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How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings . . . that publisheth salvation." Isaiah 52:7.

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An Invitation for Spiritual Rationalization

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"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

Conditions At The Time of This Invitation

The opening verses of Isaiah 1 set before us sin and debauchery of every kind. Israel forsook the mercies of God, and drifted into formalism. Their desire to be like other nations robbed them of their virtue and power. They corrupted the temple of the Lord, took up arms and rebelled against God's true prophets. Their eyes were blinded by sin until they failed to recognize the one who clothed and fed them. Verse 3 tells us, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider." How like this age was this condition, for today sinful men do not care to consider matters as they are, and yet to this distasteful duty they are urged by the text. If they do reason at all it is a process of rationalization against God, and to pervert the Scriptures to suit their way of living. Recently the writer was questioned about the literal existence of the place called "Hell" by a Sunday School teacher from a large church in Pennsylvania's capital city. She stated how ridiculous it is to teach such a doctrine, and that she never touches the subject, and by-passes any portion of the Bible dealing with it. We wonder if this individual ever read the Scripture in Psalms 9: 17. Yet man is here presented an invitation for SPIRITUAL RATIONALIZATION.

The Reasonableness of Salvation

"Let us reason together." What is there about salvation that is unreasonable? Paul declared that he was not ashamed of it for it revolutionizes one's entire being until he is a fit subject for heaven. It was such an experience of Di-

vine Grace like this that caused the poet to pen the words.....

"Hallelujah, what a Saviour,
Who can take a poor lost sinner,
Lift him from the miry clay,
And set him free. I will ever
tell the story, shouting Glory,
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus
Ransomed me."

Why one would want to protest God's great Salvation is more than the writer could comprehend. This Salvation sobers the drunkard, puts clothes on his children's backs, shoes on their feet, bread in the cupboard, joy in the heart, love in the home; and—in the end of all earthly life—a happy time of reunion in heaven. Furthermore, it makes the liar, honest; the miser, liberal; and the vile and profane man, pure and upright. It betters living conditions in the community, state, and union. World travelers, like Wendell Wilkie, even though their interest was chiefly in politics, are honest enough to admit the great work done by the missionaries.

True religion always affects the heart and life of individuals; regardless of what one may profess, if his religion fails to produce separation from the world and its sinful pleasures, it is not the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul, in writing to the Corinthian Church declared: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. Salvation deals with our desires and appetites. A truly born-again child of God does not seek satisfaction at the community fair (many of the projects and entertainments there are anything but "fair"), theatre, parks, card tables, dances, saloons, beauty salons, roller rinks, public

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"Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: . . ."
Isaiah 49:22

A Call for Thanksgiving to God

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:18.

THANKSGIVING is here again this year, with the usual thought of mere commercial gains by the world, and a "one-day piety" by church members. However, it is the prayer of this writer that even through the mechanical motions of half-hearted worship of God and thanksgiving, some hearts may be stirred to true worship of His Holy Name. When one views the origin of Thanksgiving Day in the history of our great country, he cannot but indulge in a bit of imagination as to what the first Thanksgiving Day must have been like, as the early Americans gathered with their Indian friends, to thank God for the provisions of life, the protection from sicknesses, dangers, and death; and to thank Him for His great SALVATION. Thanksgiving Day, 1949, finds us looking back over the years now gone, when we have bowed before His throne to utter words of praise and thanksgiving. Although our American custom of giving thanks, dating back to the early 1600's, seems to be our modern basis for this indulg-

ing in praise to God, praise and thanksgiving are as old as humanity itself, and even older, as Brother Job tells us at the foundation of the world, it was a great scene "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." (Job 38:7) Let us observe THANKSGIVING in three tenses:

THANKSGIVING IN THE PAST

Few of the Biblical patriarchs had more to be thankful for than did dear Brother Abraham. Having been promised an inheritance in the land, he then was rewarded by a son of his old age, only to discover that God was tempting him (proving him) by commanding the aged "friend of God" to sacrifice the lad as a burnt offering. Imagine Abraham's THANKSGIVING, as at the zero hour, God stepped in on Mt. Moriah and provided a sacrifice, after He had seen his faithfulness. Jacob, fleeing from his brother's wrath, found a Holiness meeting even in the desert, and praised God, saying, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." God then revealed Himself to the weary traveler, promising him His presence and protection. When Jacob finally prayed thru later to an experience in Holiness, he limped home with a song of THANKSGIVING, after wrestling all night with the angel. Apostle Paul thanked God for various things in life. He especially praised God: (1) For men that had faith in God—"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world." Romans 1:8; (2) For kindness shown him—"And from thence, when the brethren heard of us they came to meet us as far as Appiiform, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." Acts 28:15; and (3) For experiences fighting the Devil—"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." Acts 16:25. Jesus Christ on various occasions said, "I thank thee, Father." There is no room for us to pray in the spirit of the proud worshiper: "I thank thee that I am not as other men are."

