address

is 128 Meadowlark Dr., Tryon, N. Carolina 28782.

Bro. Chris Hangartner has recovered from surgery, after a short stay in the hospital. He is a resident of the Pereno Home, 601 Prince St., Pekin, Illinois. Bro. Merlyn Getz spent a short stay in the hospital.

Sis. Dena Aeschliman is able to assemble with us, having missed a number of Sundays due to illness. Bro. Eugene Bertschi has made a quick recovery from an emergency appendectomy and is in our midst again as usual, for which we are thankful.

Karen Martin and Gary Rogers were married and are living at Al-lentown, Ill. Karen is the daughter of Lewis and Ruth Martin, and Gary's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers.

Sharon Hodel and Larry Neukomm were married and are living at 215 Charles Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 23708, where Larry is stationed in the Navy. Sharon is the daughter of Bro. Ralph and Sis. Thelma Hodel, and Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Neukomm of Onarga, Ill.

Wanda Kupferschmid and Gary Edwards were married by Bro. Eugene Bertschi at the home of the bride's parents, Bro. Charles and Sis. Jean Kupferschmid on Sept. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Edwards are the parents of the groom. Wanda and Gary will be living in Eureka.

The marriage engagement of Bro. Tom Hoffman and Sis. Kathy Hodel was announced Aug. 31. Kathy is the daughter of Bro. Warren and Sis. Ruth Hodel, and Tom's parents are Bro. Rudie and Sis. Mary Hoffman.

Bro. Bob. and Sis. Chris Hartter have moved here from Sabetha. We welcome them.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Edith Sauder Miller, whose husband John Harley Miller passed away suddenly Sept. 4 at Wichita. His funeral services were held from the Remmert Funeral Home in Roanoke Sept. 8, with Bro. Joe Zimmerman officiating. Edith is the daughter of Sis. Anna Sauder and our late Bro. John Sauder. She survives, as well as a brother, Dean Miller of Jacksonville. Edith's address is 4819 E. English, Wichita Kan. 67218.

Bros. Lester Fischer and Jim Byrd and Sis. Mary Ann Hoffman are new Sunday School teachers. Bro. Rudie Hoffman is superintendent.

The Conference was held here on Sept. 10, 11 and 12. It was a privilege to enjoy the fellowship of the Brotherhood from the various churches. The attendance was an estimate of 1100 to 1200. We also enjoyed the services of a number of visiting ministers, taking advantage of the opportunity to have church services on Thursday and Friday evenings. Those who served us these evenings were Bros. Delbert Indermuhle, Ernest Luginbuhl, John Klotzle, Alfred Bahler, Wendell Gerber, Ben Maibach, Wayne Gerber, Homer Reineck, Uriel Gehring, and Raymond Bauwart. We also thank Bros. Eli Sommerhalder and Ed Aeschleman for their services during the month.

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
Mrs. Gary Anliker**

The school term has begun again at Iowa City. Even though we are very small in number this year, we trust God's presence to still be with us. Our new student is Mary Mogler from West Bend. Mary is majoring in elementary education.

Our ministering brothers in September were Bros. Harvey Heiniger, John Steiner & Edward Lanz. We appreciate the continued efforts of Bro. Heiniger in making these meetings possible.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of two of our students, Joyce Frank and Brad Eland. May God's blessings be with them.

Services will be held on the following dates at Danforth Chapel: Oct. 15 at 8:00 p.m. DST; Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 17, 7:30; Jan. 28, 7:30; Feb. 18, 7:30; March 18, 7:30; April 15, 7:30; May 13, 8:00.

We welcome all visitors.

**WOLCOTT, INDIANA
Arles Kropf**

We were richly blessed through the visits of ministering Bros. Al Schneider and Roy Luginbuhl of Rockville, Robert Beer and Henry Sabo of Mansfield and Joe Schrock of Congerville. Bro. Joe showed us his pictures from the Holy Land at the Fellowship Hall in the evening.

A nice group gathered on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28, at the 4-H Building at Reynolds for our annual Sunday School picnic. A singing was enjoyed by all, around the fireplace, in the evening.

Our brothers, Jim Reutter and Roger Schwab have returned to college classes for another term.

Dear brothers, sisters, and our friends
Who on campus now do dwell,
May you know our prayers are with you,
And we daily wish you well.

Keep those lamps all trimmed and burning
As to your classes you do go;
May your lives shine forth with brightness,
And a Christian witness ever show.

Shun the evils that surround you;
Master only what is good.
Keep your eyes on Heaven's glory,
As a Christian soldier should.

Never yield unto temptation;
Then your learning will be blest.
Forward go beneath Christ's banner,
And you'll be ready for any test!

**ASCHAFFENBURG, GERMANY
Harlan Metzger**

As the cool winds of autumn blow
The trees give up their leaves,
The grass turns brown, and
The sheaves of grain are ripe,
Waiting for the Reaper to reap.

And so in life as time passes on
And the flower of youth is gone,
We must give up the things
We once could do.

So today while we live,
May we always sow in our hearts
The good seeds of life eternal,
That we some day may be
Golden and ripe,
Waiting for our Master to reap us
Into that eternal bower above.

This month Bro. Eldon Getz and myself must say goodby to Germany, and friends whom we have

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made over here, as we have now fulfilled our call of duty, and will soon be returning home again. I'm reminded of the song "Precious Memories", for we certainly have a lot of them that will linger with us as the years pass on.

We certainly want to thank the German families for all they have done for us while we were in Germany. May the Lord richly bless them for their deeds of kindness and love.

ALTO, MICHIGAN

Loretta Steffen

It was announced our dear friend, Duane Schrenk, son of Bro. Elmer and Sis. Delilah, has found peace with his Lord and is awaiting baptism. Duane is home on leave, but scheduled to go to Germany for a year and a half. We rejoice that the Lord has called him, and that he has answered the call. We trust the Lord will protect him while he is absent from us for a season.

I would like to share a few phrases that touched me today at church. Maybe they will reach your hearts too, dear friends! "No matter how old you are, you have not yet begun to live until you live for Jesus!" "It's easy to see the mistakes of others, but it takes strength and grace from God to see my own!"

We visited the home for the aged in Sabetha Kansas and this caught my eyes as we were leaving.

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand.

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

Blessed are they who looked away when the coffee spilled at table today.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stop to chat for a little while . . .

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.

Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected, and never alone.

Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home in loving ways.

"Hearken unto thy father that

begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old."

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

267 East High Street

The Hubers

As we have been asked several times to have some news bits in the **Silver Lining** as to the purpose and progress of the church here in Kentucky, perhaps it is long past due to pass on to our fellow believers some of our joys and disappointments.

. . . Joys because of Christ our Saviour, who died in our stead to redeem our lost soul from an eternal hell and deliver us from this present evil world, for His patience and forbearance in our many shortcomings . . . Disappointments when the enemy of our soul and salvation seems to score so many apparent victories against the work here. When souls would desire to be freed from their sinful life and habits, he refuses to let them go, like Pharaoh with the children of Israel. Pray with us that God would give grace to true repentance and total commitment of their hearts to Christ, who is able to cleanse the past deeds of darkness, and transform them into a divine relationship as the sons of God.

We thank each one who has and does share a part in the work here . . . also for those who have come and fellowshiped with us . . . especially our Elder Bro. Noah Bauman, who adjusted himself so willingly to our small and seemingly insignificant place of worship. We still count it a privilege to be here in the name of Christ and the church—and may we take the opportunity to send out an SOS appeal for help, that the Gospel may effectively reach the souls of many before this opportunity is forever closed. Specific needs are a "song leader" and "prayer brother". If you believe in holding forth the whole counsel of God and everything that goes with it, pray about it.

In closing, we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards on our 25th Anniversary. May God bless you all.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Emily Tanner

Mrs. Michael Weyeneth

Praise Him! praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer; Sing O earth His wonderful love proclaim! This was one of the hymns sung

by the Bible Class at our monthly hymn sing. How appropriate at this time of the year, when the trees are putting on their glorious fall coloring and the harvest has been so plentiful!

Bro. Randall and Sis. Ruth Kellenberger are the parents of Matthew John, born September 23. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Eugene and Sis. Velma Kellenberger, and maternal grandmother is Sis. Edna Klein.

We will miss Sis. Wilhelmine Baurer in our assembly. She plans to move to the home of her sister, Sis. Mary Koch. Her address is: 308 S. Chestnut Box 225 Tremont, Ill. 61568.

Bro. John Schwind is a hospital patient.

John Schick died September 28 at the A.C. Home here in Peoria, where he had been a resident four years. Surviving are two nephews, Bro. Philipp J. and John H. Hoerr; two nieces, Mrs. L. E. Ackerman and Miss Lena Hoerr, all of Peoria. Funeral services were held at Wilton Mortuary, with Bro. Michael Weyeneth officiating.

Our congregation was pleased to have Bro. Harry and Sis. Florence Sutter and Bro. George Lambert come and visit us while they were in the area for the Brotherhood conference. Bros. Noah Herman, Henry Beer and Joe Schrock and their wives also visited our assembly. We thank each for their labors of love and sharing the gospel messages with us.

My dad, Bro. Rudolph Tanner was 90 years old October 1. He received many cards and expressions of love, and wishes to thank everyone for their kindness.

BLUFFTON, INDIANA

Imogene Steffen — Pat Isch

After many days of sowing and tilling, sunshine and rain, the harvest season is with us again. Truly it is inspiring to see the handiwork of our great Creator. The ripened fruit, the autumn leaves, the golden crops—all portray God's greatness and goodness. So it is with our spiritual lives. At the end of our labors, the fruits of harvest will be reaped.

Two souls from Bluffton have been called to their reward. Funeral services for Sis. Sarah Kehn were held Sept. 11. Bros. Orville Ringger and Robert Meyer officiated at the service. Surviving in addition to her husband, Bro. Joel Kehn, are four

half-sisters, Eva Blume, Martha Gerber, Esther Gibson, Aldine Metzler, and four half-brothers, Bro. Aden, Herman, Nelson and Albert.

Bro. Jacob Tonner passed on to his rest Oct. 6, with Elder Bro. John Yergler & Bro. Orville Ringger conducting the service. Survivors are five daughters, Sis. Cordelia (Harry) Aschliman, Sis. Lucille (Alphie) Reinhard, Sis. Marcella (Truman) Yergler, Sis. Doris (Dale) Fiechter and Sis. Mary (Marvin) Klopfenstein; two sons, Bro. Curtis and Bro. Harry. Two sisters, Aldine Steffen and Mary Tschannon also survive. May the Holy Spirit continue to comfort the hearts of the bereaved and be with them in the hours of sorrow.

Our congregation has been fortunate to have several visiting ministers. Bro. Aaron Steffen from Alto was with us Sunday, Sept. 7, and his message gave us new inspiration to walk our pilgrim pathway. On Sept. 14, we were privileged to hear Bro. Delbert Indermuhle from Sardis. Oct. 5 brought Bro. Al Fisher of Chicago to minister teachings of faith, love, and joy unto us.

Many prayers were answered as the Lord brought Bro. Kent Ringger safely home from Viet Nam on a 30-day leave. He and his wife, Sis. Janice are now spending the remaining part of his service in North Carolina.

Bro. Jerry Drayer left Oct. 1 on his journey to Viet Nam. May God be with him each mile of the way. We also know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

In a large church such as ours, there always seem to be many shut-ins, in homes and in hospitals, but the Bible teaches us the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Those who have recently been in the hospital are Elder Bro. Samuel Aeschliman (who is again able to be with us and minister unto us), Sis. Minnie (Joe R.) Isch, Sis. Lucinda (Lewis) Sauder, Bill Stavenick, Tanya Isch (daughter of Bro. Charles and Linda Isch). Those still hospitalized are Sis. Katherine Liebig, Sis. Ellen (Ervin) Fiechter, and Bro. Joel Kehr, who is in the Swiss Village Nursing Care Unit. Bro. Wrenn Borrer underwent heart surgery at Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis and is now convalescing at his home.

We have one dear soul who has turned from her ways to the Lord.

Friend Wanda Fiechter, daughter of Bro. Melvin and Sis. Doris Fiechter was announced that she has found peace with her Maker.

Several new arrivals have brightened the homes of the following: Friends Jon and Dian Gilliom have a son Jon David, born on Sept. 6; Bro. Perry and Sis. Becky Isch have a daughter, Kami Rae born on Sept. 21; Bro. Steve and Sis. Carol Stucky have a son, Cris Alan, born Oct. 2; to Bro. Herb and Sis. Nancy Frank, a son Nicholas John, born on Oct. 2; to Nick and Sis. Sue Chaney, a daughter Shawn Lynn born on Oct. 2.

The engagement of Sis. Marcia Steffen and Bro. Larry Belsley of Detroit was announced on Sept. 14. Parents of the betrothed are Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen and Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley. We wish them the Lord's guidance and blessing in their undertaking.

On Sun. Oct. 5, Sis. Marcene Gerber, daughter of Bro. Lloyd and Sis. Martha Gerber, and Bro. David Gilliom, son of Bro. Lewis and Sis. Ethyl Gilliom, were united in holy matrimony by Elder Bro. Samuel Aeschliman. We hope the Lord will bless this young couple and direct them as they share their future life together.

As these couples begin their life together, Bro. Sam and Sis. Minnie Aeschliman just recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. We are thankful God has permitted that they could be together in this bond of love for so many years, and hope they can yet share several more blessed years together.

ELGIN, ILLINOIS

Louise Steffen
Katie Kachelmuss

Our visiting ministers were Bros. Elmer Schmidt, John Widrick, Walter Steffen and Arthur Gudeman. A lovely beginning for a Lord's Day morning service:

Lord, Thou Creator, glorious is Thy kingdom;
In all the world we sing of Thy great fame.
The hosts of heaven, with all the true and faithful,
Eternally shall praise Thy holy name.
Thou art exalted there in heaven's splendor,
And kings and powers shall to Thee surrender.

