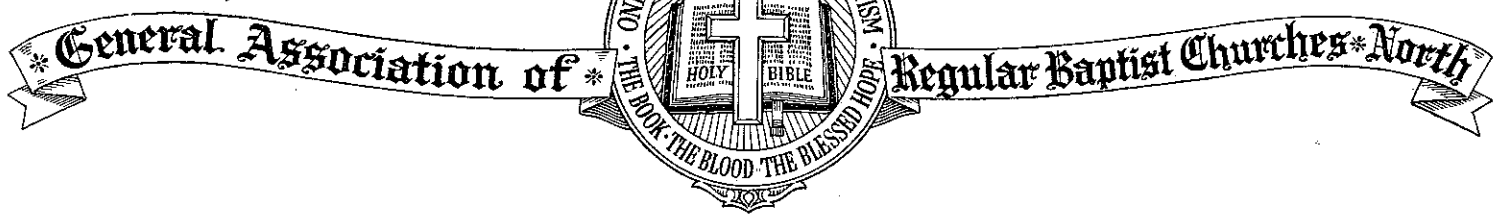


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"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

By REV. HOWARD YOUNG, Lock Haven, Pa.

"Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a King then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a King. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate said unto him, WHAT IS TRUTH?" John 18:37-38 f. c.

Speaking of truth, in the preface of the book entitled, "The Memories of William Jennings Bryan," Mr. Bryan said, "It is of little importance to truth whether any individual espouses it, but to the individual, it is of vital importance that he shall know the truth and, knowing it, adhere to it."

When we read this passage along with the context we too often make up our minds that Christ is the only one on trial. A careful examination of the text reveals that Christ is not on trial so much as is Pilate and the world. All the succeeding centuries, now heaped up to twenty, have made it exceedingly clear that Jesus was the real judge, and that the world of His day was on trial at His bar. The Lord set forth His claim to be the Truth, therefore to be the Master of all true men. Pontius Pilate, speaking for himself and the Roman world, asked cynically, "WHAT IS TRUTH?" Some would have us believe that Pilate was jesting. Lord Bacon put forth this idea. And some would have us believe that he was inquiring as to what truth was. To my mind neither was the case. He was simply repeating what his contemporaries were continually saying. The Roman world of that day was disillusioned. Sophists swarmed everywhere claiming to possess the truth. When the Lord Jesus made His claim to be the Lord of Truth, Pilate shrugged his shoulders as if to say, "ANOTHER OF THEM! The truth, who knows what is truth?"

If you can, will you please show me the man who is holding a pulpit to-day, who is preaching nothing but "guess so's" that has any great following? Pilate spoke for many in our day who sarcastically, bitterly or inquiringly ask his question, "WHAT IS TRUTH?" The answer that was so true in the time of Pilate

rings just as true today and with even greater force than then, "EVERY ONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARETH MY VOICE."

If we are to prove ourselves to be men and show to the world of men that we are not indifferent to the truth, we too must ask this question, but we must ask it with the right intent and with no ill temper, and with the desire to bring our own lives to the standard that may be revealed to us. Our business in asking this question is not to delve into the mysteries of the Infinite or to lose ourselves in a fog of speculation. Our question should be, "What is available truth, the reality to which I must conform my life?" You and I need a standard for our humanity as a whole; a rule for our lives by which they are governed, if it is to be true; truth which is far more than correct opinion, truth which will issue in rectitude of life. That beloved, is the truth for man.

We ask, and rightfully so, "What is that truth and where is it?" We are living in a universe governed by law, and our happiness consists in our voluntary harmony with that law. What would happen to humanity if each man became a law unto himself, fashioning his own moral code, and practicing his own ideas without reference to the rest of men? You have a picture of what the outcome would be in the person of Satan. We would be plunged into chaos. We are under obligation to seek, to find and to practice the complete truth for our race, the truth and law that governs the whole, and not simply that fraction of truth which our prejudices or passions may find agreeable. What then is this truth? Where shall we find it? Is it within, or without ourselves?

Inadequate and misleading modern rationalism says that within ourselves and nowhere else lies this truth. It is true that there must be some truth in us, naturally, or we could not appreciate truth when we encounter it elsewhere. Divine truth could evoke no response within us unless our human nature were capable in its very constitution of perceiving truth.

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PORTSMOUTH CONSUMATES GREAT VICTORY

The Temple Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Ohio, is occupying the big, modern Church and Sunday School plant which the First Baptist Church erected nearly twelve years ago. The experiences back of that simple statement make a thrilling story of sacrifice and faithfulness, of Divine blessing and leadership.

Shortly after the close of the morning service on the last Sunday of December, 1925, the attractive little red brick building which then housed the congregation was burned to the ground. Sub-zero temperature hindered the firemen in their efforts, and nothing was saved from the building except the pastor's library and the church records. Under the leadership of the energetic

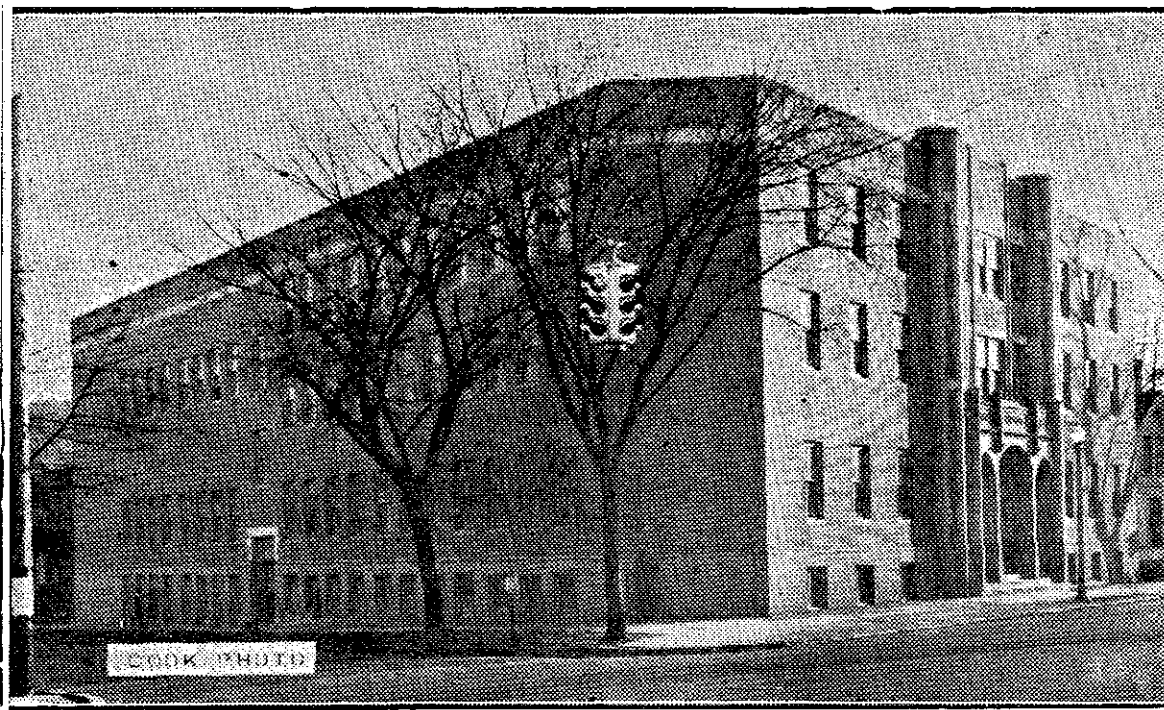
congregation, and the coming of the Depression found the church struggling to keep up the interest payments, which alone amounted to almost \$10,000 annually.

In the Spring of 1932 the church was forced to give up the struggle, and reluctantly defaulted. That summer, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Tillis, died suddenly while on his vacation, and in October the church called Rev. H. O. Van Gilder, who was then pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Columbus. He accepted the call, and begun his pastorate December 1st, 1932. Only little more than three months later came the bank "holiday"—remember?

It was clearly impossible for the church to resume interest payments,

bondholders, none of whom lived in Portsmouth. At last, in November, 1935, the Bondholders served notice of foreclosure in the amount of one hundred and ninety thousand dollars, and in May of the following year the building was sold at public auction. It was bid in by the bondholders themselves for fifty thousand dollars.

Shortly thereafter the church was enabled to purchase a huge tabernacle-style building in downtown Portsmouth, in which the congregation had been meeting each week since being ejected from the church building. They changed their name to Temple Baptist Church. Here the church carried on an aggressive evangelistic and Bible Conference



and resourceful pastor, Rev. H. S. Tillis, plans were immediately begun for rebuilding on a larger scale. Additional land was purchased adjoining the site, some of it for as much as a thousand dollars a front foot, and three years later, on March 4th, 1928, the congregation moved into the new building.

It was a fine building, and big—almost one hundred and ten feet wide, almost one hundred and fifty feet long and three stories in height—but the debt on it was big too. Dissentions, which seem to be inevitable accompaniment of church building programs, had taken their toll of the

and the pastor attempted to get some adjustment of the debt—a moratorium on interest, a reduction of the payments required on the principal, or some arrangement that would make it possible for the church ultimately to pay off the debt. Such efforts were made repeatedly by the pastor and officers of the church during the next two years. But the building had been financed by the sale of bonds, and the effort to obtain a satisfactory adjustment of the debt was now complicated by the fact that the church had not one institution to deal with, as a bank or insurance company, but a lot of

program, and, in spite of the difficulty of conducting a Sunday School with the limited facilities which the building afforded, the School was maintained with an average of more than four hundred, both services were broadcast every Sunday, and souls were saved in almost every service.

In the meantime, the bondholders had been unable to sell or rent the First Baptist Temple. They had offered to rent it to the church for \$200 weekly, and had set \$100,000 as the purchase price; but when taxes began to pile up at the rate of \$800 every six months, the bond-

holders modified their views. Finally, in desperation, they put the whole matter in the hands of a Cincinnati broker, and he came at once to the pastor with a proposition. This was the opening move in negotiations that were to last for six months. At last, on December 13th, a deal was consummated by which the Temple Baptist Church purchased the building for \$35,000. On this they traded their tabernacle in which they had an equity of \$9,000, leaving a balance of only \$28,000.

The church was overjoyed. This was a reduction of the debt beyond anything they had ever dared hope for, and with \$2,000 left in the building fund after the transaction was completed, they felt that they had

every right to be thankful to the Lord for His blessing and for His wise providence. They at once began the work of cleaning the building and fitting it for occupancy. Despite the fact that the building had been in the disastrous flood of 1937 it had not been damaged, except for the destruction of auditorium seats and about \$500 worth of damage to the fine Moeller pipe organ. Built throughout of reinforced concrete, the building itself had suffered little, and, accordingly the congregation was able to complete preparations and hold "Homecoming Services" there on December 31st. Five services were held throughout the day, climaxing with a watch-night baptismal service. Older members

of the congregation recalled that it was on the last Sunday of December just fourteen years before that the fire occurred which began the chain of circumstances leading to that Homecoming.

On the first day of December, 1939, the Pastor began the eighth year of his ministry in Portsmouth, and as he stood, on the last Sunday of the month, once again in the pulpit of the Baptist Temple, he praised God sincerely for a people who had stood firm and faithful through floods and foreclosure, through trials and triumphs, and with whom he had come to know more truly the gracious ways of God through seven years of fruitful ministry and happy fellowship.

DR. BUSWELL LEAVES WHEATON

Fundamentalist realms were somewhat shocked at the announcement of the sudden removal of Dr. J. Oliver Buswell from the presidency of Wheaton College. Under date of January 24, the board of trustees released an official statement which reads as follows:

Announcement of a change in the presidency of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, has been made in a statement authorized by Chairman Herman A. Fischer of the Board of Trustees.

"The Board of Trustees of Wheaton College, at the quarterly meeting held Saturday (January 20, 1940), found certain difficulties in administrative cooperation, which in the Board's opinion, necessitated a change in the presidency.

"Dr. James Oliver Buswell, Jr., was called to the presidency of the College in 1926. Under his administration the student body has more than doubled, the plant has been modernized and the curriculum expanded. He is esteemed by the Board as a Christian leader and as an able minister. It was his preference that the change take effect now, rather than at the end of the College year.

"The Board appointed Dr. V. R. Edman, head of the department of History and Social Science, as acting president.

"The Board is carrying out plans for reducing annual overhead, mainly along lines which had been recommended by President Buswell."

During Dr. Buswell's tenure of office the student body of the College increased from approximately four hundred to eleven hundred

students. These young people have been attracted to Wheaton in increasing numbers not only because of its accredited rating, but because of their confidence in the College as an institution which has continued to stand for the historic Christian faith and Christian standards of life.

Dr. Edman steps into the role of acting president after a career of missionary, Bible teacher, and college professor. Forced by poor health to return to the States from his post as director of the Bible Institute of Ecuador in 1928, he completed his work for his Ph. D. at Clark University.

Before coming to Wheaton as associate professor of political science in 1936 Dr. Edman taught history at the Missionary Institute at Nyack, N. Y. and for a year was pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in New York City. Just one year ago prior to his appointment to the chairmanship of the Department of History and Social Science he was offered the presidency of the Missionary Institute at Nyack.

Under the leadership of Dr. Edman, who holds the same doctrinal views and beliefs concerning the Christian standards of life which have characterized Wheaton College throughout the years, Christian people over the land can continue to look to Wheaton for sound academic and spiritual training.

Naturally we are not fully aware of all the details which go to make up the final reason in the mind of the board for the removal of Dr. Buswell from the presidency. But we do know that Dr. Buswell has meant untold blessing to Wheaton College.

