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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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Two Classes of Men Seek The Saviour

Rev. Truman G. Wise, Supt.

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matt. 2:2.

"Bring me word again that I may come and worship him also." Matt. 2:8

The first chapter in the Old Testament is mainly giving an account of the production of the universe; the first chapter in the New, with the appearance of a Saviour. The one closes with the creation of the first Adam, the other with the birth of the Second. The text brings before us two classes of men interested in the Saviour. Thus we learn from these words of Matthew:

Interest Stems From Different Motives

Men are interested in Christ, and inquire about Him from different motives, some to worship Him, others to murder Him if possible. Let us think of the motive of the wise men. Lured by the guiding star, they came to worship. The spirit of worship makes wisdom. The wise man has rightly said: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Prov. 9:10. Worship is more than a ritualistic form, a religious form or program; but, true worship consists of praise, adoration, honour, the giving of gifts, yes more than a portion of that which He has entrusted in our care, but the giving of our all, our very selves. I fear too many times what we call worshipping God is not acceptable, first because of the lightness in the way we enter such worship, and second, because of what we give Him. God kindled a star into a torch and sent it through the heavens to guide these honest seekers. There is

something in the fact that the lighted star would direct them to Him who is the Light of the World. Darkness never leads to Christ.

Again, let us note Herod's motive. He said "Worship" but he meant murder. In our day some are possessed of Herod's mean, murderous spirit, who are no kings by nature or attainment. Herod inquired about the young child and said, "That I may worship him", but his object was to grasp Him and with murderous hands take away His life. Many, still, are interested in and ask questions about Christ, who are equally as hypocritical and deceitful. They talk with others about Christ and His cause, claiming to be seeking Truth and to be His friend and defender; but their objective is to further their own material interests and to gain their carnal objectives, if they have to crucify the Son of God afresh. Many read the Bible only to fortify themselves with arguments against Christ and His cause. They go forth to curse the age and country. They are like the vampire bat, sucking away the life-blood of faith and religious conviction from all who are thoughtless enough to listen to them. Our young people of both sexes are to an alarming extent under their influence. Thus, ere they are aware of it, the very foundations of their faith are gone, and their moral blood is poisoned by this virus of hell. In these days of formality, lukewarmness, and departing from the faith, or to the other extreme, the sensational, no person is safe who does not possess a personal knowledge of

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A Prayer for All Standard Readers

*"May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is HOPE;
The Spirit of Christmas, which is PEACE
And the heart of Christmas, which is LOVE."*

EDITORIALS Thomas E. Frantz

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

The Christmas Story

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord." Luke 2:10,11.

In the midst of calamity and sin, and with the terrible wars still raging in the foreign countries and especially in war-torn China, surely Americans who read these lines should praise God at this joyous Christmas Season. While the old, old story has so often been told, it remains for us to tell it again. . . lest we forget. We would look at the Christmas Story in three different lights.

Christmas In The Light Of Prophecy

From the Garden of Eden, the place of the temptation and the tremendous fall of man, comes the first prophecy concerning the Christ. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Gen. 3:15. Theologians agree that this is the first promise regarding the Messiah. Isaiah takes up the telescope of time, takes a look and tells us: (1) A sign of His birth. . . "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Ch. 7,

Verse 14. (2) The name of the Saviour. . . "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Ch. 9, Verse 6. The prophet Micah tells us of His birthplace. . . "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." Ch. 5, Verse 2. And others told of the coming of the One that was to bring Salvation to Israel. Their testimonies and prophecies were fulfilled at His glorious birth. Thus was Christmas in the light of prophecy.

Christmas In The Light Of Reality

With every prophecy fulfilled, the stage was set for the Christchild to come, and the events of Luke 2 then took place. Few of the writers of profane history or of Christian fiction can equal the description of "Ben Hur," as the author pictures Mary, the mother of King Jesus, with her husband, Joseph, wearily plodding along toward Bethlehem, only to discover to their regret that they were too late to gain entrance to the inn and to obtain sleeping quarters for the night. Then, "because there was no room for them in the inn," Jesus was born in the stable and laid in a manger. Mankind down through the ages have continually re-enacted this scene, having no room for Jesus. America declares, through her departing from the old landmarks of spiritual work and through her neglect of worship to the only true God, that there is no room for Jesus in our nation today. How sad! The Christ that enabled our precious boys to win the victory on the recent battlefield is now shoved aside, "because there was no room." Thank God for those who have allowed the Saviour to dwell in their hearts by faith, allowing no room for the things of sin.