We are thankful to God for the messages from His good word brought to us by His servants, and also for the **Zion's Harp**, with the hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

Alfred Hugh, husband of Sis. Martha, 56 Villa Street, had eye surgery and is at home again. Also returned from the hospital to his home is Bro. Joel Gudeman, 449 Addison Street. Our aged Sis. Karoline Kuehner, who was taken suddenly ill and removed to the hospital, is again at home with her daughter and family, the Robert Gebhards, 530 So. Liberty St. . . the Elgin zip code is 60120.

Bro. Fred, son of Sis. Ida Wahl, spent a furlough of about two weeks with relatives and friends, and in our Church Circle; as always, the time is gone so fast and he has now left for Ft Sam Houston. May God be with him, and with all the boys in the Service where they are stationed away from home and loved ones.

The families of Bros. Jonathan and Ezra, and the late Thoeophile Steffen had a reunion at Wing Park. It is always a pleasure when the many cousins get together who do not see each other often, or maybe not at all during the year.

Elder Bro. Herman Kellenberger attended Sunday School, and helped present Bibles to the Bible Class. He spoke to the class, and said that he considered it a real privilege to be handing out that most precious thing, the BIBLE, and it takes him back in memory to the time when he attended Sunday School. He also advised them not to put the Bible away, maybe in a closet, but to put it where it can be seen and read.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Secrist a son, Leif, on Sept. 27, their first child.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Robert and Janice Sutter

When a ship is at sea many days, the men are anxious to once again find land . . . For, on land lies their home, where loneliness shall pass, but on the sea they are strangers in an environment for which they are not adopted. Their homes are just over the horizon, beyond that last wave, just beyond the sunset. On the sea, they are neither here nor there, but remain travelers transverseing the gulf that separates them from their destination. On the sea there is time for the prudent to think, plan, and prepare for the day of destination, but there are

dangers also. There is a longing in many to be home where there awaits love, security, and safety; a refuge from the calamities which could, and many times do surround them.

All humans travel on an ocean; all are yearning for something; many do not know what. Because they do not accept and understand the **Land Beyond The Sunset** they will always drift—lonely and forsaken on the sea of time and then the sea of forever. Downcast and tormented, they shall yearn with a passion beyond understanding, but they shall never reach that blessed land.

There is a wideness in God's mercy, but there is also a limit. Let not one of us tread beyond that limit.

Sis. Louise Akel attended the funeral of her father, Bro. August Mueller of Union City. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to her and her family. We also extend our sympathy to Bro. Bud Klopfenstein, whose uncle passed away.

FRANCESVILLE, INDIANA

Mrs. Herman (Chris) Wuethrich
Mrs. Otto Wuethrich

Always a welcome minister in our midst: Bro. Art Gudeman, who is our church neighbor. He also stayed for our evening program, and this comment was made, "If I would not have repented yet, I sure would have wanted to tonight."

A thankful family: Leon Wuethrich's daughter, Cheryl and Larry have a new baby girl, to bring them more sunshine.

God does not want us to be idle, Uncle Chris Wuethrich was out in the lawn, taking out weeds. It was a temptation to stop and greet him, and he responded with his loving smile and words . . . But now his smile has to come from a hospital bed, where good nurses and doctors try so hard to ease the pain of our loved ones, whom we earnestly pray for.

A dear sister in our church, Sis. Julia Boehning, does as the song says, "Endure and be Still". The last months, she has suffered much again, and cannot talk much. We all were so thankful when she could come to church, taking a back seat in much silence. Hers were the conversations that spoke, "Love of everyone." You were always uplifted when she talked to you with her smile . . . So we certainly pray for her and her dear companion sister, Emma, who follows her loving path.

A never forgotten memory—Of Dear Bro. Elias Souder, who is now with his Creator . . . He certainly showed untold "Love" to our Sunday School classes in Leo, and it was a letter that he wrote to me that started me to repent, which of course is the most important step in our lives.

Vacation—Visiting our scattered brothers and sisters in faith, showing untold "Love", which is just like one of my cousins once said of his accomplishments, "It humbles me."

A picture to behold—One of our 3-and-6-year-old grandchildren, kneeling for their evening prayer and saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep . . . God bless my sister and me, my Daddy and Mommy, Grandpa and Grandma, my Sunday School teacher and 'Every body'." Amen.

GRIDLEY, KANSAS

Mrs. Rudy Bahr
Mrs. Eldon Metzger

Bro. and Sis. Ephraim Young have opened their home for Wednesday evening church services, on the first and third weeks of the month at 7:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome, especially those attending college in Emporia or working there. Their address is 732 Lakeview, Emporia.

Bro. Ivan Beyer had the end of his right index finger cut off, when he was putting the sides of an ensilage wagon on. It seems to be coming along satisfactory.

Sis. Alice Raaf has been in the hospital several weeks with the shingles. Her condition remains about the same.

In Sunday School discussion, I was surprised when one of my 4-6 grade students was telling what the geography book told how the earth was formed; I expected this kind of material in high school or college. We as parents and Sunday School teachers must **take time** to plant God's word in these young hearts EARLY before this age. The questions they are asking now shows whether they have the true word of God to guide them, or if they haven't had God's teaching and will assume from their schoolbooks that this is the way the earth was formed, just as they learn 2 plus 2 is 4. This is shockingly serious!

LAMONT, KANSAS

Mrs. Stephen G. Schrader

There's a hint of autumn in the air today. The breath turns frosty

in the outdoors, the leaves are starting to turn color, and the time of harvest is underway.

Bro. Feldor Young has been a hospital patient in St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. He had surgery for the removal of cataracts on one eye. He is recovering nicely and is home again. We wish him the Lord's nearness in his recovery.

In closing, I want to express a thought given to us by our Elder Bro. Sam, found in II Peter 3:16-17, as Peter wrote concerning the Apostle Paul's epistles ". . . speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. . . beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness." These words are indeed appropriate for the time in which we live. We must make sure the precepts upon which our faith is anchored are sound ones, ones which will enable us to meet our Maker and receive a "Well done."

LONG BINH, VIET NAM

Merle G. Rocke — Barry J. Isch

"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." May these words spoken in Joshua be a strength and a comfort unto all who must experience a separation from loved ones.

Those who have finished their tour of duty here and have returned to the States, for either separation or for further duty are: Bro. Kent Ringger (Bluffton), Bro. John Woerner (Peoria), Cloyce Gress (West Bend), Walt Edelman (Fairbury), and Roy Wiegand (Goodfield). Dean Eisenmann (Cissna Park) and Bro. Barry Isch (Bluffton) hope to return in October. We certainly have much to be thankful for, if we are permitted to return home healthy in body, but far above this, healthy in soul.

We certainly look forward to and prepare to go home when our tour is nearly through. How much more should we look forward to and prepare for that Heavenly home.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

Alma and Gus Baum

Several months have slipped by without news from our area, in which time we have experienced many blessed hours.

We are moved to express gratitude to all the Ministering Bros. who came to expound God's message to us during these months . . . especially grateful to the churches of Morris and Winthrop, also West Bend, Oakville, Elgin, Pulaski and Lester for their cooperation in providing a minister brother to assist our Bro. Noah Miller for two Sundays of each month. Altho we are few in number, we experience anew God's love and blessing.

A newcomer has come to live in our area, Rochelle Lyn, first child of Bro. Kenny and Sis. Sharon Lawson. We wish them many blessed days, with their little bundle of joy. The happy grandparents are Lawrence and Helen Lawson, and Bro. Ervin and Sis. Madonna Moser of Morris.

A perfect autumn day is ours to share today—beauty beyond description. We marvel at the changing hues and colors made possible by our Creator, one of the many pleasant, simple things that are ours to enjoy in His creation.

REMINGTON, INDIANA

Anna M. Waibel and Sisters

Several cars of folks from Rittman came to spend the Labor Day week end with some of the congregation. I'm sure the folks that came and the ones here were blest by their being together . . . Trust we will always have this privilege of getting together, and enjoying the Christian fellowship.

Howard and Til Schaibley live at Frankfort Ind. She is our cousin and has not been very well . . . so a car full of us, cousins and neighbors, went to see them one Sun. p.m., also went to see Jack Nussbaum's new home and baby. They live nearby. Til is in the Home Hospital at Lafayette Ind. at the present time.

Bro. Albert Schneider from Rockville was here Sept. 14. During the day and in the evening, five Elders were here to have services and serve Communion, Bros. John Bahler (Conn.), Rudy Graf (Ohio), Joe Waibel (Mich.), Noah Bauman (Ohio) and Herman Kellenberger (Ill.). Thoughts of the cross and anticipation of the crown are the sweet ingredients of the Lord's Supper that keep the holy memory of our Saviour ever before us.

Sis. Emma Beckley had been in Rockville for about 10 years, and has now moved back here to be in our midst again. She and her sister,

Sis. Anna, bought a home next door to their bro. Herman. We are all very happy to have them come here again. Her sister, Sis. Clara & Bro. Emanuel Zahner came with her and helped bring some of her things. Sis. Anna Beckley will come here to live, too, in the near future.

Bro. George and Sis. Anna Waibel were on a trip to Germany and Switzerland. He is our cousin, and we always enjoy hearing him tell about it. They left by ship on July 4, and were gone several weeks. Their boat had 1850 passengers, 720 crew helpers. They had a good trip all the way, and came back by plane. They went to the top of the Jung frau, a famous and beautiful mountain. They tried to locate some of our relatives, but could find none, altho' they had the same name. They found some of Sis. Anna's relatives, the Grubers. There were several cousins and one aunt, 86 years old and still active.

May our churches thrive and grow, that we might all cherish the freedom of worship in the future as we have in the past. Do we appreciate our getting together and the fellowship we have as we ought?

A number of relatives and friends attended the Bahler-Steiner wedding at Morton Oct. 5. Here we appreciated having Bro. Art Gude-man, and others from La Crosse, Rittman and Gridley . . . trust each was blest for being here, as we were. . . . Wish to extend our sympathy to Ed and Henry Souder in the loss of their father. We are never ready to give up our loved ones, no matter how old or how young.

Where Is The Perfect Man?

If ANY man offend not in word, the same is a **perfect man**, and able also to bridle the whole body. James 3:2

A man's tongue reveals his character. A good man cannot be bitter. A man who is constantly imputing bad motives to others is simply describing his own state of mind. The tongue is the telltale of the soul, the index of the dial of character and life. The secret therefore of right speech is a sanctified, Spirit-filled heart.

The sins of evil-speaking, tale-bearing and hearsay are some of the greatest hindrances to the spiritual growth of the individual and to the progress of the church of God.

A prominent minister tells how he was rebuked and humbled on a certain occasion when he repeated a disgraceful matter he had heard to a friend. His friend opened his Bible to Deuteronomy 13:12, 14 and read:

"If thou shalt hear say . . . Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, **if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you . . .**"

Then his friend turned quietly to him and asked: "Have you . . . enquired?" "Have you made search?" "Did you ask diligently?" "Did you try to find out if the story is true?" "And the thing certain?" "Is it certain that such abomination is wrought among you?"

The minister says he could only acknowledge regretfully that he had not fulfilled one of the six conditions and was repeating the tale from hearsay, without making the slightest attempt to act thereon in a Scriptural way.

" . . . Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." Psalms 105:15. "I would rather play with forked lightning or take in my hands living wires," said one, "than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others to the hurt of their own souls and bodies.

"You may often wonder, perhaps, why your spirit is not filled with the joy of the Holy Ghost, or your life blessed and spiritually prosperous. It may be some dart which you have flung with angry voice, or in an idle hour of thoughtless gossip is pursuing you on its way.

"Lst us remember, when we persecute or hurt the children of God, we are but persecuting Him, and hurting ourselves far more."

SHIODA, JAPAN

Toshio Uchida

I am thankful that I have the blessing of writing to all the brothers and sisters in America who are in God's grace and mercy.

We have been greatly blessed at the Shioda church. The Ehnle family, as well as Sis. Marie Neihouser and Sis. Carol Schrenk are fine. From September we started a new term in both our kindergarten and our elementary school. Our new kindergarten teacher, Miss Schrenk, and the Japanese children have gradually become accustomed to

each other. I think they were very troubled at first.

A young man has become our new brother and has entered into our membership, by Bro. Willis's guidance. **Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** We believe he will be a good saint.

We have heard that our elder brethren, Schrock and Maibach, will come to Japan on October 15. We will no doubt discuss many things pertaining to the church and we ask the brethren in America to pray with us that we can do it properly. It is really wonderful when brothers and sisters can work together faithfully in the Lord's vineyard for the church in Japan.

Many people do not believe in God. They know the difference between good and evil very well, but why don't they become Christians? I cannot understand those who doubt God's love for this world. They believe that if they die it is the end, but I don't believe it. I believe there is a hell and there is a heaven. I believe as it is written in the Bible, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" I think of the words, **What then shall be the end of those who obey not the Gospel of God?**

May God's blessings be upon all of you brothers and sisters in America, so that you can stand strong for the glory of God.

Translated by Willis R. Ehnle

TAMAHATA, JAPAN Willis Ehnle

On September 21, a beautiful day in Japan, Kawana San, a young man who is a high school senior was baptized in a stream of crystal-clear spring water near our Tamahata Church. About 35 persons witnessed the baptism.

In his proving, Kawana San testified that he first read the Bible when he came to our English classes about two years ago. He said it was the beautiful life of Christians that first impressed him so strongly, referring no doubt to the sisters who have been sent to Japan to teach at Shioda. He further stated that before he believed in God and Christ, everything was dead; even flowers were not beautiful. Actually, before his conversion, Bro. Kawana was an agnostic and a skeptic who argued against the Bible in a philosophical way. When he quit struggling and surrendered, just believing and obeying, he was al-

most shocked at himself at the change that came over him. Please pray that he may abide in Christ.

On September 22, Bro. Hisato Inoue, about 20 years of age was injured in an automobile accident. His injuries are mostly broken bones, requiring several months to heal. Please remember him in your prayers.

WEST BEND, IOWA

Anna Schmidt — Mrs. A. Banwart

"Dad died yesterday." What an impact those words contain. "Dad died yesterday." Everyday many Dads die, but when they are applied to our own family, what different thoughts and emotions arise. How many situations it affects. Immediately thankfulness arises that the Lord assures us in the Home we are striving for there will be no more death. Our news correspondent, Ed Souder, began his letter to the reporters this month with those words, "Dad died yesterday". We wish to extend the family our sympathy.