THANKSGIVING IN THE PRESENT

We ought to thank God for: (1) America—

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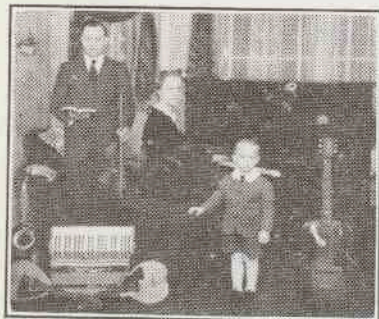
We earnestly desire thru the "Standard" to uphold the Scriptural doctrines of: The Conversion of Sinners (John 3:7); The Sanctification of Believers (Hebrews 12:14); The Healing of the Afflicted (James 5:14, 15); The Edification of Believers (Jude 20:21); and the Second, Premillennial Coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11).

THE STANDARD PULPIT

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

Glorious Truth

Rev. A. A. Passmore



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Text 2 Cor. 4:4. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

This Scripture portrays the pitiful condition of those who believe not. It reveals the fact that the Gospel is hid to those who are lost, also that the god of this world is responsible for the blindness of their eyes. The Gospel is light and it glows gloriously because it is the image of God thru Christ. The prophet Isaiah foretold of this light, and Jesus came and fulfilled this prophecy by giving to us this light. In the eyes of the Apostle Peter it was a glorious and marvelous light, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

In Paul's testimony to King Agrippa as to his God-given commission to preach the Gospel, he plainly told him that he was called to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Space will permit us to call your attention to but two facts about this Glorious Gospel. First, THE PROVISION, and secondly, THE PROSPECT.

THE PROVISION OF THE GLORIOUS TRUTH

This Glorious Gospel will produce a Glorious Church. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a *Glorious Church*, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:25-27. A Glorious Church represents Christ, as it should

properly do. It was His love for that Church that caused Him to give Himself, that it may be sanctified and cleansed with the washing of the water of the Word. Thus He will present to Himself a Glorious Church. What a day that will be for God's people, to be glorified with Him. Yes, we shall be changed. "For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body." Philippians 3:20, 21. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also *glorified together*. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:16-18. What a privilege to be one of this church! So let us keep ourselves clean and ready, for He is coming for us. Watchfulness will keep us prepared at all times for His coming.

THE PROSPECT OF THIS GLORIOUS TRUTH

Since this change and with all the above in view, we have a longing for His return. "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of that great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13. The Christian has something worthwhile to look forward to. "This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise to seize the everlasting prize, and shout while passing thru the air. Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer." His glory will dash in upon our faithful soul, and we will bless Him forever. This is the PROSPECT of the Glorious Gospel.

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This great nation, though in the clutches of sin and vice, is still the greatest nation in the world. In our prayer of thanksgiving, let us remember to thank God for our own America. Leave her for but a few weeks, and you will find yourself, as this preacher did, straining your eyes for a

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THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

Incorporated missionary work on the Island of Cuba. Rev. Paul H. Eversole (Bejucal, Habana, Cuba), missionary on the field. Rev. Joseph Hoffman (Elizabethville, Penna.) Missionary Treasurer.

A Personal Message in the Interest of Missions

Dear Christian Friends:

Undoubtedly most all readers of the STAND-ARD are by this time at least partially acquainted with our Missionary work in Cuba. Surely the Lord hath begun there that which will not crumble if we maintain Bible standards and Christian motives. I'm sure that all will agree that the greatest need of the church today is the carrying forth of the Divine Commission of the Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." It has been our privilege, at least to a small degree, to help propagate the Glorious Gospel, both at home and abroad. Truly, we can say there is nothing in this world that brings greater joy to one than to be able to look into the faces of redeemed souls, lifted from a life of sin and vice.



Your Missionary
share?" Surely all of us can pray, and oh, how the ministry of prayer is needed in this land of superstition and darkness, where Catholicism and Communism are dominating the country. **ON YOUR KNEES FOR CUBA.** If you, dear Christian friend, would spend a half hour a day in prayer for these precious Spanish people, surely God would be moved and revivals would break forth.

Then, again, there are those whom God has blessed with this world's goods. Perhaps you never thought much about it, but do you know that some day each of us will be called to give an account to God of our stewardship over what He has given us? Say, why not make an invest-

I n a certain measure all of us can help share this wonderful experience. Certainly not all will be able to go to preach the Gospel, but you may help to send those who are called and qualified to go. I hear some one say, "How can we

ment in eternal things? That money you may have been saving for some supposedly needed luxury, if invested in the cause of Missions, may mean the salvation of never-dying souls. Few, but God, know the sacrifice a missionary makes as he leaves home, friends, and country—all to carry the Gospel to those sin-darkened countries. Shall we help to encourage those who go, by standing behind them with our support. A little boy was asked to allow himself to be lowered over a cliff to retrieve some rare eggs of a mountain eagle that lay many feet below in a nest among the mountain peaks. He refused to go, even though strong men with new rope, promised to hold him securely, and draw him back over the cliff again. He refused any offer of money. Quietly he said, "I'll go if my Father holds the rope." Friends, that little boy knew the value of familiar hands holding the rope. We are all **ROPE-HOLDERS** in this great Missionary work.