It would appear that there is a contradiction in the Sacred Writ's description of the time of Jesus birth. Luke says the shepherds were "abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night," and then after the birth declares that the angel announces: "For unto you is born this day. . . a Saviour." Possibly, it was night when the party arrived at Bethlehem, as all the sleeping quarters were full. It is reasonable to suppose that the Angelic Annunciation heralded forth the existence and drawing of a **NEW DAY**. A day when men need no longer en-

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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.

The Voice of God

Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Pastor
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Acts 2:16 "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel."

From the time that God called to Adam, who had hidden himself among the trees of the garden, He has been calling to all others of the human race, who have done likewise. Many plans and methods have been used, whereby God has sought to reveal Himself to fallen man, but down through the ages His purpose has been the same, that is that man should be an honour and glory to Him. There was a time when God spoke directly and audibly to men, as with Abraham, Moses, and many others. At a later period, He spoke through the medium of prophets, and also revealed Himself to them in dreams and visions. Still later, He sent His son Jesus into the world, and we have recorded His command to those of that time, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye him." But since the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) God endeavors to speak to men by His Spirit, the Holy Ghost.

We today are privileged to live in the age of greatest spiritual enlightenment this world has ever known. Jesus spoke of this age in the 16th. chapter of St. John's Gospel, when He said: "Howbeit, when he, The Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." This age (The Gospel and Holy Ghost Dispensation) began with the pouring out of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost, and will close with the rapture of the Saints at the coming of Jesus. We see, therefore, that Salvation just begins with the New Birth, and that the greatest promise in the Word is to those who will seek the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38-39. This promise, fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, and still being fulfilled every time a believer receives the Holy Ghost, was spoken of in the days of the prophet Joel. Joel 2:28, 29 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit." "Through no other medium can we approach God today than by His Spirit, for it is the Holy Spirit who convicts of sin, who helps us to repent, who gives us the evidence or witness, who

leads us into the light of holiness of heart, and who imparts the divine nature within us, thus burning out the last traces of carnality and taking the throne, reigning in our hearts and lives, who fits us for service, making us beings of fervent prayer in behalf of the souls of men.

It is the Holy Ghost **POURED** into the hearts of the "Sons and daughters," that makes the prophecy a witness for Him; the Holy Ghost **POURED** into hearts of old men makes them look back upon lives burned-out with labor in His Service, and **DREAM** of the time when they were in the battle; they look before and **DREAM** of the victories to be won by those who were saved under their preaching, and are following in their steps. They also dream of the eternal rewards awaiting the faithful. The Holy Ghost **POURED** out upon young men enables them to see **VISIONS**: **VISIONS** of lost souls and the need of putting forth every effort to get them saved; **VISIONS** of churches once on fire for God, where revivals are needed. Oh! That we might have in these last days, a pouring out of the Holy Ghost upon us, until every minister, every church official, yea, every member will rally together in one united, Holy Ghost effort—presenting a solid front—, and desperately wage war on the devil and his kingdom.

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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.

Mark 16:15 — "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

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Dear Friend:

We greet you in the interest of our Cuban Missions. Undoubtedly most of you are acquainted with our Missionaries and our Missionary program in Cuba. Formerly this work was independent, having been started and operated under the direct jurisdiction of Rev. Eversole. However since last December, 1948, Brother Eversole felt the need of uniting with some religious organization, so as to be better able to widen out his Mission interests. Having felt it to be the will of God, he united with God's Missionary Church. Since then, we have been incorporated in Cuba, and are now able to organize and carry on Missionary work in all six provinces.

Last winter a revival was conducted in the Eastern Oriental Province which proved to be very successful. A Communist earnestly sought the Lord at an altar of prayer. His wife and four daughters were gloriously converted. Immediately they were desirous of a place of worship. This as yet has not been granted them due to lack of finance. We trust we shall soon be able to furnish them with a small building suitable for worship.

A number of doors opened in various towns and settlements in this section. Truly we heard the Macedonian call, "Come over and help us." Due to our brief stay we were unable to comply with the requests of these Gospel seeking people. Transportation is very difficult in this section, making it almost necessary to walk to these many villages. Immediately the need was sensed to provide a way of visiting these many neglected people. It was decided by our General Board to secure a Chevrolet Carryall Suburban truck, (or Station-wagon). The truck has been purchased and we are happy to tell you that it has been paid for and is now on its way to Cuba, or may already be there. We wish to thank all for their generous contributions in making this possible.

