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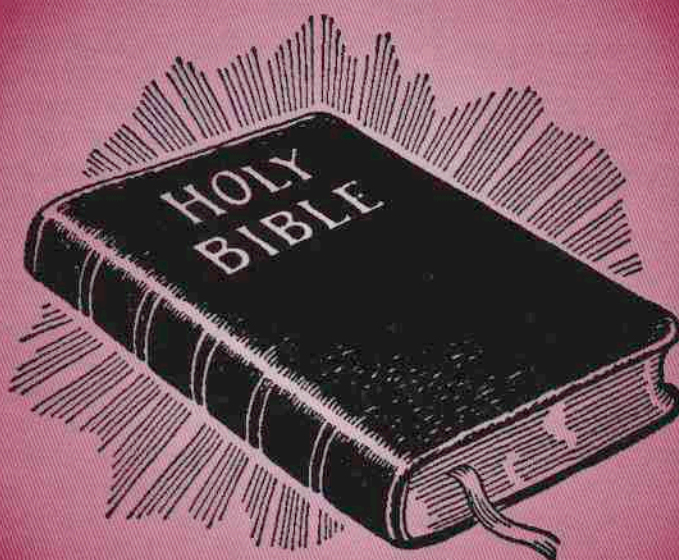
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IN MEMORY OF

Rev. Harold E. Schmul

January 26, 1921—June 26, 1998

Co-founder of the Inter-Church Holiness Convention and its General Secretary for forty-five years... a church statesman... missionary, evangelist, pastor, Preacher, theologian, historian, and author... founder of Schmul Publishing Company (a printer of Wesleyan Methodist literature since 1953...) but most of all, "a man of God."

Dr. H. E. Schmul has served in our pulpits and from all of our camp meeting platforms as an expositor of truth. His message, testimony and example will be missed. He is home in heaven. May God bless his memory.

Schmul Funeral Report

"The service should be free in spirit, open and victorious. Let there be great singing. Let the people sing until they have sung." These were the words of Rev. Harold Schmul as he wrote out his wishes for his funeral service. A lover of the great Methodist hymns, the congregation sang Brother Schmul's favorites: And Can It Be, The Crystal Fountain, Arise, My Soul Arise, O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, and of course, I Don't Care What Church You Belong To. Special music was provided by Paul and Nancy Gray, David and Francis Fuller. The funeral concluded with Rev. Richard Beckham singing "When Our Ships Come Sailing Home." Shouts of praises were heard throughout the funeral service. Rev. Tom Reed of Chicago preached the funeral message. Rev. Michael Avery, president of God's Bible School, conducted the service. Rev. Leonard Sankey gave appropriate remarks from IHC. Others also spoke, including: Rev. Paul Pierpoint, pastor of Hobe Sound Bible Church; Rev. John I. Page, former President of Kansas City College and Bible School; Rev. Andrew Whitney, former Conference President of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and Rev. Larry Smith, editor of God's Revivalist. This funeral was a highlight of history as several hundred people packed the Salem Pilgrim Church in Salem, Ohio. With H. Robb French, Brother Schmul founded the InterChurch Holiness Convention in 1951. He also founded the Schmul Publishing Company, the largest publisher of Wesleyan Methodist literature. Pray for his wife, Lois, his children, Harold, Jr. And Bradley. Pray also for Rev. Leonard Sankey as he directs the IHC for the years to come.

Letting the Truth Slip

by Samuel Logan Brengle

"THEREFORE WE OUGHT TO GIVE THE MORE EARNEST HEED TO THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE HEARD, LEST AT ANY TIME WE SHOULD LET THEM SLIP." (Hebrews 2:1).

The truth that saves the soul is not picked up as we would pick up pebbles along the beach, but it is obtained rather as gold and silver, after diligent searching and much digging. Solomon says: "If thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; if thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God" (Prov. 2:3-5). The man who gets the truth will have to use his wits, will need much prayer and self-examination, and self-denial. He must listen diligently in his own soul for God's voice. He must watch lest he fall into sin and forgetfulness, and he must meditate in the truth of God day and night.

Getting saved is not like taking a holiday outing. The men and women who are full of the truth—who are walking embodiments of the truth—have not become so without effort. They have digged for truth, they have loved it; they have longed for it more than necessary food; they have sacrificed all for it. When they have fallen they have risen again, and when defeated they have not yielded to discouragement, but with more care, watchfulness, and greater earnestness, they have renewed their efforts for it. They have counted not their lives dear unto themselves that they might know the truth. Wealth, ease, a name among men, reputation, pleasure, everything the world holds, have been counted as dung and dross in their pursuit of truth, and just at that point where truth took precedence over all creation, they found it—the truth that saves the soul, that satisfies the heart, that answers the questions of life, brings fellowship with God, joy unutterable, and perfect peace.