We are sincerely thankful for your co-operation in helping to purchase the truck, which is now on the field, but we want to advise you that in addition to the cost of the support of the workers, a building program will be under way ere long, as many sections are begging for a church and looking forward to it. Shall we disappoint these precious souls in not providing ample funds so as to be able to carry on this much needed program? Listen, ere we get up in church to testify we have done our best, let us ask ourselves the question, "What about those who have no church to attend, and those who have never heard the name of Jesus?" Surely the Lord must look with sorrow on those who call Him Lord, and yet have not given of their means to help the cause of Missions.

Dr. J. B. Chapman, Supt. of the Church of the Nazarene, once told the general assembly their motto should be: "**ALL OUT FOR SOULS.**" Nothing short of this brings the favor of God, or the results we desire.

Will you not respond to this plea, and lay aside an offering now and send it to,

Your Missionary Treasurer,
Rev. Joseph Hoffman
Elizabethville, Pa.

A PAGE FOR BIBLE STUDY

"Search the Scriptures."

John's Patmos Vision of Christ

Rev. N. O. Stucky

For a Scripture lesson, please turn with me to the Revelation of Saint John the Divine, chapter one, verses twelve thru eighteen. Little wonder that John fell as one dead as he beheld this scene. The wonder is that we are so little affected as we read this awesome first hand description of the glorified Son of God, our now-exalted Christ. Draw nigh, behold Him, no longer the man of sorrows, but our everlasting HIGH PRIEST. Try to contrast the above picture, with the last grim view we have of Him in Gethsemane's garden, in Pilate's judgment hall, and hanging on the cross, amid the scoffs and jeers of his enemies and murderers, with His visage so marred so as to be humanly unrecognizable. There He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, here God hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name; that at the name of JESUS every knee should bow, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is here God's right hand man.

Every statement employed in the description is doubly full of meaning; first as it applies to Himself, and second as it applies to us. In the course of this study, let us notice first of all the statement: "Son of Man." The name is rarely given by the evangelists to the Savior, but it's almost always assumed by the Savior Himself, as best descriptive of His lowly condition. The phrase "Son of Man" is used according to the Hebrew idiom to denote a state of special infirmity, humiliation, and suffering. We have thus in this picture of Jesus in the midst of His celestial grandeur as the Son of Man new evidence that His humiliation is not lost in His glory. It is still heard in the songs of the blest; and the Lamb as it had been slain, is the most sublime and central feature of that glory which shall be revealed. The description continues, "Clothed with a garment down to his feet." This garment compares with the description of that given in the book of Exodus, the robe worn by the high-priest, who is said to have been robed with it for sacredness, for beauty, and for glory. So John saw Him as our High Priest, dressed comparable to this high office. Next, "There was

a girdle about His paps." The best approach to this perhaps is to note the use of the word in other parts of the Scriptures. Job 12:18 says, "He girdeth their loins with a girdle,"; again, God is said to loose the girdle of kings; i. e., to reduce them to weakness. Peter admonishes Christians to gird up the loins of their mind, be sober, and hope unto the end. So the thought brought out in all these references has to do with strength. We thus infer under the picture which Jesus here represented, that He is not only clothed with sacredness, and radiant with glory, but girded with strength, and might. God (prophetically speaking) said, "I have laid help upon one that is mighty. So here he is mighty to save, and strong to deliver."

We next read that His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow. The white or hoary head is always regarded in Scripture as a symbol of authority, reverence, and even beauty. "Thou shalt (out of reverence and respect) rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man." Lev. 19:32. "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." Prov. 16:31. The hoary head is one crown of glory that can be worn in this life. God has such respect for a age that He represents Himself as the ancient of days. In Scripture the cutting of the hair signified the loss of honor, authority, and power. May we not gather that this protrait of Jesus speaks to us of His grandeur, authority, honor, and power.

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glimpse of the shoreline and for those beautiful "Stars and Stripes"; (2) All physical supplies—"But my God shall supply all your need, according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The writer has watched hungry children roaming the streets of a foreign city with a heavy heart. Christians, let us praise God for His supplying all our needs in life; (3) All spiritual blessings—Every good and perfect blessing

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My Camp Meeting Conversion

Rev. G. E. Wolfe

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The devil had told me that I had now disgraced myself by kneeling on the wrong side of the mourner's bench, but I settled it with the word of "DETERMINATION" to go clear thru with Jesus. Oh, Satan is a mean tempter.