During his approximately 14 years of service the enrollment of the college has grown from less than 400 to 1100 students. Not only has this been accomplished but the college has taken its place at the top of the scholastic standard. Surely it seems to us from this distance that a few minor administrative differences could have been adjusted.

In this connection we quote herewith the entire article in the *Christian Beacon*, February 8, 1940.

The statement which Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr. former president of Wheaton College, prepared in response to the request of Dr. V. R. Edman, acting president of Wheaton College, for publication in the next month's issue of the *Wheaton College Bulletin* is published here in full.

The brief statement issued by Dr. Buswell acknowledging the offer and accepting the position of Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics in Faith Theological Seminary beginning September 1, 1940, published in the *Beacon* last week was also sent to the *Wheaton Record*, the college paper, and refused publication.

In the statement for Wheaton College Dr. Buswell, said: "In my judgment the greatest good for the College will come through a genuine rallying in support of Dr. Edman. Let this rallying include a preparation of heart and mind to stand by him for Christ and His Kingdom in storms as well as in calm."

The full statement follows:

"The Trustees' statement refers to 'difficulties in administrative cooperation.' Before their action, institutional ethics forbade my discus-

sion of the lack of cooperation. Now that the Trustees' action has been taken I do not see that discussion of this point would be profitable. My reference to lack of cooperation applies to only a very few persons, and does not apply in any sense to any persons affected by recent economy measures nor to Dr. Edman.

"I have recently been asked whether my dismissal was related to the attack of the denomination to which I belonged upon my endeavors for orthodoxy in its foreign missions, or related to my being disciplined by that denomination for my membership in the Independent Board for Presbyterian Missions. I have had to reply that this phase of my testimony for orthodoxy was a principal item of complaint in a document presented to the Trustees of the College by a group of alumni whom the Trustees consider influential. This and other attacks which I have encountered in doing my duty (as I see it) and testifying for the faith and practice for which Wheaton has historically stood were principal items of complaint in the criticisms which one or two of my associates have been making of me during the past three years.

"Until October, 1938, no member of the Board had ever voiced to me any criticism of my stand in my former denominational connection. Actions recorded in the minutes at frequent intervals over a period of several years show only approval or acquiescence in my position. At one time after I had been disciplined, a letter endorsing my stand was formally approved by the Trustees, but my associate whom the Trustees directed to send out this letter, suppressed it. Since October, 1938, the hostility of some in my former denomination has constituted a principal item of criticism by the Trustees themselves. Other problems which have not excited so much publicity, such as the criticism aroused by my stand against the beverage use of alcohol, against extreme dispensationalism, against 'perfectionism,' against amillennialism, and April 27, 1910 — January 17, 1940 against a Spinozistic tendency in theology have been the ground of criticism by Trustees. They have been oblivious of the fact that times of greatest outward attack have been times of greatest temporal and spiritual blessing for the College.

"The position of at least one of my associates whom the Trustees have followed is clearly tolerant and 'inclusivistic' toward elements against

which presidents of Wheaton have always maintained a vigorous testimony. He has persuaded the Trustees that the difficulties which I have encountered were unnecessary, and due to a bad disposition on my part. The Trustees took their action against me in the hope that they would have tranquility. There seems very little likelihood that that Trustees will rescind their action. I refused to resign because to me the discontinuance of my services at this juncture seemed a repudiation (not consciously intended) of the distinctive and aggressive testimony which must be maintained by the leadership of the College if the College is to be held to its aims. I believe it is for the permanent good of the College that the Trustees must do the explaining. My record is clear and open before the world. They must consider and state to the College constituency the implications of their action.

"Now in all of this situation Dr. Edman is the true hope, under God. I am convinced that he is not controlled by any of the conflicting forces which combined to bring about my removal, nor was he a party to it. I believe he is able and ready to maintain the distinctive standards which must be maintained and to weather all storms. If the Trustees uphold his office as that chiefly responsible for the budget, for the development of educational equipment, and for the development and maintenance of the staff, he will be able to uphold the College and keep it clean and strong. If the budget is taken out of his hands, if he is hindered from examining all purchase orders, if the most direct and intimate contact with the constituency is denied him and field men's reports are kept from him, if some other assumes the prerogatives but shirks the onus of the difficulties involved in promoting and maintaining the educational equipment and the staff, he is in danger of being made a mere figurehead, a spiritual orthodox screen for 'inclusivism' and many other forces.

"In my judgment the greatest good for the College will come through a genuine rallying in support of Dr. Edman. Let this rallying include a preparation of heart and mind to stand by him for Christ and His Kingdom in storms as well as in calm.

"J. OLIVER BUSWELL, JR.

"February 2, 1940"

FOR THE JEWS

For the past three years Rev. Coulson Shepard, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey, has been broadcasting every Sunday, a special message to Israel. We have recently been looking over some of these messages which Mr. Shepard writes out in full and have asked him for the privilege of reproducing some of them in the Bulletin. Not only will these articles prove a blessing if passed on to Jewish friends and acquaintances, but they will also be a great help to Gentile believers in supplying them with method and material by and with which they may approach the unsaved Jew. The message given below was broadcast over WGBD, Freeport, Long Island, January 28, 1940.

"Good-morning, Everybody:

"Shalom Alechem—Peace be unto you!

"Shma, Isroail: Adonoi Eloainu Adonio Achod"—"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is a United One."

"How proud you Jewish people should be of your heritage! You need never by word or action hide or deny that you are the seed of Abraham and the sons of Jacob.

"My purpose in this talk is to remind you Jewish people that you are the illustrious sons and daughters of a people signally honored by the only true and living God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

"He sheweth His Word unto Jacob, His statutes and His judgments unto Israel.

"He hath not dealt so with any nation"

Psalm 147:19-20

"The burden of my heart is to also remind you of the promises made to you by the Lord God, as respects His preserving influence upon you now during these uncertain days. Then I want also to tell you of the glorious future awaiting the Jewish Nation. This is being done with the hope and confidence that some of you hearing my voice who have become discouraged and disheartened in the way, will lift up your heads and embrace these promises.

"Let me say for your encouragement and comfort, as a nation you are both water-proof and fire-proof! No Red Sea or Jordan can drown you, and no furnace even though it be heated 'seven times more than it was wont to be heated', can burn you.

"When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

"For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour."

Isaiah 43:2-3

"God never called any other people His people, and He never gave such promises, save to the Jewish Nation.

"Today the Jewish Nation is like a man without a country, but take heart, this is only temporary. For hear me, you are the only people on earth who have a country promised to them by the original Creator of all things. The Creator of the universe, the One who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and El Elyon, promised you a country on this earth. In the not distant future, this country, the Land of Promise, will be turned over to you to be your very own forever and ever. The signature on the title-deed is "I am the Almighty God". No other nation or peoples can show such a claim to any portion of the earth Remember,

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Psalms 24:1

"God deeded to your Nation a spot on this earth, that from a geographical standpoint and from a geological standpoint, is second to no other land. I called it a spot, but that favored land that one day will really be your "National Home Land", takes in far more than Palestine. It is a great piece of territory extending "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the River Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

"No other nation of history has had such manifest and visible tokens of the divine presence. From them the waters of the Red Sea were driven back and the Jordan parted. Your forefathers were miraculously fed in the wilderness, sheltered and guided by the divine pillar of fire. For them the sun and the moon were stayed in their courses that their enemies might be cut down. You began as a miracle, and your preservation and endurance to this hour are a miracle.

"Mark Twain said, "All things are mortal but the Jew: all other forces pass, but he remains."

"During the 30 centuries of your existence, you as a Nation, have been perpetually stumbling on the verge of the abyss of annihilation, yet always you have recovered your footing, and in the hour when nations worked hardest to wipe you out, you multiplied more rapidly than ever. Why? The Word of God has the only answer.

"In the present vernacular of the street, no person or power on earth can rub out the Jew. Your preservation is the miracle of history.

"The number of eminent Jews in the world is and always has been out of all proportion to their population. This is a hard pill for some Gentiles to swallow. This pill will yet choke Herr Hitler.

"Whether Gentiles like it or not, the fact remains that they are greatly indebted to you Jews. It was Jewish money that financed Christopher Columbus and made possible the discovery of our country. It was Jewish money that carried us through the Revolutionary War. Hyman Salomon was the Jewish broker who almost single-handedly carried Jefferson, Monroe and Madison through the days of their financial difficulties, bringing America to victory. Rarely did Salomon ask interest on his loans, and frequently he made loans knowing he could never be repaid. He died in squalor, his lungs choking with tuberculosis. Nothing was done to repay his heirs, and nothing was done to perpetuate his memory.

"Because you are a minority group and the one international people, you have been blamed for almost everything. The black plague of the 14th century and in recent years you have been blamed for the World War; you have been charged with a plot to overthrow all Gentile Governments, and you are now blamed for the present economic depression.

"Down through the years runs this bloody stream of Jewish persecution. A strong tide of hate is rising over the earth today and the sorrows of your people cry to heaven for mercy and judgment. Today, your brethren overseas, little children and old people, sick and infirm, are insulted, mutilated and assassinated for having the blood of Jacob in their veins. Many of them find suicide the only way out. Here in America you are feeling the pin pricks of prejudice. I fear they will, before long, increase to the sword thrusts of hate.

"But in spite of all this, I repeat, your people, the Jewish Nation, cannot be rubbed out. Do you continue

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to exist because you are so many in number or so skilled in battle? No, it is because of the faithfulness of your God

"Surely you see that God alone is the answer to your very existence as a Nation today. If it were not for the faithfulness of your God, you would have been rubbed out long ago. He not only promised that you would continue to exist, in spite of the satanic efforts to wipe you out, but He promised to regather you back into your land

"Fear not," He says through your prophet Isaiah,

"Fear not; for I am with thee; I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west,

I will say to the North, give up; and to the south, keep not back: bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth,

Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him."

Isaiah 43:5-7.

"Neither England, the Arabs nor any other power or people can keep you from eventually possessing your Land. This will not be as an Arab state then, but as a Jewish Free-State.

"As you think with me this morning of God's faithfulness to you in preserving your Nation, and of all He will yet do in making you a great Nation, a Nation that will be a blessing to the whole world; and as you realize that He has gifted and talented you more than any other peoples, in enabling you to lead in

the fields of finance, art, medicine and every profession, have you ever, as an individual thanked Him for this?

"Have you ever thanked God that He privileged you to be a member of the race through which He has spoken? The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, came through your Nation.

"Have you ever thanked God that you belong to the one Nation that can never be rubbed out? Heaven and earth shall pass away before you as a Nation cease to exist.

"Have you ever thanked God for not forsaking you, for not forgetting you? He said, a mother might forget her nursing child,

"Yet will I not forget thee.

Behold, I have engraven thee upon the palms of My hands."

Isaiah 49:15-16.

"You and I know that there is absolutely no truth in the accusation that the Jewish people are trying to overthrow the Gentile Governments of the world, but have you ever thanked God that Jeshua, King Messiah, who came 1900 years ago to save you from your sins by the sacrifice of Himself, is coming again to overthrow these Gentile powers who are warring against you? Have you ever thanked God that this Holy One of Israel, your Saviour, will establish peace and justice on this earth and rule and reign in righteousness, with your Jerusalem as the Capitol of the World?

"Have you ever thanked God that a time is coming when you will not be called 'Forsaken', but

"Thou shalt be called Hephzibah,"—Isaiah 62:4.

for the Lord's delight shall be in you.

"Have you ever thanked God that the time is coming when you will be the most favored of all peoples?

"In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, 'We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you'?"—Zechariah 8:23

"Have you ever thanked God that through your Nation the whole world, even all families of the earth will be blessed (Genesis 12:3)?

"Have you ever thanked God that in that bright, glorious future day all Gentiles will bless and honor you?

"And they shall call you, The Holy people, the redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, sought out, a city not forsaken?"—Isaiah 62:12.

Ah, but you cannot really thank God for these things unless you believe them. You cannot thank God for your King-Messiah, who will bring about all these glorious things when He comes again, unless you believe in Him.

"I beseech you to send for your copy of the Old Testament Prophecy Edition of the New Testament, and as you read it ask your God to show you if Jeshua, Jesus of Nazareth, is the true, promised Messiah. As God reveals Him to you as your Messiah, the One who shed His blood as an atonement for your sin, surely you will believe in Him and acknowledge Him as the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

"He came 1900 years ago and was wounded for your transgressions, He was bruised for your iniquities; the Lord laid on Him your sins and iniquities (Isaiah 53:5-6). Before offering Himself a sacrifice for sin, He said,

"I am the Way, the Truth and Life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me."—John 14:6.

"He is God's Way and the only way of Salvation for you. If you are following a way that seems right to you, and that way is not God's prescribed, blood-sprinkled way, let me warn you that the end of your way is death, eternal separation from God. Any way, other than God's way of deliverance is the old fig-leaf foolishness of Adam and Eve

"There is a way that seemeth unto man, but the end of that way is death"—Proverbs 14:12.

"Take God's way. It is the only way that leads to peace while here on earth even in the midst of adversity, and to eventually dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

"This Gospel that we are giving is the power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth, to the Jew first and also to the Gentile. (Romans 1:16).

"If you will believe this glorious

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Gospel, as an individual you will be saved and even as an individual you will never be spiritually rubbed out. With a learned Jew of a by-gone day, a Jew who was proud of his heritage, a Jew who said, I was "Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews" (Phil 3:5) If you are willing to count all things loss for the knowledge of Christ, as he did, you will be able to say with him:

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? God who justifieth?"

"Who is he that condemneth? Christ who died, yea rather, who is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us?"

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness; or peril, or sword?"

"As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long? We are

accounted as sheep for the slaughter?"

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

"Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:31-39."