Sis Anna Anliker was moved to the Clear View Manor Rest Home in West Bend, from the hospital, and is getting along quite well. The family of Jim, son of Bro. and Sis. Ernie and Ida Schmidt, feel fortunate that Jim escaped more serious injury when the seat of the tractor he was backing up broke off, allowing the back wheel to pass over him. He is now recovering satisfactorily at home, after being hospitalized two weeks with a broken pelvic bone. Bro. Harley Bruellman is home from the hospital and feeling better. Sam Metzger is hospitalized and not too well at this time.

Time brings its changes. It was a pleasant experience for us all to have Bro. Bill Brake of Sardis assemble with us during the summer months. Even though we have never met others before, being brethren in Faith no one is a stranger, which is a great blessing many know nothing of. Eldon Banwart, Bro. and Sis. Jim and Sharon Fehr, and Bro. Dennis Fehr are now all home, after finishing their army service. We are thankful they can assemble with us again. A wedding reception was held for Bro. and Sis. Jim and Sharon when they arrived home. Cloyce Gress has been assigned to finish his service time at Ft. Walters, Texas. Many have gone on to their schools of higher learning, and we hope and pray each of us will strive to gain in spiritual knowl-

edge, as we travel this pathway of life. Sis. Karen Metzger will be missed in our congregation, especially by her young Sunday School Class, as she has accepted a job in Minneapolis and will be assembling there.

Bro. Paul Fehr spent Sunday with us on his return trip from the Conference. We appreciated his visit and the teachings brought forth.

CONGERVILLE, ILLINOIS

Fannie Schieber — Pauline Roth

As we enjoy these beautiful Fall days, I think of the song "Creation" in the **Hymns of Zion** so often. We see the beautiful colored trees, the lovely fields of corn and beans, the deep green alfalfa fields, or a few last blooms of roses, so deep and rich in color. We know who made them all.

Our visiting ministers were, Bros. George Lambert, Wichita; Robert Grimm, Goodfield; Russell Rapp, Morton; Roy Ehnle, Bradford; Josh Broquard, Fairbury; Albert Aberle, Tremont; Roy Luginbuhl, Rockville; and Ben Fehr, Roanoke. We thank each one for their visit.

We enjoyed the visit of the young folks from Latty and Junction, and hope they will come to visit us soon again.

Bro. Conrad Schurter Sr. passed away Sept. 25 at the Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He was 76, and had been in failing health for the last few months. His funeral was Saturday forenoon. His wife was the former Minnie Carius of Morton. They were married in 1916 in Tremont. He is survived by his wife and four sons, Alfred of Moline, Bro. Clarence of Peoria Heights, Conrad R. of Danville and Lawrence of Eureka; three daughters, Sis. Clara Staker of Morton, Margaret Carroll of Brimfield and Madeline Coulter of Goodfield; two brothers, John and Bill Schurter of Tremont; and four sisters, Katie Herman (Morton), Rose Kahler, Leah Schurger, and Hannah Pfladderer, all of Tremont. We will miss Conrad in our church and community. He always had a friendly greeting for you and a jolly personality.

Friend Gladys Sides and three children have moved to East Peoria to live. We wish her the best in her new home and surroundings.

Bro. Roy and Sis. Polly Schrock have returned from a three-week tour of the Holy Land. We know they enjoyed their trip, and we are

thankful they had a safe journey home.

Vern Williamson, thirteen-year-old son of Robert and Sis. Doris Williamson is in the Methodist hospital in Peoria, after having hip surgery. We certainly wish him a speedy recovery, and hope he can soon be home again.

The Family of Bro. Conrad Schurter Sr. wish to thank everyone for the love and kindness shown to them during the illness and death of their loved one. The deeds of kindness will long be remembered.

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS

Joyce Huber

A new baby boy, Steven Paul, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zehr, and welcomed into their family. Their other children are Todd, Kristien, and Trent. Bro. Joe and Sis. Alice Zehr are the paternal grandparents.

Connie Bittner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bittner, was married to Charles Mueller, son of Mrs. John Mueller, by our elder, Bro. Josh Broquard. We wish for the newlyweds to feel the presence of the Lord Jesus in their lives together.

We were happy to have visiting ministers, including Elder Bro. Sam Anliker, Bro. Loren Strahm, Bro. Albert Wuthrich, and Bro. Ernie Gerber. We know the Lord will reward them for serving us.

Bro. John Kaeb, son of Bro. and Sis. David Kaeb, and Jerry Steffen, son of Bro. and Sis. Mannie Steffen, left for service.

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Christy Koch

The Christian is like the ripening corn; the riper he gets the more lowly he bends his head.

We are again back in school beginning the fall semester. We have about fifty new students in our Bible Class. We welcome each of you and hope that you will receive a blessing from attending with us. We also welcome any visitors to worship with us, every Thursday night at 8:00 in the Third Floor Lounge of the Union Building.

On Sept. 11, Bro. George Lambert from Wichita reminded our friends that the Lord will not always beg them to repent. "He will not always chide: . . . (Psalm 103: 9). Bro. Walter Koehl from Fairbury told us the story that will never grow old: "For God so loved the

world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". Our visiting minister on Sept. 25 was Bro. Joe Zimmerman from Morton, who told us that in order to understand heavenly things our hearts must be prepared.

LIFE WITH CHRIST IS AN
ENDLESS HOPE; WITHOUT
HIM IT IS A HOPELESS END.

AKRON, OHIO

Kathy Graf

The builders are still making very good progress on our new church building. Inside they are starting to paint and the finish-carpenters are working. Outside the workers have put the driveway in, graded the parking lot, and on Saturday, Oct. 11, we plan to start putting the lawn in.

A daughter, Katherine Kaye, was born to Bro. Don and Sis. Carol Gasser, on Thursday, Sept. 18. Katherine has a brother Timmy and a sister Stephanie.

Sis. Margaret Gruening has moved to a new address at 1102 St. Michaels Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44320.

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

Marlene Mosher

Bro. Henry Meylan and Sis. Helen Schlatter were united in marriage.

Bro. Eugene Fetter ministered with us, which was very welcome and a blessing.

We have friends that have turned their life over to our Lord, and we wish them the Lord's grace and blessings. They are Ed and Esther Meister, Frederick and Delores Munsel, Ronald Schlatter, and Sally Schlatter. These dear friends we will love to have in our flock. We would like to have so many more of our beloved friends be joined together with us in our Lord's name. It is such a happy life when you turn your cares to Him, instead of going about in this world of woe alone.

BERN, KANSAS

Esther and Stella Moser

Brother Lou Baumgartner was re-elected trustee of the A.C. Home. Bro. Harvey Grimm is the other trustee of our congregation.

Bro. Darrel Stoller, son of Bro. Harlan and Sis. Pearl, left Sept. 20 for his time of army duty. May the Lord ever keep him in the sha-

dow of His wings, is our wish and prayer.

Marilyn Diane was born Sept. 20 to Douglas and Betty Metzger. Mark and Steven are happy for a sister. Grandparents are Bro. Wilhelm and Sis. Julia and Bro. Theo. and Sis. Cordelia Locher, Sabetha.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend. Visitors are always welcome.

Bro. Louis Baumgartner has safely returned from a three-week visit to Switzerland.

Sis. Rose Ulmer was able to assemble with us on a Sunday morning. We were happy to have her, as it has been quite some time since she could be with us.

BREMEN, INDIANA

Pauline Laidig — Helen Zimmer

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

The capstone of the year has come, The brightest of them all!

With the accumulation poured From summer into fall.

The blue and gold of autumn tints Are mingled with the green, And everywhere the eye can look God's handiwork is seen.

"Autumn is an inspiration of the nature-lover's heart, and we behold her rich beauty in the colorful outdoors, as the Master Artist reaches His fingertips to tint the roadsides, brown the fields, and paint the trees with splashes of brightest hues. We stand in awe and wonder, looking with the naked eye as far as we can see . . . How can anyone be unbelieving in the midst of these wonders of nature?"

A son, Matthew Philip, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Zeltwanger, Sept. 19. The grandparents are Bro. Don and Sis. Marceil and Sam and Ruth Leman. The Zeltwangers also have a daughter, Jalayne.

A very inspiring message was brought to us when Bro. Verlin Stoller from Ft. Wayne came to visit us. We thank him for his willingness to come and fellowship with us.

Sunday, Oct. 5, was Promotion Day for the Sunday School classes. It was a delight to listen to the children present their program, by singing beautiful songs and speaking words of praise to our Heavenly Father. The following evening, the ministers and their wives showed their appreciation to the Sunday

School teachers by entertaining them with a dinner and time of fellowship.

EUREKA, ILLINOIS

Cathryn Wettstein
Salome Schumacher

"... for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

Whatsoe'er our lot may be,
Calmly in this thought we'll rest,
Could we see as Thou dost see,
We should choose it as the best.

Last month after I had mailed the news, we heard that Sis. Bena Fehr had passed to her reward. She had been in the Eureka Hospital for some time. Surviving are: three sons, Bro. Elwin and Milton of Eureka, Bro. Richard of Roanoke; a daughter, Sis. Phylis Berchtold of Peoria. Her funeral was on Monday Sept. 8, conducted by Bro. Walter Anliker. Her husband, Bro. Andrew passed away about three years ago. May God comfort the bereaved ones.

Those who were in the hospital and now are home are Sis. Helen Belsley, surgical; Bro. Walter Anliker, medical; Jane Anliker, medical. Bro. Aaron Moser is a patient in Methodist Hospital, where he underwent surgery.

Sept. 7, the wedding announcement of Sis. Donna Blunier and Bro. Edwin Kupferschmid was made known. She is the daughter of Bro. and Sis. Roy and Edna Blunier, and he is the son of Bro. and Sis. Wayne and Laura Kupferschmid. Edwin is now stationed in Colorado to finish his army duty.

As the Conference was held in Roanoke this year, we were blessed with many visitors. These were: Bros. Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; John Widrick, Floyd Graves, Croghan; Uriel Gehring, Burlington; John Klotzle, Altadena; John Widrick, Croghan; Paul Banwart, West Bend; Al Langhofer, Wichita. There were also others in our midst, so we say "welcome" back to visit us again, and may God bless those who expounded His good and holy word to us.

Note of thanks: I wish to thank all the family and friends for the many cards, gifts, and prayers during my stay in the hospital and since returning home. May God bless you. Sis. Judie Knecht.

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS

Wendell Anliker

We want to welcome all those who have arrived at Ft Sam, but yet we are sorry that anybody has to come into the service, for it reminds us of all the evil in this world today. For those of us in the service, we have a twofold mission, being a soldier for our country and being a soldier for Christ. It gives us a great opportunity (as we are around men from all walks of life) to let our light shine and to do and say only those things that would be pleasing and acceptable to God.

We trust that whatever we do or say will be a **stepping stone**, instead of a **stumbling block** for someone.

You can never tell when you do an act
Just what the result will be;
Yet with every deed, you are sowing a seed
And its harvest someday you will see.

The following started basic training in Sept.: Bros. Mike Aberle, Tremont; Bill Dotterer, Phoenix; Jay Kellenberger and Darrel Stoller, Sabetha; Roger Hitz, La Crosse; John Kaeb, Fairbury; Friends Stan Stoller, Latty; Ron Plattner, Peoria; Bruce Messner, Morris; Richard Dietz, Bradford and Howard Rumbold, Princeville.

We welcome back from Viet Nam Bro. Floyd Freiden, Elgin Iowa, who will be finishing his time in the service at Ft Sam.

Those who departed for other duty stations include: Bros. Fred Wahl and Stan Wuthrich, Ft Campbell Kentucky; Jerry Drayer, Viet Nam; Ben Huber, Ft Polk, Louisiana; Converts Duane Schrenk and Cedrick Messner, Germany; Friends Karl Koehl, Ft Belvoir, Va.; Stanly Stisser, Ft Carson, Col.

Ministering Bros. Joe Stoller, Princeville, Norman Stoller, Ft Wayne, and Harold Schmidtgall, Gridley, brought us many words of strength and encouragement. We cannot appreciate enough the time and effort put forth by our ministering brethren in coming to be with us. We trust the Lord will bless them for the many deeds of love and kindness shown unto us.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS

Ida E. Sinn

Bro. William Sinn, 84, entered eternal rest on Sept. 8. Although we are thankful that he can now be

at rest, we will miss him in our assembly. Funeral services were held on Wed., Sept. 10, with Bro. Loren Strahm, Gridley, officiating. Burial was in White Cemetery, Richards, Missouri. "Uncle Will", as he was known to all of us, was a head engineer for the railroad for many years and could safely guide the train from port to port, but he finally realized that he could not guide himself safely home. So at age 77, he asked Christ to be his chief engineer. How sweet it is when one allows Christ to lead his life.

Sis. Carrie Massner entered the hospital for surgery and is now doing nicely, living at home. Bro. Joe Banwart was admitted to the hospital, but he too is home again. Audrey Sinn had an accident where she works and received a whip lash and skull fracture.

Our visiting minister was Bro. Sam Huber, who is now living at Holton, Kansas.

GIRARD, OHIO

Jesse C. Emch

"Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard."

The Lord must have liked us, I say
when I see
The bloom of the rose and the green
of the tree,
The flash of the wing of a bird
flitting by,
The gold of the grain and the blue
of the sky,
The clover below and the tall pines
above—
Oh there's something about us the
good Lord must love.

Surely the words of the Psalmist and the Poet are spoken in truth. We only need to consider how bountifully God has provided, the abundant harvest of grain, fruit and vegetables, and beauty all around us. Then lest we forget, we live in America where we have freedom to worship God. Let us now ask ourselves a question. Do I really love God?

Sis. Marion Klotzle is now at her home convalescing, after having eye surgery. She has had surgery on both eyes in 6 months' time. We wish her God's blessings, and will be glad when she can be with us to worship together.

We have had visitors. We enjoy-

ed having you with us and extend a hearty welcome for visitors anytime. Ministering brothers are not excluded.