Now at the bench, I had a big farmer's handkerchief over my face and I did not call for mercy like I should have. One good Evangelical brother took me by my shoulders and rocked me back and forth so fast that I could not get my mind right on Jesus. He meant it well. Years passed after my conversion, and we were great friends, and now while I write this testimony he has gone to Jesus up there in Heaven.

Another brother was kneeling by me, and one said to the other one "He won't get thru tonight; he has that big handkerchief over his face, and won't call on God." I thought he was right. Before the meeting closed a brother began to exhort the mourners. He was dressed in rough clothes and high boots, but knew the Lord. Speaking in Pennsylvania Dutch and jumping up close to me, he told us seekers how he fought the devil when he left the saloon. He told of the great victory he had over Satan thru the blood of Jesus. I laughed in my heart, and said that I too would have this victory over Satan, just as this Pennsylvania Dutch, farm-laborer preacher did.

I walked over the hills home, but not with the ungodly young folk, for it was goodbye forever to the frolic runners, and has been for over half a century. I prayed in the clover field the next day, and promised God I would seek His face that night and would pray earnestly and not try to hide my face behind that big farmer's handkerchief. As I prayed I felt some soul peace, but wanted to really settle it and get saved. I left the clover field encouraged and felt that God would save me that very night. About the same time my father returned from a visit with some neighbors who informed him I had been to the mourner's bench the night before. He met me as I came from my place of prayer, and gave me some strong words for going to the "STHROVLERS" (Knee Crawlers) bench, as it was called by the sinful. I told my father that I was going to get saved, and he, too, needed to get saved or he would go to hell. I had never spoken to my father like this before, since we children were raised to the tune of an

apple-tree stick. But the conviction on me brought these words out of my mouth spontaneously. He had just told me that I should be sent to the asylum. He now walked away as if he were scared. My heart was all broken up with weeping as I changed clothes to go to the Saturday evening meeting at the Camp. My appetite for supper was all gone, so I walked down the path to the road. My father saw me go and called for me to eat supper, but I walked on to the grove, and bought some fruit there at the lunch stand for the next day, being the Lord's Day.

The evening meeting began, and while the people were singing, a black cloud came over the camp and for a few minutes the rain poured down on the people. The leader told the folks to run for the gospel tent, but to keep singing, "We're marching to Zion." Now many people gathered in the tent, and a preacher gave the message and the invitation. I knelt at the bench and began to cry to God to have mercy and save such a poor lost sinner who was going to Hell. I felt a darkness suddenly come over me, but Jesus heard my call, and the power of the Spirit lifted me up suddenly from the mourner's bench backward in the tent. My condemnation was all gone. My sins were washed away. I did not know that God would bless me like that at the mourner's bench, but it was all right, and I was made a new creature in Christ Jesus. I was so happy, but then I began to think that I was not baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost as I had heard some of the Christians testify to having in their hearts. I was hungry and thirsted for Him as I knew to overcome sin and my opposers, and finally got to heaven, I should need to be filled with the Holy Ghost. I did not sleep much that first night. I told God to fill me with the Holy Spirit in the morning on the Lord's Day. The presiding elder spoke in German at the open camp and another preacher in English at the tent. At the close they began to sing over and over many verses of, "I've Anchored My Soul In the Haven of Rest." As they did I asked God to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I forgot all the thousands of people, my own relatives included, and died out to everything, promising God I'd serve Him even if it meant they would stone me, and Oh, the Spirit was poured into my heart from Heaven and a blood stream from

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bathing beaches, and anything else that pertains to the kingdom of darkness. "His delight is in the law of the Lord," so says Bro. David. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. Salvation deals with our ambitions and leads man from the course he had mapped for his life. Many have ruined their lives by failing to let the Holy Ghost curb their future plans, and mould their lives for God and His kingdom. We are not our own, but we are bought with a price: we owe our talents, ability, and very lives to Him. There is a calling far greater than being a king, governor, or dictator. To be an ambassador for God, and preach the glad tidings and good news that Jesus saves, exceeds it all.

The Promise With the Invitation

In the foregoing thoughts the prophet is striving to awaken Israel by calling them to conference with God. Note the promise accompanying the great invitation, COME. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." This promise carried with it hope and portrays the tender mercies of God toward a people who had degenerated to the level of drunkards and harlots. Women convicted of adultery were compelled to wear scarlet robes (a brilliant red), which made them look conspicuous in the eyes of the world. Those clothed in scarlet were excluded from temple worship, and the fellowship of God's people was denied them. They were looked down upon as vagabonds, outcasts, and lived under the constant reproach and curse of God. This was the Jewish estimate of Jesus when they stripped Him of His seamless robe, and clothed Him with scarlet. He appeared to on-lookers as one guilty of the lowest type of sin. On the cross they set Him up as the chief of sinners, and placed Him between the two criminals. In spite of all the charges and accusations brought against our Saviour, we never read of His retaliating or trying to take revenge, but He rather prayed for His enemies. This Godly example should be followed by all of God's children. It is not the out-and-out-sinner that is keeping people from God, but rather the luke-warm professor with his inconsistent life.