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For a complete relaxation from the tenseness of examinations the Senior Class sponsored a dinner in the dining room of the First Baptist Church, Friday, January 26th. Rev. Knight, '40, was the toastmaster. Musical numbers were presented by members of the student body and speeches of encouragement were given by all the faculty members present. Special guests were Rev. and Mrs. George S. Knutson, missionaries enroute to Joazeiro, Brazil, under Mid-Missions. They were able to be present because of the postponing of their sailing date.

New Students

We praise God for the addition of fourteen new members to the student body, who enrolled on January 30th, the first day of the second term. The Lord has called them from the following states: New York—4; Indiana—3; Ohio—2; Pennsylvania—2; Minnesota—1; Michigan—1; and California—1.

Special Speakers

During the past month the stu-

dents have been privileged to hear inspiring messages by: Rev. N. S. McPherson, Vice-president of the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Inc.; Rev. A. J. Gillies, General Superintendent and Missionary of the Lithuanian Missionary Association; and Dr. M. E. Hawkins, President of Mid-Missions.

Philippine Pictures

The young people of the First Baptist Church sponsored a special meeting, Saturday evening, February 3rd, at which Bernard Bancroft '35, returned missionary under The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, Inc., showed moving pictures of the various fields in the Philippine Islands where souls are being saved. Many of the students received a blessing and saw again the need of spreading the Gospel to the far corners of the earth.

Mr. Bancroft has been assisting his father, Dean of the Seminary, in his classes. Pray with us that the Dean may have the necessary strength to carry on.

President's Itinerary

As announced last month Dr. Earle G. Griffith has resigned his pulpit at the First Baptist Church to devote full time to the Seminary. Immediately following the Mid-Missions Conference here, February 16-18, he will leave for a speaking tour in the interest of the Seminary. His first meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church of Pana, Illinois, of which Rev. R. F. Hamilton is pastor. Grundy Center, Iowa, is his

next stop from February 25th to March 3rd with Rev. David Alexander. Then back to Norwich, New York, and on to Bloomingdale, New Jersey, with Rev. Douglas Christen '33.

Pray that the Lord will richly bless his ministry and plan to attend and receive a blessing when he is in your vicinity.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST GARY STILL EXPANDING

When the editor of the Bulletin became pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana, in the fall of 1932, the church was already operating a branch mission known as the Brunswick Mission located in the city of Gary, but nearly five miles from the Central plant. Rev. Wm. A. Ross was at that time the pastor of this mission church under the direction of Central Church. The church was also operating a branch Sunday School mission in a school house on the opposite side of the city from the Brunswick Mission. This Sunday School mission was cared for and supervised by workers from the church.

Shortly after we began our ministry, the church inaugurated another Sunday School mission activity in the Glen Park residential section of Gary and a little later inaugurated a preaching and Sunday School mission in the town of Hobart about ten miles out of Gary. A few months before we left the Gary ministry another Sunday School mission was opened in Green Acres a rural subdivision of the city. During the seven years of our ministry the Brunswick Mission became an independent church and now has a \$16,000 church plant carrying on a glorious service for the Lord. The Hosford Mission which was being conducted in a small school house on the opposite side of the city grew so rapidly that a \$7,000 investment was necessary for the erection of a large tabernacle style building and full church program of morning and evening services, Sunday School and prayer meeting became established. The Glen Park Mission soon outgrew the residence in which it was being conducted and now occupies two adjoining store buildings. This group also has approximately \$3,000 in a building fund. The Hobart Mission grew to such proportions that it was lettered out and became an independent church with Rev. Harold Cole as its pastor.

And now the following article has just been received telling of the growth and blessing of the Green Acres Mission under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Williams.

"Making a survey of Green Acres, a subdivision near Hobart, Ind., convinced Mr. and Mrs. Calvin T. Williams that a Sunday School should

be started at once. In response to their invitation, forty-six children attended the first meeting, which was held July 9, 1939. They were told to invite their parents, with the result that seventy-two gathered the following Sunday. With this group the Green Acres Baptist Mission was established. Mr. Williams was appointed director.

"Sunday School was held out in the open all summer, until the arrival of cooler weather necessitated meeting indoors. One of the believers, Mr. C. Merrill, opened his home and the school has been meeting there ever since.

"Almost every room in the house is used. Following opening exercises, the Adult department meets on one side of the basement, the Intermediates on the other. The Juniors meet in the dining room. Primary pupils meet in the bed room, and the Beginners in the kitchen. The school is always closed with an invitation hymn. On the staff are faithful, well-trained teachers who continually stress the plan of salvation through the lessons. As a result seventeen souls have been saved since the school opened in July. The average attendance is forty-five, but the enrollment has climbed to eighty-nine.

"More than fifty children have been given Bibles upon completion of one month's perfect attendance. Whereas they now carry their Bibles, learn to use them, learn the Scripture assignments, and study their lessons, a few months ago they did not know a verse of Scripture, or even how to find one in the Bible.

The needs of the school are met as the Lord supplies. A love gift of \$500 has been given for the purpose of erecting a church building, and land also has been given to the extent of one and seven-tenths acres."

All of this exceptional work and growth indicates the fine caliber of the people who make up Central Baptist Church.

ORDINATIONS

Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

The First Baptist Church of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Rev. Howard Young, pastor, saw three of their young men ordained to the gospel ministry at a recent ordination service. They were Herman McGonigal, Clyde Weigle, and Jacob Gamble.

Los Angeles, California

At a call of the Green Meadows Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, a council met and examined for ordination the acting pastor of the church, Mr. Alfred Derfelt. The council voted unanimously for his ordination and on the day following the ordination the Green Meadows Church extended a unanimous call to Mr. Derfelt to become their regular pastor.

Waterloo, Iowa

At the call of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa, a council met on January 26, for the examination of Brother Freemont Blackman. The council voted unanimously to recommend him for ordination. The ordination service was held the same evening with Dr. Robert Moyer, Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as the preacher. Mr. Blackman is one of the churches missionaries in the Ozark Mountains and will be returning to his work soon.

HEMET, CALIFORNIA, REPORTS GOOD YEAR

Sixty-two new members were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Hemet, California, Rev. Henry C. Poole, pastor, during the past year. Mission offerings have greatly increased, and extensive repairs and improvements have been made on the building.

The editor remembers with joy the blessing which he received in a conference in this church two or three years ago when we were on the west coast.

ILLINOIS FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

The Regular Baptist Fellowship of the state of Illinois will meet in the First Baptist Church of Harvey, Illinois, Rev. W. H. Taylor, pastor, on March 11, 12, and 13. Rev. Garrett E. Graham of Plainfield will speak on Monday night on "Evangelism." Dr. E. B. Estep, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky, will be the guest preacher Tuesday and Wednesday evening. The day sessions will find able, spiritually minded pastors from Regular Baptist churches on the program.

HEADLEY GOES TO GARY

Rev. William Headley, for sixteen years pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has accepted the call of the Central Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana, to become its pastor and will assume his duties there some time early in April.

The editor of the Bulletin has known Mr. Headley for the past fifteen years. We know his sterling qualities of loyalty, faithfulness, and leadership. We know something too of his ability as a preacher of the blessed Book. We congratulate the Central Baptist Church of Gary on securing this tried and trusted servant to lead them in the days to come.

Pastor Headley will take over the leadership of a church, the responsibilities of which are tremendous. It was the editor's joy and privilege to be pastor of this great church for seven years. In all the twenty-seven years of our ministry we have yet to find a finer, nobler, or more loyal group of Christians that is to be found in Central Church, Gary. They were seven years of glorious conquests for Christ. We trust and sincerely believe that they were only foretastes of those which are to follow under Brother Headley's ministry.

Brother Headley attended Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, graduating as the speaker of his class in April 1922. Mrs. Headley also was a student of the Institute, graduated at the same time. Bill's first pastorate included a circuit of three churches located at Athens, Factoryville and Leonidas, Michigan, which he served from 1922 until September of 1924. He came to the Calvary Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan September 1st, 1924. When he finishes his services with Calvary Church on April 7th, he will have been her pastor for 15 years and 7 months. It has been a long and faithful ministry, and we well suspect that it is not an easy one to sever.

When he first became Calvary's pastor in 1924, the church was located in a community of foreign speaking people and negroes. Realizing that they could not hope to expand to any marked degree in that location, they sought for a new place in which to establish a church. In the year 1925 the old parsonage was sold for a nominal price; and in the spring of 1926 five lots were secured at the present location for \$5,500. Upon one of these lots a modern

\$8,000 parsonage was built and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Headley in October of 1926. The old church building was sold to a colored Baptist congregation in the fall of 1928. After the colored congregation took possession of the old church in December of 1928, the Calvary congregation worshipped under great handicaps for the next six months in the Women's Literary Club Rooms. Ground was finally broken for the first unit of the new building on the corner of Martin Ave. and Burton St on March 11, 1929, and this basement unit was dedicated on Sunday, July 14, 1929. Shortly thereafter the financial depression hit the city, leaving the church with a heavy debt to carry on. Although the going has been difficult at times, under the leadership of this courageous pastor, the church now owes only about \$4,000 on the original investment of about \$32,000.



REV. WM. HEADLEY

Two mission Sunday Schools are now being conducted by groups from the church, and plans are being made for the erection of a chapel for one of these schools as soon as sufficient money comes in.

On four different occasions brother Headley has acted as the moderator of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches—in 1927, 1930, 1935 and 1936. He is very highly esteemed by his brethren in the Grand Rapids area and all across country where the blessings from his ministry has been felt.

In resigning from his present church, brother Headley read the following statement:

February 4th, 1940

"To the Members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids:

"On September 1st, 1924, the Lord guided us very definitely to take over the spiritual oversight as your pastor. From that date to the present, a period of over 15 years, our relationship together as pastor and people has been a very agreeable and happy one. We have been privileged, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, to make the truth of our precious Lord known. By His matchless grace we have continued as we began, to contend earnestly for the faith which was delivered to the saints, and to know nothing among you "save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." Surely our praise goes out to our God who has wrought mightily in our midst unto the salvation of precious souls for His eternal glory.

"The time has now arrived, when He who so definitely led us here has clearly indicated His desire to transplant us into another part of his field of gospel endeavor. A call, which upon every prayerful consideration bears the earmarks of His call, has been extended to us to become the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Gary, Indiana, succeeding Dr. Robert T. Ketcham.

"On the strength of the Lord's clearly revealed will, I have accepted the pastorate of the said church, and hereby tender my resignation as your pastor on this fourth day of February, 1940 to become effective Sunday April 7th.

"Yours and His through grace,
"William Headley".

"WHAT IS TRUTH?"

(Continued from page 1)

But this is not saying that the source of truth is within ourselves and that reason alone is capable of discovering it. We must consider that human reason, or the power to reason, is a derived thing. It is a gift of God. The capacity is born with us. We cannot create it, we can only develop it. Human reason is limited in its operation. At its highest it is only finite, and as such it cannot know the infinite. It is continually changing. What to a child is truth, is to a grown man a mere fancy.

Hear a parable that works in just here that will help us get hold of what I am aiming at. Two ants were one day discussing the small garden in which their little hillock was piled.

"What a vast place is this our world!" said one ant to the other. "It fills all things." Neither of them dreamed of anything beyond its small garden, which to them was everything. Their reason, so useful to them in arranging their honeycombed home, could take in nothing beyond their own poor needs. A child of three years stood near the ant and looked across at a series of gardens and over some fields. And the child said, "What a big place this is; it is everything." But a boy of ten, swinging in a hammock at the other end of the garden, was studying a map of England. He saw a country. His eldest brother, fresh from the university, came in and began to talk about the world. At nightfall an astronomer, uncovered his telescope and looked out into the universe. With the growth of mind and the growth of knowledge, reason can take higher flights, but never can it free itself when left to itself from the thought of the finite, the measured.

All this shows us that the truth is not within ourselves. Man is too infinitesimal to be the repository or the standard of truth, even for himself. May I say that simple reason takes us along the route that leads to revelation. Reason compels us to expect some revelation of what truth is, while Christianity actually supplies it. It offers to us a demonstration of the truth and that within a personal life. When Jesus Christ our Lord declared, "I am the truth" He uttered the one word which man is really eager to catch when he is a new creature in Christ Jesus. For much as men admire truth as set forth in propositions, they can only love truth when it becomes incarnate in persons. When Jesus says He is the Truth He does not mean that He teaches the truths of science or history. For these we must search; the force of things demands this. I want to say right here that no person is so free to investigate scientific and other secular truths as he who has found for his own life the Truth, even Jesus, as the truth is in Jesus. The truth, beloved, that Jesus gives and demonstrates is truth available for life—truth that builds character and fashions manhood.

Christ is the Truth. He is the truth incarnate. He is "full of grace and truth." In Him truth was personally alive. In Himself He was true to God and man. He had the equilibrium of a perfect harmony in His own blessed nature. In proportion as we show our conformity to

or dissent from Him we show the truth or falseness in ourselves. Christ is indeed the truth vital. He makes His word life to others. He gives it force in every life that surrenders itself to His mastery. He is more than man's example. He is Man's Savior. This is the unique note of Christianity. Experience justifies the truth of Christ's claims. When men receive Him as the Truth, they are freed from every kind of bondage and from all illusion. They in fact enter into perfect liberty. When we find Jesus Christ we find the truth for humans and never in any other way. If any man wishes to do God's will, he shall be able to decide the truth of religious teaching, and the Son who is true will give the freedom of truth (John 7:17). The presence of the truth incarnate in Christ places every man in a new situation. It challenges, it commands, it sifts him. No man can ever be the same again after he has truly beheld Jesus Christ. "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" These words of the Lord Jesus are spoken to us today just as they were to Pilate in his day. A man's claim is tested by the power of recognition. A man claiming to be musical recognizes in the work of Mozart or Bach or Handel the master message. If listening to one of their great masterpieces he fails to detect the master's message and interpretation, then his claim of competency vanishes. The fact that he fails to give the master's message and interpretation proclaims his own falsity in making such a claim. This is true with the professed follower of Jesus Christ. If we are of the truth we cannot help but recognize the accent of Jesus the Christ.