Sis. Dianne Emch is teaching in Champion, Ohio. I am sure her family is glad to have her at home, and we especially are thankful that she can worship with us at Girard, which is her home.

Jack Diesling received his degree as C.P.A. from Ohio State University, and is now employed with a company in Boston. Jack is a nephew of Sis. Ella Dieslinger and son of Robert Dieslinger.

HONOLULU, HAWAII

Keith and Sharon Kellenberger

Aloha! We are enjoying a week's leave at Kilauea Military Camp, on the big island, Hawaii, with our guests, Bro. Ron and Sis. Nancy Schambach of Elgin (Ill.). Kilauea Crater, one of the most continually active volcanoes in the world, is directly in front of the camp. Actually KMC is located within this crater, for the old rim of the crater serves as its rear boundary. The most recent eruption was last month, Sept. 1969. It is thrilling to be so near this type of wonder, another example of God's marvelous creation. On one hand we can see the beauty of waterfalls, palm trees, and orchid gardens; on the other hand we can see evidence of nature's fury in the recent and ancient lava flows. (For the benefit of our brethren and friends who might be planning an R & R in Hawaii, perhaps you could look into KMC . . . with prices a serviceman can afford. One low price includes a well-furnished cabin or apartment, delicious meals, and guided tours. For more information and reservations, write KMC Central Reservations Office, Ft. DeRussy, APO 96558.)

We spent a Sunday and two pleasant evenings with Bro. Eugen and Sis. Elsa Christ, Sis. Edith Martin, and Sis. Ruth Ricketts, all of Princeville, and Sis. Marie Pflederer of Morton. Sis. Anna and Sis. Dorothy Pfister of Roanoke stopped at our apartment to join us for Sunday services on their way home from a tour of the Orient. Bro. Ron and Sis. Nancy have been with us since the latter part of September. We enjoyed showing them around Oahu. Just before coming to the big island, they left us for three days to visit Kauai and Maui, two other islands in the chain. In a few

days, we'll be leaving—Shambach's to Elgin, we back to Honolulu for two more months.

LA CROSSE, INDIANA

Mrs. Lucille Heiniger

Bro. Glenn Heinold of Ft. Sam spent a short furlough with his parents, Bro. Aaron and Sis. Grace and family. Bro. Steve and Sis. Vivki Bucher spent a furlough visiting their parents and relatives, before he had to leave this country for Korea. Steve is the son of Bro. Vernon and Sis. Melva. We wish for him God's protection and blessings and that he will be able to return safely to his loved ones here at home.

A daughter, Angela Michelle was born Aug. 6 to Dale and Nola Stewart. Bro. Doayne and Dorothy Stewart are the paternal grandparents. Alice Heinold is the paternal great-grandmother. A son, Robert William was born Sept. 16 to William and Marjorie (Yergler) Jones. The maternal grandparents are Ralph and Jeanette Yergler. Bro. George and Sis. Ida Yergler are the maternal great-grandparents.

The La Crosse Church extends their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Bro. Elias Souder. His presence will be missed by many.

Time sure seems to fly by so swiftly; so soon this year will be past.

So Swiftly The Way!

So Short The Day!

In this fast-moving world of
turmoil and tension
With problems and troubles too
many to mention
Our days are so crowded and our
hours are so few
There's so little time and so much
to do . . .
And sometimes we wonder as we
rush through the day
Does God really want us to hurry
this way?
Why are we impatient and
continually vexed
And often bewildered, disturbed and
perplexed?
Perhaps we're too busy with our
own selfish seeking
To hear the dear Lord when He's
tenderly speaking.
We are working so tensely in our
self-centered way
We've no time for listening to what
God has to say
And hard as we work, at the end of
the day

We know in our hearts we did not
pay our way . . .

But God in His mercy looks down
on us all

And though what we've done is so
pitifully small

He makes us feel welcome to kneel
down and pray

For the chance to do better as we
start a new day.

And life would be better if we
learned to rely

On our Father in heaven without
asking "Why"

And if we'd remember as we rush
through the day,

The Lord Is Our Shepherd and He'll
Lead The Way . . .

LAMAR, MISSOURI

Marie Marti

"For ye shall go out with joy,
and be led forth with peace: the
mountains and the hills shall break
forth before you into singing, and
all the trees of the field shall clap
their hands."

Peace does not mean the end of
our striving; it is the power that
comes to souls seeing light from
God. Joy does not mean the drying
of our tears, it is the strength that
God is ever pouring into the hearts
of those who strive aright. With a
simple but profound prayer each
morning and in complete confi-
dence, we can let God be our guide.
Nothing can bring poise and joy to
our lives so much as the abiding
knowledge that we have committed
our day into His hands.

Our hearts were gladdened to
know that Billy Dean Schlupp and
his family are moving into our com-
munity. Billy Dean has completed
his tour of duty, part of which time
was spent in Viet Nam. His wife
and children have been living in
Nebraska. He will be engaged in
farming.

LATTY, OHIO

Dolores Grant — Iva Stoller

Golden Autumn! It is as if God
is spreading his brightest hues of
color to cheer us before the long,
winter months.

We had several hospital patients.
Sis. Rosie Laukhuf and Sis. Nettie
Stoller were admitted for surgery.
They are now at home recuperating.
May they be given strength and
health for each day. Benji Schlatter
son of Bro. Ben and Sis. Helen, met
with an accident, but we are very
thankful his injuries were minor.

We have been blessed with two
visiting ministers. Bro. Leroy Hu-

ber and Bro. Marvin Schmidgall ministered to us on Sept. 21. We were enriched from their inspiring messages of love.

On Sept. 22, graveside rites were held here for Friend Joe Rice. Funeral services were held at the Leo church. Our sympathy goes out to the Leah Stoller family for the loss of their son-in-law and brother-in-law.

We wish also to extend our sympathy to Bro. Marvin and Sis. Mary Klopfenstein. Sis. Mary's father, Bro. Jacob Tonner of the Bluffton church has gone to his reward.

We were also saddened at the death of Bro. Eli Souder of Leo. He is a Bro. to Sis. Mary (Jesse) Gerber.

"I never knew till one day by a grave, How vain are the things we spend life to save. I did not know till a loved one went above, He only is rich who is rich in God's love!"

The flower of youth never appears more beautiful than when it bends toward the Son of Righteousness. We rejoice with our three dear souls who have answered the call of our loving Saviour. They are Gary Grant, son of Bro. Tom and Sis. Delores; Larry Wenninger, son of Bro. Don and Sis. Josephine; and Connie Stoller, daughter of Bro. Glenn and Sis. Edith. May His grace be ever sufficient to lead and guide them.

Choose Now

"Some day," you say, "I will seek the Lord;
Some day I will make my choice;
Some day, some day, I will heed His word,
And answer the Spirit's voice."

God's time is now, for the days fly fast,
And swiftly the seasons roll;
Today is yours, it may be your last;
Choose life for your priceless soul!

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Aaron A. Sauder

Oh I'd love to journey hither
To Thy house with thanks and praise,
And with all Thy children thither
Joyful voices to Thee raise,
When their knees to Thee they're bowing,
And with thanks their hearts o'erflowing,
When Thy blessing, pow'r and light
Fills their hearts with sheer delight

These words are a stanza from one

of the hymns enjoyed by him, and were sung at the funeral of Bro. Theodore Witschi, who journeyed hither on Sept. 20. Although Ted had been in poor health, he had worshipped with us Sunday Sept. 14, and passed away unexpectedly the next Saturday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Sis. Marie; his three sons, David, Walter and Carl; his brother, Victor of our congregation; two other brothers and two sisters.

Hospital patients were Sis. Darlene Ramsier Enderle (Larry) and Ray Goins.

After many months in the hospital, Sis. Ola Frohlich has been moved to Geriatric Center, 50 Blymyer Avenue, Mansfield Ohio 44903, and appreciates receiving mail.

We appreciated the visit of Bro. Lester Braker of Lamar, who ministered to us at both morning and afternoon services on Sept. 21.

As we view the brilliant splendor of the leaves and foliage at this glorious season, we are reminded of Isaiah 4:2; "In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely . . ."

MORTON, ILLINOIS

Mrs. John Oberlander

Mrs. Ken Getz

Oct. 6, Sis. Charlotte Steiner and Bro. Edwin Bahler of Remington were united in marriage. We wish them the Lord's blessings and every happiness together. We, in Morton, will miss Charlottee, but are so very happy for her.

A fourth child and first daughter, Teresa Lynn was born to Bro. Robert and Sis. Eleanor Zimmerman Pfleiderer.

We enjoyed the visits of Ministering Bros. Henry Souder, Robert Grimm, Earl Kilgus, Edwin Bahler, Aaron Steffen, Henry Wackerle, and Roy Luginbuhl.

We have had a number of sick folks—Sisters Aldeine Koehl Witzig, Dorothy Bauman Roeschley, Stella Stoller Zimmerman, Bertha Voelpel Frank, Louise Habeger Ackerman, Eunice Wiegand Wuthrich. Bro. Jake Getz and Chris Wiedman are home recuperating. Those in the hospital are: Sisters Mona Dennison Stoller and Marie Huette, John Zimmerman, son of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Stella Zimmerman, and Webb McCartney.

Bro. Henry Binkele wishes to thank all those who remembered

him with deeds of kindness during his stay in the hospital and convalescence.

Minnie Waldbeser passed away Sept. 29. She is survived by one son, Elmore, and a daughter, Evelyn (Mrs. Ralph) Oswald.

Samuel Brandt was laid to rest Oct. 7. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Schmidgall Brandt, two sons, Edward and Roy; three daughters, Fern (Mrs. Howard) Alfs, Inez (Mrs. Ben) Fulford and Ann (Mrs. Keith) Kendall; four brothers, Wm., Joe, Herman and George; and three sisters, Mrs. Ida Francisco, Mrs. Rose Lucas, and Mrs. Joe Rapp.

Sis. Kaylene Rumbold Heiniger has gone to San Antonio to be with her husband, Bro. Ronald, while he is in the service. Her address is: Wilshire Apt. 3, 455 Natalen St., San Antonio Texas 78209.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. VA.

Mrs. Gus Weltz

Miss Della Witschey

J. Howard Riggenbach, who has been so very ill in the University Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va., since Aug. 3 is showing some improvement. Roy Riggenbach was able to return home from the Wheeling Hospital two weeks ago. W. E. Riggenbach underwent surgery in the local hospital on Sept. 30 and is doing very well. Mrs. Lena Frayer continues to improve a bit, but is still a patient in the local hospital.

Miss Della Witschey has been in the hospital for two weeks and is somewhat improved. Clarence Berger was taken very ill on Oct. 1 and still remains a patient in the hospital. Mrs. Rebacca Tharp has been very ill in the hospital for many weeks and is not improving. Alvin Renner was taken to the hospital on Oct. 4, and his condition remains about the same.

James Springston sustained a badly mangled hand on Oct. 4 when he had an accident with a power saw; he was hospitalized for two days, but is back at work. Walter Emch has improved some, but is confined to his home. Gene Riggenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riggenbach of Sardis was a surgical patient in the local hospital, but will soon be going home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Miller (Doris Indermuhle) of Sardis are making their home here at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barth of

Parkersburg visited with the Barth families.

We hope to have more pleasant news in our next letter, but we do have many sick people in our community.

PULASKI, IOWA

Mrs. Dave Wiegand

Fall has come and brought with it the busy harvest season. We thank the Lord for the bountiful harvest He has given us and for His blessings on our efforts. Truly all would be in vain without His blessing!

Bro. Dave and Sis. Mary Wiegand are the happy parents of their second child, Douglas Wright. He was born on Sept. 20. His brother, Daryl, is happy about it, too.

On Sept. 26, Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol Strassheim were blessed with a little girl, Angela Dawn. She is their first child. Carol is the daughter of Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinckenberger, with whom she is staying while Dale is serving in the Army, stationed in Bangkok, Thailand.

Sept. 28 was an enjoyable day. Our Pulaski Bible class was host to the Bible classes from Burlington, Oakville and Taylor. Bro. Bob Pohl from Burlington accompanied them and proclaimed the word. It was a blessed day, enjoyed by all.

Bro. Bernard and Sis. Leah Schaer want to thank all who remembered them with cards and prayers while they were in the hospital, recovering from their accident. They are both coming along well, and we pray that soon they will be fully recovered.

Bro. Albert Wuthrich was in the hospital for a few days for tests. He is up and around again, for which we are thankful.

SABETHA, KANSAS

Mrs. Joe Steiner

Our visiting ministers have been Bro. Aaron Steffen, Alto; Bro. Elmer Schmidt, Winthrop; Bro. Noah Gerber, West Bend; and Bro. Sam Huber, Gridley.

Bro. Harlan Meyer was selected to replace Bro. Louis Wenger on the board for the Apostolic Christian Home. The annual board meeting was held here.

Hospitalized were Bro. Roger Hartter (who was injured in a farm accident), Bro. Fred Aberle, Bro. Eli Meyer and Sis. Clara Steiner. All have returned to their homes. Sis. Bessie Elliott is still

confined in a hospital in Topeka, where she was taken for tests and surgery. She is showing improvement.

Matthew Daniel was born to John and Elaine (Meyer) Garber of Marysville on Sept. 15. He is welcomed by a sister, Teresa. Maternal grandparents are Sis. Vila and Bro. Velmer Meyer.

Douglas and Betty (Locher) Metzger are the parents of a daughter, Marilyn Diane, born Sept. 20. She has two older brothers, Mark and Steven. Grandparents are Sis. Cordelia and Bro. Theo. Locher, Sabetha, and Sis. Julia and Bro. Wm. Metzger, Bern.

TOLEDO, OHIO

Mary Ann Weigele

Our Sunday School picnic was held on Sept. 7 at one of our city parks. A group of young folks from Bay City shared the day with us.

Sis. Betty Schlatter from Junction, has graduated from nurse's training at Toledo Hospital with honors, and returned home to work in the Paulding Hospital. We will certainly miss her.

Cnnie and Dave Sancraint have moved to Saginaw, Michigan where Dave was transferred in his work. Their new address is 5741 Lakeview Dr., Saginaw Mich. 48604.