When man repents of his sins, he unties the hands of God (for God can do nothing unless man repents), and God begins to work in his life. Many have excused themselves from seeking God by declaring themselves to be the worst

of sinners. This is counteracted by the statement in the last division of the text—"Though they be red like crimson (dark red or purple) they shall be as wool." The crimson color was produced by placing the cloth in the dye-vat and allowing it to soak any days. Many times the cloth had to go through this process twice to produce the desired crimson color. Once the cloth absorbed the crimson dye, there was no fuller's sope (soap) strong enough to remove the stain, without destroying the cloth. The mystery of Salvation is revealed in this portion of the text. Regardless of how deep sins' stain has gone, and though we have spent years serving the enemy of our souls, there is a Salvation purchased by the blood of Jesus that can go, "Deeper than the stain has gone." As wool severed and cut from the sheep, washed, combed, and finally worked into cloth, so God will circumcise the heart, separate us from the world, remove every burdock, brier, and thistle, and make us fit subjects for heaven. A saleslady attempted to sell us some stain remover, but it failed to do what she said, and when she left the article of clothing was worse than before, the guarantee tested, and proven a failure. Not so with the Blood of Jesus Christ. God is inviting you, dear reader, to REASON TOGETHER WITH HIM. Will you not accept this INVITATION FOR SPIRITUAL RATIONALIZATION?

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comes to us from God above. The many times God meets us in meetings and in secret should be reminding us of our debt we owe to God in PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING. Get on the Praise Wagon and make yourself a COMMITTEE OF ONE to shout God's praises! When something presents itself to you as a difficulty and you cannot pray thru, start to "praise thru", and watch the difficulties vanish.

THANKSGIVING IN THE FUTURE

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:9, 10.

This is but a faint picture of the THANKSGIVING that shall take place in the Glory World above when all of God's people get home.

An Old Time Quarterly Meeting

The Rev. John S. Inskip, the founder of the HOLINESS CAMP MEETINGS IN AMERICA, relates the following description of an old-time quarterly meeting held on one of his circuits:

"We had a quarterly meeting in the neighborhood. This was something more than an occasion for the presiding elder to call together a corporal's guard of official members, and ask, 'Are there any complaints or appeals? Are there any applications for license to preach?' etc., etc. It was a great event on a circuit to have such a preacher as David Dailey, the presiding elder, make a visit, and preach Saturday, and Sunday morning hold a love feast, and hear the other preachers Saturday, and Sunday night, so that he could tell, from personal knowledge, whether they were the 'right men in the right place.' A quarterly meeting was an occurrence talked of and looked forward to with interest all over the circuit. The leading and zealous men and women from all the appointments attended. There were very few large houses, but any quantity of large hearts. Where the people and their teams could be accommodated was truly a marvel. In this instance, at the parsonage, a 'field bed' was prepared in each room,

and over a score of people were well cared for, and comfortably entertained. A field bed means a lot of good clean straw put down on the floor, extending the entire length of the room, and properly secured in form and position by such covering as could be obtained. Large numbers could thus be comfortably accommodated. In this instance, however, there was not much use for beds. Some were wonderfully blessed at the meeting, and after our return home, most of the night was spent in songs and shouts of victory.

"There are some folks we know who would travel a thousand miles to get to another such a quarterly meeting. The preaching, the quarterly conference on Saturday afternoon, the Saturday night, the great crowd on Sunday, the hurry to get to the love-feast before the 'doors were closed', the shouts of victory, the mighty effort of the elder in the morning sermon, and the baptism that continued all the day, as they now come in my memory, lead me to wish I could be there once more. Thank God I was there then."

—The Life of Rev. John Inskip

Reader, does not the above report of a quarterly conference of the years gone by, thrill you in soul? Then, will you not plan now to attend the Quarterly Conference Meeting at the WOLFE'S STORE, GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH, three miles east of Rebersburg, Pa., Centre County, on November 4, 5 and 6. The

speaker in these services will be the Rev. R. W. Chatfield, of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, Ohio District. The Rev. Chatfield will have a message you will want to hear. Pray with us that these services will have the same lasting effect on our heart, as did the ones spoken of by the sainted Inskip above.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO MINISTERS AND WORKERS:—All preachers and licensed workers are requested to be present at the Quarterly Conference Services at the WOLFE'S STORE, GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH, Nov. 4, 5 and 6. A special business meeting and fellowship hour will be observed on Saturday Nov. 5 at 10:00 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. o'clock. Bring your reports. Rev. Truman Wise, Supt.

and the glory from heaven struck me until I shouted his praises. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Glory. Glory to God, the Father. Glory to Jesus, my Saviour. Glory to the Spirit, who indwells my heart.