There is great danger, at the present day, of compromising truth for the sake of union. This should be carefully guarded against. There can be no true union attained at the expense of truth. The true Christian's motto should ever be, "Maintain truth at all cost; if union can be promoted in this way, so much the better, but maintain the truth." The principle of expediency, on the contrary, may be thus enunciated: "Promote union at all cost; if truth can be maintained as well, so much the better, but promote union." This latter principle can only be carried out at the expense of all that is divine in the way of testimony. We should ever bear in mind, that "the wisdom which is from above is FIRST PURE, then peaceable." The wisdom which is from beneath

would be "peaceable" first, and therefore it can never be pure. I would stir up your memory concerning the statement of the Apostle Paul. He said "I tamper not, i. e. handle not deceitfully, God's message" (II Cor. 4:2), for the Word of Truth is to remain unchanged up to the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Tim. 6:14). Hence, the command to "keep that which is committed to thy trust" at vs 20 of the same chapter; which makes it very plain that there should be no fellowship with those who oppose the truth of the Gospel, for it is evident that there can be no true testimony where truth is forfeited. And what is more, "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" Rom. 1:18-29). But, when one has the Word of God as the basis of his convictions, he may calmly stand against the full tide of human opinion and prejudice; for, if we are of the truth, and recognize Christ as such, we are bound to take a side with Him. We will confess Him as the Lord of our Life. We are bound to bear witness to Him whether it means a wearing of a Crown of thorns, or the climbing of a Calvary hill. "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the Gospel of Christ: . . . and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Phil 1:27 f c 28, 29). For it is most gloriously true, that once we see the TRUTH, even as the truth is in Christ Jesus, we know without peradventure of a doubt that all opposing powers are doomed to go down before Him who is the TRUTH. And here we would recall but one more reference: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth; and every tongue should confess that Christ Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:9-11).

This final word: May each reader of this message come to so love Him that He will truly fill the entire horizon of his life. As someone has said, "Christ the center, circumference, concentration and extension of every phase and thought and aim of the Christian's life." What else

could this really mean to a Child of God—whether young or of mature years, as is expressed in the lines of a poem by an unknown author:

"JESUS ONLY"

"Naught of self to mar His glory,
Naught of sin to make it dim,
Just a glorious, glorious shining
That the friends around see him,
Resurrection joys abounding,
Every morning mercies new.
Every day His conscious Presence,
All my life one interview.
Soon He'll come, then I shall see
Him,
See my LORD, "The Crucified".
What a glorious day is breaking,
He and I, quite satisfied."

JAPANESE FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Paul Y. Watanabe, Pastor
3506 East Fourth Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7).

It is exactly one year since we started our Fundamental Baptist Mission to the Japanese. There were many steep mountains, lonely desert places, and the difficult Red Sea to cross, but our Commander, Jesus Christ, said, "Verily I say unto you, If ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done" (Matt. 21:21). Indeed He has removed the mountains, and calmed the sea, and fed us with the Heavenly manna and comforted us with his Living Water in the desert, and now we have entered the happy and glorious New Year which is full of joy and hope. During the last year, the Devil has tempted and tried us over and over again and said, "Oh, you cannot continue; you cannot keep on; you better accept the calls of some of those modernistic churches. They will pay you good salaries and you can enjoy yourself, feed and educate your children, etc." The Devil is so clever and he has used some of my best friends to say those discouraging things and tried to make me give up, but my Lord is able and He has conquered all those temptations for me.

Now, I discovered that faith is the victory and that conquers all. Our work is growing. We have enrolled 38 children in our kindergarten during the past year and at present

25 or 26 children are coming every day. Our Sunday School is also growing. Each Sunday 25 to 30 children are attending regularly, including a few Junior High School, High School and one College student. They are learning God's Word, and we had a fine Christmas program last month. There were about 250 people present, both American and Japanese, and they all highly commended our program. We have three or four prospects for baptism in the near future among those young people.

We are greatly handicapped because we do not have a proper meeting place. The people of today do not like to come to private homes for regular worship. They want to send their children to a big fine church. So we are greatly in need of a church building. If we had a church, certainly we could do much greater work. Our house is on sale now, and we would, if possible, like to buy it, because it is on a good location and has a large lot. If we can buy it now, then later on, we may be able to build a church. It is \$3,500 including the house and lot and it has plenty of room to build a good-sized church. We can buy it by the installment plan. It is \$500 down and \$50 a month as the rent. So please remember it in your prayers.

I am very sorry to say but the present situation of the United States and Japan is not very good. On the 26th of this month, the Commerce and Navigation Treaty between the United States and Japan expires, and 200,000 Japanese in this country are very disturbed and worried about it. So now is the time for the Christian people of this country to show their little bit of kindness, sympathy, and Christian love toward them. Now is the time for us to spread the Gospel among these unsettled people, and give them the peace, the real peace, the Peace which Jesus alone can give.

I am praying every day and night for the peace between the United States and Japan—not only between these two nations, but among all nations, and the only hope is the spreading of the Gospel among all nations. Thus Jesus commanded us and said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). So I say again, Now is the time for us to spread the Gospel, especially among my people, so please continue to pray for us and help us.

TWO MORE OUTSTANDING CHURCHES ENTER THE FELLOWSHIP

Within the last week the First Baptist Church of Hackensack, New Jersey, Rev. Harry C. Leach, pastor, and the First Baptist Church of Waverly, Iowa, Rev. V. C. Oltrogge, pastor, have declared themselves in fellowship with the Association. The editor of the Bulletin extends a hearty welcome to these churches and the hand of fellowship will be extended to them at the May meeting in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The letters received from the churches are as follows:

February 29, 1940

General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (North),
c/o Dr. R. T. Ketcham
Waterloo, Iowa

Dear Brethren:

The First Baptist Church of Waverly, Iowa, being a free and independent Baptist Assembly, subscribing in toto to the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, and being in full sympathy with the purpose and spirit of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (North), voted at a regular quarterly business meeting on Wednesday night, February 28th, 1940, to request Fellowship in that body.

Yours in like precious Faith,
The First Baptist Church,
Waverly, Iowa
Helen Lewis, Clerk
V. C. Oltrogge, Pastor

February 21, 1940

Rev. David O. Fuller, D. D.
1318 Sigsbee St SE
Grand Rapids, Mich

Dear Dr Fuller:

We are happy to notify you that at a regular called business meeting of the First Baptist Church of Hackensack, N. J. held on Thursday February 15, 1940 the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

"RESOLVED that the First Baptist Church of Hackensack, New Jersey, declare itself in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptists North. This resolution to become effective at once."

It is understood that this resolution includes complete acceptance of the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the Association.

Sincerely yours, in His Name,
First Baptist Church,
Hackensack, N. J.
(Signed) Art Nuhn,
Church Clerk.

GLEANNINGS

Edited by R. F. HAMILTON

THE CHURCH

"If you want to belong to the kind of a church

Like the kind of a church you like,

You need not slip your clothes in a grip

And start on a long, long hike.

For you'll only find what you left behind;

There's nothing that's really new; You may be knocking yourself when you knock your church, Maybe it's not your church, but you.

Real churches are made by folks unafraid,

Who look not upon duty with dread;

Where everyone works and nobody shirks,

You can raise even a church from the dead

And if while you're hustling to help yourself,

You will help your neighbor, too, Your church will become what you want it to be,

For your church is a multiplied you."

—First Bap. Ch., bulletin, Springfield, Mo.

THE CHENAULT MEMORIAL

The committee in charge of the Chenault Memorial Fund met in Chicago January 4th, and made final distribution of the funds which have come in. After a few small expenses for mailing and printing were deducted there was actual cash in hand of \$4,100. Pledges still unpaid and other small gifts will bring the total to \$4,500

Due to the great heart interest of Mr. Chenault in the Moody Institute and also at the expressed wish of Mrs. Chenault, \$1,000 of the fund was applied as a Chenault memorial gift to the new Torrey-Gray Auditorium of the Moody Bible Institute.

\$2,500 was allotted for the opening of a new mission station and the balance to be applied on the support of missionary workers as far as it will go. The location for the Chenault Memorial Mission Station was placed at Sokoto, located in Northwestern Nigeria on the Maradi River. The Chenault Memorial Sta-

tion located at Sokoto will be the only mission station of any kind ministering to 1,800,000 heathen. It is planned to build two missionary homes for two missionary couples and a Bible supply house. At least one half dozen native colporteurs will work out from this central supply station eventually reaching every section of this vast territory and bringing the Gospel to these nearly two million people.

Knowing P. B. Chenault as we did we are convinced that nothing in time or eternity would have pleased him better than to know that while he is dead yet his works follow him in these two strategic centers of Christian operation, first in far off Africa and second in the Moody Institute where scores are trained for service in the front line trenches of missionary endeavor.

—R. T. Ketcham.

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FREE TRACTS FROM PRINCETON

Pastor Ford Porter of the First Baptist Church of Princeton, Indiana has informed us that he can provide free tracts to anyone who will ask for them. Some of the tracts brother Porter has written are: "God's Simple Plan of Salvation", "According to the Word I'm Saved", and "Shall My Wages Be Increased?" These tracts are provided through the free will offering of God's people. One recent donor made possible a large printing of these tracts. Write to brother Porter and get a supply. Also listen to his broadcasts twice a week over WGBF of Evansville, Indiana—630 kc Monday at 3:30 p. m. and Thursday at 9 a m.

Don't forget to pray for the Princeton church. Their trial date has been set for March 11th.

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COMING CAMPAIGN IN ATLANTIC CITY

April 10th to the 21st are the dates set for an evangelistic campaign to be carried on in the First Baptist Church of Atlantic City, N. Y. by Evangelist Douglas Roe. Pray for these meetings and also the Messianic Radio ministry which Pastor Coulson Shepherd has been carrying on, but recently has been forced to abandon.

DISCOVERING GOD

"The man who tries to find God through his 'good works' is much like the man who takes his flashlight and goes out at noon on a bright July day to look at the summer sun. Think it over. Man is constantly trying to discover God, a God who has already so wonderfully revealed His existence through nature, and so gloriously revealed Himself in the person of His Son Jesus Christ. How great is the blindness of unbelief! Man's efforts will never bring a discovery of God, or contact His presence. God alone can reveal Himself to the human heart. He does reveal Himself to those who confess their utter ruin and entire need of His Salvation. Jesus said, 'I am come a light into the world that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.' John 12:46."

—Rev. Chas. Ernest Ronk, R. R. 2, Roachdale, Ind.

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COUNCIL MEETING AT PANA

About the time that this material goes on the presses, the Council of Fourteen of the G. A. R. B. C. will be holding their quarterly business session in the First Baptist Church of Pana, Illinois. Every few months the Council gathers in some suitable location to discuss the work of the Association. The executive council meetings are privately conducted during the day, but the evening meetings are turned into great public gatherings in which the Christ of God is gloriously exalted by the different members of the Council during the three days of meetings. What times of rich blessing these prove to be! The dates were February 20, 21, 22. The editor of this column is pastor of the entertaining church.

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TOURNAPARTY INVADES WEST COAST

R. G. LeTourneau of Peoria, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Strathearn, and Arthur McKee toured the Northwest from January 14 to 23rd holding services in many churches throughout the states of Oregon and Washington. Dr. Strathearn managed the tour, Mrs. Strathearn and Mr. McKee did the singing, while R. G. did the speaking. The party made the trip in Mr. LeTourneau's airplane.

**THE BLESSINGS OF
EVANGELISTIC EFFORT**

Sam Post of the Grace Baptist Church of Modesto, Calif., writes that the evangelistic meetings conducted with Porter Barrington, assisted by A. E. Hesketh, were blessed of the Lord. Many people came from outlying districts to attend these meetings held last October. Thirty-five conversions were recorded, many received assurance of salvation, backsliders were restored, and many dedicated their lives to the Lord. One young person is planning to attend Bible School soon. At the final service a missionary offering of \$70 was taken for Misses Robinson and Thayer in the Kentucky Mountains.

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**LOCAL ASSOCIATION
ORGANIZED**

A call was issued to the churches and pastors in Northwest Indiana to meet with pastor Harold Cole of the First Baptist Church of Hobart, Indiana for the purpose of organizing a local Regular Baptist Association. The meeting was scheduled for February 12th. There are a number of Regular Baptist churches in that area.

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CENTRAL CHURCH OF GARY

This great church in Gary, Indiana has been very busy getting everything in shape for the coming of their new pastor, William Headley of Grand Rapids, Michigan. A large neon sign has been purchased for the front of the church. Three makes of electric organs are being tested with the idea of purchasing one in the near future.

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**IMMANUEL CHURCH OF
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

On Friday evening, January 19th, a farewell dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Amorine who were leaving for the Baptist Bible Seminary of Johnson City, N. Y. to prepare for full time gospel work. Under the ministry of pastor Wortman the church has had a blessed year.

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**BEREAN CHURCH HAS
NEW SIGN**

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Etta E. Price, a new porcelain Neon sign has been erected on the northwest corner of the Berean Baptist Church building in Grand Rapids, Mich. The sign was presented to the church in memory of the late Mr. Price who had been very active in the affairs of the church prior to his death.

