



MISSOURI MISSION MESSENGER

Iberia Contributions

Almost \$2400 has been contributed by congregations and interested individuals to the erection of the new church building at Iberia, Missouri. Appeals were made by William Hensley and W. Carl Ketcherside and were mailed to a number of faithful churches. The results are very gratifying. By doing a great deal of the work themselves, brethren hope to hold the cost of the new building to an approximate \$3600. The building is in the process of erection now, and the roof was being put on at the time of the report (November 20.)

Contributions were received and accounts kept by Louis Martin, Route 3, Dixon, Missouri, and the report of receipts given is by him. Any corrections should be called to our attention, and will be made in the next issue. Additional contributions may be mailed to Brother Martin, and acknowledgement will be made through the columns of this paper. The contributions are listed below as given by churches, and also individuals and families. Where possible, the listing has been abbreviated to save space and time.

Brother Martin writes, "The congregation has received much more aid than we expected, and we are all deeply indebted to the brethren and friends for their help, as listed below."

Contributions From Churches

New Castle, Ind.	\$120
Kansas City, Mo. (59th & Kenwood)	100
Flat River, Mo.	100
Mount View (Iberia)	100
St. Louis (5344 Lillian)	100
St. Louis (7121 Manchester) .	100
Bonne Terre, Mo.	50
Nevada, Mo.	50
Sullivan, Ill.	50
Carthage, Mo. (Center Church)	50
Kansas City, Mo. (26th Spruce)	50
Anderson, Ind.	25
Bee Creek Ill.	25
Springfield, Mo.	25
Nixa, Mo.	25

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SHADOWS

The title of the series of talks now being given over Station WTMV, Saint Louis is "Shadows." As the name indicates, the series has to deal with Old Testament types and their antitypes in the New Testament. The book which will carry these 13 sermons will also have the name "SHADOWS." It will be issued about February 5, and advance orders are now being taken therefor. The price will be the same as past books, \$50 per copy, or three copies for one dollar. Those who desire these books should place orders in advance to be sure and secure them. The next one will be particularly helpful to those interested in finding material for talks in the local congregation.

ATTENTION!

Congregations which have promised to assist in the mission work at Ozark, during the year of 1946, are requested to send their initial contributions at once to Charles F. Boyd, Ozark, Missouri. Most of the churches and individuals supporting Brother Kenneth Morgan in the northwest for two years have agreed to continue their mission work in this needy southern Missouri area for the next year. Bernell Weems will begin the work at Ozark soon after the close of the Saint Louis Bible Reading, and will be followed for additional six months work by Dick Kerr, of Brookport, Illinois. We know of no place where we need to concentrate our efforts any more than at Ozark. These brethren have had a hard fight. Let's get behind them, and stay behind them—but not too far back please! Others desirous of aiding this worthy work should send contributions as above. Full account of all receipts and expenditures will be kept by Brother Boyd.

Golf is a game in which a ball one and a half inches in diameter is placed on a ball 8,000 miles in diameter with the intention of hitting the smaller ball but not the larger.

SMITH BACKS DOWN

Eugene S. Smith, who announced over the radio in Des Moines, Iowa, that the erection of schools for the purpose of teaching the Bible and other subjects in connection, constituted the church at work, has now positively refused to defend that statement. Readers of the Triple-M recall that he was challenged by W. Carl Ketcherside, for a series of debates on the issue, to be held both in the south and north. He declined his position in the south, but countered with the proposal to debate in Des Moines.

Ketcherside secured affidavits from the leaders and elders of the two faithful churches in that city to act as their representative and immediately sent a signed proposition, covering the very words used by Smith on the air, and inserting the name of Freed-Hardeman College as an example. After a long and patient wait, a letter has come from Smith under date of Nov 8, in which he seeks for an alibi, to keep from meeting the statement that he made on the air.

He pleads that the Missouri Mission Messenger unwisely made statements relative to the church with which he is connected, and while he does not deny them, or challenge their authenticity, he demands a retraction thereof in this issue, as a prelude to the debate. The charges made were true. Of that we are sure! There will be no retraction made in this or any other issue, of the truth, for that is what we stand for.

Smith says, "Your letter has been at hand for several weeks but due to many things I have been unable to find time to give it the consideration it deserves and reply as promptly as I should."

In the meantime a friend of mine has clipped the front page from your paper of October and sent it to me. This put an entirely different light on the matter of our discussion. You can clear the matter up very easily by a statement in your next paper. (Continued to page 4)

ST. LOUIS STUDY

The winter session of the Saint Louis Bible Study will be held for six weeks, starting December 31. Classes will be conducted daily from 9 a. m. until 2:30 p.m. with a special development class in the afternoon for one hour. The study this year will cover the four gospels, and the book of Acts, with the Roman letter being considered in analytical form.

No tuition will be charged. The study is free to all who can attend. The cost of room and board, while in the city, will have to be borne by the individual students however. At this present time, the room situation in Saint Louis presents a major problem. There are hardly any desirable quarters to be obtained, and the church has a special group working upon the matter of arranging for the students attending. We suggest that unless you have your arrangements made before December 31, that you not come without first wiring or telephoning or reservations. Write at once if you expect to come and we will attempt to place you. But you must get busy right now and notify us of your expectations. Write Robert Morrow, 7117 Manchester Ave., Saint Louis, Mo.

We are going to present a special article relative to the care of our aged preachers and their wives in our next issue. In the meantime we suggest that you be thinking seriously over this problem with a view to writing your sentiments on the question. We will give space in future numbers of the paper to as many readers as we can. To our mind, this is indeed a matter of importance. Be prepared to state your candid views, whether they coincide with ours or not. We will be ready to present a definite suggestion for handling the matter in a scriptural fashion and we will welcome your viewpoint as to our future policy in the matter.

A woman never knows what kind of dress she doesn't want until she buys it.

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DON'T MARRY A CATHOLIC

Marriage is one of the most intimate relationships of this life. For that reason it is likened to the close union which exists between Christ and the church. Christian marriage must be based upon proper ideals and prompted by proper motives. It transcends mere infatuation, and is based upon the highest moral, spiritual, mental and physical principles. While it is true that the physical side of marriage is essential, yet that feature must be sublimated to the higher considerations of moral and spiritual worth. Otherwise, marriage becomes but a legal technicality permitting the indulgence and gratification of lust, and is altogether sensual, rather than sensible.