(Editor's note: Brother Wolfe has oftentimes blessed the hearts of the saints with his shouts of praise to God, and his relating of experiences of God's goodness. Bro. Wolfe is well up in his seventies, but is always present at every revival and camp meeting he possibly can make, visiting as high as seven in a week. He publishes a monthly paper, *The Missionary Holiness Colporteur*. Free copies may be had by addressing him: G. E. Wolfe, General Delivery, Sunbury, Pa.)

—My Camp Meeting Conversion—

Continued from page 6

Jesus on the Cross went into my heart at the same time, and the cleansing was indescribable,

THE HOME MISSIONARY MESSAGE AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Offerings for the Home Mission field should be directed to: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, General Treasurer, Coburn, Pennsylvania, designating they are for Home Missions.

A Letter of Importunity from the Field

Monticello, Arkansas
September 29, 1949

Dear Brother Thomas:

Greetings in Christ Jesus. I've been wanting to write you for some time, but always something came up to hinder. I'm at Monticello, Arkansas, in tent meetings, and it seems to be the right time, as people that want something in the way of the old fashioned way are really interested. Fred Wilson, Westfield, Indiana, Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Finkenbinder (Pastor of God's Missionary Church, Nady, Arkansas), Rev. Henry Tharp and wife, and I are holding the services, which have been continuing for several weeks

with as high as eleven at the altar of prayer. We advertised the meeting for Sept. 9-25, but people did not want us to stop, so we decided to continue on another week, and now they want us to hold on longer. Also they are talking of a church here. They tell others, and the word comes back to us, that they like our preaching and "cleaning up" way. You should have seen some of these girls and young people before they were saved, and now some of them are going to Bible School. Praise God. We surely are having a time, and want to continue on.

The worst trouble we have here is finances. We are in pioneer work,

you see, and we have no churches to support us. We have two or three other places for meetings, but do not see how we can do much more without some assistance from the North.

We have services each day at 10:30 a.m., and children's services at 7:00 p.m., with preaching at 7:30 p.m., each evening. We have Sunday School and our crowd is growing.

Well, I must stop as it won't be long until service time. Pray for us as we do need your prayers, and may God bless you.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Jesse Dixon

The Home Missionary Need in Arkansas

Several revival and home missionary campaigns are now on at Arkansas in our fields there, as you have read in the above-quoted letter from one of the brethren, Rev. Jesse Dixon. A few winters ago, Bro. Dean Confer went to Arkansas and saw the possibilities of the work developing there, and consequently several of the brethren visited the work, and early this past summer, a fine church was dedicated to God's service at Nady, Arkansas. Rev. Henry Tharp had been the pastor of the work for some time, but felt he would like to give his full time to helping to develop new works thru Arkansas. For the past several months Rev. Robert B. Finkenbinder and his wife have been pastoring the church there. Brother Ben, as we know him, has done a fine job there, and reports that there are wonderful times of victory and God's presence. However, since the small group of believers are carrying a heavy load with the debt of the new church, they are unable to sup-

port the pastor as they would like to. Also, the home missionary projects in the vicinity have suffered for lack of funds, as many times offerings barely meet expenses. Reader, will you not pray about this matter, and ask God what He would have you do to help spread the Gospel in Arkansas. If you have some of the Lord's money, there would be no better investment than in this work. Address your offerings to Rev. Marlin E. Moore, General Treasurer, Coburn, Pennsylvania, and state you wish your offering used in Arkansas, and it will be forwarded to the field at once, without any withdrawing of a single cent. Your offerings always reach their designated place in the work of GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH. A receipt will be sent you upon request, so you can deduct such gifts from your income tax. Let all of GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCHES, especially, put forth an effort to help in this field.

—The Editor

Evangelistic Slates

Confer, Dean

(Home Address: Beech Creek, Pa.)

Frantz, Thomas E.

(Home Address: 335 Susquehanna Ave., Sunbury, Pa.)
Rising Sun, Md. (Naz.) Oct. 18-30.

Carlisle, Pa. (H. C. C.) Nov. 1-13.

Mt. Carmel, Pa. (H. C. C.) Nov. 15-28.

W. Conshohocken, Pa. Nov. 30-Dec. 11

Gospel Caravan

(Rev. Haul Light and Rev. Norman Jacobs, Palmerton R. D., Pa.)

Home Missionary Work in Fla. —Dec.

Herr, Russell T.

(Home Address: Richfield, Pa.)

Hoffman, Joseph

(Home Address: Elizabethtown, Pa.)

Straub, Geo. I.

(Home Address: Penns Creek, Pa.)

Lavelle, Pa. (Evan. Meth.) Nov. 9-20.

EVANGELISTIC REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU?

We are writing a Gospel, a chapter
each day,
By deeds that we do, and by words
that we say,
Men read what we write, whether
faithful or true,
Say, what is the Gospel according to
you?