KANSAS CITY YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People's Association of the Independent Baptists churches of Missouri and Kansas held their January meeting with the First Regular Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo. An interesting program was arranged and fine fellowship enjoyed. Seventy young people were present.

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**HOW THEN SHALL THE
UNSAVED HEAR?**

(Brief notes from a sermon by
Pastor R. L. Powell.)

"And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me?" (Ex 6:12).

Because of the bitterness of their bondage and the cruelty of their task masters, the children of Israel had rebelled against Moses and against God. They were harsh in their speech to Moses. Moses took the matter to the Lord in prayer. Our text is part of the heart-cry of Moses before the Lord.

Before the unsaved of the world will hear the message of God, there must be a clear acceptance and a living embodiment of that truth, evidenced on the part of the believers around them.

Believing is more than merely sitting down on the truth. It is accepting the truth as the living principle of all our conduct. Faith without works is dead; in fact it never lived.

The unsaved people of this world are waiting to see what we really believe. They want to know by our lives whether or not we believe what we preach and teach about the Word of God, the grace of God in salvation, and the victory of faith.

The world is waiting to see what we believe as to the Word of God. We can't talk about orthodoxy until it becomes more than a mere statement of our faith written down on paper. Until God's Word becomes the BINDING and LOOSING power in our lives, we have not accepted it as the final word of authority. Unless God's Word is the LAW of life to the believer, it is the occasion of hypocrisy and deceit. Our Lord defined this very situation in His discussion as recorded in Mark 7:1-13, where he tells the Pharisees that they have evaded the plain Word of God by inventing a way around its clear commands.

The world is blind, but a blind man can see the face of any empty orthodoxy. When the unsaved see

that we believe the Word, and evidence our belief by our lives, they will be greatly influenced.

The world is waiting to see what we believe about the truth of salvation. What could be the value of preaching a great plan of salvation, if it did not work in our own lives? It is mockery to tell others that Christ saves us FROM sin while we are at the same time consciously living sin. Our lives give the lie to our claims. We do not have in mind those who have fallen into temptation, from which they have immediately fled to God in repentance and confession, but rather those who name the Name of Jesus and yet they are in slavery to sin.

The unsaved know what the slavery of sin is like in their own lives, and they know that they themselves are not saved, how then can they believe us, when we claim to have the liberating power of the Blood and the Spirit, and yet remain in slavery to sin?

The world is waiting to see if we really believe in the promised victories of faith. By contrast, we are often like Jacob when his sons told him that the lord of Egypt had detained Simeon as a surety. He went down into the ashes of despair and cried "Joseph is not, and Simeon is not and ye will take Benjamin away; ALL THESE THINGS ARE AGAINST ME."

Many people are seeking to have the victories of faith without the true basis of faith; they are seeking some of the fruits of salvation without the experience of salvation. Before we can expect the victories of faith in the life, there must be the miracle of the new birth. After this experience, every child of God is entitled to have victory, and the Lord expects him to take hold of his birthright.

Faith claims the unseen on the same grounds as if it were visible and within grasp. Faith undertakes the impossible as if it were surely an accomplished fact. Faith demonstrates its claims by accepting and acting upon those things which are within the birthright of every believer.

Faith claims and demonstrates the gift of wisdom and a sound mind. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." (James 1:5). "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim 1:7).

Nothing creates a more unfavorable atmosphere for the preaching of the Gospel message than a silly and flippant manner of life on the part of the professing Christians, unless it is some extreme fanaticism or self-made notions and beliefs. A jitterbug worshipper is disqualified to be an acceptable witness to any of the dignified truths of God's Word.

We are never to abandon ourselves to any kind of senseless or purely fleshy passion. Nor are we, as Christians, to allow our minds and hearts to be taken up with extreme and un-Scriptural teachings and beliefs. There is a blessed sanity in Christ which should be the aim of every born-again life.

The great founder of Methodism, John Wesley, was right in his insistence upon clean and practical living. There was a soundness in his good common sense that modern Methodism should revive. His doctrine that cleanliness is next to godliness was preached with such conviction that many people believed that he had taken it verbally from the Bible.

George Whitefield, perhaps the greatest evangelist that has lived since New Testament times, was a man of extreme care of details in his life. Always careful to his dress, punctual in his engagements, exacting in his requirements, and yet he was a great and Godly soul-winner. It is said of him that he never retired at night until every piece of furniture was in its accustomed place and every book was back in its shelf. That illustrates that one does not have to be careless, lazy or foolish in order to be a great Christian. The fact is that God seems to have no special fondness for those who reject their spiritual birthright in these fields of experience.

Faith claims and demonstrates the joy of the Lord for all times. Nothing so surely unveils "the Man of the heart" as a constantly overflowing joy in the soul. Joy and pleasure are two different things. Pleasure pertains to the flesh. Joy is one part of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives. But faith is the active principle in the heart whereby the Holy Spirit can produce the joy of the Lord, which becomes our strength.

Faith claims and demonstrates the peace of justification. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." This is not cessation of strife in the world nor with the world of sin, but cessation of strife with the will of God within our own hearts and lives. This peace gives

poise amidst the world's chaos and discord, and that is a mighty testimony.

Faith claims and demonstrates the liberty of the Spirit-filled life. "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Certainly this carries a wider meaning than the mere distinction between spiritual and legal standing. Every child of God is surely entitled to a real victory in his life. This does not come about through his natural powers but through the work of the Holy Spirit. The blood of Christ frees us from the guilt and penalty of sin. The Holy Spirit, when the life is wholly submitted to Him for being filled, liberates from the bondage and slavery of sin. This has nothing to do with any sort of fanaticism, such as sinless perfection or any other kindred teaching, but it is undoubtedly a promised blessing which has been experienced in many a believing heart, and is demonstrable in any life that will accept by faith the work of the Holy Spirit for him and in him.

As believers we are called upon to show forth the faith that God has given us, and by so doing we are putting great emphasis upon the effect of Gospel messages delivered by God's servants.

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LEAKS IN A SINKING SHIP

The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., has gleaned from random reading in different periodicals the following statements which look to him like leaks in a sinking ship:

The cost of crime in the United States is now over fifteen billion dollars annually.

The United States spends over four billion dollars a year to enforce law.

In the past ten years population has increased 17% in the United States and crime has increased 117%.

Somebody is murdered in the United States every forty-five minutes.

There are three hundred thousand murderers walking the highways and streets of the United States today.

It is estimated that five hundred thousand people now living in the United States will die by being murdered.

The largest group of criminals in the United States averages only twenty-three years in age; the next largest group, nineteen the next larg-

est group, eighteen years of age.

Thirty-five years ago the average age of the fallen woman was twenty-three years. Today the average age of the fallen woman is seventeen in the United States, and there are five hundred thousand of them—and every one is a victim of some man.

Since 1870 population in the United States has increased three hundred per cent; marriages four hundred per cent; divorces two thousand per cent. Divorces are increasing five times faster than marriages.

In the last fifty years insanity has increased eight hundred and forty per cent.

There were twenty-three thousand suicides in the United States last year.

There are now one and one-quarter million more people *out of church* in the South than the total population fifty years ago.

Four-fifths of all government expense in the United States is on account of war—eighty-two per cent of every dollar; only one per cent for education—and our people give to religion only one-half of what they spend for candy, and only one-half of what they spend for theatres and picture shows.

The growing evils of the extending areas of the licensed sale of alcoholic beverages by vote, making the bad conditions enumerated above increasingly worse.

The lost condition of a prayerless, payless, seldom-present majority of the members of our churches today.

The failure of too many religious leaders today to stand up and to speak out boldly *for Christ and the right!*—Copied

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JEW'S ASKING FOR TESTAMENTS

An Italian liner stopped at Hong Kong with one thousand Jewish refugees on board. A missionary and his friend boarded the liner, having a quantity of English New Testaments especially prepared for Jews. These quickly ran out. They secured more Hebrew and German Scripture portions, and soon they, too, were gone. Writing in the News Bulletin of the Scripture Gift Mission, this missionary said, "It would have touched your heart if you could have seen these Austrian and German Jews asking for God's Word as they crowded around. For two hours we were kept at it before the liner resumed the voyage to Shanghai."

—The Jewish Era

BARNEY ANTROBUS SAYS

INESCAPABLE

Sit where we may in a restaurant, hotel, street car, bus or railroad train we cannot escape the ubiquitous woman smoker. She is increasingly everywhere, and is rapidly being assimilated as a matter of course. She is a type utterly new in our American civilization. We remember how the public was shocked some twenty-five or thirty years ago when the news spread that the daughter of a President of the United States was a cigarette smoker.

It seems too much when American women with the advantages and culture of 150 years of clean, sturdy, high idealism step down to the habits of the jungle.

CAUSES

But there are causes for every effect. Here the causes are not far to seek. Begin with the jungle teaching of our schools and colleges and you have the root. When men and women are taught that they are just animals having come up or down from animals, and worms, and fishes, they may be expected to let go their lower and baser instincts.

Another cause is the so-called "enfranchisement" of women. She waded into tobacco smoke and spittle and elbowed her way through liquor fumes to clean up our country. We all know how well she has failed.

Still another reason is the advent of the tantalizing movie. In spite of its defenders it has never been educational, but always salacious, bizarre, vulgarizing all the sacred instincts of home, parenthood, wifehood and religion. Women flock to the movies and there feed their souls on deleterious and erotic stimulants.

HISTORY IS BLANK

There is no record in history of womankind falling from such a height of culture and educational environment. No group of women ever had such an exalted position as was held by American women since the advent of free education and wide-spread gospel preaching. The little churches on every hill and in every valley, the little red school house in every township, the multitude of academies, colleges and universities that rapidly grew up and covered the land all offered to women free and untrammelled educational advantages.

ICHABOD

Will American womankind ever come back to her former state which through a century or more past has made her the most admired of all womankind? Our prophecy is that she will never come back. Eve never went back to her Eden. Modern woman has left her Eden never to return. Ichabod, "glory departed", is written over her door.

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THE UNMODERN

There remains a large group of average American women yet who are not modern, and never will be, thank God. They have a new task to perform for righteousness, and that is to set their faces like a flint against this rapidly spreading menace among their kind.

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SURROUNDED

One day we called to see a dying saint, a life-long hospital nurse. In order to reach her bedside we had to wade through a smoke screen laid down by a flock of society bridge players who had collected for an afternoon spree in the home where the servant of God lay, sick. Little did they care for the bodily pains and mental anguish of a dying saint, alone and without Christian consolation.

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PEOPLE MUST

People must have entertainment many say. Well, we do not find it so with many good thinkers, unless good thinking is entertainment. Most entertainment we have witnessed in church activities was silly, inane, unwholesome and often vulgar and irreverent.

While the Scriptures seem to make no provision for church entertainment it has always seemed to us that there could be a social side to church life that would not be unscriptural. And we have had definite ideas for a long time about what kind it should be, but we have never been able to find a group that grasped the significance of it.

We believe social entertainment in a church life, for any age and every age, should always be cultural, reverent, spiritual and lasting in its benefits. It should be devoid of cheap theatrical ribaldry. It should bind families and friendships in the bundle of Christian affection.

PROPHETIC ACCURACY

Every prophecy of Scripture that has been already fulfilled has been fulfilled accurately, therefore we are sure that every remaining prophecy will be fulfilled accurately. This fact gives the Bible believer great assurance as he faces the future. There is no ground to suppose that God has adopted a new principle of action since the Bible was completed. So when we read the prophecies of Daniel, Malachi, Zechariah, Joel, Micah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Paul, John and Jesus regarding the future we know that it will all come to pass in due time. There are some amazing events yet to unroll and many ten thousands are looking for them soon.

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WHAT ADVANTAGE?

"What advantage then hath the Jew? Much everywhere: chiefly because unto them were committed the oracles of God." Romans 3:1, 2. Gentile Christians do not envy the Jews this "advantage." Gentile Christians that know their Bibles rejoice in the heritage of the Jews. By priority and by grace the Jew had and still has this peculiar advantage of being the amanuensis and custodian of the Holy Scriptures, the revelation of God to man.

But this age gives the Gentile the "advantage." Acts 13:46 and 28:28 makes that clear and emphatic. "It was necessary that the Word of God should first have been spoken to you; but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." "Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." Since these startling utterances the Jew has had no advantage in any way over the Gentile. This is the age of gospel grace. The individual and no other. And many are being saved.

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THE LORD-GOD WINS

Not a single nation in the world war of twenty years ago obtained its objectives, but the Lord God did. He won back from the Gentile Turk His land for His people. Not a single nation now at war will win its objectives, but the Shepherd of Israel who never slumbers nor sleeps will work out His eternal purposes for His people now so sorely beset. The Jews will have their home land. Milton Lindberg, former missionary in Palestine, says in his book "Pales-

tine and the Jews To-day in the Light of Prophecy": "In 1929 an Arab newspaper said that the Bible predicted the coming of the Messiah after the return of the Jews to Palestine, when He would probably take away the Mosque of Omar, and build a temple in its place"

A CURE FOR NERVES

Phil 4:5-7. "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." With that prescription carefully followed daily this follows: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Regular prayers are a daily necessity. Let them be said without fail. There is great blessing here. Then there is need of supplicatory prayer for certain things, and especially for others, and for the work of the Lord. Then let there follow always daily thanks for His wonderful grace and mercies

With this carefully and honestly and reverently done a strange peace follows; a peace that is not understandable from any earthy source; not expected under earthly circumstances; comes stealing quickly in the heart and mind, garrisoning, guarding as with armed soldiers, the emotions of the heart and the wanderings of the mind, keeping back threatened mental and nervous breaks, steadying the tried servant of God, and enabling him to go on with the Lord. And this peace, this guarding, this steadying is in Christ—that is the tried one just rests all in the love and sympathy and understanding of Christ the Lord.