Since this delicate relationship is dependent upon the harmonious blending of two characters it is obvious that the fewer differences which exist at the start, the less difficulty will be found in the attainment to the ideal companionship. Differences in age, previous environment, religious concepts, and emotional outlets all provide obstacles which are hard to overcome. One of the hardest barriers to surmount is that of religion. This is due to the fact that religion is of the heart and intellect wholly, and thus there is little concrete outward manifestation upon which to concentrate.

Young people in the Churches of Christ should use proper judgement in the selection of a mate. Blind passion may govern the animals, but only affection based upon proper understanding should make our choice. At the outset, we may safely affirm,

that those who marry someone out of the faith, are taking a chance. It has been said, marriage is a gamble (a word I do not like); yet, there is no use to stack the cards against yourself before you start. Marry in the Lord! It is true that enduring ties have been formed where one party was not a Christian, and yet, it must be remembered that in the establishing of a home, there are others to be considered than ourselves. One who enters marriage with the thought of forever evading the biological function of parenthood is making a fool out of himself, for he seeks happiness without recognizing the proper source from which it is obtainable. Since therefore, the primary purpose of marriage is to "replenish the earth after our kind" and since we are Christians, we should enter marriage with the original object of populating the earth with those of like precious faith. This may be done by the Christian partner, but it will be done without the encouragement, assistance and mutual understanding, which alone can produce true happiness.

Members of the Church of Christ should not, under any circumstances, contract marriage with members of the Catholic Church. It is not fair to the Catholic. It is not fair to the Christian. Before a Catholic can marry a Protestant, he must either compromise his religion, or the Protestant must sign away all of the rights and privileges in advance, which pertain to the sacred realm of parenthood. No one who is a non-Catholic can marry a Catholic, without one or both of the parties lying, compromising, or at least forfeiting the most cherished prerogatives of life.

If you are married by a Protestant minister, the Catholic church does not recognize it as marriage at all. The Catholic gives up all of his religious traditions and is barred from all the "sacraments" of his church. In proof of this I quote from "Marriage Questions" in the Catholic Extension Magazine. Here is question 1147 (a): "I am a Catholic and am considering marrying a Protestant girl in her church. Is this permitted?"

Here is the answer. "A Catholic who married in a Protestant Church would be excommunicated from the church and would be unable to participate in any of

Her ceremonies, Sacraments or graces. He would have to obtain absolution from the bishop, through his confessor, before he could again participate in the church. Under no condition imperil the salvation of your immortal soul by acting in this manner." That gives you the Catholic view of it.

But let us suppose that the marriage takes place in the Protestant church anyway. Here's question 1154: "A boy baptized in the Catholic Church made his First Communion, but thereafter never practiced his Faith. He married a non-Catholic girl outside the Church. He now wishes to marry a Catholic. Can this be done?"

ANSWER: "Since the laws of the Churches require that a Catholic be married by a priest, and since it appears that this young man is a Catholic in the meaning of the Church, his marriage outside the Church would not be considered valid by the Church. If after a civil divorce be wished to marry a Catholic girl, such a marriage could take place after the Church had declared the former marriage void. His pastor will present the case to the diocesan officials for judgement."

Sometimes however, in an attempt to thwart the well-laid plans of the church, and make the Catholic feel easier in his mind, a young couple will effect a compromise in which they agree they will not be married by a minister of either faith. Instead, they will just go to a justice of the peace, and have him say the binding words. If you are married to a Catholic in this fashion, the Roman Catholic church still takes the position that you are not married at all. The Catholic can secure a civil divorce and marry a Catholic girl, just the same as he could if he had never met you.

Let us hear Question 1155: "I am a Catholic woman married to a divorced man by a magistrate. We have separated and I have applied for a divorce. Can I return to the Sacraments before the divorce is granted?" ANSWER "If you are a Catholic—i. e., one baptized and taught the Catholic faith—you can be married only by a Catholic priest. Therefore your marriage before a magistrate is not considered marriage in the eyes of the Church. If you have separated you may return to the Church. before the divorce is granted by going to confession. The first

marriage must be declared null by the Church before you can contact a marriage. Your pastor will take this matter up with the Chancery office for you."

But suppose the member of the Church of Christ decides that it does not make any particular difference to God who performs the ceremony of marriage, and so goes to the priest. Will that person have to compromise conscience or make any unscriptural promises? Listen to Question 1147 (b) as addressed to Extension Magazine: "The girl I am to marry refuses to raise any future children as Catholics. What can I do?"

ANSWER: "It is impossible for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic who refuses to raise ALL the children as Catholics. This may seem unfair but since the Protestant attitude is that any religion is as good as another, there is no injustice if we, who know that ours is the ONLY TRUE RELIGION, insist that the children be given the True Faith of Christ."

Therefore, I again caution all of our readers not to contract marriage with a member of the Catholic faith. I do not say this because I have any personal dislike for Catholics, for I do not. The Catholic religion is a religion of apostasy, but while I may detest the religion I do not have a bit of hatred to those who are deluded believers of the same. But such a marriage is opposed to the fundamental grounds upon which happiness can be attained. It is not fair to either party. I will admit that sometimes a member of the church will marry a Catholic and she may be converted to the gospel. I rejoice in all such conversions, but the chances are just as great that it will be the other way. We should not willfully desire to hurt anyone, and generally someone is hurt and deeply hurt by such a marriage. The Catholic church is opposed to it; the Church of Christ is opposed to it. Why take a chance? Why go against the faith of the New Testament? Marriage is sacred! Do not make it anything less than that!

Plan For Commentary

Letters have been sent out by C. R. Turner, Sullivan, Ill., sounding out the brotherhood on the matter of a commentary on the entire Bible, to be written by E. M. Zerr, New Castle, Indiana, and incorporating notes and comments used by him in his Bible

teaching. The proposal is that Brother Zerr retire from active teaching throughout the country, and devote all of his time to this work, utilizing as many hours each day as he feels it possible to give to the task. During this time he would be supported by 52 congregations, each of which would send him \$50 on the week designated for their contribution. This plan to continue regardless of how long it takes to complete the work of writing the commentary.

It is not determined how long it would be until a publisher could be contacted on the proposition, nor how long it would be until the books are actually available, although it is estimated that the work of writing may take several years. The number of volumes or approximate size of them could not be decided until the material was ready. Therefore, the eventual cost of the commentary to those purchasing, is still a matter of conjecture.