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Tuscon Sewing Circle

The summer vacations are over, and our little group is together again. The weather is beautiful, with sunny days and cool nights. Our sewing circle will meet again this week, where we believe much good can be done.

We welcome Bro. Donald and Sis. Gloria Bauer and 3 children, Bradley, Lisa and Steven, from Cissna Park. We hope they enjoy our fellowship here. Their address is 7329 E. 20th St., Tucson Ariz. 85710. Telephone 885-4113. Our ministering Bro. Noah Herman's new address is 5237 E. 21st St., Tucson Ariz. 85711. Telephone 795-5418.

Many of the Tucson congregation spent the past Sunday at Phoenix. We enjoyed a blessed day of baptism and fellowship.

Eleanor Blessman has been hospitalized, but is well enough to be home now.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Elder Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold. May the Lord sustain them in their great loss.

UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Ed. Aeschleman

Bro. August Mueller, 84, of Union City, died Sept. 12, in Presbyterian Nursing Home in Quarryville, Pa. Born in Switzerland, he lived in Union City over 60 years. August is survived by two sons and four daughters. His beloved wife, Margaret and two daughters preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 15 in Union City by Bros. John Diggelman and Ed Aeschleman. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery, Union City. His family and the congregation were saddened by Bro. August's passing—yet we were all comforted by the knowledge that he had longed for several years to go to his eternal home. We are confident that now he rests safe in the arms of Jesus.

Many of our brethren all over the country will remember Bro. August's writings in the Silver Lining. In the September 1963 issue of The Silver Lining he wrote a history of the Union City Church which contained much information and many dates of interest:

Our church was built in 1892. Bros. Ringger and Freiburger furnished the lumber. They were in the lumber and molding business. Before the church was built, the members from Union City went to Brooklyn, N.Y. for services. After that they also met in Bro. Ringger's home.

When I came to this country in 1904 from Switzerland with my father, mother, sister and brothers, our church was filled from end to end. Bro. John Diggelman, Sr. was Sunday School teacher. Two sisters had charge of the little children. One was Sis. Bertha Ackerman. She was buried in Rockville Nov. 11, 1962. Her husband, Bro. Otto passed away suddenly in Union City in 1950 of a heart attack. He was caretaker of the church.

About 1906 and 1907, many faces were not seen with the assembly anymore, including Bro. Zeug, who was our minister with Bro. Walter Wartman. That left Bro. Wartman alone for many years. He also had to take charge of the singing for a long time. He was a minister for 54 years (1892-1946). New families started to come to church. More members and friends came from Europe, some from out West, and a few came back again. So time went on . . . 1917 came along, which was a year

of joy and blessing. Twenty-one souls were added to the fold, including myself. At that time, we were without an elder. Bro. Trittenbach, our elder had passed away, so Bro. Mike Mangold and Bro. Barthol Rapp came.

Bro. Wartman had two co-workers. One was Bro. Charles Kaegi, who passed away in September 1946, and after him came Bro. Charles Ballasy, 1925-1953 (28 years). I can not think of anyone that did as much for a church as Bro. Wartman did. Many years he fired the coal furnace, heating the church. There was no electricity in the church—he had to light the church with gas-lights. Besides that, he served three times those many years. He also made all the repairs, without being paid for this.

His heart was filled with love for his God and for the members and friends. Many times he told me, his only concern was the congregation . . . But time comes for everyone to depart, so in January 1951 at the age of 91 years it came for him. At the end of January, he was laid to rest, after many years of toil and labor. Bro. John Bahler had the funeral service, and Bro. Charles Ballasy held service (in church) in the afternoon . . . Bro. Wartman will get rewarded in rich measure for his kindness and his untiring labor which he did for God and man.

In August 1917, Bro. Chris Gerber was ordained elder for Rockville and Union City.

This concludes Bro. August Mueller's writing on the history of the Union City church, but Friend Ethyl Ballasy provided several other pieces of information of interest.

Elder Chris Gerber served from 1917-1932. He passed away in June 1953 at the age of 83. After him, Bro. Philip Beyer, Castorland, New York, was elder until he passed away at the age of 70. Bro. John Bahler then took the oversight for Union City. In April 1954, Bro. John Diggelman became our minister. In May 1964, Bro. Edward Aeschleman became co-worker with Bro. John Diggelman. Sunday School Teachers: after Bro. John Diggelman Sr. passed away, Bro. Louis Schoenleber was next; then Bro. Ernest Ballasy Sr. (deceased); then Sister Ann Tschudin; and now Sis. Nancy Aeschleman. Caretakers—Friend Arnold Knecht was caretaker for many years after Bro.

Otto Ackerman died; Friend Henry Wartman is our present caretaker. May God continue to bless our church.

URBANA, ILLINOIS

Nada Baumgartner

Sue Zimmerman

"God having provided some better thing for us . . ." Open House and Dedication services were held here on the 13th & 14th of Sept. We were thankful for our many visitors from far and near, who took the time to visit us at our new location. We are extremely grateful to the Lord, who has blessed us so abundantly, and may we never cease to reverence Him. We would also like to extend a thank-you to the many concerned members and friends who have helped us in becoming established by the many contributions, encouragements, and prayers offered in our behalf.

A large group was in attendance at our annual weiner roast, held Sept. 14 at Lake of the Woods. Plans for many future activities are being discussed.

The engagement of Sis. Joann Rudin, daughter of Bro. & Sis. Clarence Rudin, to Bro. Fred Maul, son of Bro. and Sis. Clarence Maul, from Cissna Park, was announced. We wish them the Lord's rich blessings in their future life together. A winter wedding is being planned.

Visiting ministers were Bros. Joe Kaisner, Forrest; Merle Kaisner, Fairbury; George Lambert, Wichita; Eli Somerhalder, Burlington; Russell Rapp, Morton; Roy Sauder, Peoria; Bob Grimm, Goodfield; Ed Hohulin, Goodfield; Dan Koch, Tremont; Elmer Witzig, Gridley; Vernon Leman, Eureka; Fred Knapp, Congerville; Nathan Stoller, Bradford. We are certainly thankful for the inspiring messages these ministering brethren have brought. We trust they will be rewarded for their efforts.

Why must I weep when others sing?

To test the deeps of suffering.

Why must I work while others rest?

To spend my strength at God's request.

Why must I lose while others gain?

To understand defeat's sharp pain.

Why must this lot of life be mine?
When that which is fairer seems is thine?

Because God knows what plans
for me shall blossom in
eternity.

WINTHROP, MINNESOTA

Delores Messerli—Carol Messner

To every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth,
Which way his soul shall go.

Yes, you decide what kind of air your soul will breathe. Are you suffering from the smog of sin? Or are you breathing the fresh breezes of Beulah Land?

Bro. Carl Kinsinger from Altadena was here. In his sermon he said, the Saviour and I walk the path of life together . . .

His sister and brother traveled with him. They visited members of the Mike Miller family, who lived at Pulaski when Bro. Carl lived there in years gone by.

Elder Bro. Herman and Sis. Della Kellenberger visited with us one week end. They lived here in their youth. Bro. Herman told us, "Although we were not converted in the Winthrop church, the seeds were sown here." He ministered to us on Sunday and left much food for thought. We enjoyed fellowship and supper in church.

Bro. Alphi Moser and Bro. Floyd Schnidgal with their wives and others of Morris were here for service last Sunday. We enjoyed these brothers, and especially appreciate their concern for our youth of today, many of whom were in attendance.

We were richly blessed with visiting ministers and their visitors. We thank them all for their effort and fellowship.

A daughter, Rose Helen, was born Sept. 2 to Lupie and Kenneth Howk. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Roy and Sis. Rose Alice Howk.

Bruce Messner, son of Ministering Bro. Harold and Sis. Jerry, has entered into the service. Jeff and Gary, sons of Bro. Ray and Sis. Bernadine Messner, left for the Navy. They will serve together under brother duty. May the Lord watch over them all.

GOODFIELD, ILLINOIS

Elna Grimm

"Have you ever thought evil of your brother? I have; and just think what I've done!" These were words spoken by Bro. Al Langhofer from Wichita, who stopped to minister to us during the week end of

the Conference. He went on to explain that what we do to our brother, we do to the Lord—a very serious and thought-provoking lesson for us.

Other ministering brothers who visited us that same week end were Bros. Kenneth Sauder from Mansfield, Henry Manz from Junction, Eugene Marti from Sabetha, Alpha Strahm from Bern, Gene Metzger from Lester, and Earl Banwart from West Bend. Bros. Joe Zimmerman from Roanoke, and his son, Joe Zimmerman from Morton, Joe Stoller from Princeville, Edwin Ringger from Gridley were also guest ministers in Goodfield this past month.

Bro. and Sis. Don and Peggy Heinold had a new little baby girl on Sept. 30. They named her Michelle Renee. The grandparents are Bro. and Sis. Melvin Heinold of R. R. Deer Creek, and Bro. and Sis. John and Dorothy Bittner of Eureka. On Sept. 30, Bro. and Sis. Alfred and Marie Kieser had a baby girl.

Many prayers of thanks have been uttered by Bro. and Sis. Willis and Betty Weigand since Sept. 29, when their son Roy called them from Chicago and asked them to pick him up at the Peoria Airport in a couple of hours. Roy has just returned from Viet Nam.

By this time, many of our young folks are off to college, and we miss them. Our prayers go out for them, as we realize that the evil one is working hard to rob and mislead . . . always watching for the moment when he can catch someone off guard, and so we pray **particularly** for our busy youth . . . that they might feel a special amount of help and grace just when they most need it.

Dear Lord, I have to tell you
All about my aching heart . . .
For even as I talk with you,
The teardrops freely start.
We took our child to college,
And we left her at the dorm . . .
Her roommate was so very sweet,
The day was clear and warm . . .
But as we turned to leave her there,
The tears welled-up inside,
For tho' she's really quite grown
up . . .

She needs a hand "to guide".
Somehow, I know the world looks
big,

And some days cold and bleak . . .
So Lord, I pray that you'll be there,
Each hour of every week.

For she will need you at her side,
Each step along the way.
Oh keep her safe from worldly
harm . . .

Sincerely, Lord, I pray.
And if you see her walk amiss,
Admonish—reprimand . . .
But never Lord, but **never**,
Withdraw thy guiding hand.

GRIDLEY, ILLINOIS

Lydia and Eunice Kammerer

"Praise ye the LORD . . . O ye servants of the LORD . . . From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD's name is to be praised."

Our great Creator is introducing the coming winter, with the trees turning into many beautiful colors. The countryside is painted with beauty all around, as one author wrote:

The golden rod is yellow;
The corn is turning brown,
The trees in apple orchards
With fruit are bending down . . .

With the conference over, there were many ministers visiting in various churches. We were blest with many good teachings by Bros. La Voyd Moore, Alabama; David Bertsch, Leo; Bro. Lynn Klopfenstein; Bro. Schmidt and Bro. Harold Messner, Winthrop.

Bro. Silas Witzig returned to Mennonite Hospital for kidney surgery. We wish him God's help for a good recovery.

Elder Bro. George Gramm and Sis. Louise spent a week in Morris with their son, Bro. Harold and family.

Bro. Harold and Sis. Betty Schmidgall left for San Antonio, to visit their son, William and his wife and baby.

The young people of our congregation have returned to their respective colleges, where they will receive their education. We pray they will look up to their Lord and Saviour to be at their side.

In behalf of the Gridley congregation, we want to extend our sympathy to the Silver Lining Bros. Henry and Ed Souder, in the loss of their father.

RITTMAN, OHIO

Janette Blough Florence Hartzler

We were privileged and blessed to have the word proclaimed to us by visiting minister, Bro. Ben Fehr of Roanoke. We received much food

for thought as we sat under the message of His voice.

What a comfort it is to know there are those, amid all the turmoil and strife in our world, who turn to their Lord and Master. We rejoice that Paulette Calame has found the needed grace to turn to the Lord in repentance and has turned her back to the ways of the world. Paulette is the daughter of John and Sis. Margaret Calame.

We are going down the valley one by one. Our dear Sis. Naomi Imhoff has been laid to rest. We shall sadly miss her in our congregation, but rejoice in the knowledge she has gone to be with her Lord. Naomi suffered a heart attack sometime ago, but was able to assemble with us for a time, before being stricken again. Surviving are sons Ed and Ben Imhoff; daughters, Sis. Joanne Widmer, Sis. Martha Jane Riggenschach, Sis. Delores Bauman, Sis. Jeanette Stoller and Sandra Amstutz. May the Lord comfort those left behind.

Our hospitalized were Kenny Rupp, Bro. Harry Saurer, Bro. Daniel Hartzler, Bro. Herman Ingold and Merle Saurer. We hope all have returned to good health. Bro. Herman Ingold has been in ill health for quite a long time and we believe needs the prayers and support of us.

We welcome Tom and Mary Lou Saurer back to our congregation. They had been living in Texas, where Tom was going to school. He has now set up his veterinary practice in our area. Tom and Mary Lou also have a little daughter.

BURLINGTON, IOWA

Ella Wagler — Rosella Obermann

To suffer makes us pure.

Each trial we endure
Does good to us impart,
Makes us **childlike** at heart.

Then as a child draw nigh;
He hears your every sigh.
You shall not leave His face
Without His blessed grace.

These words should be an encouragement to our Sis. Sarah (Julius) Gerst, who is improving and has had relief from the pain she has had to endure while in the hospital. She wishes to use this means to express her thanks and appreciation for all the cards, gifts, and visits she received. She has had much joy in looking at all the birthday cards, and she heartily welcomes visitors,

all of which helps to make the time pass more quickly.

We were blessed by the visits of Bro. Noah Herman, Tucson; Bro. Wayne Gerber, Lester; Bro. Robert Beer, Mansfield; and Bros. Noah Schrock, Ed Lanz, and John Steiner, Oakville. May they be blessed for their efforts.

BURLINGTON, OKLAHOMA

Millicent Frieden — Laverne Roth
The fight is on, but be not weary;
Be strong and in His might hold fast.