REASON PROVES

Conclusions of reason are dependable when they do not conflict with a higher authority. So far as known man is the only living creature possessed with the power of abstract reason. When man sees a cold winter coming he prepares adequately for it. When he sees a hot summer coming he does likewise. Man builds for decades, centuries.

A man of God named David was out walking or sitting at his window one star-lit night and he cried out: "The heavens declare the glory of God." Imagine a cat or a dog, a horse or a cow, or even a monkey (page the evolutionist) saying such a thing! It took a man to say that. Such a mind must live forever.

REASON CONTINUES

The tiniest insect to the thundering elephant fill out their purpose in life, some even filling it in the very moment of death, but they fill it. Man must fill his. What is it? Surely man's purpose rises higher than insect and beast. It takes sixteen years of steady grind to get a man through grade school, high school and college. Just to eat and sleep and work and die? Reason will not accept that dictum. Many men do their best work in the last ten years of their lives. Sixty years of training and ten years of high-grade accomplishment! And then he becomes soil fertilizer! No, reason will not accept that verdict.

REASON REBELS

Reason becomes rebellious when thin-thinking atheism declares man has no future life. Reason knows better. Man's personality is too great to end with fifty or seventy years. He knows too much, feels too much, loves too much, suffers too much, hopes too much, envisions too much. Reason observes the indestructibility of matter, and that all matter serves man. If the servant of man continues then the master must continue

REASON KEEPS BALANCE

Every earthly need is met by some source of supply reason observes. Adam said to Eve: "See that beautiful bird fly! I wish I could fly." Now man does fly. Man long yearned to explore the sea at bottom and glide whither he would down there. Now he does. Man long craved to hear the voice of loved one thousands of miles away. Now he does. He longed to see again the loved face separated from him by years and miles. Now he may. Every desire and every need in nature is met by supply. Amazing balance reason sees and must keep with herself

REASON AND REVELATION

Joyously reason embraces revelation and the twain go happily on together. Oh hallelujah! The grace of God in His provisions, and His manifestations of mercy and loving-kindness overcome the soul. Job asks a question: "If a man die shall he live again?" Revelation burst upon him and he cried: "I know that my Redeemer liveth. I know that He will stand upon the earth in the last days. I know that when this present body is dissolved in a new body I shall see Him." Revelation

burst upon Paul and he sat down and wrote for two thousand years of history to follow: "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Reason says: "We know, we know, we know." Revelation joins in saying: "Yes, you know, you know, you know."

TOO OLD!

One of America's greatest men said that he had delivered more lectures and had written more books between sixty and seventy than in any part of his life before.

Grey-headed men of this age are driving the fastest streamlined trains across the American continent today with safety to thousands of passengers

Grey-headed men of this age are driving greatest ocean liners across the trackless deeps every day in the year with perfect satisfaction to the ship owners.

Grey-headed men of this age and older are sitting at the head of the country's greatest financial corporations, banks and trust companies.

In this erratic, peripatetic, jazz-crazed age a jitterbug mania has seized upon vast circles of American thinking, which discounts experience and the wisdom accumulated in the school of hard knocks, for the flash and go of the enthusiasm that goes with inexperience and lack of knowledge

Physical and mental enthusiasm is not faith, nor a guaranty of success, especially in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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FLASHES FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

A PEEP BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE PRIORS

Dearest Mother and Dad:

It has been a long time since I wrote last. Just to say that we are busy is no excuse. But we have been more than busy. Every night we are dog tired and just have enough ambition left to crawl into bed. Our report for October will reflect that feeling, as it is the worst one of all we have sent home. To encourage the slackness in writing, we have received no home mail for two or three weeks. Up to yesterday the last mail from you was written the last of August. Your letters of September 12th and 19th just came and they were so newsy and grand that it was better than a tonic. I needed it too. I have been so all in these days that I have grown slack in other directions too. Shaving became a task to get over with about once a week, etc., and sometimes I would go a couple of days without even combing my hair. This will sound crazy to you and perhaps you will not be able to understand it. When there are only the two of us here it is so easy to forget the civilized graces. It is a good thing Jimmie and Joyce are coming or we would be living like Abors in a year or so. But I think I have snapped out of it now and will become a normal human being again.

A few Sundays back Tamik and I went through on cycles, from twenty to twenty-five miles, to Murkong Selek. Boy, what a trip! Across seven rivers on single small tree trunks felled across the stream and carrying cycles to boot. No hand rails either. Then miles and miles through jungle grass way over our heads and almost hiding the trail from sight. We started in the early morning before sun up and the dew drenched us from head to foot. On arrival in Murkong Selek there were red welts across my legs, arms and face from the sharp grass.

Now about the bungalow. The floors are much better than at N. L. They are of four inch boards, planed and fitted. The main supports are eight inch square posts. Fifty-six of these support the floor ten feet above the ground level. Then, above,

most of these posts extend to the roof. The walls are set off in panels by four by fours, the panels are made of reeds and plastered with lime plaster and whitewashed. There are two cement fireplaces, one in the living room and one in the dining room. The chimneys are of tile. The roof is made of thatch, supported and tied to two by twos. There were formerly three bathrooms. One under each bedroom with stairs leading down from the inside. These we have torn down as they were full of white ants. They were of brick but the mortar was of lime and sand and was soft enough to allow the ants to work in it. We have used a couple of thousand of these old bricks in making a new cook house. The old cook shed was torn down by the mill but its concrete floor was still intact. So we just had walls put up of brick and concrete mortar. I used a mixture of six to one and that will be hard enough to withstand anything. The walls are now all done and the labor on it was Rs 44 or about \$14. It took a mason and his two helpers two weeks to lay the brick. But they did a good job and the best part of it is that it is a permanent construction. Am buying a wood related to pine from the mill for the roof supports (white ants won't touch this wood) and the roof will be of tin. Just now we are building a servant house. The first of several needed. This is just a bamboo house with thatch with mud floor. Would like to build them of brick some day as these bamboo houses have to be fixed up every year and in the end are as much expense as brick would be. We cannot use wood in our fireplace for danger of sparks but will use compressed coal dust. There is always the danger of fire of course with a thatch roof and we will insure our belongings. (Contents of bungalow). We will have spark catchers made to fit the top of the chimneys. There were no fruits here at all when we came but the people at Murkong Salek came to our rescue and we have pineapple, papaya, orange and lemon trees, and guava all planted. It will take a few years before it all will do us much good. The land is quite sandy but lots of manure available locally and we use it by the cubic yard. We have been planting

garden ever since we came. First the jungle had to be cut down in the yard. Then hauled away. Then all dug up with kors (native hoe), stumps dug out and thatch grass roots taken out. Then manure brought in and beds made and seeds planted and watered every day. Lots of work but fun too. Our tomato plants are in blossom now and look grand. One must figure on losing about a quarter of the plants to wilt, rot and ants, etc. We have radishes to eat now, with beets, carrots, native spinach, lettuce, peas, chinese cabbage, cabbage and cauliflower, peppers all coming along. But there will be four to feed next year (five with Hundari) and we want to fill our empty cans. A barrel of stuff such as you have sent is the finest gift we could ever receive. It is just impossible to tell you how much we enjoy those things and it is no small matter to get the cans to use later. In Calcutta, a Ball can, quart size, costs just 50c! You say prices are going up and that sugar is up 2c 100 lbs. It is just doubled itself for us! Everything is very high and some things almost impossible to get. Due to the change in exchange, American goods are much higher and English things, of course, almost impossible to get. But we have lots of land here and will grow things as we get it cleared. This is really pioneer work. One has to start in with jungle and end with food. We have about an acre of land in mustard seed for the school boys. When that is harvested we will put in corn and then rice. They had an auction of cows here the other day to pay delinquent taxes and I bought three bullocks. Two big ones to plow with and to the pull the bullock cart we will get later on. Another young bullock as a spare. The three of them came to \$15. There!

We now have a school! And WHAT a school. I told the Abors we wouldn't open school until the first of the year, but some of the boys couldn't wait and came down to help get the compound in shape. They work all morning, cutting jungle, and in the afternoon Tamik and I teach them the English alphabet, modified to meet the requirements of their language. They are sure fine kids and we enjoy them heaps. Not much idea of soap and water and not much

in the line of clothes (some have none at all), but cheerful and willing and good at heart. We have S S each Sunday and they just love the Bible stories. Especially the one of Joseph that we are telling them now. They remember the names for the whole week and even remembered the name of the army officer to whom Joseph was sold as a slave. This is familiar ground to them as their own people buy and sell slaves. The Abors are getting more and more interested and we are afraid that when the school is opened, that we will be swamped with children. We are only taking boys at present. I don't know how we will ever be able to feed them all. How they do eat rice. There are only five here now and they eat two seer or four lbs. of rice at EACH meal! But God knows their need of His Word and He will send along the money needed to feed their bodies. We are planning a big doings at Christmas time and Tamik is setting out for the Himalayas this week for a month's travel amongst the villages, talking to the people about the work here and inviting the head men down for a conference. We will likely have a couple of hundred of people here and will have a feast for them, physical and spiritual. Most every night now some Abors come in and send Tamik over to have me tell them about God. They just drink it in and exclaim over and over again about these wonderful things such as God sacrificing His son for them. The story of creation intrigues them mightily too. And no matter how tired I am when they call, I always end up with a glow on account of the grand response they make. Many head men have come and we give them a present of tea.

The Hindus are beginning to make an effort to reach these primitive people. The big Hindu puja is on now and they have asked all the Abors to come. They also ask the head men to contribute to it. The head men came to us to ask about it and you know what we told them! They took our advice too and some of them even forbid their young men and women from coming to the puja. None contributed as far as we know. Do you know that the Hindus now have Missions? Well, they do and a merchant of this locality just gave TWO THOUSAND Rupees for the Hindu missionaries to be sent to convert the Abors! That is a direct challenge to us and in the name of God we will take it up with sure victory in sight. They might overwhelm us

but they can't worry God. We want to make Christmas a colorful affair to take the place of this heathen puja. The head man of one village just said they had twenty boys ready to come to school when we give the word! What a wonderful opportunity this presents, to shape the lives of these young men into channels of good and have them take Jesus with them back into those far away villages on the border of Tibet, where we cannot go. Happy in this work? You couldn't force us into any other.

Someone must leave in two weeks for Calcutta to meet the Garlows. Haven't decided whether one or both will go. Hate to spend the money. Round trip to Calcutta will be \$9. Tigers are raising cane around here at present. One killed a cow and they called me. We built a platform and tied the cow in the open to a stake. We went on the platform at 3 P M. and at four a huge Royal Bengal Tiger came out in the open, walked out of range, looked the situation over, decided we had fussed too much with the kill, and went off into the jungle grass. What a brute he was! Stood as tall as my waist. As this was in a very isolated spot, we didn't stay after dark. Seelie was along with a spear. Then a few nights ago another got into the cow barn of a man just a few hundred yards away from our compound, killed one cow and clawed two others. A tiger always comes back to his kill to feed so we built another place on top of the shed, tied the dead cow in the open and waited. As this was near the village we knew he wouldn't come till late at night. At half past twelve all was still and pitch dark. Then with a hair raising snarl Mr. Tiger leaped on the kill, and in the same movement carried that big bullock over his shoulder into the edge of the jungle, stake and all! My hair was on end and by the time we got the flashlights going, he was gone. The moon was coming up now and so we knew he wouldn't come back that night. The next night we were to go but I was just too all in to stir out of the house. Sure enough that persistent customer came out and ate that whole cow! The same night he killed a pig in a Miri village. He will be back on his rounds soon again and we will get another crack at him I hope. He is a huge brute too and seems to have a wife and cubs to feed, therefore the double killing in one night, not usual with tigers. One can't take a chance with these fellows and they must be drop-

ped stone dead with the first shot or there will be serious trouble. Not many leopards near here but plenty of tigers. Of the two I prefer the tiger. He is dependable and steady but the leopard is unpredictable. One can tell almost to the hour when a tiger will come to the kill by the circumstances. I am becoming quite a jungle walla am I not? MONA WANTS TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE SOFT SOAP? We want to make it for the school kids. This is all for now, so good night and God bless you both.

Yours in the arms of Jesus,
Delos and Mona Prior.

MILLERS TELL OF CRUEL TREATMENT OF SICK NATIVES

Tappita, R. L.
Oct. 31, 1939

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength—"

Dear Friends:

It is past time for another general letter so we hasten to bring our news up to date for you.

Dick has been to Bassa on the coast for the past month seeing about our food supply. Since the war started it has been hard to get food and what things one can get are terribly high priced. The long walk made him tired and his foot was infected but now after a few weeks rest he is much better. On this trip he had the chance to visit other mission stations including the one at Zonda where Mr. Mellish's first work was. He also had the chance to hold several services both on the way down and on the way home. On the way back his watch broke the first day out, this made it rather awkward travelling especially when it came to getting up on time to get a good start. However, he made out pretty well until the last night when he got up at what he thought to be about 4 A. M. It must have been nearer midnight for after eating breakfast he waited in vain for daylight until he finally went back to bed in disgust.

While Dick was away the twins learned to stand alone and take a few steps. Now they have three new teeth which makes nine in all. We have a hard time keeping them out of mischief. It seems as though they want to be into everything they shouldn't be into. They are getting along fine in every way.

I preached in the villages and farms while Dick was away and en-

joyed it very much. There is one village where there is a handful of Christians about 45 minutes away and it always makes one happy to talk to them.

The old warrior we told you about in a previous letter is still faithful in his church attendance and really seems interested. We are thankful for the faithful ones.