Brother Turner has mimeographed a letter setting forth the general idea, and Brother Zerr has drawn up a sample of the notes on the first chapters of Genesis. These will be mailed upon request to those who are interested. Correspondence with regard to the proposal should be addressed to C. R. Turner, 824 Blackwood, Sullivan, Ill. Either churches or individuals who would be interested in supporting the writing of such a work are urged to write at once.

THE FLIGHT OF THE JEWS

President Truman has recently taken cognizance of the terrible condition of the Jews in Europe. There are tens of thousands of these unfortunate souls still on the continent, and living under conditions that are virtually unbearable and indescribable. Displaced from their homelands by the horrors of war, they are forced to wander in rags and filth, pleading for mercy and finding little. The seeds of hatred sown by Hitler and his henchmen have not all been uprooted, and thus the Jews, more than any other people are suffering from the aftermath of the world conflict.

The present negotiations are being taken with two objects in mind: (1) A survey of the land of Palestine, to determine whether it will be practicable to open up any further territory therein for Jewish colonization; (2) A survey of other, and especially neutral nations, to see if it is

possible for them to absorb more Jewish immigrants.

The Palestine situation is complicated by the political aspects of Great Britain and her negotiations with the Arabs. These latter naturally look upon the settlement of the Jews as an encroachment upon their territories. England is trying to play both ends against the middle" and perhaps realizes that she is sitting upon a powder keg in the administration of this land where the Savior once lived and walked. It is wrong to suppose that there is a universal desire upon the part of the Jews to return to Palestine. While the Zionist movement has some strength, yet it is also admitted that thousands of Jews would prefer to settle in other countries, the United States being the first choice of majority, we presume.

It is a sad omen, but true, that the feelings of anti-Semitism are increasing in this nation. Even in the Churches of Christ, one hears many slighting remarks against the Jew. Often, such remarks are given with a sneer, which all too clearly indicates the attitude of the speaker. These things ought not to be, and no man who is truly converted will harbor such feelings, or make such expressions.

It is wrong to oppress any group because it is in the minority. If it is right to oppress one group solely on that account, then it will be right to oppress every other minority group. But the Churches of Christ are very much in the minority in this nation and the world. Once you sow the seeds of oppression against a minority, you can never tell where the harvest will be gathered. Your own children may be killed before your eyes some day, and on the same basis as you foment hate against others.

It is true that there are unscrupulous Jews. But it is also true that there are unscrupulous Gentiles. If therefore, all Jews are to be despised because of the unwise tactics pursued by some of them, on that same basis you are duty bound, in order to be consistent to hate all Gentiles, and since you are a Gentile, you will have to hate yourself. No group can be condemned because of the conduct of individual members thereof. If you were to condemn every group which had members in it not living right, you would have to condemn the Church of Christ. The apostles as a whole were not to be condemned because one of them was Judas Iscariot. The church as a whole was not condemned because Ananias and Sapphira were members of it.

It is wrong to persecute a man because his nationality or color differs from yours. If it be right to persecute upon that basis, then if you were transferred to any other nation or country on earth, you would be subject to persecution, upon the basis of your own practice. A man cannot help his nationality, neither can he help his color. A man is not born a Jew by choice; neither is he born a negro by choice. Neither is he born an American by choice. Nationality and color make no difference to God. It is not where a man lives, or how he looks externally that will take him to heaven, but what he is and what he does, no man will be sent to hell because he is a Jew; no man will go to heaven because he is a Caucasian. In Christ Jesus, there is neither Jew or Greek.

If you hate Jews because they are Jews then you are forced to hate Paul, Peter, James and John. By the same token, you are forced to hate John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, in the flesh. No wonder the word of God condemns such hatred. No man can be a Christian, and hate the Jews. Even if he dislikes the present attitude of the Jews with whom he comes in contact, he must still love them. The Holy Spirit says, "As touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes." That means that they are beloved for the sake of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, David, Solomon, and all of the host of fathers who lived and died as the chosen of God in their day. Moreover, the time will come when they will accept the Messiah, and should you live to see that day, you will regret the bitter hatred which you harbored against them in your heart, for they will then be your brethren.

One of the greatest fears which can be entertained by the Gentile world is that they may become conceited, feeling they are superior to the Jew, and thus lose the grace of God, which the fall of the Jews brought to them. On this matter, Paul speaks plainly, "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in" (Romans 11:25.) Again he speaks concerning the Jews, in this fashion, "Because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches (Jews); take heed lest he also spare not thee."

(Romans 11:20, 21).

We are glad that the president of the United States, as a leader of our people, is taking an interest in the fate of the Jews. It speaks well for any country, when it shows mercy to those less fortunate. And it has been the history of God's dealings with man, that he always repays them nationally for their conduct, either good or bad. It is true in a nation as an individual, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

Liberty And The Land

I doubt that America would ever have been "the land of the free and the home of the brave," if she would have had to depend upon those who lived in the cities to kindle the spark of freedom. Thomas Jefferson declared, "Only the man who owns his own land and looks to the sun in heaven and to the labor of his hands for his daily bread, can have that spirit of independence, which is the life breath of republics." And sure enough, at Concord Bridge, it was the "embattled farmers" who stood and "fired the shot heard round the world." It was in the log cabins and lean-tos of these free men, that people came to have the courage and the glorious audacity to defy kings and aristocrats. They did not have to bend the knee to lords, as did feudal serfs in the old country. They paid not one cent of tribute to nobles who lived in ease upon immense estates. They did not ask permission to kill a rabbit, nor were they in danger of being thrown in the common prison as poachers if they slew an elk or deer. They looked upon the wild creatures as a heritage of God for all of his people. They loved the fields which they owned, tilled and reaped, and they were resolved not to surrender the fruit of their labor to a tyrannical despot. The man who owns his own land draws the breath of liberty. And it is that breath, which blown hot in times of oppression, has inflamed the hearts of others with a desire for freedom. The story of liberty is the story of the land, tilled and farmed by free men. Vice in the city, but service in the country. This is still the rule today.

The only thing harder than a diamond is making the payments on it.

Strange that men call money dough — dough sticks to your fingers.