Two other missionaries are now under appointment; just as soon as we are financially able, they will leave to assist Rev. Eversole on the field. Rev. Wm. Sullivan is a fine Christian man, with a vision of lost souls. He has had a number of years in pastoral experience in a sister Holiness Church. Also, he is a skilled carpenter, which trade will make him most valuable on the field.

Miss Mae Kuhns is a member of our Millmont church. She has had a number of years training in Bible School, and has served as assistant and worker, also several years in Point Pleasant Orphanage. She is a true Christian.

Friends, the need is great. Will you not pray about these matters and ask the Lord what He would have you to do in making it possible to get these workers on the field? Then, too, we need a headquarters on the field. We will need approximately three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for this adventure. Will you pray and give as the Lord directs? Thank you.

Send all offerings to Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Missionary Treasurer, R. D. Elizabethville, Pa.

Yours for the "OTHER SHEEP,"
JOSEPH HOFFMAN

EVANGELISTIC PULPIT

"Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5.

(Doubtless many of our readers have heard the messages of the late E. E. Shelhamer. His widow still carries on in the work God has given to her to do in a little mission for the

colored people in Washington, D. C. It is with pleasure we present her articles, one of which follows.)

Why Help The Negro

Mrs. E. E. Shelhamer

1. We owe something to the American negro that we do not owe to others. The atrocities committed against the colored race, not only in the days of slavery, but since that time, have been sufficient to turn the cheek of darkness pale. Therefore our obligation to him is greater than to any other nation.

2. Retributive Justice declares, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." There is no way of getting around the fact that all that we have caused another to suffer will come back upon us. It may be years in coming but it will come. As a nation and as individuals we may expect that God will punish us for all that we have done or permitted to be done against the Negro.

3. Nothing but an atonement on our part will cause God to look this way in love. The colored people are perhaps the most forgiving of all God's creatures. But that does not excuse us, nor does it pay the debt we owe them of love and understanding sympathy in all that they have suffered of cruelty, ostracism, and undue segregation.

Surely, we owe them something and nothing can appeal to God in our behalf like peni-

tence and substantial atonement of some sort on our part. A fitting atonement would be time or money given for the education and evangelization of the colored people.

Many people who are guilty will not make an atonement; therefore we who are innocent will have to take their place and satisfy an angry God—angry at our nation for its treatment of the colored people.

God never forgets until He forgives, and He never forgives until proper conditions are met.

There is a great reward for those who help the unfortunate. "If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day: And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58:10, 11. What greater reward could one ask?

If you would like some suggestions as to how to help the colored people, drop us a line to, 38 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mrs. E. E. Shelhamer

My Conversion

How well do I remember,
The night the Lord saved me.
'Twas in a little meetin' house,
Out in the country.

Some folks called us on the phone,
And said, why don't you follow?
We're going to the big meetin'
Way up in ole Bush Hollow.

Old Satan said, you'd best not go,
You've got an awful cold.
Why, they have nothing but oil
lamps,
And two pot-bellied stoves.

Oh, Yes, there is a wooden bench
That stretches from the corner.

I guess those simple, praying folk.
Call it the "mourner."

I fixed up nice, put on my best.
You couldn't find a wrinkle.
Then to that meetin' house I went,
And sat right in the center.

My cheeks were nice and rosy,
My lips a cherry red.
My rings how they did sparkle,
And I had curls, all over my head.

Then God came on that meetin'
The Holy Spirit stayed.
They sang, they preached, they
passed the plate,
And then got down, and prayed.

Now there's a sacred, hallowed spot,
At that bench, right near the corner,

The saints all came to help me
pray,
You see, I was the mourner.

Old Sister Spotts would, "Praise
the Lord."
Dear Bro. Shull, "Amen."
And all the saints would cry aloud,
Let the Zimmerman sisters sing.

I mourn no more, I shout with joy,
I feel so good, I "holler,"
Praise God for that old meetin'
house,

That stands up in Bush Hollow.

—Mrs. Wilma Possinger

YOUTH'S MESSAGE

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

Young People's Religion

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by a student in Transylvania Bible School. Will not other young people submit articles, views, short stories with a Christian emphasis, and other Christian literature for this page? Let's get busy, young people. Mail your contribution to: Editor, God's Missionary Standard, 635 Susquehanna Avenue, Sunbury, Pa.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy." II Tim. 3:1, 2.