Just to show you some of the native ideas, I will tell you about a sawyer who was carried here more dead than alive. He was supposed to have fallen out of a tree while cutting, but later we heard that he had fallen while drunk. At any rate he was in a bad condition. He had terrible large sores on his back, hip and leg. When he fell the natives dug a hole, put him in and filled in the hole with soft mud then built a fire to steam the man so his blood would thin out and flow better. But instead of helping him they nearly killed him and made those awful deep burns. Finally after caring for the man two and a half weeks he was well enough to walk and the sores were nearly healed. That gives you an idea of some of the native customs. You can never imagine the sin and superstition which grips the people in Africa. Through this one man's sickness we talked to dozens of his friends about the Living Saviour. Pray that the Word will bring forth much fruit.

We need a new meeting place badly as our crowd has outgrown the present location. Just now we hold church on the porch of the carpenter shop, the seats are planks placed on boxes. Sometimes in the middle of the service we hear a cracking sound from a weak plank or box, then a quick movement of the people to avoid a fall. Invariably the boys fail to put up enough planks and so after the service has started and more people come there is confusion to arrange some more planks.

We have also been thinking about starting a school but quite a bit is involved so do not know how soon we can start. There is so much to be done and so little time in which to do it because it looks like the coming of our Lord draweth nigh.

We want to thank the friends who have been helping us by prayer and gifts, also for the refrigerator which will be a great help in the hot season. We have just received word that it has been shipped and believe it is already in Monrovia. It will be difficult to get it inland but the Lord will somehow help us in that matter. It will take 16 to 24 men to carry it.

And now may the Lord richly bless you all and help you to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brethren pray for us.

Yours for souls in Liberia,
Dick and Mary Miller and Twins.

MRS. SEYMOUR WRITES OF VICTORY

Dear "Home Folks":

I have been working for some time on a real Christmas card and now when it is time to get it out I have too much to say! This past week has been a special time of blessing for us and I feel that I should tell you about it. The picture card will do for some other time.

On Sunday morning during church some one came up to us and gave us a little paper. We told him to put his load down and he could listen to the message. We couldn't help but see some tins of powdered milk, a package which we knew held our new French Hymn records, letters, etc. The service went on of course and some accepted Christ after it. We came home and enjoyed all the news from our neighbors on Bria Station. As we finished reading and talking over the news we looked up and here was another man coming with a trunk on his head. He had walked from Bangassou and he brought a glorious mail from home. Four letters from and several about David and Grace and lots of good encouraging news. Monday noon just as dinner was ready, here came our Field Counsellor, his daughter and one of our French missionaries. We had splendid fellowship together and it did seem great to have company. They brought us more mail from home as well as necessary funds so we were happy and thankful more ways than one. You can imagine when we had waited so long for mail and then to receive two so closely together that it was great cause for rejoicing.

On Tuesday I heard that my car was coming back and sure enough just one month from the day it went it came back. We were all so excited and the natives came over and were praising God with us. It was all most funny the way they said "our car". Anyway we do praise God for the car's return for it is a great help in the work. I am sure that He who has supplied thus far will continue to supply for the extra cost of gas now. You should have heard the women sing "God is Good"

There has been a real burden of prayer lately and every once in a while some one comes for special prayer. One young girl is quite burdened because her parents want her to pray to idols but she loves Jesus and wants to serve Him. Our house-boy has been burdened lately but now has confessed the wrong he did some time ago. It was a hard confession to make but now he has peace and I believe that he will stay clean for Christ from now on. A good number have accepted Christ so we are encouraged and looking forward to greater results if Jesus tarries.

"Safely through another year,
God has led us on our way,
Let us now His blessing seek
Through all 1940's days."

Yours in His love and care,
Linda Seymour and children.

Matthew 28:19-20.

ANOTHER BABY BOY IN AFRICA MISSION

Central Hospital, Elat, Ebolowa
Cameroun, December 10, 1939

Dear Home Folks:

"Have faith in God
Doubt sees the obstacles—Faith
sees the way!
Doubt sees the darkest night—Faith
sees the day!
Doubt dreads to take a step—
Faith soars on high!
Doubt questions, 'who believes?'—
Faith answers, 'I'"

II Cor 1:20, "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him amen, unto the glory of God by us."

There is good news to write to you,—a little new missionary, Arthur Eugene Jacobson, arrived at Central Hospital here December fourth. He weighs 8 lbs., 7 oz. He seems to have a perfect little body in vigorous health. We praise God for the miracle which he wrought in giving to us this precious gift, and have dedicated him to God, to prepare him and use him in His service as He sees fit, if Jesus tarries.

We expect to leave for Kaumra this month as soon as baby and mother are able to travel. As yet we have no means of transportation, but we feel assured that our Lord will open up a way when the need arises.

We would ask your prayers for our co-workers, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, that the needs may be supplied and the way opened to go home for their much needed furlough this coming spring. While here we have been

privileged to attend some of the devotional sessions of the conference held by this mission, thus in part making up for the lack of our own conference this year. We have had many visitors of late, both black and white, who have come to see the new baby. A couple of weeks ago we had a visitor for whose presence we did not care so much. When entering the dining room, shortly after dinner, I was surprised to find a good sized snake had seated himself comfortably in the chair with the head close to the table. As I did not feel like shaking hands with this unbidden guest, I got hold of a broom stick and finished him. We do praise God for the way in which He protects us from harm and danger, both known and unknown. This was a poisonous snake, and he could just as well have crawled into our beds as in the chair—but God.

Continue to pray for us and the work in general at Koumra, that our lives may be a stream of blessing.

Yours in His happy service,
Alta and N. E. Jacobson.

MISS MANUEL IN MIDST OF HEATHEN SUPER- STITION

Fort Crampel
December 12, 1939.

Dear Friends and Prayer Helpers:

Is it possible that I have not written a general letter since August? It doesn't seem possible, but that is the last I have marked down; these days, when one does not receive any mail, it is almost impossible to feel in the spirit of writing. The last letters I had, with exception of two from my Mother, were October 12, just two months ago today. And I am sure my letters are not getting home so fast either; I am writing this to tell you friends, that if you do not hear from me personally just remember that boats are not running regular schedules now, and that I am writing to some of you but the letters may be a long time in reaching you, the same as yours are in reaching me. It costs so much to send a letter air mail all the way, that I cannot write to all of you that way, so will try to write a little each month and have it sent out from my Home there. Please remember I am praying for you if you do not receive letters.

God is taking care of us here and there is nothing to fear; we have what we want to eat, a little short on sugar, but other things are enough.

Not so much in the gardens now as the dry season has begun in earnest, as the hot, glary, sunshiny days testify. God is saving souls, convicting backsliders, and strengthening Christians. Two weeks ago Sunday we had a baptismal service, at which 10 from one of our out-stations and some from another out-station were baptized. Among the 10 there were three women, and just the week after that, the chief of their village had them beaten very badly, as well as another Christian woman, who was the wife of one of the men in the Bible Training school, and whose husband died about two months ago; then he shut them up and was not going to give them any food or water to drink, and all because they refused to take men who were not Christians. That seems to be the first way that the devil tries the faith of believers, especially the women; but these women stood true. This is a young chief whose father before him, was very favorable to the Gospel, and this young man has been so far; even told his people some time ago that they were not to go out and work on Sundays but were to go to hear the Word of God. But his father's brother, an older man, has been influencing him and telling him that he was not filling his father's place and was spoiling their village; and it was under his influence that he treated these women so badly. Some of us went out one night, taking some of the evangelists and deacons of the church, and we women had a meeting to attract the people while the men took the chief off to talk to him. He was very calm about it and promised to release the women and not persecute them any more, but the deacons said afterward, "wouldn't his uncle talk to him again and wouldn't he listen to the uncle." Of course, being a young man he would have to listen to an older one, but we are praying that he may listen to what is right and have the courage to do the right thing.

How we praise God for the faith of our evangelists who are out in the work; I will give you an example of one of them. This is his own story "A little orphan boy of about 6 years old, had been left in the care of his aunt and uncle. They accused him of having evil spirits which had killed his parents; they had beaten him with sticks, thinking he would die, gave him no food and he slept outside at night, wherever he could find a place. One morning five men chased him out of the village; I hap-

pened to see it and asked the reason for such treatment to which they replied that he was killing people. I said that I wanted to take him and care for him. They said that he would kill me but I replied that I was a man of God and that he could not kill me. I told them again that I wanted to keep him and that if he could kill me my God was of no account. They consented and I gave him food and took him to the stream and cleaned him up, and took him home and I am still alive."

Most of these men have the faith of the men of old to call upon their God and to believe He will answer them and show them great and mighty things. Pray much.

In His Blessed Service,
Bertha Manuel.

MISS AYERS WRITES HOME CHURCH

Fort Sibut
Oubangui-Chari
French Equatorial Africa
Dec 29, 1939

Dear Ones of the Walnut Street
Baptist Church:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him." Ps. 28:7

Coming up from the chapel a few minutes ago my heart fairly sang with praise to Him and I couldn't help but marvel at the joy He puts in our hearts as we give out the Gospel to others. It is just another token of His grace and manifestation of His loving kindness toward us who are but dust. It is my privilege to have a class with a group of thirteen young men who are looking forward to going out as evangelists. Each is a fine Christian with a zeal for giving out the Gospel. In this class they study and learn the Gospel songs in order that they may teach them to others. These people love music and the songs mean a great deal to them.

Our school for the children of the missionaries closed the last day of November. We celebrated the event and also Thanksgiving by having a program in the school room. The nine adults on the station and two from Crampel made up the audience. Now the children are at their homes for three months of vacation. We thank God for the many blessings upon the school during the year and especially in keeping the children in fine health.

Our first Christmas in Africa has now passed. Sunday morning we had a precious Christmas church service. My heart was especially touched as a group of little boys repeated the Christmas Scripture from Luke and sang "Silent Night". Isn't it wonderful to think that these little black boys and girls have such wonderful words in their hearts! A men's quartet sang "It Came Upon a Mid-Night Clear". Mrs Vanderground took her organ to the chapel and it added much to the special occasion.

Sunday evening, Christmas Eve, we were all at the Rosenaus for supper and the evening (Our number was greatly diminished. The Brauns are away on a business trip and spent Christmas at another station, Miss Stowell is on another station now, and Miss Almen sailed from the west coast Christmas Day for Italy enroute to America for her furlough. These are perilous days in which to be on the Seas yet we know His own are in His hands.) We had large Christmas trees of the branches from a cypress. We sat in the candle light of the tree and sang Christmas Carols. We also had our gifts that evening. Perhaps you wonder how missionaries in the heart of Africa do their Christmas shopping. Trunks were searched for Christmas gifts, the carpenter shop buzzed with saws and hammers and even stores in Bangui and Sibut had their part Christmas Day all were here at our home for dinner. We had two ducks which Mr. Vanderground had been faithfully attempting to fatten for some time. Altogether we had a happy Christmas and although our thoughts were often of the ones at home there was joy in our hearts because we are in the place He would have us to be.

Now the days have settled down to the usual routine, I have been spending extra time in language study and visiting with the natives for understanding, helping in some of the classes, and have been getting caught up on some over due correspondence. My village class is now on Tuesday instead of Saturday. The Lord has been answering your prayers in behalf of the class. The interest and attendance has been growing and some progress in ability to read can now be seen. A boy in the village who learned to read here at the Mission has a reading class on the other days of the week. It truly rejoices our hearts as we see the natives themselves become interested and take the responsibility

of a class.

During the entire month of February our native evangelists will be here for Bible study. We would like for you to make this a special matter of prayer that the presence of the Lord might be felt in power in each class and that each might be so enriched in the things of the Lord that he will return to his village with a greater zeal for giving out the Word than ever before. During the last week of February there will be a Bible Conference and any who desire to attend may come. All will be fed and given a place to sleep here at the Mission. In other years it has been a time of rich blessing and we are trusting it will again be so this year.

Another prayer request is in behalf of Kolima's (ko-li-ma wife. Kolima is one of our prospective evangelists and his heart is yearning to be out in the villages preaching. He can not be sent out because of his wife whose daily walk is not always pleasing to the Lord. It is so necessary that the lives of the evangelists and their family be a Christian testimony as they go out in the villages else their words are in vain. We know the Lord can undertake in behalf of this one and prepare her for the work He would have her do.

Thank you so much for your monthly gifts which enables the work to continue here. We praise the Lord that our money has been held up but once since the war. We get it very promptly. Some of our letters are on the way three months in comparison to one and a half before September. Air mail reaches us in about four weeks now. We are only grateful that we are so little affected by the war. We just received word from friends we came to know while in Paris. They have had to leave their home and go to the country. Our hearts went out to them as they wrote of some of their experiences.

Trusting that the Lord will greatly bless your work there during the coming year, I am,

Your co-worker in Africa,
Catherine Ayers

MISS SCHLAYER TAKES PICTURE OF A LEOPARD —BUT HE'S DEAD!

Bangui, A. E. F.
December 19, 1939.

Dear Ones in Christ:

In just a few days it will be Christmas and a week from then New

Year's. As I look back one year, still better two years, a song of praise rises in my heart and I feel like shouting, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Two years ago at this time I was hardly aware of the fact of being alive as I lay in the depths of that dead coma. Today I am alive in Christ—very much alive. He has given to me wonderful health and strength. What more can I ask? Nothing except that I may use it all to His honor and glory.

Do not feel that I forgot to send a Christmas greeting. It has been constantly on my mind for two months, but I just simply was not able to get at it. So even though it is late and Christmas will be well gone, I pray God's richest blessings upon you for this coming year. Let us keep praying for one another as never before. These are dark days; what this war will lead to we do not know. But when our life is hid with Christ in God, then, come what may, we are safe in Him.