Iberia Contributions

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Des Moines, Iowa (Dean Avenue)	25
Webster Groves, Mo.	20
Des Moines, Iowa (University Avenue)	20
Martinsville, Ind.	20
Milan, Mo. (Bethel Church) ..	15
Topeka, Kansas	15
Salem, Mo.	15
Unionville, Mo.	15
Dexter, Mo. (Bridge)	10
Brookport, Ill.	10
Martinstown, Mo.	10
Marshalltown, Iowa	10
Linneus, Mo. (Pleasant Point)	10
Gainesville, Mo. (Smith Chapel)	10
Mattoon, Ill.	10
Shelby, Mo.	10
Shelbyville, Ill.	10
Spokane, Wash.	10
Windsor, Ill. (New Liberty) ..	10
Stull, Kansas	10
Bethany, Mo. (Antioch)	5
Ellington, Mo.	5
Chesapeake, W. Va.	2
Total from Churches \$1247.00	
Contributions From Families And Individuals	
Leonard Bilyeu (St. Louis) ..	\$10.
R. A. Law (Iberia)	100
Dorsey Willis (Iberia)	100
John Bilyeu (Iberia)	100
Freeman Bilyeu (Iberia)	100
Frank Crismon (Eldon)	100
Jule Keeth (Iberia)	63
Tom Duncan (Ft. Leonard Wood)	50
Ellis J. Crum (Linton, Ind.) ..	50
Albert Keeth (Dixon)	50
Interested Brother (Bethel, Conn.)	50
Aged Disciple (Topeka, Kan.)	30
Dora Bilyeu (Iberia)	25
Herbert Geest (Carrollton, Missourl)	25
M. M. McKee (Iberia)	25
Elmer Crocker (St. Louis) ..	20
C. D. Snodgrass (Tuscumbia)	20
J. R. Nighswonger (Kansas City)	20
Clemens Kraml (Iberia)	20
Helen Davis (Iberia)	10
Louis Martin (Iberia)	10
Nellie Ponder (Iberia)	10
Mary Alexander (Iberia)	10
Eugene Keeth (Iberia)	10
Walter Booth (Overland Park, Kansas)	10
Buell Boyce (Kan. City)	5
Kathryn Hamilton (Kansas City)	5
W. G. Dickerson (Kansas City)	5
Jack Young (St. Louis)	5
Louis King (Spokane, Wash.)	5
Anonymous (Lillian Avenue Church)	5
A. Atteberry (Rockville),	

Missouri 5
 Burl Farmer (Kan. City) .. 5
 A. R. Dix (Rockville) 3
 Bro. from Stull, Kan. 2.50
 Roy Holeyfield (Iberia) 1
 Total from individuals \$1144.50
 Total from churches and individuals up to November 20, 1945 \$2397.50
 In addition to the above Allie Boyce of Kansas City, has presented the Iberia church with a sterling silver communion set. Also: the congregation at Martinsville, Indiana, has promised to contribute regularly to them over a period of six months. Their contribution to date is shown above.
 We wish to add our personal thanks to those who have responded to the plea made in behalf of the little group at Iberia. They have a mind to work. Their attendance has now grown until it already averages over 50 per Lord's Day. It is felt that as soon as they get into their new place of worship, crowds will be augmented even over what they are now. All faithful disciples passing through central Missouri are urged to stop and pay the congregation at Iberia a visit. It is not far from the Lake of the Ozarks, and the Bagnell Dam. If you plan a vacation in this wonderful Ozark region, include Iberia, in those plans.

SMITH BACKS DOWN

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per, but if you will not do that the negotiations need proceed no further.
 The matter to which I refer is this: In the article entitled, "Smith Challenged," you speak of the church here as a "little recalcitrant group, some of whom had been withdrawn from by the faithful churches."
 Now, Carl, no matter what you think about the church here, with a discussion approaching and the church endorsing me as a representative, you should not have published such a statement for it leads me to disbelieve your avowal that this would be a discussion of issues and not personalities. Therefore, if you will not, in your next issue of the paper, publish an apology for having made this statement in your October issue, you can just drop the whole matter. If you care to prepare and publish this apology I will take it as bona fide proof that you are sincere in a determination to hold a discussion on a high plane which will be of benefit to all and we can proceed in the arrangement of propositions." (End quotation).

This all sounds wonderful as Smith sets forth the proper conduct for a man entering into debate. But he apparently overlooked the fact that just about a year ago he wrote about the churches here in the St. Louis area, including Brother Ottwell and myself, "These men to whom you refer, are men it would be better to avoid. They are hobbyriders who have split the church, and caused all manner of dissension in it."

The letter he now writes poses him as being calm, meek and unoffending, but that is because he wants to get out of this debate and still have a little prestige left among his own people. Underneath it all, there still runs the undercurrent of his bitter opposition to those who would dare challenge the right of anyone to foster schools and saddle them on to the church, as "a part of the church at work." So the debate with Smith is apparently off, and a copy of my last letter to him follows. I am sorry! But perhaps, the day may yet come when one of the men who so daringly defend the colleges without an opponent will meet one of us.

Nov. 14, 1945

Eugene S. Smith,
 P. O. Box 735
 Des Moines 3, Iowa
 Dear Eugene:

After waiting so long for a reply from you, I must admit a certain disappointment in the contents of your letter, albeit—I cannot say that I am greatly surprised. A great many brethren have told me you would never defend publicly the statement that you made on the air regarding the schools and I am forced to the conclusion that you are bold in asserting things until challenged, but you lose taste for them, when your "hand is called."

Eugene, you realized when you wrote this last letter, that I would not retract that which I believe to be the truth. I stated my honest convictions relative to the church you are working with, and you are now merely employing that as a subterfuge, and to make it look good to those who are in sympathy with you. What an alibi to keep from meeting an opponent!

When Bogard called you a Campbellite, did you refuse to debate him until he apologized? It would seem to me that a real man would be stirred to meet an issue if he thought he was being misrepresented. Now, it is apparent that in accusing the church there of being a little re-

calcitrant group, some of whom have been withdrawn from by faithful churches, I was either stating the truth or lying. Why didn't you challenge me to prove my charge? Why didn't you say "I demand that you come to Des Moines and face this congregation and prove that some of the members have been withdrawn from by the churches you are affiliated with, or else retract the charge!" Perhaps what I said about the church there is right. Do you want me to retract the truth?

You feel apparently that your dignity has been offended by my statement. Eugene, people who live in glass houses should not throw stones. A short time ago you wrote to a certain woman in the state of Missouri, concerning the work of the churches in the Saint Louis area, with which I am affiliated, the following, "In reply to your letter of August 18, 44, I must say that these men to whom you refer, are men that it would be better for you to avoid. They are hobbyriders who have split the church, and caused all manner of dissension in it. I would not want to enter into any work that would be taken over by them."