It is true that many of the young people of today do go to church, and that is where all of us should go (shame on you if you don't), but there is a great question as to if they really enjoy themselves while at church, in the things of the Lord. So many of today's youth have their minds on the opposite sex, rather than on the church happenings. Should not all young people ask themselves the question: "Is God pleased with me?"

If church-goers, young and old, have not had their minds on the things of God, what is going to be accomplished? Nothing! You may say that you love to see souls won to the Lord, but, dear reader, they will not be unless you do all in your power through the assistance of the Holy Ghost. And think this

over rather seriously: If I don't do my best, what part will I take in the spiritual progress of my own soul? of my church? of my community? Had everyone taken a "back seat" in this past war effort, do you think our country would have won the war?

There are so many things of the world today, which tend to pull away many folk, many of whom have been church attenders. Here are some: Movies, dancing, mixed bathing, festivals, carnivals, roller skating rinks, and many others, all inspired by the devil to lead the youth of our land astray. This is the devil's way to win souls.

You may ask what is wrong with all of these above-named places and activities. To be short, all of them in some way, go against the commandments of God, and are condemning many a young person's soul.

There are few people who want to miss Heaven, and there is an escape from these worldly pleasures and desires. Jesus said, "Come unto me and I will in no wise cast you out." This is the answer: If you go to God, and ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and promise not to sin anymore, then He will forgive you. Oh! It's wonderful to have a Saviour like this, but few there are who want Him, for most people want the world and its pleasures. Which will you choose today, dear reader?

Elwood Peters, Student

No Room at The Inn

It is evening the sun is a-setting, away in the far western sky,
Two travelers, foot-sore and weary, are seeking for somewhere to lie.
At the inn-keeper's door they are standing, asking just for a place to lie down,
"We have traveled so far and weary, and 'tis cold for to sleep on the ground."

But the inn-keeper says to the strangers, "You knock at my door but in vain,
For my house is now full to o'erflowing, and tonight there's no entrance to gain,
My beds, they are full of strangers, and for others I cannot find room,
So elsewhere you must look for shelter, I can give you no place to lie down."

"It is not of myself I am thinking, as for me soon a place could be found,
But my wife is so worn with the journey, she must not sleep outside on the ground;
There's no place where we know to find lodging, and the rich folks have chosen the best
So there's hardly a place in the village, where two poor humble people might rest.

"Sir, your shed's over yonder, I'm thinking—might afford us a place for to stay,
Will you lodge us tonight in your stable, just give us a bed on the hay?"
So with cattle around them a-lowing, and the beasts of the travelers tied round,
Where blasphemers oaths were a-sounding, there Josoph and Mary lay down.

It was there in the hour of mid-night that Jesus the Saviour was born,
Could a more welcomed message be uttered, than was heard by the shepherds that morn?
When forth from the throne came the angels, and glorious the song that they sang,
To-day o'er in Bethle'm's manger, to-day there the Saviour is born

Rev. C. M. Walk, Pastor of E. U. B. Church Hallton, Pa.

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Christ as his Saviour. This only will help us to be able to say with the man of the Scriptures, "One thing I know." John 9:25.

Inquiry Produces Different Results

The results of our inquiry about Christ will be determined by the motive with which we seek Him. The wise men came to worship, and soon found Him, and began to rejoice. So it is with you and me. These wise men had followed the light they had, but when they came to Jerusalem, they inquired and got new light. The Christ-seeker, who faithfully follows the light he has, and looks and asks for more, will find cause for rejoicing. Light from above, and fellowmen below will reassure and cheer him even before he meets the Saviour in mercy and pardon. The light they got at Jerusalem and the light from the star both agreed and focused upon "Bethlehem of Judea." Human and Divine guidance unite and harmonize in guiding the man who wants to find the Saviour. In the case of Herod's realized results, we note that he was troubled. Think of a baby troubling a king. The Scriptures say: "The wicked flee when no man pursueth." It is true, Christ must either bless or trouble humanity. The trouble comes from the wrong or blighted condition of the human nature. God desires to correct this condition of the human nature. God desires to correct by the mighty work of Grace called the New Birth, then to fill with the Holy Ghost.

In-accurate Search Ends In Failure

All opposition to Christ and His cause must end in failure. Herod and all that sought the young child's life are dead. But the child lives on. He has said, "I am alive forevermore." Rev. 1:18. Beloved Christians, young and old, let us unite our Faith in the Christ whom we have sought and found, putting our trust in Him who cannot fail for He is God.