I had a very sweet experience this past week. The other night, rather tired, I sat in the steamer chair reading. I had been somewhat depressed that day and so wished to be alone. I heard a sob outside the closed door. I wondered who it might be at such a late hour, and what was the cause of the weeping. A suppressed voice said, "Madame, Madame, it is I." "Well, who is 'I'?" "It is Marie and Zalma." I opened the barred door and drew in the two girls, about 17 and 14 years of age. I had them sit close to my chair. Then they wept, one on my lap and the other on my shoulders, as if their hearts would break. Soon it came out that their step-mother, Teresse, with whom they had been living (since their own parents are hundreds of miles from here) was leaving to join her husband at Fort Archambault. This had been their home since they were small and the only home they had known for a long time. Zalma was to be sent by her future husband to a village far away, and Marie was to stay but without a home. They had wept in the village until they could weep no more and then decided to come to me and see what I would say. When they quieted down a little I said, "Let us talk to our Father about it." We prayed and during prayer it came to me to speak to one of the older Christians in our village with whom they might stay. After prayer I told them and they seemed real happy at the thought.

We talked a little about the classes. Marie, the older, has been a great help in teaching the girls. I told her how we needed to pray for them. Marie said, "Oh Madame, don't I pray day and night for them? And isn't God answering prayer? They are bringing the string back." Well, the string, what about it? I have told you of the sewing class. My purpose in it was to reach the hearts of these girls and train them in the Christ-like walk while still young. I have had some fine talks with them. Many of them have gotten to feel free to talk and confide their troubles. But as Rome was not built in a day, nor can a steer be broken in one day, neither have my girls become perfect at once. The other day I had to go early and so I left Marie in charge,—especially to watch the thread, which is a great temptation. That evening I learned that a good bit of the thread had disappeared. Marie had become interested in some new work I had given her and forgot about the thread. Naturally, my first impulse was to "land" on them, but on second thought I decided to wait and let God work. The next day in class, after I had dismissed the boys, I drew my chair up to the girls. A look of guilt came over their faces. We had prayer; then I spoke to them. I reminded them of what their mother required of them when she went away; how she commits a trust to them and expects them to keep it. When she comes home how happy her heart is when they have done well, but, oh, how hurt she is when they have failed, and how unhappy they themselves are knowing they have hurt her. I explained what the Lord Jesus suffered for us, because He loved us; how cruel men nailed Him to the cross, and drove those wicked nails into Him. I told about sin and how He hates sin. Many of them are believers and many of them are on the verge of accepting Christ. Then I said, "You love Him and you would not pick up a hammer and drive a nail into His hands, and yet when you disobey, tell lies, or steal, it is just like taking a hammer and driving a nail into His hands, as it hurts Him so. The thread may not have been much, but it did not belong to you and you did it under cover because you knew you could not take it otherwise. But you are giving the devil a chance to take hold of you and that hurts the Lord Jesus." Then I added, "I want you to return all of that thread. I will not punish you if you bring it

back, but if you do not return it, I will have to punish you." Friends, if you knew the black man as well as I do, you would know a native would rather die than admit that he has stolen, told a lie, etc. But the Word of God is powerful. Next day some thread came back, next day some more, yesterday still more.

I thank the Lord for these dear children, for their smiles and confidences. When one wants to bring me an egg for a gift about ten come along to see just how I will receive it. Yesterday was Mr. Wimer's birthday. I told the children about it. You should have seen them! They came loaded with flowers and bringing little basins of rice, corn, and a stack of eggs. Mr. Wimer was under the car, as usual, when all at once he was surrounded by children. There were so many flowers we could hardly find the man!

We had some excitement here a week ago. The leopard who has been prowling around here, prowls no longer. Early one morning we heard shouting on the road. Ngouta said they must have taken a leopard. That was all I needed to hear. I grabbed my camera and bike and off after the natives I went. I caught up with them when they arrived in their village with this leopard. There he was, and I felt like doing just like a native,—throw a spear at him and sing, "You won't get my chicken any more!" Well, I took his picture. I'm sure he would not have been so patient about it when he was alive nor I so courageous!

Once in a while something funny happens in class. I had asked some of the children to the desk to pick out certain words. Everything was going along very well, when I asked Paul, the Evangelist's son, to pick out the word "heaven". In Songo you cannot say "the word heaven", but just "pick out heaven" or "find heaven". Paul answered, "But it is a long ways, Madame". One of the children misbehaved. I had spoken to him several times but as he insisted on disturbing the others, I sent him out of class. I forgot all about him. After awhile I happened to look out the back door and there stood Mende across the road, as straight as a soldier at attention. How long he had stood that way I do not know, but I had to look quickly in another direction to keep from laughing.

There is plenty more to tell, but alas, there is no more room! I want to thank you for your unceasing prayers in my behalf, and for your

many gifts and letters. God bless you abundantly. Keep on praying. And even though you may not hear from me, keep on writing. Some of the letters are bound to come through. Many of the letters are taking three months to get here,—just like old times. If you want to reach me quickly, then the safest way is by air. Be sure you write on the envelope: "Via London and Algiers." Two thin sheets of paper in a thin envelope will cost 18 cents. Do not put more on. God bless you all!

Your missionary,
ELSA SCHLAYER.

CARLOWS AT LAST IN INDIA

Murkong Selek, P. O.
Sadlya Frontier Tract
Assam, India
December 21, 1939

Dear Friends in the homeland:

"Praise ye the Lord, O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth all His praise?" Psalm 106:1, 2.

"Home" at last, after 68 days of travel. Words fail us as we would attempt to express the joy in our hearts. We first sighted our new home last Sunday afternoon with its new thatched roof glistening in the sunlight. Tamik, Prior's language teacher, and the school boys had the gate to our compound decorated with banana palms, bamboo leaves and paper flags. They all waited with smiling faces to greet the new Sahib and MemSahib.

We were quite pleased with our bungalow, even though it is old, for we realize it is much larger and better than we could afford if we were to build a new one. Our bedroom is 20 ft. by 26 ft. and has a very high ceiling to help keep it cool. Since the lumber company left this building, eight years ago, the white ants have had possession and they have not been asleep. They have made a good job of destroying some of the ceiling cloth, plaster and some of the main beams. We thank our Heavenly Father for this place, as we know it was given by Him and we believe He will enable us to do the necessary repair work.

Here we are telling you about our new home and our last letter left you back at Port Said, Egypt! Our next port was Suez, then Jidda and Sudan in the Red Sea, and then on

to Karachi, our first Indian port. It was a thrill to put our feet on Indian soil for the first time, and our first day in India was a blessed one. We docked late Saturday evening and Sunday morning we started out with another missionary to find a place of worship. The Methodist and the Church of England are the only two churches in Karachi. We were too late for the Church of England service, but reached the Methodist service, but reached the Methodist service, they were singing the opening hymn. After the service, Mr. Thompson, the American Missionary, introduced himself and the English Chaplain of the British force in Karachi, who also uses this church for his services. The chaplain and his wife are trying to give the soldiers a bit of home life by inviting them for tea, supper and a hymn sing each Sunday at the manse.

Tea is served just after the morning service and we were invited. They were lovely people and we enjoyed our time of fellowship with them. Our conversation centered around the subject that occupies most British minds today—war. But, it was a time of testimony for us to relate how He had protected and given us peace.

In the afternoon the native Christians of Karachi had a parade and we joined them. It was quite picturesque to us as they were all wearing their 'Sunday best'. They sang continually and our hearts almost missed a beat when they began to sing the familiar chorus—"Joy, Joy, Joy"! You may be sure we joined in heartily. We marched into the Methodist Church and sat through the native service, but did not understand a word, of course. In the English service, which followed, we were asked to give a word of testimony. How happy we were to be able to again witness of His saving grace in a service where we could be understood by all. We can look back now and praise Him that at every port after we reached India—Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, Madras and Calcutta—we were entertained in Christian homes.

We enjoyed many new and interesting sights during our sea voyage, but none so welcome to us as the four white hankies that were raised high in the air as we slowly entered port at Calcutta, Sunday, December 10. Soon we recognized the faces of Mr. Prior and Dr. Crozier and two young ladies smiling back of the hankies.

We thank Him for each one of you who held us up in prayer, as we

passed through troubled waters. Many of the ports were prepared for attack and had mine fields in their channels, making it necessary for us to go miles out of our way at some places. How we praise God, our Pilot and Captain, for taking us safely through.

The customs offices are closed on Sunday, so two officers came on the ship and we were checked through in about a half hour. Our duty only amounted to nine dollars. Truly He had gone before us and undertaken in every detail.

While in Calcutta we stayed at the Lee Memorial Mission Home. These three days were busy ones spent in shopping and sight-seeing. There were a number of necessary things we had to purchase—a large mosquito net for our beds, two small nets for our cots, and canvas mosquito boots that come above the knee. We are stationed in a section where malaria is found in abundance and we need to take every precaution. We bought our jungle topees, which are made of a very thick pith—and indeed, we look as if we had a hay stack on top of our heads. We purchased our bed roll, which is quite a necessary thing in this country, as we always take our cots and bedding with us—for various reasons! Our tiffin (lunch) basket, water bottle and a few other things we needed completed our shopping. We are certainly thankful for all the things we brought with us, as the prices are up these days.

Our large baggage was sent all the way by river steamer, while most of our journey was by rail. We rode on six different trains, two river boats and two buses! We were certainly glad Mr. Prior was with us—we met too many people who did not understand our language! Between the three of us we had 18 pieces of small baggage, including bed rolls, lunch baskets, water bottles and cameras. What a time we had each time we changed trains. It took our six eyes to keep them all together. But there were more than six eyes watching us! There are four different classes on the trains. Our trip by first class would have cost Rs82; by second class Rs41, by inter class Rs21 and by third class Rs10. We traveled inter class. The men and women have separate coaches. The white ladies always ride in the men's coach if they are with their husbands. I was the only white lady in our coach. The seats run lengthwise, making it easier for all to see. How they watched us when we ate

our lunch. But we were much more interesting to them after we reached Gauhati where another member of our household joined us—little Tiny Mite, whom we now call Hundari. (She is the little Hindu baby Prior's are raising and had sent to a Christian home while they were locating this new station.) Here was a white woman with two men and a black baby! My, how they all stared at us. But they knew the little one was too black to be our child and they looked upon us with approval and smiled as we treated Hundari so kindly.

When we reached Saikhoa Ghat, Friday morning at 4 P. M., we were to travel by bus to the river, but there was no bus leaving until 11 o'clock the next morning! What service—and no hotels! The English government has built what are called Oak Bungalows, to be used by mail runners and other government employees when traveling. They have given missionaries permission to use them when they are not occupied and how thankful we were for this place of shelter.

What a bus ride we had Saturday morning. We rode in clouds of dust! Our baggage was covered with sand and plenty of it found its way into our suitcases. We were greeted at the river by four Miris that Mr. Prior hires from a near by village to row the native boat. They were very glad to see us, as they had been waiting since Friday noon for us. Mrs. Prior awaited us at the Oak Bungalow in Murkong Selek and had a hot meal prepared. It tasted fine to us after two and a half days of picnic lunch. We spent the night there and left for Laimakuri Sunday morning.

We have seen the Lord work in bringing us here and we believe we will see Him work through us in this place. Many natives have been here to visit us during these few days and they are quite friendly and receptive to the Gospel message. At present the barrier between us and them is the language. We will begin to study Assamese at once. It is the main language of this province and will be needed in traveling to the native villages and among our helpers on the compound. It looks to be anything but easy, but we know that prayer does lighten each task and we have the promise—"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God—and it shall be given him!"

In His care,
Joyce and Jimmie Garlow.

PAULSONS HEADING FOR NEW STATION

"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Heb 13:14

Fort Crampel
December, '39

Dear ones in Christ:

You will be anxiously waiting to hear how the Lord has worked in our behalf. We praise Him that with "Him nothing is impossible." It is our "old man" that puts the "Imp" unto things when with "Him all things are possible;" that means at all times and under all circumstances. We know that there has been much prayer ascending to the Throne of Grace for us and our fellow-workers; God hears and answers prayer so we have a right to expect Him to work mightily.

After our October circular letter to you, we felt led to join Mr. and Mrs. Jeunnette at Moroubas, 100

miles from here, until the Lord opened another door for us. Having been at Moroubas a little over a month, we returned to Crampel for several weeks of special work. And so it is from Crampel that we write you again. This no doubt will be our last letter to you from Crampel station.

Since the out-break of war it has been difficult to obtain gas and so we were obliged to wait patiently until He opened the way for us. Now we have been able to get gasoline and are able to go to Bangassou to join Mrs. Becker in making plans and preparations for the establishment of a station at Kembe. (To those of you who may not have followed us in previous letters, Kembe is the name of the place where we shall be establishing a mission station in co-operation with Mrs. Becker.) We shall be at Bangassou until we get a temporary house set up at Kembe. Bangassou is only 85 miles away from Kembe.

We are planning to leave Crampel station in a day or so and shall be making an immediate trip to Bangassou with our baggage. So we request you all to note the change of address. Instead of Crampel write to Bangassou.

"Let not your hearts be troubled", dear ones. Truly the days are evil, but if we keep our eyes on Jesus, these things will not trouble us. So keep looking up—"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." "Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." "Continue in Prayer and WATCH in the same with THANKSGIVING".

God has wonderfully supplied our every need. We thank you one and all for your generous gifts and for your faithfulness in prayer for the work out here. God bless and keep you all throughout this coming year.

Yours in His service,

Dick and Irene Paulson.

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