Now, did I refuse to debate you because you said that? Did I demand that you retract it and apologize? No, but I will say that my reading of that made me all the more anxious to meet you. I think it would be fairly easy to show who will hold on to a human organization if it divides the Body of the Son of God. I think it would be easy to show an audience who is responsible for the dissension in the church. Had you forgotten that insult which you wrote concerning our work? Or did you think that we would not have access to it?

The truth of the matter is, that if I thought you were affiliated with a faithful church I wouldn't want to debate with you. I'm not accustomed to debating with faithful brethren in Christ. The mere fact that I signed a proposition to meet you is indicative of the fact that I believe you are affiliated with a recalcitrant group. Now, you ask me to withdraw that charge, as a condition of meeting you. I'll not withdraw it, but if you'll allow me to appear before the church for which you are a "minister" for one hour, I'll prove the charge.

You cannot defend the proposition which you made on the air! You refuse to even meet it! Therefore, I must conclude that you are advocating those propositions for the unsuspecting and gullible

public which you have neither the scripture or the spiritual stamina to attempt to defend. I regret this very much indeed! It was my sincere hope that we might be able to show the merits of our respective positions, but the conditions which you impose, are to me intolerable. Thus, once more, I am forced to conclude my correspondence with a "Bible College advocate" without scouring a discussion.

If you think that N. B. Harde-man will affirm that the school of which he is a president is a scriptural enterprise, please suggest to him, that we will be pleased to meet him in denial of such proposition.

Yours for the ONE BODY,
W. Carl Ketcherside

"Lessons From Yesterday"

The linotype work for the new book, containing the cream of the writings of W. G. Roberts, is now in full swing. It is expected that the book will go to press about next March, as much work still lies ahead in perfecting it. There will be 360 pages of reading matter, and the book will be bound in full library cloth, stamped on front cover and backbone, and will have an attractive and colorful jacket. The contract calls for use of 60 pound eggshell book stock paper, and if obtainable at the time, this will make a particularly serviceable volume.

Among the lessons to be found therein, are the following, some of which came from the pen of Brother Roberts, as early as 1902. Read this selection of chapters, and you'll know how valuable this book will be to you and your friends. It will answer a great many puzzling questions.

- Justification By Faith.
- Do Babies Inherit Sin?
- Is The Bible A Plaything?
- Baptized For The Dead.
- Being Born Into God's Family.
- Origin Of The Black Man and Other Races.
- "Vengeance Is Mine."
- Feet Washing and The Lord's Supper
- Tell The Truth.
- True Immersion.
- Will The Bodies Of The Wicked Be Immortal?
- Conscience.
- Christians Are God's Poems.
- What Is Your Life?
- The First Resurrection.
- Doubts.
- The Breath Of Life.
- Love and Affection.
- Mysteries: Love and Faith.
- Let Brotherly Love Continue.
- The Ministry of Angels.
- The Two Covenants.

- The Book of Books.
- Develop The Young.
- Nancy Hanks.
- The Bible.
- Identity Of The Church.
- Taking Membership.
- Women Speaking In The Church
- First Principles.
- Christmas.

Rocks, Hills, Canyons & Falls.
What Am I? or Am I What I Am?

Infidels and The Bible.

An introduction to the book has been prepared showing some of the characteristics of Brother Roberts' writings. This will include an article telling how he delivered his first sermon, and another detailing the work of an evangelist, and his experiences on just one trip. The first was printed in 1917, the latter in 1938. We have incorporated them in this book because of their interest.

We are trusting to an advance sale of this book to help in meeting at least half of the original cost. If you are interested in helping us to publish the writings of faithful brethren, we would appreciate your order NOW, for as many copies of "Lessons From Yesterday" as you can use for yourself, and as gifts. The cost will be \$2 per copy for first edition. All books are on a money-back guarantee.

Here And There

Harold Shasteen concluded a four weeks meeting with the church at Cedar Rapids during the past month . . . Bro. Fred Pryor of Cedar Rapids, was unable to walk for several days as result of severe case of rheumatism . . . The mother of Brother Earl Evans, one of the elders at Hammond, Illinois, fell recently and broke her hip. She is 83 years old . . . Carl Isham, of Springfield, Mo., closed a meeting at St. Francis, Kansas on November 11, and then went to Kirk, Colo., for a few days work . . . Bro. George Eccles (Nowata, Okla.) was taken to the hospital at Tulsa, for an operation, and was reported doing fine after the surgery . . . Walter S. Weekly (Exeter, Calif.) sends word that he is dispatching us some material relative to the Orphan Home question. Thanks, Walter! . . . Nathan Ridgway, one of the elders at New Castle, Ind., reports everything going along well and attendance good . . . William Hensley was in a meeting at Shelbyville, Ill., during the month just past . . . Brother W. G. Roberts was not feeling very well along about November 12, and

had to be in bed a portion of each day . . . Hershel Ottwell is conducting a Bible Study for the church at Old Pearl, Ill. He has recently concluded at Springfield, Ill., . . . The church at Granite City is losing one of its leaders, when Bro. Howard McCann and family go to a farm, which he purchased . . . Bro. Robert Brumback has concluded his work in Bridgeport, Conn., and returned to the middle west . . . Emery M. Smith posted notices to the effect that Church of Christ services would be held in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wayne Peden, where Bro. Smith is visiting at Ajo, Arizona. The first day there were 20 present . . . Lottie Langdon (Des Moines, Iowa) has been visiting in Rocky Ford, Colorado, and attended at La Junta. She enquires location of church at Glendale, Arizona, where she plans on spending the winter . . . Bud Woodruff, recently discharged from the army, visited the Melvin Short family in Des Moines and took a pheasant hunt. Bud is a member at Manchester Avenue . . . Lionel Burton has been transferred to Lambert Field (St. Louis) and will get to be at home and church quite frequently . . . Bobby Duncan (Bloomington, Ind.) a soldier stationed at Scott Field, Ill., divided the time with Curtis Burton on the edification period at Manchester Avenue Church, November 18 . . . The elders at Lillian Avenue Church announce that several men are under consideration for the appointment as deacons in the near future . . . Lee Ross (Manchester Avenue) who went to the hospital for surgery, and then contracted scarlet fever, is now fairly well over the double attack . . . Alton Harris spoke for the church at Souder, Missouri, on the morning of November 11, and was with the congregation at Brixey that same night . . . Robert Morrow recently spent a vacation of almost two weeks near Dixon, Missouri . . . Wayne and Ella Frances Jones, write from Overland Park, Kansas, their appreciation for the talks on WREN . . . Bernell Weems was at Compton, California on November 18 . . . Compton will build as soon as they get materials. Since the brotherhood did not respond very well to their appeal they are going to borrow funds and go on just the same . . . Bert Cain, assisted by W. G. Roberts conducted funeral services for Brother Foreman of Hammond, Illinois, on November 15. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Guy Foreman, a son of the deceased, and the rest of the family . . . J. B. Wash