If God be for us, His banner o'er us,
We'll sing the victor's song at last!

How encouraging to know that whoever and whatever in the world might be against us, GOD is FOR us. Someone might ask, "How can we know if God is really for us?" He gave His Son for us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son". He sacrificed His Son for us; for we read that it "pleased the LORD to bruise him". We are told that God raised His Son for us (Rom. 4:25). He gave the Bible for us (II Tim. 3:16); secured our salvation for us (Rom. 8:38, 39); and sent His Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us (Acts 2:17).

Students attending schools of higher learning are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kisling and Sam Ott, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla.; Tom Farney, Ft. Hayes College, Hayes Kans.; Sis. Aleta Farney, Wichita State University, Wichita; and Bradley and Douglas Ott and Kent Kisling, Northwestern State College, Alva, Okla.

Lynne, nine-year old daughter of Gerald and Sis. Helen Murrow had the misfortune of falling while playing in the back of a pickup truck and breaking her arm.

Thought: God can take the sharp horns of trouble and convert them into the pleasant trumpets of praise!

CROGHAN—NAUMBURG

Carol Virkler

Mrs. David Shamback

We have been reminded of God's might and goodness in the beautiful color of the autumn leaves here in New York, especially with our maple trees. Among those who have traveled to share this beauty with us have been from Rockville, Bluffton, Elgin, Princeville, Tremont, Fairbury, La Crosse, Wolcott and

Cissna Park. We have enjoyed many blessings from the fellowship of each, and trust they may have memories to take with them.

We are glad that Lynn Virkler, son of Bro. Howard and Sis. Pernal, wasn't seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Sis. Barbara Virkler has returned home from the hospital and is feeling much better. Sis. Laura Farney has not been feeling well.

We regret that our dear ministering Brother Ralph Beyer has been confined to his home and has not been able to assemble with us for some time. Our prayers are always to God that He will be merciful to us during these trying times and grant that His will be done.

Funeral services for Paul Schulz were held at the Croghan church. Survivors are a brother, Bro. Seth, and three sisters, Antoniette and Martha Schulz and Ruth Steiner. Funeral services for Bro. John Karcher were held at the Naumburg Church. Survivors are his wife Sis. Viola, a son Glenn, and a daughter Beverly.

Bro. James and Sis. Anna Farney observed their 50th wedding anniversary; Bro. Amos and Sis. Lillian Virkler observed their 55th wedding anniversary. Both couples are very active and attend church regularly. Amos and Lil have for several years faithfully taken care of our Croghan Church. May God richly bless them.

Their first child, a little daughter, Lisa Ann, was born to Ronald and Beth Hirschey. Grandparents are Bro. Leland and Sis. Bernice Hirschey and Richard and Mary Plana.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Mrs. Craig Gutwein

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May God grant you peace and his loving grace; may he keep you always in the hollow of his hand.

Art Gudeman and others from La Crosse joined us for worship on the 14th of September. A nice size group gathered for worship, and many blessings were received by all.

We are glad to welcome another family, Mike, Anna and their daughter Sheryl Kray. They moved from the Akron church in Ohio. May God's many blessings be upon them in their new home.

Elmer Bucher from Francesville was down on Sept. 21. A large

group gathered for worship. Bro. Elmer brought to us an inspiring message.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, all the college students gathered at Brown County State Park for their annual picnic. Many were in attendance and a nice time was had by all. In the evening they had a camp fire and Bro. Bob Meyer read from the Bible and talked with the students.

Sunday, they all came for church. It was the largest attendance we have had for some time. Bro. Bob Meyer, from Bluffton, delivered two sermons full of spiritual food. Everyone was well blessed. We would like to thank Bro. Harry Isch's family, from Bluffton, for serving. May God's blessings be upon them for their many labors.

CISSNA PARK, ILLINOIS

Mary Young — Margaret Rudin

On returning one afternoon from paying a visit to a loved one, we had to say this has been a perfect day . . . The atmosphere perfect, with the temperature just right, not a cloud in the sky . . . a beautiful sunset and the beautiful green grass. This hymn came to my mind:

So blessed is a trusting child,
So rich in love and rest,
And if we're thus not satisfied,
We'll nevermore be blest.

Sis. Lillian Kellarhals, age 83, passed away Sept. 16 at the Fairbury Hospital, where she had been a patient five days. Funeral services were held Sept. 18. Survivors include: her husband, Bro. Fred; a son, Bro. Ed Alt; three daughters, Sisters Mary Ellen Stoller, Margaret Schumacher and Enice Frank; two step daughters, Mrs. Laura Lockhart, Mrs. Bertha Bencheimer; five step sons, Walter, Albert, Edward, Robert, and Arthur Kellarhals; two sisters, Sisters Mary Baumgartner and Esther Hay; six brothers, Bros. Dave, Floyd, Edward, Ezra, Lloyd and Alvin Hartman; eighteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Bro. Ed Hohulin and Bro. Elmer Witzig conducted the services. Our sympathy is extended to the family, and we will miss Sis. Lily in our assembly.

The engagement of Sis. Joann Rudin to Bro. Fred Maul was announced. Joann is the daughter of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emily Rudin. Fred is the son of Bro. Clarence and Sis. Violet Maul. Our best wishes to

them in their future undertaking.

A daughter, Kara Teresa was born to Wm. and Judy Drayer Sept. 6. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCillar and Bro. Sam and Sis. Louise Drayer.

Bro. Don and Sis. Gloria Bauer and family have moved to Tuscon. May God bless them in their new home.

We are thankful for two of our young friends that have yielded their lives to the Lord. They are Lester and Marilyn Maul. They are looking forward to give their testimonies in the near future.

We are thankful that Sis. Eliza Schmidt has been able to come home, after a long seige in the hospital. Kathryn Merkle is a medical patient at the Watseka hospital.

We thank our Elder Bros. for coming. They brought us much spiritual food. May we ever abide by their teachings and more and more strive to do God's will. Bro. Walter Steffen brought us many good teachings. We thank Bro. Rudy Graf and Bro. Joe Waibel for taking time with our youth and visiting our Sunday School.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Judith Aberle — Donna Hartzler

We are happy to welcome back with us Bro. Kaywin and Sis. Karen Martin and their family. Kaywin was transferred by Ford Motor Co. to New Jersey some time ago and has now been transferred back to Detroit. Other welcome additions to our congregation are Bro. James and Sis. Jean Metzger. They are living in Ann Arbor, where he is attending the University of Michigan to further his education in pharmacy. Their home was formerly in Princeville. May all who come here to live and assemble with us feel the presence of God and the fellowship of His Holy Spirit among us.

The engagement of Bro. Larry Belsley and Sis. Marsha Steffen of Bluffton was announced on Sept. 14. Parents of the couple are Bro. Ben and Sis. Lois Belsley and Bro. Elmer and Sis. Dee Steffen. We wish them God's richest blessings in their future life together.

Todd David, born Oct. 3, is the given name of the newborn son of Dave and Barbara Bayne. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Willard and Sis. Arlene Belsley. Best wishes to the family of a first child and grandchild.

We are always thankful to have visiting ministers with us. Bro. Joe

Ramsier of Rittman spent Sunday, Sept. 21 laboring in God's vineyard. Bro. Joe read and meditated on the third chapter of St. John, which is a beautiful account of what one must do to inherit the kingdom of heaven. We must come to the light, believe in Christ Jesus and obey His teachings, and be born again of water and spirit, to have everlasting life. We thank Bro. Andrew Virkler of Bay City for ministering to us from God's word on Sept. 28. May our Heavenly Father protect and bless all those who strive to preach and teach the truth.

"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons:"

Fall is a beautiful time and season in Michigan. One does not have to drive very far into the country before you can see the beautiful trees that the Creator has painted in brilliant colors of yellow, gold, orange and red. Man seems to be able to do great things, but compared to the work of God it is as nothing. What man could begin to change the color of the landscape overnight?

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ames, Iowa

Mary Jo Metzger

School has started again at Iowa State. We are fortunate to have a group of 20 friends and members.

Monthly services are held in the Parlor Room at the 1st Christian Church, 6th and Clark, Ames. We meet the second Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

Our services started as a Bible Study at the home of Ralph and Diane Lanz in May of 1967. In September with the new school year the group had enlarged, and interest in a regular church service was growing. Friends of Ralph and Diane's informed them of a room in their church that would be available. Arrangements were made and regular church services began in February of 1968. Ministering Brothers from the West Bend, Pulasaki, and Oakville congregations agreed to serve on a rotating basis. Our group continues to grow, and besides regular attendance, we have many visitors, including parents and friends of the students.

This month Bro. Harvey Heiniger from Oakville was the minister. Several carloads from Oakville and West Bend were here. Following the service we had a picnic

at the Ledges State Park, where we enjoyed the beautiful fall weather.

We would like to invite anyone who may be interested to come. We enjoy company. You may call me at 292-4534, Area Code—515.

MORRIS, MINNESOTA

Mrs. Herman Schaefer

Mrs. Carl Joos

There are many sad and lonely,
And discouraged not a few
Who a little cheer are needing,
And there's someone needing you.

Do not think your work is ended;
There is much that you can do,
And as long as you're on earth,
There is someone needing you.

Elder Bro. Leo Moser, Lester assisted our Elder Bro. Paul Fehr with the provings and baptisms of three dear souls. They are Don Schmidgall and his wife Virginia, and Marilyn Feuchtenberger. We welcome them into the fold, and wish them the Lord's blessings in their new walk of life.

Now It Is Done

Now it is accomplished! My
freedom is gone,
As I am a captive of God and His
Son;
What freedom! O I was by Satan
enslav'd
To do his ill bidding, but now I am
saved.

Now It is accomplished! I now
become free;
From sin and transgression
redeemed I shall be.
The prince of this world, he
enslaveth his own;
A Christian thro' Christ has his
liberty won.

Elder Bro. George Gramm, Gridley, visited us. We thank him and Bro. Leo for visiting us.

OAKVILLE, IOWA

Martha K. Steiner

The visits of several ministering brothers has been greatly appreciated and enjoyed by our congregation: Bros. Henry Sabo and Robert Beer, Mansfield; Roy Farney, Phoenix; Wayne Gerber, Lester; Duane Metzger, West Bend; Simon Wagenbach, Tremont; Harry Bucher, Valparaiso; Dan Koch, Tremont. We received many blessings in hearing the word proclaimed and in fellowship with those of like mind and faith.

Angela Dawn Strassheim was born to Bro. Dale and Sis. Carol (Rinkenberger) on Sept. 26, just a few hours before her daddy boarded a plane, taking him from California back to his post at Thailand in the service of our government. Grandparents are Sis. Mamy Gerst of Oakville and Bro. Cleo and Sis. Esther Rinkenberger of Pulaski.

Bradley Scott is the first child of Friends Ray and Mary Rothlisberger, born Aug. 20. Paternal grandparents are Leo and Sis. Nettie Rothlisberger.

Bro. Earl Massner was fortunate to have escaped more serious injury, when his arm was broken due to a farm accident. We are thankful that he is recovering from the mishap.

ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT

Carlton J. Lanz

Men have by every means possible endeavored to banish the Bible from the face of the earth. They have hidden it, buried it, made it a crime punishable with death to have it in possession, and the most bitter and relentless persecutions have been waged against those who had faith in it; yet this good Book lives on. It is the oldest Book in existence, having outlived the storms of some thirty centuries.

The fact that this Book has survived so many centuries, notwithstanding such unparalleled efforts to banish and destroy it, is strong evidence that the Great Being whom it claims as its Author has also been its true Preserver—the Author and Finisher of our Faith!

Other writings upon religion and the various subjects have done good and have enobled and blessed mankind to some extent, but all other books combined have failed to bring the joy, peace and blessing to the restless and troubled creation that the Bible has brought to both the rich and the poor, to the learned and the unlearned. It is not just a book to be read merely; it is a book to be read with care and studied thoughtfully, for how much higher are God's thoughts than our thoughts, and His ways than our ways. If we would hope to comprehend the Plan and thoughts of an infinite God, we must make an effort to bend all our energies to that important work. The richest treasures of truth do not always lie on the surface.

The miracle of Autumn is here.

The display is already well advanced. We look out across the woodlands and the hills, and the highways and village roads, and see the ever marvelous work of the Creator. How the transformation is bringing touches of flame and crimson to growth nearly everywhere. This glowing, colorful and peaceful period, which marks the final farewell of summer (for the time), witnesses the last stand of plant foliage against onrushing winter. The miracle of Autumn is reminding us of the greatness of God the Creator, who alone can perform this transformation over so vast an area simultaneously. With the hundreds of combinations of colorings, reds, yellows, browns, blues and purples, the scene reflects an **image of heaven**, since all coloring develops only under the rays of the sun or in presence of the great sunlight.

Births: A son, Philip John, to Bro. Lee and Sis. Maxine (Webb) Bahler. A daughter to Sis. Margaret and Michael Cappello; Sharon Lynn is a granddaughter to Sis. Elizabeth (Lizzie) Erismann and Mrs. Mary Cappello.

Bro. Alfred Zutter is a patient at the Rockville General Hospital for observation. Bro. Rudolph Moser has been admitted for various ailments. Bro. Sherman Lanz has had the cast removed from his foot. He had the misfortune of breaking a bone in his ankle while on a visit away from his home.

TAYLOR, MISSOURI

Mrs. Eli Sutter — Mrs. Bill Heimer

We are having beautiful fall weather, a busy time for the farmers with the corn to be shelled and beans to be combined.

This time of year, the color of the flowers seem more bright and beautiful to give us special pleasure before the frost kills them. It also brings sadness, since it is so much like our lives—one day they are here in full bloom, and the next day are gone . . . But there is comfort in knowing that in spring the flowers will bloom again, and if the dear ones that are gone are little ones or have lived for the Lord, they will also live again, not waiting for spring but are even now with the Lord.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Veronica Bucher — Deb Wuethrich

Another year has begun for those seeking more education at Purdue.