Just as it costs effort to find the truth, so it requires watching to keep it. Riches have wings, and if unguarded, flee away; so with truth. It will slip away if not earnestly heeded. "Buy the truth, and sell it not." It usually slips away little by little. It is lost as leaking water is lost, not all at once, but by degrees.

Here is a man who was once full of the truth. He loved his enemies and prayed for them, but, little by little, he neglected that truth that we should love our enemies, and it slipped away, and instead of love and prayer for his enemies, have come bitterness and sharpness.

Another one poured out his money upon the poor for the spread of the gospel. He was not afraid to trust God to supply all his wants. He was so full of truth that all fear was gone, and he was certain that if he sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; all other things would be added unto him (Matt. 6:33). He did not fear that God would forget him and forsake him, and leave his seed to beg bread. He served God gladly and with all his heart; was satisfied with a crust, and was happy and carefree as the sparrow that tucks his tiny head under its little wing and goes to sleep, not knowing where its breakfast is to come from, but trusts to the great God, who "openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing," and "giveth them their meat in due season."

Little by little, the devil's prudence got into his heart and, little by little, he let the truth of God's faithfulness and

fatherly, providing care slip until now he is stingy, grasping, and anxious about the morrow, and altogether unlike his liberal, loving Lord.

Here is another man who was once praying all the time. He loved to pray. Prayer was the very breath of his life. But, little by little, he let the truth that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint," slip, and now prayer is a cold, dead form with him.

Another once went to every meeting he could find; but he began to neglect the truth that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is (Heb. 10:25), and now he prefers going to the park, the river side, or the club-room, to going to religious meetings.

Another one sprang to his feet the moment an opportunity to testify was given, and whenever he met a comrade on the street he must speak of the good things of God. But, little by little, he gave way to "foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient," and let the truth that "they feared the Lord spake often one to another" slip, and at last he quite forgot the solemn words of our Lord Jesus, "that every idle word that man shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." He no longer remembers that the Bible says: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," and that we must let our "speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt," and so now he can talk glibly on every subject but that of personal religion and holiness.

The old, thoughtful, fiery testimony that stirred the hearts of men, that brought terrible warning to careless sinners, that encouraged fainting, timid hearts, and brought cheer and strength to soldiers and saints, has given place to a few set phrases which have lost their meaning to his own heart, which have about the same effect upon the meeting that big icicles would have on a fire, and which are altogether as fruitless as the broken shells in a last year's bird's nest.

Another one believed with all her heart that "Women professing godliness" should "adorn themselves in modest apparel, which shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, but . . . with good works;" but little by little, she let the truth of God slip; she listened to the smooth whisperings of the tempter, and she fell when she listened to the devil and ate the forbidden fruit. Now, instead of neat, "modest apparel," she is decked out with feathers and flowers and "costly array;" but she has lost the "ornament of a meek and a quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." But what shall these people do?

Let them remember whence they have fallen, repent, and do their first works over again. Let them dig for truth again, as men dig for gold, and search for her as for hid treasures, and they will find her again. God "is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

This may be hard work. So it is hard to dig for gold. It may be slow work. So it is to search for hidden treasure. But it is sure work. "Seek and ye shall find." But it is necessary work. Your soul's eternal destiny depends upon it.

What shall those who love the truth do to prevent it from slipping?

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Church News

Report of the 63rd Annual Conference of the God's Missionary Church, Inc.

The 63rd Annual Conference of the God's Missionary Church, Inc. was called to order by General Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank on July 21, 1998. A time of prayer was had around the altar uniting our hearts in the presence of God. Evangelist Mark Fultz led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory," after which assistant Supt. Rev. A. L. Kratz read from Ephesians 5:25-32. His comments focused on the words, "glorious church," spoken of in verse 27. He commented a glorious church should be a clean church, a church possessing the glory and power of God, and a church that is aggressive, alive and active for God.

Following the devotional time, the Lord's Supper was served by Revs. Plank and Kratz. 53 persons were served at the first table and 41 at the second. A special song, "He Lifted Me," was sung by the Fultz's. While the song was being sung, God settled in and many responded with shouts, tears and praises.

General Supt. Rev. Harry F. Plank preached from the text taken in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." His message was one of challenge, instruction, as well as inspirational. He preached well as only Bro. Plank can preach.

The rest of the day was given to the election of officers. It was not needful to vote on our General Supt. As he received a three-year call last year. Due to Rev. Kenneth Walter withholding his name from all church offices, he was replaced as General Board member by the election of Rev. Barry Arnold. There was minimal change on all remaining Boards. The elections were concluded by 8:45 PM.