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...dure the chains of sin, nor the mocking sacrifices which were not able to take away their sins. Praise God it was a NEW DAY! As the angel spoke to the shepherds of the birth of the Saviour, the heavenly choir began to sing the refrain... "Glory to God

in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." There was enough of the Father's presence demonstrated on that hillside that night to convince the lowly shepherds that truly the Saviour had come. They found Him as the angel band had told them. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard, and seen." Some time later, authorities disagree as to the span of time, there were other visitors in the form of the three wise men. Matthew gives us a view of this visit... "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh." It is interesting to note the order of their action by observing the verbs in this verse. (1) They came. (2) They saw. (3) They fell down and worshipped. (4) They opened their treasures and presented gifts. This pictures a soul that comes to the Christ today, gets a vision of His holiness and love, falls down to worship Him, and then opens to Christ all the treasures of his heart and life. The gifts of the wise men were significant of: His authority—Gold; His Divinity—Frankincense; and His sufferings and death—Myrrh. Turning from that glorious scene let us note—

Christmas In The Light Of Retrogression

Christmas, 1949, finds us looking back to that wonderful event striving to see through the mist of Santa Clauses, Dances, Parties, Christmas meals and decorations—to see the *true spirit of Christmas*. Thank the Lord there are still some old-fashioned Christians who live for God, and breathe forth the Christmas spirit that was present that day in Bethlehem's manger, nearly 2,000 years ago. These are the people who have had a personal CHRISTMAS, where Christ has been formed in them by faith. Thus we have Christmas and the CHRISTMAS STORY.

Wedding Bells Rang For

Rev. Paul H. Eversole and Miss Ruth Shafer, who were united in marriage, October 12, last, at the bride's home in Jackson, Michigan, by the Rev. T. M. Fast. They will reside in Cuba, where Mrs. Eversole will assist in the missionary work there. Pray for these soldiers of the Cross, who have not counted their lives dear to themselves, but have gone out to the "regions beyond." (See Page 11 for their latest report from the field.)

Hints and Helps for Preachers

Rev. Geo. I. Straub, Ass't. Supt.

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

The Apostle Paul, well seasoned with years of experience, took great pains in trying to erect barricades and danger signals before the young ministers and his successors. He was not only interested in their conversion, but prayed night and day that their love might abound. Love being the essence of the fruit of the Spirit, is also the convincing element in Bible Salvation. John 13:2. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Every minister and layman is commanded to "Put on the whole armour of God." Eph. 6: 11. The very fact that we are told to put on the whole armour of God teaches us there are battles and conflicts before us. The purpose of putting on the whole armour is revealed in the words, "That ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

The devil has many counterfeits crossing the country, perverting and twisting the Scriptures. This accounts for the many cults and "isms" which are damning and poisoning the multitudes. Against these conditions and cults Paul urges every minister to prepare and guard himself.

1. "Study to shew thyself approved." Prepare to counteract and combat these erroneous doctrines, which are undermining the faith and teaching of the Holiness movement. We do not throw poison down to a rat, but we mix the poison with desirable food. Just so the devil hides the poison of false doctrine in the midst of some wholesome truth. Therefore we are to study and pray earnestly so that we can sense and detect the false from the true. It has been said repeatedly, "It makes no difference what we believe, so long as we are sincere for we all are striving for the same place." You can very safely guess to which place they are going, for Salvation does not depend upon sincere thinking, but right thinking. In order to help our listeners to think right it will be necessary for the minister to present truths that will channel their thoughts along the line of Bible doctrines.

In the Dark Ages the devil sought to keep the Bible from the people, but in these modern times he now seeks to keep people from the Bible. The pastor who fails to diligently search after the deeper truths of God's Word seldom lasts very long at one place. His indifference will result in shallow preaching. Paul well knew this when he urged Timothy to stir up the gift of God, "which is in thee by the putting on of my hands." II Tim. 1:6. Pastors can cool off and settle down as well as the lay-members when fail-

ing to avail themselves of private prayer and Bible Study. Howard Sweeten said: "The Bible is not a book given to entertain, but it is for instruction; it is not so much for admiration, as it is for admonition. The Bible is an inexhaustible resource of moral and spiritual blessing; it is like an ever-flowing spring: take all you want from it, and it lessens not its contents. It is ever fresh and invigorating and is applicable to the needs of every succeeding generation." The great orator, Henry Ward Beecher, once said: "The Bible is bread. Bread does not undertake to reap the harvest or plow the field, or blast the rock, or delve in the mine, or fish in the sea; but it makes man strong that he can do it."