—Selected

EVANGELISTIC REPORTS

Rev. Geo. I. Straub

Hanover Gospel Tabernacle.—An indoor camp meeting was held in the Hanover Gospel Tabernacle Oct. 4—9 with Rev. Rudisill. This was a service that will long be remembered in the minds of both the people and the writer. God's presence was manifested in every service and the shouts and praises of God's people were heard until the late hours of the night. Hearts were thrilled with the old fashioned songs, sung by the Sorrells Gospel Singers from Sunbury, Penna. Conviction gripped the hearts of folk until they saw their true condition. Backsliders were awakened like the Prodigal of old and came to themselves, sinners came seeking regeneration, and believers to be sanctified. As we listened to the seekers

weep and pray, surrounded with those who were burdened for their souls, it reminded me of the old fashioned Methodist camp meetings. Shall we together pray the Lord to water the seed sown throughout this indoor camp meeting.

Mt. Aetna Gospel Tabernacle.—An evangelistic campaign was conducted in the Mt. Aetna Gospel Tabernacle during the month of Sept. by Rev. Geo. Straub and Rev. Dean Confer. This campaign was sponsored by the Home Missionary Board. The services were crowned and blessed of the Lord. Good interest was shown by the folks, and some real victories can be reported. After much prayer and fasting God broke through, walls of opposition were broken until the shouts of victory were heard. We covet the prayers of God's people for the work in Berks County as there is a great work to be done in that part of God's vineyard.

Plans are being made for outdoor services next summer with our large tents, the Lord willing. Then too, the Claus Indian Trio is slated for an evangelistic campaign in the Tabernacle next Sept.

A word of appreciation is due our good Bro. Chester Shuey and wife for the use of their house-trailer. This beautiful trailer af-

forded us privacy, and helped eliminate added burdens. Another outstanding feature of this meeting was the many invitations for meals. Those fine Dutch cooks cannot be by-passed and did much to help Bro. Confer and me from resorting to the can-opener.

Delaware Run P. H. Church.—An old fashioned revival was held in the Delaware Run P. H. Church Sept. 20 to Oct. 2. These services were well attended, and God's presence was manifested in each service.

The Fausey Family sang for us over the week ends and were a real asset to the revival. Overflowing crowds filled the church Sundays until it was necessary to take some of the S. S. classes to the parsonage to accomodate them. The folks are burdened for a new church, as the present church is too small. Bro. and Sis. Finch, the pastor, with their people, do covet your prayers for a new and larger place of worship. The last Sunday of the revival we enjoyed the blessings of a fine Harvest Home Service. This service was crowned with the very presence of God, and brought many tears to the eyes of the children of God as they beheld the goodness of the Lord. Continue to pray for those who prayed through, and are now enjoying full salvation.

I Am Thankful Because

A, means ATONEMENT, Jesus died for all sin,
B, stands for BLOOD, you may wash and be clean.
C, may mean CALVARY, where our Blessed Lord died.
D, is for DOOR, and it stands open wide,
E, for ETERNITY, no beginning, no end,
F, stands for FATHER, who forgave all my sin.
G, means GOD'S GLORY, it brings hope to the soul,
H, is for HEAVEN, where we all want to go.
I, just means, I AM, God is always the same,
J, stands for Jesus, Salvation it

means.
K, means our KING, Him we sometime shall see,
L, is for LOVE, how He loved you and me.
M, is for MANGER, where the Lord Jesus lay.
N, is for NARROW, and strait is the way.
O, means OBEY, and walk in the light,
P, is for PALACES shining and bright.
Q, stands for QUIET, and peace in the heart,
R, RESURRECTION; we all shall come forth.
S, is for SAVIOUR, Salvation He brings,

T, means THANKSGIVING; Thank God for all things.
U, can mean UPWARD, away we shall fly,
V, is for VICTORY if we look toward the sky.
W, means WONDERS, up there we shall see what the Lord had in mind when He called you and me.
X, stands for XEPHOID, meaning "Shaped like a sword."
Y, is for YOU; have you peace with the Lord?
Z, stands for ZION, the home of the soul,
Where with God we shall reign, while eternities roll.
Composed by Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Pastor of Zerby church.

YOUTH'S MESSAGE

"Remember now thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

What Hath God Wrought

Miss Ellen Bressler

Part II

(Continued from last issue.)

"No, Dad," Jack tried to answer, "I haven't gone religion crazy. I've only found Jesus Christ as my—"

"Stop it!" his father cut him short with harsh, angry words. "No son of mine will speak to me in that way. I'm telling you now, unless you give up these crazy notions you had best pack your suitcases and get out!" With a bang the door closed behind him, leaving Jack bewildered but determined to go through with Jesus regardless of the cost.

Kneeling beside the smartly-styled desk with the letter in his hand, he poured out his heart to his Best Friend. Ten minutes later he arose with a shining face and quietly began to pack his personal belongings.