Wednesday was given to committee and Board meetings. In the Wednesday evening service, Rev. & Mrs. Jeff Asbell were received into the Conference as an ordained minister. Rev. Fred Watson was honored by receiving a plaque commemorating his 50 years of being a minister in God's Missionary Church. After the message by Rev. Barry Arnold, two licensed ministers were presented for ordination; they being Rev. Dwight Rine and Rev. Wilmer Paulus. Revs. Plank, Kratz, Zechman, Walter, Cooley, and Arnold all participated in the "Laying on of Hands." Conference concluded as the Conference body greeted the newly ordained ministers and their wives. —ALK

Corrections

The June and July issues of the STANDARD were incorrectly numbered VOL. 49 instead of VOL. 50.

The Poem on Page 2 of the July issue of the STANDARD was noted Author Unknown. It was written by H. Robb French.

Needed Information

Anyone knowing the year Evangelist CHARLIE WIREMAN died please send the information to the Editor. Thank you.

BEAVERTOWN BIRTH

A daughter, TINEKA MAE, was born to Ronald & Trina (Aurand) Mowery on June 18, 1998 at 12:30 AM at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA.

TO THE CONFERENCE FAMILY...

General Superintendent Reverend Harry F. Plank



Christian Greetings!

We report on a portion of our travels and activity with the conference. Thank you for your prayers as you read and understand the work of this office.

June 26 – Conducted Penns Creek Camp board meeting.

June 28 – Attended Mt. of Blessing Camp Meeting in Carroll. Enjoyed the ministry of our own ministers, Rev. Paul Miller and Rev. Ricky Rose. The Paul Clough family did an excellent job in the music on this day.

June 29-30 – Traveled to Salem, Ohio to attend the viewing and funeral of Rev. H. E. Schmul. Brother Schmul had a great and lasting influence on the conservative holiness movement as well as a great influence among our God's Missionary people. George I. Straub was a personal friend and co-laborer in the Convention with Brother Schmul. It was a very inspiring time to celebrate the home going of Brother Schmul.

July 1 – Traveled to the Eastern Shore to attend the Morris Tabernacle Camp Meeting. Rev. James Cooper, Sr. directed the services. The Archie Atwell Family and the Billy McCoy Family ministered in Word and Song. In the service I attended, the McCoy family sang after which Brother McCoy preached (or exhorted) as an unusual presence of the Lord settled down in the midst. Souls sought God at the altar for the victory God alone can give.

July 2 – Traveled to our camp at Hanover. Pastor Michael Hoskins made us welcome and we enjoyed the ministry in the service of Rev. James Keaton. Again in this camp, God's presence was felt in the service. It was good to see Brother Keaton's co-worker again, Rev. Coy McGinnis.

July 5 – Attended the final services of Mt. of Blessing Camp. Again heard Rev. Paul Miller and Rev. Ricky Rose preach. The Lighthouse Trio provided the music. We appreciated the afternoon Penn View service.

July 7 – Conducted General Board Meeting in the Penn View Bible Institute Conference Room.

July 9-12 – Traveled to Stoneboro for the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Youth Camp. I arrived late due to I-80 construction (It took 2½ hours to travel 12 miles), but in time to preach the first message on Thursday evening. My co-workers were Rev. Nathan Stracner, moderator of the Bible Missionary Church California District, and Rev. Neil Schlang of Tennessee. Dan & Bev Cope provided the music. It was a pleasure working with these and with the Allegheny Methodist Connection youth. God's presence was precious and powerful to help all of us as we obeyed Him. Special thanks to Conference President

Michael Marshall and the youth president for the privilege of being a small part of youth camp 1998.

July 14 – Work Day at Penns Creek Camp! I appreciated so many of the pastors and laymen who came and helped clean the tabernacle, rooms, dining hall and grounds.

July 15 – Held pastoral election at Shamokin church. Rev. Terry Zimmerman was elected and accepted this pastorate. This is Brother Zimmerman's first pastorate. Pray for him and his family as they accept this new responsibility.

July 16 – Conducted Penn View Bible Institute board meeting. Updates . . . Progress reports . . . Financial considerations . . . Personnel . . . All topics needing consideration. Praise God for our dedicated staff and faculty. God's blessing truly rests upon our Bible college.

July 19 – A very special day for us as our grandson, Jamison David, was dedicated at the Beavertown church. Rev. Leonard Sankey performed the dedication as the Zechman and Plank families witnessed. Mrs. Mary Rine and Jon Plank provided the music followed by a message by Brother Sankey. In the evening, a special IHC service was conducted with Brother Sankey delivering an excellent message on grace. My in-laws, Rev. & Mrs. Harold Will, provided a special song in this service as well as the Beavertown Gospel Band and Choir.

July 21-22 – Presided over the 63rd annual conference of God's Missionary Church. God's manifest presence was felt as we gathered in the G. I. Straub Memorial Tabernacle for devotions, communion, after which I delivered a message to the conference on Jesus' call "I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday was a long, hot day but the elections and most business were concluded by evening. On Wednesday evening, as the General Secretary finished with roll call, a visiting man stood to his feet and testified of his need for holiness and came to the altar. We suspended the business and gathered in and helped pray him through to victory! Praise the Lord!