A minister's knowledge of the Bible does not depend on how much he reads, but how much he digests and absorbs. The entrance of God's Word giveth light, and serves as a sure preventive against sin. Psalms 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

(To be continued)

Evangelists' Slates

(Brethren of God's Missionary Church, who wish their slate inserted in the **STANDARD**, must forward to the editor a list of dates and places before the tenth of the month previous to publication.—The Editor)

Confer, Dean

(Home Address, Beech Creek, Pa.)

Frantz, Thomas E.

(Home Address, 635 Susquehanna Ave., Sunbury, Pa.)

W. Conshohocken, Pa.—Nov. 30
Dec. 11.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Dec. 13-25.

Pine Grove, Pa.—Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

Lewistown, Pa.—Jan. 3-15.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Jan. 17-29.

Lafayette, Ind.—Feb. 1-12.

Camden, N. J.—Feb. 15-26.

Gospel Musical Caravan—

(Rev. Paul Light and Rev. Norman Jacobs)

(Home Address, R. D., Palmer-ton, Pa.)

Home Missionary work in Florida,
Dec.

Herr, Russell T.

(Home Address, Richfield, Pa.)

Hoffman, Joseph

(Home Address, Elizabethville, Pa.)

Straub, George I.

(Home Address, Penns Creek, Pa.)

A Year of Revival History

Leaving the pastorate in September, 1948, Rev. Thomas E. Frantz summarizes his year of evangelism: The field was not entirely new, as I had done much evangelistic work in conjunction with the work of the pastorate. Looking back over the meetings held, the souls saved, and the saints encouraged, I feel that the humble efforts have been rewarded by God's presence in these services. It was wonderful to know that one could labor with such a diversified group of churches as, Pilgrim Holiness, Church of the Nazarene, Friends, Holiness Christian, Holiness Associations, Interdenominational Churches, Church of God (German Eldership), Tabernacles, and God's Missionary Church—all this with such splendid fellowship and cooperation on the part of pastors and people. In the year it was our privilege to hold 21 revivals, 2 rallies, 8 conventions, and to take part in 2 missionary tours. In this time God was pleased to give the opportunity to preach nearly 340 times, and to give us many precious souls kneeling at the altars of prayer for pardon and purity. The

field included the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Arkansas, and a tour through some of the midwestern states.

In Pine Grove, Pa., a meeting scheduled in the Holiness Christian Church for only 10 days was extended into the fifth week of meetings as souls were saved and sanctified. One sister, who had helped found the church 35 years previously, declared the revival to be identical in character and spirit with the meetings of 35 years ago. Everywhere this servant labored the cry seems to be for meetings of the old-time Methodist "protracted" character, where the Lord will order the inception and the closing of the revival. Meetings of this nature, when ordered by Divine Direction, will produce many lasting results. We look forward with pleasure to the many meetings scheduled for the remaining months of 1949, and for the greater part of 1950 and 1951. Requesting the prayers of the readers.

—Selected from Pentecostal Herald

Reports From The Field

MOUNTAIN STATE ORPHANAGE, PT. PLEASANT, W. VA.—A two weeks evangelistic campaign closed at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., Sunday night, October 30. The meeting was owned and blessed of the Lord, and will long be remembered by those who were among the happy ones who found God. The last night was the climax with old-fashioned demonstration in the Spirit, and the altar lined with penitent souls. One of the secrets of the success of the meeting was the special season of prayer each day. On one occasion during the special prayer service an elderly lady sought access to the prayer room, and was gloriously converted. It was the writer's first opportunity to labor with orphan children and to be able to fully appreciate the great work Sis. England and her co-workers are doing. Sis. England in her early life as a school teacher caught a real vision of the need of orphanages and Christian Training Schools. She put into practice James 1:27... "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Her care, concern, and motherly

advice will ever stand out as a beacon in the minds of those she labored with down through the years. One can fully understand why Dorcas was so outstanding in the minds of the poor, after seeing Sis. England fitting up and trying clothes on those who are in dire need. Children have come to the writer and stated: "This is the best home I've ever had." They enjoy the care of those godly matrons. The orphanage does more than merely offer the homeless a place of shelter, but affords them the privilege of receiving Christian training. The present school is under the supervision of Bro. Marshall Allison and his godly faculty. It cares for all who are in grammar school and three years of high school. By next year they are hoping to have the fourth year. The work in general is supported by donations and offerings, much of the clothing worn by the matrons and children is selected from used clothes contributed to the orphanage. Dear reader, if you should happen to have used clothing such as can be worn by children from three months on up to adult size, I am sure that the orphanage will greatly appreciate your contribution.