We have several new students patiently trying to begin this new experience. Those attending Purdue for their first year are Bev Kipfer, Lois Kipfer, Lyle Kaehr, Faye Gerber, and Bro. Sam Habegger from Bluffton, John Mayer from Indianapolis, Mike Rinkenberger and Sis. Emily Heinold from La Crosse, and Barry Gutwein from Francesville. We also welcome Marcella Wasner and Brenda Kilgus from Remington, Sis. Lona Pfladderer from Francesville and Sis. Joyce Gudeman from La Crosse, who have begun work in the Lafayette area. We are overjoyed to welcome each one. Our group has grown to approximately 65.

Our first meeting was held on Sept. 17, with Bro. Orville Ringger from Bluffton holding the services. We were richly blessed by the inspiring words from God on how important it is for us to keep Christ first.

Bro. Harold Zeltwanger brought us encouragement from God's word at our second meeting, on Oct. 1. We are so thankful to those who are so willing to come and spend a Wed. evening with us. Our services are held every other Wed. night at 7:30 at the University Presbyterian Church, 320 North St, West Lafayette.

On Oct. 8, the Purdue group enjoyed a weiner roast at Happy Hollow Park, with about 40 attending. Then Shirley and Charlene Anliker, Janet Overmyer, and Carol Schieler kindly opened their apartment for us to enjoy a few hours of singing and fellowship. Even when the students have studies, they find that taking time for fellowship with those of like mind and faith is truly rewarding.

WICHITA, KANSAS

Mrs. Larry Farney
Mrs. Harvey Smith

We were happy to hear the announcement that our friend, Carol Carter, has received peace and is ready to be baptized. It gives us hope to know that the door of grace is still open and that there is yet time for more of our loved ones to join the fold.

There were two births in our congregation. Jake and June Strahm are the parents of a baby boy, born Sept. 23. Loren Clint is their first child. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Billy Ferguson of Houston, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Bro. Loren and Sis. Listen Strahm

of Gridley. Bro. Robert and Sis. Dora Young are maternal great-grandparents.

Kimberly Diane Miskimon was born Sept. 1 to Patti and Gary Miskimon. Kim is welcomed home by her sister Shawn. Maternal grandparents are Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian Bowers. Gary left Oct. 5 enroute to Viet Nam for a year's service there. We wish him God's blessings and pray for his safe return.

Hospital patients included Sis. Ann (Harvey) Farney, who was hospitalized for tests following a severe viral infection. Paul Bowers, son of Bro. Milton and Sis. Lillian, and Pamela Smith, daughter of Bro. Harvey and Sis. Ethel, both received appendectomies. Sis. Ann and Paul have both returned to church, and we hope Pam will be able to assemble with us soon.

We have two additions to our congregation. Sis. Joan Banwart, formerly of the Lamar congregation, is working at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. Sis. Joyce Kellenberger is working at Wesley Medical Center and is taking some courses at Wichita State University. Joyce is from Sabetha. We so enjoy the additional fellowship granted to us, and would invite others who are interested in coming to school or working here to join us.

LEO, INDIANA

Mrs. Elias Souder

Open House for our new Sunday School rooms and other remodeling was held Sun. Sept. 21. Some of the people who came were of those who had formerly come to Leo.

Our friend, Bill Hartman left for service Mon. Oct. 6. He will be working in a Home for wayward boys near Colorado Springs. We rejoiced very much when he told us of his wishes to become a child of God.

Janet Klopfenstein also has told us of her desire to follow the Lord. Janet is the daughter of Nancy and Wm. Klopfenstein.

Sarah Schwartz was home for a few days, but is back in the hospital, suffering from a back injury.

Funeral services for Marion (Joe) Rice were held at the church Sept. 22, John Bollier officiating. He is survived by his wife, Velma, and a son and a daughter. Burial was in the Latty Cemetery.

FORREST, ILLINOIS

Carolyn Zimmerman
Juanita Schneider

In our area, the harvest-fields are golden and heavy with their precious ripened grain; God again has given the increase. Oh that the same devoted, hastened attention given this season to the bending fields could be given, for a harvest of souls.

Our congregation heard the testimonies of Becky Kupferschmid and Gregg Stoller. Bro. Josh Broguard, Fairbury, assisted with baptism the following Sunday.

God's invitation went out in abundance from our many visiting ministers. They included Bros. Henry Wackerle, Bay City; Paul Butikofer, Elgin; Edward Frank, La Crosse; Raymond Roth, Burlington; Loren Strahm, Gridley; Ernie Gerber, Rockville; Merrill Laukhuf, Latty; Edwin Bahler and Earl Kilgus, Remington; Edmond Kloter and Merle Kaisner, Fairbury.

Miss Elaine Honegger, daughter of Bro. and Sis. William, was united in marriage to Marshall Jorpelund of Mundelein, Ill. They will live in Indianapolis.

Sis. Neola Nussbaum spent a few days in the hospital. She is again home and doing well.

Little Julie Huette, 10-year-old daughter of Bro. Art and Sis. Velda, spent several weeks in Fairbury Hospital, where tests show a diabetic condition. Much time was spent devising her diet and medication. She has been dismissed and is again attending school. Sis. Leona Steffen and Bro. Dean Kupferschmid are hospital patients in Gibson City.

God has not promised skies always blue. We are surely drawn closer to him through misfortune and illness. Our crosses can often become a soul-healing balm.

TREMONT, ILLINOIS

Josephine Schaefer
Mary Jane Leuthold

Conference time brought us many visitors and blessings. We especially wish to thank those who ministered to us, for the many good teachings they brought. They were Bros. Al Langhofer, Wichita; George Sinn, Latty; Carl Hartman, Sabetha; Floyd Graves, Croghan; Earl Banwart and Noah Gerber, from West Bend. We also appreciated the visit of Bro. Henry Beer of Milford several weeks later. Our

hearts should truly be filled to overflowing with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, that He provides so bountifully for his poor and needy children.

All too soon the time came to say farewell to Jim Wagenbach, son of Bro. Simon and Sis. Louise, who is now serving in Viet Nam. It is a great comfort to know that Jim has found peace with his God and will be able to find his refuge and strength in Him when confronted by dangers and trials. May it also comfort Jim, and all the other brethren and friends in the same situation, that every day many, many prayers ascend to the throne of God on their behalf.

Mike Yergler, son of Gene and Sis. Betty, was married in Spain to Anita Cullinan. Mike is in the service in Spain.

We rejoice that two more souls have found themselves in a lost condition and have turned to the Lord in repentance. They are Carolyn and Jerry Prather, who have been assembling in our congregation for several years. We certainly wish for them an abundant measure of the grace of God.

Gerald and Bonnie Koch are the parents of a new little daughter, Lynda Sue; Lynda was born on Aug. 17.

BRADFORD, ILLINOIS

Martha Kieser
Delores Duckworth

We were happy to meet for the first time Bro. Aaron Steffen and his wife, Sis. Loretta from Alto. They assembled with us one Wednesday evening. We were left with many precious teachings. We thank them for their efforts.

Bro. Marvin and Sis. Diane Knobloch are parents of a new baby son. Roland Eli was welcomed home by a brother, Daryl and a sister, Angie. Bro. Eli and Sis. Lena Grimm of West Bend and Bro. Clarence and Sis. Emma Knobloch are Roland's grandparents.

Bro. Ed Ehnle has been in the hospital the last three weeks in traction for a back ailment. He doesn't seem to show much improvement at this time. We trust God will grant His healing power.

We enjoyed having one-half of the Central Illinois churches one Sunday evening for Christian Endeavor. Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville gave the message of inspiration.

We received the sad news that my sister, Sis. Vivian Leuthold was killed in an auto-pickup collision. The driver of the pickup died on the way to the hospital. It has caused our hearts to ache, and we keenly feel her loss. The many prayers of those we love have seen us through these trying hours. We feel assured she was ready to meet her God and this too is a great comfort. We have many precious memories of her, as she was a special aunt and sister, who was always ready to help where help was needed, and her visits in our home were a special blessing to our home and children.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Many brethren and friends come to this large city on business, for training and various other purposes from time to time. We extend a hearty invitation to all visitors to attend our Sunday or Wed. evening services (8:00 p.m.).

On the week end of Sept. 14 we were richly blessed by the visit of Bro. Ernest and Sis. Huldah Luginbuhl and Bro. Carlton Lanz of Rockville. On Sept. 17 Bro. Roy and Sis. Margaret Wieland of Bay City assembled with us for mid-week services. We thank the Lord for the important messages brought to us by Bros. Luginbuhl and Wieland.

We believe that many prayers were answered, in that Bro. Maurice Frank has recovered and was able to minister to us again on Sept. 21. Our prayers go out on behalf of Bro. Eldon Schurter, who was hospitalized and now is recuperating at home. May the Lord renew his strength and restore him to good health.

JUNCTION, OHIO

Henrietta Manz — Betty Manz

Bro. Eugene Fetter, Toledo, spent a Sunday with us and so kindly reminded us how we should be longsuffering. He explained how we want to strike back in words when people say things to us we don't like. How we must fight against our own nature!

Sis. Betty Schlatter (Bro. Ben and Sis. Esther) has graduated from nurses' training at Toledo Hospital and is now working at the Paulding County Hospital. We are happy she is again living with her parents and can assemble with us on Sunday.

Bro. Don Manz (Bro. Eli and Sis. Evelyn) has returned to his studies

at Ohio State University Extension at Mansfield. We miss him in our assembly and hope he can come home often.

Maburn and Sis. Julia Hale were involved in an accident. We surely feel the hand of God was with them; no one was injured. They had stopped to let off their grandson, who fortunately had not yet opened the car door. A car from the rear hit their car, causing their car to go into the ditch. The car was demolished and had their dear grandson, Bob, been getting out of the car, he would have doubtlessly been thrown under the car and killed. Cars can be replaced but not human lives!

Sis. Martha Laukhuf is again assembling with us. Friend Mary Manz is improving and Friend Mary Suttor, formerly from Detroit, is now out of the hospital and has moved to Paulding. Her arm is in a cast, and she is presently living with her brother-in-law, Bro. Henry Manz, and daughters. We wish all the dear sick ones a special measure of patience.

LANDERSVILLE, ALA.

Billie Jo Harville

So near the door and the door stood wide. Close to the gate but not inside. Near the fold, yet not within. Almost decided to give up sin, almost persuaded to count the cost. . . . Almost a Christian, but yet lost.

Harvest of the grain is almost past. Farmers in the South are working hard to get their crops in, but Christians should work more harder to gather in lost souls, because we do not know how much time is left to do God's work.

Bro. Lynn told us in one of our mid-week services, we as Christians are seeking a home in heaven. We should also be trying to get someone to go with us.

James Harville has been in Colbert Co. Hospital for tests. He is the son of the late Sis. Bertha Harville. Everyone remember him in prayer, that if it be God's will, his health will be restored, if not, he will put his trust in God. John and Betty Byars are parents of a new baby boy. He was welcomed home by two brothers, Andy and Arlen.

MILFORD, INDIANA

Marguerite Hoerr

I've just returned from taking our youngest son to a piano lesson.

On the way home, driving toward the west, we faced a breathtakingly beautiful sunset. The piano teacher is a lovely lady, and I'm never in her presence but that I feel better. She has an invalid husband. Tonight she told me of a small verse she had read, **To him who believes, He is precious.** By my conversation with her and by witnessing His marvel in the western sky I was refreshed and uplifted.

Bro. Dick and Sis. Clara Kaiser have a lovely new daughter added to their family. Welcoming Lisa Marie home were Greg, Brent, Anne, John and Lynn. Joyce and Bob Wolferman are the parents of a new little girl. Jennifer Lynn is her name, and her big brother and sister are Chris and Jill. Another grandson has been added to the Herman Weisser family. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weisser are the parents of a little boy, Scot Anthony. May God bless the lives of all these children and may they bring much happiness to their parents.

The Sunday of Oct. 5 the Milford congregation was blessed with three visiting ministers, Bros. Vernon Leman—Eureka, Elmer Bucher—LaCrosse, and Verlin Stoller—Fort Wayne. Our thanks to all three of them for giving of their time to visit and for sharing God's Word with us.

Promotion Day in the Sunday School classes was brought to a close by a program in the evening. Children were given certificates of advancement, and each class presented their share of the evening program in song or verse. This is a very special evening. When we see all the young people of the church in front of us, it makes us very thankful for God's very great blessing, our children. Our prayer is that, as they graduate from Sunday School they will continue to worship with us, and that they will find the joy of salvation as they absorb God's word through the teaching they have had in Sunday School and as they have heard it proclaimed from the ministers.

Sis. Linda Beer, daughter of Bro. Howard and Sis. Eleanor, was chosen by the teachers to work with Sis. Carol Hurd in the kindergarten class. I wish for her the pleasure and blessing I have experienced, teaching this class.

The amount suggested for the Silver Lining, \$2.00 per year.

VALPARAISO, INDIANA

Jeanne Morris

Alma Morris

God Is Over All

We have an earthly mission, each individual man—a mission we should strive most nobly to fulfill as best we can.

As we go through life's journey, God's commands we should obey; though hard to us at first they seem, If we'll do our best He'll open the way.

Then in our darkest, dreariest nights, life's stars will brightly shine, giving us solace and hope divine.

This life is but a schooling to prepare us for the next; to some it seems a pleasure, while others are sorely vexed.

Our heavenly Father tells us to ask and we'll receive; to judge not, lest we be judged; if we do we'll sorely grieve.

Let us do our Maker's will in all things great and small, and be a living witness that God is over all.

We have had visitors from Pennsylvania, Illinois and parts of Indiana. We always enjoy company.

We had a good turnout for our Bible study . . . seems we can read and re-read and always learn something new. Godliness with contentment is great gain.

BLOOMINGTON-NORMAL, ILL.

Lyle and Lois Stoller

Our visiting ministers of late have been: Bro. Marvin Schmidtgall — Eureka; Bro. Harold Schmidtgall, Gridley; Bro. Art Baurer—Princeville; Bro. Homer Reinick—Toledo; Bro. Jim Leman—Roanoke; Bro. Mike Weyeneth, Bro. Chas. Hemmer—Peoria; Bro. Elmer Witzig, Bro. Edwin Ringger—Gridley; Bro. Dale Eisenmann—Chicago.