(Anderson, Ind.) says that the latest book of radio sermons is all that was promised and then some. He expresses a fervent wish that these lessons may continue to go out over the air. Thanks, John! . . . C. H. Uland (elder of Bloomington, Ind.) worshipped with the Manchester Avenue Church (Bloomington, Ind.) will again have a service on New Year's Eve; this year . . . Grace Bailey asks if people are more receptive to the gospel since the war has ended. She says the devil appears to be getting in his work. Chillicothe is planning a \$100,000 theater by next summer with 2 already there. Grace, it looks like the church will have plenty of competition . . . Mark E. Linn (Darlington, Ind.) has 3 copies of the latest radio book in circulation and wishes they had ordered 3 more. They like best the chapter on "Is The Bible Out-Of-Date?" . . . Dean Avenue Church, Des Moines, Iowa has under consideration the appointment of additional elders and deacons within the near future . . . Daisie Patterson (Gallatin) let a Baptist minister read part of the October edition of the Triple-M, which she had just taken from the post office. The preacher later attended services on Sunday night to hear Brother James Truitt . . . Sister Tabitha Dickerson (59th and Kenwood, Kansas City) mentions the aid given in the services there by returning service men. She also tells us that Rowena Harris is now Mrs. Ellingsworth, while Opal Thrasher has become Mrs. Joe Harshman. Congratulations to the happy couples . . . Wilford Landes closed a meeting at Topeka, Kansas on November 25, and immediately began another at Stull, Kansas. The Topeka meeting lasted three weeks . . .

Watch Your Shadow

Many students wear an eyeshade to keep the glow out of their eyes. The painter, Michael Angelo, wore a lamp on his cap for a different purpose. He did not want his shadow thrown on the picture that he was painting, lest that masterpiece be spoiled by incorporating the outline of his own unworthy self. There is a lesson in this for all of us. We should hold up the light of the gospel in such a manner that the world about us will see the masterpiece of Jesus, unobscured by our own faulty lives. Do not let the shadow of self or egotism fall upon your life's work to darken or defile it.



You're Not Broke!

Generally, we find the money necessary to purchase the things that we want. Brethren, may spend a dollar a week for cigarettes and still not have enough to pay for a whole year's subscription to those papers which will mean a great deal to themselves and their families. It isn't so often a question of whether we have the money, but rather, whether we want to spend it for the things which really count. We would like to suggest the following as being good investments:

MACADONIAN CALL — (818 Congress Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.) at \$1.50 per year. A paper that is chock-full of brotherhood news and articles by various brothers and sisters in Christ. You should have it, because it will help to edify and strengthen you for the Christian life. Brother D. Austen Sommer has been making a supreme fight against the encroachments of modernism. He needs your help! You need his! Send your subscription today.

WESTERN STATES NEWS—(5425 Shattuck Ave., Oakland 9, California) at \$1.00 per year. Here's a paper with unique format and interesting feature articles. Edited by that brother who has overcome physical disability to do this great work for the Lord, George Robinson. You'll appreciate knowing what is going on among our sister churches on the west coast, and you'll enjoy the timely exhortations that you'll find in this interesting sheet. Be sure and get on the mailing list at once.

NEW TESTAMENT QUESTIONS—A book for home Bible Study, containing 16,000 questions on the New Testament, compiled by E. M. Zerr. These are the questions which have helped so many Bible students in the past. Bound in library red cloth and containing 434 pages, this book

low cost of \$2. Don't delay. Send an order at once and let us mail it right out to you. Order from the Triple-M office.

COUNT YOUR MONEY! You're not really "broke" are you? Order one, or all of the above today—right now—at once!

The Sharpest Sin

Sometimes sins are referred to as arrows. Under that figure, which one do you think is sharpest? Which one strikes hardest into the heart of the innocent? It would seem to me, that of all the sins of which man can be guilty, the one which hurts others the most, is that of ingratitude.

Think of that in connection with the prodigal who came to his father and demanded his share of the substance, that he might leave that roof which has sheltered him since birth. Think of it in connection with the sad words of the Savior of men, "But ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." Think again of the words of Paul, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

There are many parents upon earth today whose hearts are filled with leaden sorrow, because of the ingratitude of their offspring. Mothers have rocked their children to sleep the while they sang lullabies to them, only to have those children grow up and listen to the siren songs of sin. Fathers have nurtured sons who have turned against them and cursed them when they arrived at manhood.

Even churches are guilty of this sin, which cuts so deeply and wounds so sorely. Think of the aged preaching brethren this day, who have barely enough to eat, and hardly enough clothing to shield them from the tempest. How often to those who have labored for us in spiritual things, in the past, we merely say, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled," nevertheless we give them not those things that they need. How sad it must be for one to think over the many sermons he has preached for certain congregations, the many he has led to the glorious light of the gospel, and now in his declining years, he must sit lonely, forsaken and forgotten. If you owe a debt of gratitude to some faithful preaching brother, please pay that today. Do not go before the throne of God in the last day, to answer for the things you have forgotten. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye do it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me!" Are you ungrateful, brethren?



USE THE PHONE

A great many folk get the idea that in winter time there is nothing to be done for the Lord, because the snow is deep, the wind is too cold, and the spirit too depressed. They think that because they cannot get out and ring doorbells, that the personal work period must be set aside until they can get out and run around again. They work on the theory that all saps run in the spring only.

...It is not true that you must cease your personal service for the Lord. There are two avenues open to all who love Him, and wish to carry on His work. One is the telephone. Take down the receiver, call up the neighbors, and have them over for a good old-fashioned Bible Study about every Tuesday evening. Start with the first chapter of Acts, and talk about it until they have to go home, so that you can go to bed.

And don't forget also that the mail still goes through. You can get a supply of tracts, and on those long, cold winter evenings, you can pull a small table up close to the old heating stove, or you can use the kitchen table. Place a supply of envelopes before you, and also a good supply of tracts. Try to think of everyone you know who should be reading worthwhile material. Address and envelope to each and insert the tract or tracts. Send this material on its way with a fervent prayer. Who knows but what you may win a soul for the Lord?