—Rev. Geo. I. Straub

SOME MORE "Handfuls of Purpose"

"And let fall some of the handfuls of purpose." Ruth 2:16.

"What makes this book so great?" This is not a strange question, it is only logical for one who has no understanding of this beautiful Book to inquire of it. To those who are not in darkness as to its greatness, to them it is a cherished love letter; furthermore it serves as one great information bureau. Here we have found in 'The Bible Society Record' a three-fold answer to the question...

1. First, its **UNITY**—unusual for the fact that while 1800 years separate its approximately forty writers, and they combine poetry

with prose, philosophy with history, and story with parable—the people want all of it, and resent its being edited or shortened.

2. Second, the greatness of the Bible stems from its **CLARITY**. It is understandable even by children, its principle themes are as simple as the stories of Joseph and Daniel, as clear as the Twenty Third Psalm, as understandable as the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan.

3. Third, the greatness of the Bible lies in its inescapable message of **AUTHORITY**. It is so much more than a book. It is power.

Like seed sown in a fertile land, the Bible when circulated among a people, causes something to grow in their souls. The finest flowers of world culture have grown from the soil in which the Bible has been sown. This is true in music, art, literature, architecture, morals, and government. The secret of this great Book's power is the person of Jesus Christ. Though no man can explain Him, every man who has yielded his life to Him has found himself in the presence of God, has found the fuller meaning of life, peace, and that dynamic sense of assurance we call salvation.

Selected by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Herr

Some Reports Gleaned From Here and There

Beavertown, Pa... A week of special services came to a close at the Beavertown Church on Sunday, October 23. The opening services on Sunday afternoon and evening, featured the Central Pa. Gospel Band. Great spiritual outpourings were greatly enjoyed by the huge congregations which overflowed the church auditorium at both of these services, as this group magnified the Lord with special selections of music and song and testimonies telling of the presence of God in their lives. Hallelujah. Rev. W. Endicott of Camden, N. J., returned missionary from India, was the evangelist for this series of meetings, and the messages of this sanctified vessel of God were greatly used, blessed, and owned of God to the encouragement of the church. One soul sanctified, and several saved were the visible results of these special meetings, for which we praise the Lord. We are looking forward to having her with us again in the future if Jesus carries and the Lord wills.

—Rev. John Noll, Pastor

Revival services at the Spring Garden Chapel, held recently with the Rev. Joe Hoffman as evangelist were the best revival services we have yet had here. Crowds were

large and the building was filled night after night. Some thirty different seekers sought the Lord. We enjoyed the faithful ministry of Bro. Hoffman and plan to have him back again. Pray for the work here.

—Rev. A. A. Passmore, Pastor

The ministers of God's Missionary Church assembled at Wolfe's Store Church, near Rebersburg, Pa. for the ministerial meeting, November 5, at 10:00 a. m., with a large number of the brethren in attendance. Following the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report by Rev. Moore, Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Sec. Treas., Foreign Missions, gave a report of his activities, stating that the mission field is now in need of our best support. The out-going missionaries will be on the field as soon as necessary funds are supplied. Rev. and Mrs. Eversole have already arrived in eastern Cuba with the truck and equipment. A letter has been prepared to be sent out to interested friends requesting their prayers and support, and it is hoped that funds will soon be on hand to further the missionary cause in Cuba. As various applicants were considered for license by the assembled group, there were many exhortations from the various

brethren, and especially from Rev. Truman G. Wise, the Supt., who urged one and all to support the work of the denomination and push the battle for souls. In the absence of the engaged speaker, Rev. R. W. Chatfield, who was confined to bed by his illness, Bro. Sunny Musser and Bro. Blaine Moore, both applicants for the ministry, delivered fine and spiritual messages in the afternoon service, after which we enjoyed a good season of prayer around the altar and a fine time of fellowship one with another. It is hoped that at the next quarterly conference much of the work on the revision of the new Discipline will be completed, and other needed revisions in church government made as will please the Lord. —Reported.

Revival Services at God's Missionary Church, Wolfe's Store, now in progress are enjoying good victory with Rev. R. W. Chatfield as evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Passmore as singers and musicians. Some nights Rev. Passmore has had to preach due to the illness of Rev. Chatfield, but God has honoured His servants and blessed His people, and souls have sought God, and the church has been encouraged.

—Rev. Joe Hoffman, Pastor

A REPORT FROM "The Regions Beyond"

Missionaries in Cuba: Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Eversole
Address: Central Santa Lucia, Oriente, Cuba.