When he had finished, he sought out his mother to say good-bye. He found her red-eyed from crying and as she put her arms around his neck she whispered, "Jack, dear, isn't there anything you can do to make him change his mind?"

"No, Mother," he answered, "I couldn't give up the joy I found this morning even for him. I'll be praying for you and for him." With his mother's tears on his cheeks, he left his home with two large suitcases representing all he owned of this world's goods.

He returned to the woods where he had found his peace with God and spent the remainder of the afternoon in prayer and meditation.

That evening he returned to the service and after setting his suitcases at the rear of the church made his way to a seat near the front. The evangelist, who had already noticed his shining face soon called for testimonies, and Jack told of the wonderful experience he had received from God that morning.

At the close of the service, the evangelist saw him picking up his suitcases and hurried to him. "Son, where are you going?"

Jack answered truthfully, "I don't exactly know but probably to some hotel uptown." In a few minutes all had been explained.

As though on sudden inspiration the evangelist

turned to Jack. "Do you ever sing in public?"

Modestly Jack answered, "I have occasionally."

"Good! Come with me."

Night after night Jack sang—simple gospel hymns—and as his voice rang out the crowds increased. Finally on Saturday night they had engaged the City Hall to accommodate the increasing crowds, and advertised widely. As Jack rose to sing that night he thought he saw two familiar figures seated near the rear of the well-filled hall and with a prayer on his lips he began to sing. Tears rolled down his cheeks as sobs rose all over the audience. He continued singing—

"And I wondered if Christ the Redeemer—
Could save a poor sinner like me."

A woman, closely followed by a well-dressed business man, ran weeping, sobbing, almost screaming, and fell at the altar. While others hurried forward Jack dropped to his knees and began to pray.

Soon shouts of victory began to arise all over that old City Hall as one by one, sinners, saved by grace, rose to testify of the wondrous love of Jesus within their hearts.

When the service closed Jack stood with his parents. His father was saying, "I'm sorry, son. Won't you come home with us?"

With deep emotion Jack answered, "Father, I'd love to come home with you but tonight God showed me something greater. I want to go out in full-time work for Him with Brother B—, if he'll have me."

Strong arms encircled him as the evangelist spoke from behind him. "Have you! Jack, I'll have you just as long as you will stay with me!" and as God melted their hearts together the evangelist spoke reverently, "Behold, what God hath wrought!"

NOTE: Change of address: Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Coburn, Penna.

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AMONG OUR CHURCHES — ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

REPORTS.....

ZERBY, PA.—GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH at Zerby conducted a Harvest Home Service on Sunday, September 18, with a nice assortment of gifts of food presented to the pastor. There were thirty-nine present in Sunday School this day, so we are encouraged. The Lord is blessing and His Spirit is present in the meetings in a marked way, for which we praise Him. It is our desire to see the church revived and on fire for God. Pray that God may visit us, and that all

needs may be supplied.

—Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Pastor
(Note: When addressing Rev. Moore, remember his new address: Ceburn, Pa.)

MILESBERG, PA. GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH at Milesburg, Pa. enjoyed a good revival meeting with the Rev. Joseph Hoffman, and Bro. Rachau reports very excellent attendance, and twenty-two different seekers for salvation, holiness.

and to be reclaimed. Many of the seekers came thru shouting, and we are glad to know that the folk still get blessed up that way. Bro. Rachau requests the prayers of the STANDARD readers for the work of the Lord there, being encouraged at the recent attendance of seventy to prayer meeting and a hundred and two to Sunday School, with a hundred and twenty five in the evening, and two souls praying thru since the revival. Praise the Lord for this good report. —Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

WOLFE'S STORE: Revival services begin November 1, and continue thru November 13, with the Rev. R. W. Chatfield, Ohio, as evangelist. Rev. Mr. Chatfield is a capable evangelist, having served a number of pastorates, along with gaining much evangelistic experience in churches and camp meetings all over the nation. His kindly spirit has endeared him to the Holiness people everywhere. Plan to come and hear this man of God. Special

singing in each service by the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Passmore, Dewart, Pa. All the STANDARD family are urged to attend, and especially to pray that souls may be saved and won to God thru this meeting. The church is located just three miles east of Rebersburg, Centre County, Pa.

WOLFE'S STORE: Quarterly Conference of God's Missionary

Churches will convene at the Wolfe's Store Church, November 4, 5 and 6, with the Rev. R. W. Chatfield, special speaker. All preachers and workers are requested to be present. The public is urged to attend these meetings, which will be in conjunction with the revival effort there. Rev. Truman Wise, Supt. of GOD'S MISSIONARY CHURCH, will be in charge of the services.

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE

Two of the first built cottages located on Penns Creek Camp Grounds are being offered for sale, at the low price of only \$350.00 per cottage. Those interested may contact the President, Rev. Truman G. Wise, Herndon, Pennsylvania.

Rev. A. A. Passmore,
Camp Treasurer



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Rev. R. W. Chatfield