There's plenty to be done. Even though the fields and the orchard are white with snow, the fields of human hearts are white to the harvest. The laborers are few. What are YOU doing to make a laborer for the Lord. There is a big task ahead. You have a share in it! Meet your responsibility today. Work while it is called today, for the night cometh when no man can work!

Sure, you can work in the winter time! Send them a letter or call them up! Your job is here for you. Are you here for your job?

HATS OFF TO HOOVER

For a long time I have been an admirer of J. Edgar Hoover, the well-known director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The thing I like most of all in him is his fearlessness, and the fact that he puts his finger on the true causes of crime without the least degree of hesitancy. In the fight which he is now waging against juvenile delinquency he recently made this statement. A certain boy at fifteen was an honor student and an eager reader of the best books and magazines, healthy and athletic and in every way normal. When we see that same boy at sixteen beginning to serve a life sentence for the brutal murder of his little six year old sister—all because of parental incompetence and neglect during a critical period in the boy's development—we know what we are up against, is not juvenile delinquency but adult delinquency."

After correctly gauging the source of most of our trouble, the FBI man continues, "We have also learned not to blame the upsurge of youthful crime entirely on the war. That is too easy and too untrue. Adult delinquency on a nationwide scale preceded Pearl Harbor by at least two generations. The war merely aggravated it. Girls and boys who are now fathers and mothers suffered from the adult delinquency of the past. If they allow the disintegrating process to continue until they and their own children are completely isolated one from the other, it is because they have never been taught how to do otherwise. They are themselves second-and-third generation delinquents, adult in years but not in parenthood."

The conclusion of Mr. Hoover's speech was to the effect that the mothers of the world hold the key to our future hopes. If they neglect their duties in the home, civilization will do down. We agree with him heartily in his statements of conditions and the remedy he proposes.

PATRIARCHS

A man approached a stand upon which some questionable looking fowls were offered for sale. "What do you sell them for?" he asked the shrewd, gray-bearded farmer who was in charge.

"I sell them for profits," said that individual.

"Is that so?" answered the customer in feigned surprise. "I'm glad to know they are prophets. I took them for patriarchs."

PERSISTENCE

We know that most of you heard of the famed Wedgwood pottery, but do you know of the trials of the man who gave it to the world? It is recorded of Wedgwood that he was trying to make an imitation of the Portland Vase in the form of jasper ware. In the soft clay the vases were done to perfection, but when they came out of the oven they were spoiled. This went on for six months. Then one of the workmen said to Wedgwood in despair, "Master, we have drawn the oven again, and we haven't got a single good vase." The master's reply was, "Well, you have had your wages, haven't you? Go on!"

They did go on and shortly after, they succeeded and the celebrated vase was produced. Often just when we give up, we are standing on the threshold of success. Sometimes a little group of brethren who have been meeting for years, grow discouraged and quit at the very time, when they could reach the hearts of those about them, if they continued. Let our motto be, "Go on!"

THE HALL OF FAME

In the Hall of Fame at New York University, are found the busts and inscriptions, honoring a number of Americans. Among the statutes is one of David Glasgow Farragut, who was born near Knoxville, Tennessee, July 5, 1801. He served in the War of 1812 as a mere lad, and in the Civil War, commanded the fleets that forced the surrender of New Orleans and defeated the Confederate forces in Mobile Bay. He was advanced to the rank of Admiral in 1866.

It would seem to us that the statement which he issued, and which has been selected as a motto to crown the figure in the Hall of Fame might also be a good slogan for all Christians. The apostle Paul recognized the similarity between the battle against earthly foes and the battle against sin and Satan. Here are the inspiring words of Farragut, "As to being prepared for defeat, I certainly am not. Any man who is prepared for defeat would be defeated before he commenced. I hope for success, shall do all in my power to secure it, and trust to God for the rest."

It requires a firm belief in the ultimate success of an undertaking, a willingness to do your part to achieve that success, and a confident reliance upon the power of God to assist beyond human means, in order to bring about a happy culmination of the task

"IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE"

IT IS GENERALLY ADMITTED THAT THE MOVIES ARE ALMOST AS GREAT AN INFLUENCE ON CHILD EDUCATION AS ARE THE SCHOOLS YET

RECENT SURVEYS SHOW THAT OVER 50% OF AVERAGE RUN PICTURES HAVE SCENES IN WHICH DRINKING IS TOLERATED IF NOT GLORIFIED

KIDS MATINEE TODAY

MOVIE SCRIPT
TEXT BOOK

WHICH TO BELIEVE?

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Let us be as willing to work as we are willing to share the fruits of God's blessings, and success will crown our efforts to live the Christian life.

Movie Star

Perhaps there will be a general revival of interest in the reading of the Bible noticeable very soon. The Saturday Evening Post, in a very recent issue published a large article to the effect that Charles Laughton, portrayor of swashbuckling roles before the Klieg lights, and dominating bully on the silver screen, has become a Bible Reading addict. It is affirmed that he happened on to the dramatic force of the Bible stories quite by accident, but since that time, has seized every opportunity to read the pages of the Book of Books even at parties, and wherever the slightest chance is given, or created by the star himself.

Apparently, he is aided and abetted in his hobby by a group of ministers in Hollywood, who have swooned over his oratorical pronouncements like a bunch of crackbrained "bobby soxers" over the mournful melodies of Frank Sinatra. I am sure that there

is a lot of material in the Bible, which Hollywood needs, if they would listen to the reading of this former Catholic, who renounced his church at the age of 12, and one wonders what would happen if he would give them teachings of the Savior on adultery, marriage and divorce. The Bible is not to be used as a textbook for dramatization, but as the "power of God unto salvation." And Laughton could stand a lot of that last, if we are any judge. But watch a bunch of movie-worshippers now take up the Bible as a fad!

Learning From Everything

"There are sermons in stones." This old and rather trite saying is true. There are lessons in nature all about us, if we were not too blind to see them. Many preachers deliver dry, uninteresting discourses because they can find no illustrations to use in emphasizing them. It has been said, "An address without carefully selected illustrations is like a house without windows." One might live in such a house but it would be a dreary abode. One of the greatest sermons ever delivered by the Son of Man is

found in Matthew, chapter thir-teen. It consists of seven stories of everyday happenings strung together. Nothing is more fam-ilar in his teaching than the expression, "The kingdom of heaven is like unto." The ser-mons of Jesus were alive. They held people by the hour even when other things around at-tempted to distract. He could preach to a crowd in the open air and they "heard him gladly." How different that is than today, when so many listen to a preach-er only out of apparent necessity, and with the hope that he will soon finish. But Jesus pointed to the lilies of the field, the sower in the field, the sparrows hanging in the marketplace, the store-keeper looking for pearls, the woman putting leaven in the dough, and the mustard seed. His talks were vibrant with il-lustrative stories, emphasizing points of divine truth. We can all pattern after his method, for the Son of God was unquestion-ably the greatest public speaker ever to come to earth, since he could read what went through the minds of his audience as they listened. Bring your sermons down to the needs of the listener, and illustrate them with the fam-iliar scenes and events.