Dear Friends and Standard Readers:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God be yours. I am glad to be able to write you again from the land of Cuba. It is good to be here again after the summer in the North. (Rev. Eversole was on furlough to U. S. A. during the summer months. Ed.) After our camp meeting at Penn's Creek, Pa., I spoke in several places and then went west to Michigan, and Kansas, where my family lives. On my return to Penna., I conducted a few more meetings and then loaded my things into the Chevy Carryall truck for the trip to Cuba. When I was about ready to leave I found that I would have to wait for some of the papers for the truck, so I decided after my last meetings at Transylvania Bible School, I would return to Michigan again before I went south. This I did and spent a little over two weeks in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer in Jackson. Miss Ruth Shafer, whom I had met over three years ago, and I were united in marriage in a quiet ceremony at her home, with only the members of the family and some close friends present. Rev. T. M. Fast performed the ceremony.

Now work began in earnest. We had to load the truck. Friends had brought many useful things for us, so we bought a trunk, then we filled a wooden box, and then bought a washing machine. All these things and more we loaded into the truck and October 14 started south. I had taken the helper springs off the truck, but arriving in Cincinnati, I put them on again, due to the heavy load. In Cincinnati we picked up a trunk that I had stored there, and this, too, was filled. We owe a debt of gratitude to friends at God's Bible School for their kindnesses and prayers.

We continued our journey southward through Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida. We stopped at Tampa, Fla., and at Intercession City. We spent Sunday at Southern Wesleyan Bible College, where we received a warm welcome. Tuesday morning we continued our journey to Miami where we arranged to ship the truck to Cuba. Here we began to see God's hand begin to work. The Cuban consul sent us to a shipper, who was also a Cuban. He seemed interested in getting our things into Cuba as cheaply as possible. He put the value on the truck at \$1325.00, a price lower than I asked. He sent us to Key West to ship the truck, where it cost only \$47.00 for freight. We flew on to Cuba, where we began early Monday morning, October 31, to get the truck through customs. With the aid of a little Cuban lawyer we finally got through, but it took all day. We had things

wedged in tightly and some breakable things included, so that we did not want to unload the truck. The little lawyer got a letter from the chief of customs to the inspector at the wharf to release the truck without inspection. He was a little reluctant to do so, but finally let us go. We stopped by the guard at the gate. A young Cuban chauffeur was driving, for I was glad for this time to have a driver. The guard said, "This is a little bit rare," but checked our papers and let us go out of customs and on Cuban soil. Praise God. This was the moment I was waiting for. I had further difficulty having to buy Cuban license and driver's license, which I had not expected to have to do. Finally we were ready to head for Eastern Cuba. On our arrival in Oriente, we will have to look for a room until we can find a place to build. With new missionaries under appointment and visitors coming it is imperative that we have a house. We ask your prayers that God will help us to carry out our program this winter. We have the truck and it is going to be a great help and blessing in the work. God has helped us in this effort now, and will abundantly supply all our needs.

Your Missionaries,
Paul and Ruth Eversole

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

Sunday Evening, December 18, will mark the beginning of our mid-winter crusade for souls, to continue indefinitely, as the Lord leads, with the Rev. Dean Confer, Beech Creek, Pa., as the evangelist. Old-fashioned, dynamic, forceful preaching of the Word can be expected. This is your invitation to attend any and all of these services. With united voices, the saints of the Beavertown Church proclaim, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

Order of Services

Sunday School..9:00 a. m.
Morning Worship..10:15 a. m.
Evening Services..Evangelistic..7:00 p. m.
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REPORTS.....

We are glad to report of the work in our new field at Zerby Church of God's Missionary Church, that prospects are encouraging. The Lord has been definitely answering prayer, and has given us some new souls. We have been endeavoring to get the work on a regular schedule, and now have Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. followed by morning worship every Sabbath morning. Beginning November 1, we begin our Sunday evening services at 7:00 p. m., with cottage prayer services on Tuesday nights and prayer meeting at the church, Fri-

day evenings. Our cottage prayer meetings have been well-attended, and are good spiritual services. Attendance has been on the increase both in the S. S. and the preaching services. Pray with us, that the Lord will send the Zerby church and surrounding community a mighty revival and a time of ingathering of souls. For the benefit of the *STANDARD* readers, the pastor's address is:

Rev. Marlin E. Moore
Coburn, Pa.

—Pastor Marlin E. Moore

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