We thank each one for their visit and for bringing us God's most holy and precious word.

Oct. 4 was the wedding of Jane Meiss and Glen Gudeman. May God bless them as they walk hand in hand.

We welcome Bro. William and Sis. Sue Kupferschmid and sons, Matthew and Mark, to our congregation. They moved to Normal, and their new address is 409 Alden Drive.

Bloomington-Normal congregation: We will be collecting for the Silver Lining during the month of November.

LESTER, IOWA

Emelie M. Knobloch

Birth: Bro. and Sis. Silas Knobloch, a daughter, Sept. 14, Holly Marie.

Lynn Doorneweerd, son of Sis. Karoline, was home on furlough; his new assignment is for overseas.

Larry Leuthold, son of Bro. and Sis. Paul Leuthold, and Mardi Bakke were married Sept. 27. We wish them God's blessings in their new step of life.

LeAnn Feucht, Mrs. Arlyn Vander Woulde, and Bro. Jacob Metzger have all been able to attend services again, following surgery. Sis. Lydia Nester seems about the same. Sis. Flora Metzger hasn't been feeling too well. We wish them God's nearness and His blessings for His assurance in their trying hours.

We enjoyed Bro. and Sis. Alpha Moser and family, and Bro. Alpha for sharing the gospel onto us.

Our community shares the loss of Sis. Vivian Leuthold. We must feel as Bro. Joshua Broquard said, How Sis. Vivian was very ill when a child, and her parents prayed sincerely for her recovery, but he felt the Lord wanted her at this time and gave them no time to pray again for her recovery.

We wish Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary our sincere sympathy.

We had many loved ones leaving for college. Take God's word for your guide, with all the evil surrounding us today. May they remember the teachings from their Sunday School teachers and parents, who have shared their warnings of this day and time . . . So our good deeds may follow, after our days here on earth are complete.

PRINCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Ruth Ricketts — Anna Marie Baer

On the evening of Sept. 3, a large number gathered at our new church building to witness the laying of the cornerstone. Impressive services were conducted by our local ministers. Bro. Dave Kieser read a short history of our congregation, which was among other papers placed in the cylinder behind the cornerstone. Bro. Silas Leuthold read a brief passage from Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." A few fitting words were spoken, reminding us that our

church is built on faith, that Christ is the head of our church, the chief cornerstone on which our faith is founded. As we have worshipped in unity and humility in our old edifice, may we all join even more closely in our new edifice and cling to the true tradition of our church.

The beautiful hymn, "On This Stone Now Laid With Prayer" was sung by a group of our younger couples.

On this stone now laid with prayer
Let thy church rise, strong and fair;

Ever, Lord, Thy name be known,
Where we lay this corner stone.

Open wide, O God, Thy door
For the outcast and the poor,
Who can call no house their own.
Where we lay this cornerstone.

By wise masterbuilders squared,
Here be living stones prepared
For the temple near Thy throne,
Jesus Christ its Cornerstone.

The short service was brought to a close with a prayer by Bro. Silas and the stone being placed and sealed.

We were privileged to have visitors, for which we are always thankful. Those who ministered to us were Bro. Willis Wiegand of Goodfield, Bro. Fred Knapp of Congerville, Bro. Walter Reklau of Toledo, Bro. Marvin Schmidgall of Eureka, and Bro. Nathan Steffen of Elgin. Many precious teachings were shared. How good it is that we all stay close together and keep the warmth of love kindled. We need each other and we need God, for we cannot stand alone. When a pile of logs is set on fire, they burn well if piled close together. If one log should roll away, the fire soon dies, and it becomes cold. If we do not keep the love burning within us, we could find ourselves in the same state. It is good if we carry our cross willingly everyday.

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the accident which claimed the life of our dear Sis. Vivian Leuthold and seriously injured Sis. Clara Marie Gerber Sept. 27. An intoxicated man in a pick up truck struck them headon, and he too was killed. The high esteem held for Vivian was shown by all those who came to extend sympathy to the bereaved family, even though the mortal remains of Vivian could not be shown. Again it has been so

clearly shown to us how quickly one can pass from this life to eternity.

We were so thankful to have Bros. Noah Schrock, Joshua Broquard, LeRoy Huber and several other elders and ministers conduct services of Sis. Vivian. A few verses of Acts 9 were read beginning with verse 36. How true it is that Sis. Vivian's life so closely resembled the life of Tabitha or Dorcas, whom Peter raised from the dead. She had taught the little ones in Sunday School for several years, and all loved Viv. She will be sadly missed by her family and the entire congregation, yet for her the struggle is over and she has overcome. Bro. Noah read verse 13 in Revelation 14 and felt it was sufficient for meditation: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Services were held Sept. 30, and Vivian was laid to rest in the church cemetery beside the tiny grave of a little nephew who met tragic death a number of years ago. Those who are left to mourn her passing are her beloved parents, Elder Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary; two brothers, Bro. Arthur of Ellsworth, Minnesota, and Bro. John who lives beside his parents; five sisters, Sis. Evelyn Stichling of Ellsworth; Sis. Helen Knapp of Eureka; Sis. Marie Menold of Princeville; Sis. Helen Knapp of Eureka; Sis. Marie Menold of Princeville; Sis. Martha Kieser of Bradford; and Laura Massner of Grand Forks, N.D. Bro. Silas has so many times spoken comforting words to those in sorrow, and we now trust that the understanding Lord will help him and Sis. Mary feel comforted to know many others care.

"On the Other Side of Death"

Death is a Gateway we all must pass through
To reach that Fair Land where the soul lives anew,
For man's born to die and his sojourn on earth
Is a short span of years beginning with birth,
And like pilgrims we wander until death takes our hand,
And we start on our journey to God's Promised Land,
A place where we'll find no suffering nor tears,

Where TIME is not counted by days, months or years . . .

Howard Rumbold, son of Bro. Roy and Sis. Pearl, has been inducted into the service and is presently stationed at Ft Sam Houston. We hope he will remember words of advice given him, and that he will take time to ask the Lord to be near him.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Mary Ann Herrmann are the parents of a daughter, Keri Sue, born Sept. 16. One brother and two sisters welcomed her home. Bro. Robert and Sis. Esther Herrmann are the grandparents.

Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa (Streitmatter) Martin are the parents of a daughter, born Sept. 30. The little miss has been given the name Lynn Renee. Paternal grandparents are Sam and Sis. Louise Martin, and maternal grandparents, Bro. Burton and Sis. Martha Streitmatter. Great-grandparents are Sis. Christine Baurer of Peoria, and William and Sis. Freida Streitmatter.

We are happy that Sis. Hulda Martin has been able to gather with us on Sunday morning for worship. Sis. Ida Huber was also present one morning, after an absence of several months.

Sis. Clara Marie Gerber is showing some improvement. She has a broken leg and arm, and some bad cuts and bruises. May the Divine Healer and Comforter be near her during her shut in hours. She is receiving treatment at Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

We can say with Job 1:21, 'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord. Our hearts have known the pain of losing a loved one, and we have known the balm of being counted among the blest, who rendered to us so many deeds of kindness, also the prayers and cards that come from far and near. Thank you every one. Bro. Wm. and Sis. Marie Eberle and family.

"We wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the many, many kind deeds, cards, calls and prayers extended during our bereavement. May God bless you all. Bro. Silas and Sis. Mary Leuthold and family.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA Mary Eisenmann — Marge Gerber Harvest Day

Autumn days are here again—
God's love for us, in beauty,
manifested.

The bounteous fields of ripened grain
Are waiting for their harvest.

May we ever ready be—
Waiting for that Harvest Day;
Watching. Longing! you and me . . .
For that Great Reaper to come our way.

Oh you dear friend, I pray, again,
May you yet come without delay—
That you be found as ripened grain,
Waiting for that Harvest Day.

Out of His storehouse God does send many a blessing down. Surely we find this true, as we see the beauty of this time and can behold another year of bountiful harvest being gathered in. Will we be counted worthy to be gathered in for that Great Harvest when Christ comes back again?

We rejoice that God has granted better health to our Sis. Katie Stoller, in that she has been able to assemble with us the past few Sundays. She still needs her walker to get around, but is thankful that she has gained as much as she has.

Dennis and Donald Reimschisel were hospitalized with tonsillectomies, and their older brother, David, for pneumonia, but we are happy to report they have recovered. They are the sons of Jim and Merris.

Our annual Sunday School picnic was held Sept. 21 at Lakeside Park. This day was also the 35th wedding anniversary of Bro. Levi and Sis. Lillian Pfister.

We are thankful for the messages brought to us by Ministering brothers John Bollier of Leo and Merrill Laukhuf of Latty. We thank our other visitors, for throughout these visits we develop lasting friendships and can fellowship one with another.

David Levy is spending a 30-day leave with his mother, Sis. Lillian. John Lieberenz, son of Floren and Sis. Edith, has returned to his base at San Diego, California. Dennis Pulfer, son of Bro. Ray and Sis. Mary, entered the service on Sept. 4. Surely our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are away from home and loved ones.

We welcome Sis. Cindy Beer Stoller and little Chris to Ft. Wayne. They are presently living with Sisters Lenora Stoller and Vonnie. Their address is 2330 Webster, 46807. Address changes: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meister, 2550

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Those attending schools of higher learning include Bro. Stan Clauss, Ron Fulkerson, Bro. Phil Martin, Sis. Pam Steffen, Sis. Cindy Stoller, and Steve Stoller. May the Heavenly Father protect them. We know there are many dangers confronting them, as well as all of us.

The following poem, on a plaque and a recent possession, also comes to mind when we think of education and learning for our children—Oh that we be given the knowledge and help from above to lead our little ones on the right path—

Children Learn What They Live
 If a child lives with criticism,
 He learns to condemn.
 If a child lives with hostility,
 He learns to fight.
 If a child lives with ridicule,
 He learns to be shy.
 If a child lives with shame,
 He learns to feel guilty.
 If a child lives with tolerance,
 He learns to be patient.
 If a child lives with encouragement,
 He learns confidence.
 If a child lives with praise,
 He learns to appreciate.
 If a child lives with fairness,
 He learns justice.
 If a child lives with security,
 He learns to have faith.
 If a child lives with approval,
 He learns to like himself.
 If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
 He learns to find love in the world.

Goliath stood forth in his pride,
 The army of God to defy,
 But David convinced him that day
 He could not do wrong and get by.

If you live ungodly while here,
 When judgment you meet in the sky,
 You'll find as you stand before God
 You cannot do wrong and get by.

Is there someone you should have **The Silver Lining** sent to. Thrift is not only in money . . . it is in time and opportunity. Things count. A savings plan that is consistent adds up. So it is with our opportunities . . . a chance here, a moment to be purchased there . . . and we gain and improve.
 the editor

THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning
 And rushed right into the day;
 I had so much to accomplish
 That I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
 And heavier came each task;
 "Why doesn't God help me,"
 I wondered;
 He answered: **You didn't ask.**

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
 But the day toiled on, gray and bleak.
 I wondered why God didn't show
 me;
 He said, **But you didn't seek.**

I tried to come into God's presence;
 I used all my keys at the lock.
 God gently and lovingly chided,
My child, you didn't knock.

I woke up early this morning,
 And paused before entering the day;

I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

The more of everything you share,
 The more you'll always have to spare—
 The more you love, the more you'll find
 That life is good and friends are kind . . .
 For only what we give away
 Enriches us from day to day.

Changing address? Tell your reporter.
 Remember to send zip number!
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IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

Henry Souder, Jr.

When we think about God, there is so much . . .

He is perfect in **holiness**. He is apart from the world, completely pure, spotless. There is wealth to know, this beauty of holiness. Therein are the joys and friendships everlasting.

He is of perfect **doing**. There is no mistake. His view takes in all time, and is perfectly detailed.

He is of perfect **justice**. The scales are true. He must have balance, for He is God.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." The farmer sows the seed corn . . . and receives the harvest. The businessman arranges advertising, and gets his return. In this real breath we draw, things must come out just, freedom or punishment. There is only one answer in this judgment, and that is, things must be equal.

A burn draws pain. A life that misses the mark of God, careless of His rightness . . . must have its side of the scale. (How measureless is the love of Him who was bruised for our iniquities!) Judgment is real. Judgment is sure. ". . . as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many. . . ."

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already. . . ." The keen eye of God, much more than X-ray, sees all. He explains all that is needed. No one with rocky

ground, unconfessed sin, will be able to hide. The sentence of death hangs over the soon-to-be sentenced sinner, NOW. The gavel need only descend, when the court is ordered.

Not one man will be excused from appearing. In this 100 per cent perfection of God, the judge must be impartial. In Genesis, the sentence came in the body. For the believer, perfect love will indeed cast out fear . . . but the believer must receive what he has done. . . . All must stand before the Judge . . . every knee . . . "who shall judge the quick and the dead" (the quick are those with eternal life, the believer.) "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ . . ."

In God's merciful dealing, in His church, upon certain evidence plainly shown in scripture, the church judges those **within**. The evidence of sin, coming from the heart, is proof when it lines up with certain verses. It is not the thing itself such as food, building, object, but the use, the practice. The sad state of the unclean person of I Corinthians 5:13 . . . the verbal, legal fight of the two in chapter 6. Even that correction of the idle person with the wrong idea in II Thessalonians 3 . . . and more. These are crystal-clear.

God plainly shows in His word there are areas we should not tread: "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother?" Here the

word shows we are human; we can make an error. There are certain doubtful subjects, and we hazard a guess and can be wrong. It is not that we eat and drink, but **how we do it in the light of God's word**. What can be seen or done before doing, has **possibility** of right or wrong.

The great judgment is vast, awesome. . . . Not all at once . . . "judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first **begin** at us, what shall the end **be** of them that obey not the gospel of God?" It is a perfect court, organized to give just sentence. The saints, for judging, shall be equipped with the penetrating perfection of God that sees justly, and shall be used: "Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? . . . Know ye not that we shall judge angels?"

Is my name written there? The last, loud wail deepens into everlasting night. There will be fearful emotions: "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Such a fear; such a flight. How sad, how bitter to have no place at all. Such a sinking feeling. Such despair.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."