On December 1, there were about 30 out-of-town students registered for the St. Louis Bible Study. This was already the largest enrollment of non-resi-dents for a winter session. Hous-ing is a great problem. Be sure you have a reservation before you come. There are no hotel rooms available in St. Louis.

Strange that men call money dough — dough sticks to your fingers.

A woman never knows what kind of dress she doesn't want until she buys it.

MISSOURI MISCELLANY

GALLATIN REPORT

The congregation at Gallatin was increased by three additions during November. The attendance at night on November 18 set a record. Bro. James Truitt spoke on the occasion. The Gallatin church keeps up a regular program of advertising and tract distribution.

Lillian To Get Signs

The deacons of Lillian Avenue Church, St. Louis, have approved a project to provide signs, for their premises, at a total cost of more than \$200. One such sign employing large block letters will cover an area of 50 square feet. Another will be attached to the front of the building and lighted at all times when the services are in progress. The advertising group is also investigating inclusion of the church address in every hotel directory in the Saint Louis area.

L. L. Ballenger Dies

We regret that we are forced to chronicle the passing from this stage of action, of Bro. L. L. Ballenger, Kansas City. Bro. Ballenger has been ailing for a number of years, and complications affected by his age finally brought about his death. For a number

of years he was an elder of the congregation at 26th and Spruce Streets, and helped to guide the church safely through several grave difficulties. As a "watcher of the flock" he felt a grave responsibility, and in spite of criticism he stood firmly against all innovationism. Funeral services were held at Kansas City and also in Carroll County, where interment was made.

SOMMER TO RETURN

D. A. Sommer will return to this state for Bible Readings at Kansas City, January 21-27. He will precede this work with a like study at Des Moines, January 13-20, and will subsequently hold such short session edification classes at Topeka, Kansas, January 28, February 3 and at Stull, Kansas, February 4-10.

Bonne Terre Report

J. H. Mabery, writes that the church at Bonne Terre had the largest attendance of the year on November 11. They have divided the adult class into two groups with Melvin Weems having charge of one group. The church is going to put out 500 more tracts on their mailing list, a regular procedure with them.

Unionville Advertising

The Unionville church is contemplating a series of ads in the local county paper, utilizing about 10 inches of space in each edition. They report that their recent meeting with Bill Hensley produced excellent attendance and commanded a good interest, but no visible results were obtained.

Worthington Repairs

J. A. Collins reports that the church building at Worthington has been repaired, painted and papered recently. It is a good sign when brethren take care of the physical appearance of their property, and exerts a good community influence. Incidentally, Bro. Collins sent a five year subscription to the Triple-M.

Officers At Flat River

Brother Henry Mabery, of Bonne Terre, assisted in the installation of officers at the Flat River church recently. Appointed to the office of elder were C. E. Moore and Carl Dalton. One elder, J. W. Watts, was still in office. Three men, Brethren Jordan, L. Mabery and R. Smith were appointed to the office of deacon. They held a meeting recently for the purpose of discussing the cleaning up of delinquen-

cies on the church record, which work is now under way.

FENTON AT CENTER

Center Church, near Carthage, Missouri, began a meeting on November 11, with Fred W. Fenton, of Ottawa, Kansas, in charge. Bro. Fenton gave a brief summary of Bible History preceding his sermon each evening. Attendance and interest were reported good. Bro. Fenton is scheduled to begin a meeting at Mullinville, Kansas, December 2.

We have been informed that

New Edition

Brother D. A. Sommer will issue a new edition of the Simplified New Testament early in 1949. This valuable book has been highly acclaimed by its users throughout the world. Orders may be placed with Bro. Sommer by addressing him at 918 Congress Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. The cost is \$2.50 per single copy or \$10 for five books.

Webb At Almartha

R. O. Webb began a meeting with the Almartha congregation on November 15. This is the site of a former Bible Study held by Brother Webb, and we trust much success will attend his present effort.

The Secret To Success

The Secret to successful growth of the church is contained in this little gem of truth gleaned from a recent persona. letter to the editor. It comes from the pen of D. Austen Sommer.

"I am still of the opinion that I have held for years that the Word of God is the remedy for all the ills of mankind, and so I rejoice to see brethren more in a disposition to read and study the word. If ALL the churches would have at least a short study every few months, regularly, with devotion and Christian living in view, I feel that we would soon have a real spiritual people."

I've read that about five times: Every time I read it, I see more in it! Notice that Bible Study must become universal with the churches—A L L the churches. Note again that such Bible Study must be consistent—regularly. Observe, and this is very important, that such study must have the correct motive behind it—with devotion and Christian living in

view. Then see the result—we would soon become a real spiritual people!

I'm awed by so much in such a few words. Why, brethren, here is briefly stated the very key to successful church growth. That may have been dashed off without second thought by the writer, but he has hit the keynote of the spiritual universe. Read that again. It is as pregnant with power as an atom bomb! I've started studying everything analytically, and when I hit that statement in D. A.'s letter, it also hit me! Let's carry out the above and do it NOW!

Look To The Hills

A certain woman who was a writer found her eyes troubling her due to much close work. Her oculist learned that a beautiful vista of hills and mountains could be seen from her window. He instructed her that when her eyes tired, she should go and gaze upon these far away stretches, and her vision would be strength-

ened by the difference. A great many of us in this life need to look away from the narrowness of our daily confinement. Some of us are always in the valley. We never see the hilltops of glory. We view only the drudgery of daily house cleaning, hear only the hickering of the children, are bound in body and spirit by the confining requirements of the office. Look out of the window of the soul and see the hills of eternal promise. The Psalmist said, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help."

In The Harness

It shouldn't be hard for most people to die in the harness, when you consider that life is pretty much that way. There are traces of care, lines of trouble, bits of good fortune and breaches of promise. Also tongues must be curbed, passions bridled, and everyone has to tug to pull through.

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