This roll call and reading of the minutes was followed by a special service in which Jeff and Beth Asbell were received into the conference and an ordination service wherein Wilmer Paulus and Dwight Rine were ordained. Rev. Barry Arnold preached the evening message. A great sense of God's presence attended these days of conference.

As I conclude this report, we are in the midst of Penns Creek Camp Meeting. We intend to give a full report of the camp in the next issue of the STANDARD.

God bless you,
Harry F. Plank

PROPHET'S PONDERINGS

How Is It To Be A "P.K." (Preacher's Kid)

by Norma Watson, Bible Methodist Church, TN



Many times it is easy for everyone to "watch" the preacher's children and look for faults. Do you expect more out of the preacher's children than out of your own? Is that fair? As Christian parents, we are all trying to train our children in the ways of the Lord, and being human, we will all make mistakes.

Preacher's children have a lot to contend with sometimes. They, like most children, need their privacy, too. And I don't think it's fair if the preacher's children take care of their toys and things to let other children from the church come in and tear their things up. They need to learn to share, of course, but their rooms do contain their personal and loved items. To have other children come in and demolish their room can be very devastating to the preacher's children.

Sometimes preacher's children hear too much. I know when our children were smaller, we could discuss church situations and even spell things. Now that we have a 9 year old; we realized he was picking up on things. NEVER talk against your pastor in front of the pastor's children. This goes for all parents; never talk against the other parent in front of your children. They should love and respect both parents equally. They can't do that if you try to get them to take sides. If you need to tell your pastor something you don't like about him or the job he is doing, take him aside alone. It will cause his children to have bitterness if they continually hear bickering among the church people. It is so sad to realize that many preacher's children have lost their souls because of this very thing. They know what it is like to work hard and do your best, and still you can't please everyone. This goes for the preacher and his wife as well; be careful about discussing church situations in front of them. You want

them to respect your church people.

Remember to pray for the preacher's children. When their parents are under a heavy load, they feel it. When the devil seems to be raging against them; the children feel it. They need God's special help to be in the parsonage. The parsonage is the parsonage but it is also the pastor and his family's home. Sometimes it is easy to forget that. You need to respect it as such.

I thank the Lord for the evangelists that there are that you have stay during revivals, who do not expect the preacher's children to be "perfect angels" all the time. No child is a "perfect angel" all the time. They all have their times. Preacher's children can be overloaded physically and emotionally as well as the preacher himself. We have personally had to be careful along this line. As most of you know, we have a "special" child. I'm sure that not everyone has always understood what they have seen or how we have handled different situations, but remember; it is not easy for us either. It takes a lot of prayer to go through a situation like this. We have to be careful of our schedule as not to overload our child, because emotionally and physically he cannot handle it.

When you start to point a finger at a "preacher's kid" that you are acquainted with, please stop for a minute and look at your own children, or children of someone who is very close to you.

Another thing that preacher's children have to go through is moving a lot. Some pastors stay for years in the same place, while others move every year or every few years. This is hard on the children. They get settled in their home, their school, make friends, and then they are told they have to leave it all. It may take a while after moving, for the preacher's children to get adjusted, and set-

tled in. Try to understand this and have patience with them.

"Preacher's Kids" have precious souls to save; and they see and hear more than other children who do not live in parsonages. I really appreciate the love and concern our parishioners have given our children. We truly feel the love there.

Are you doing the same for your pastor's children? Their grandparents may be miles and miles away, and they need love and caring to make up for that. Try loving your pastor's children, and it may surprise you to see how much better they act.

A little love goes a long way.

Confessions of a Pastor

By Daniel R. Glick

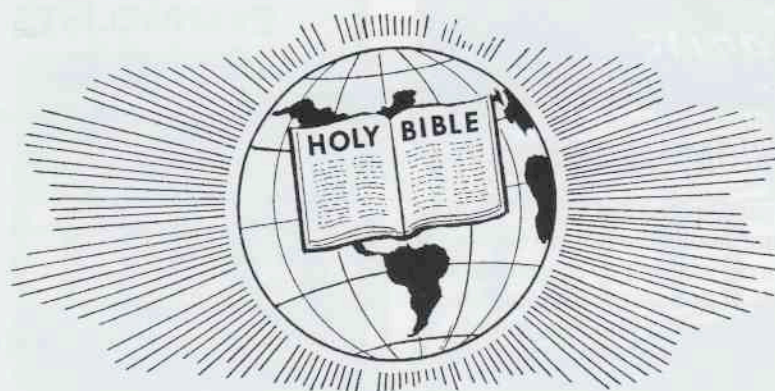
I confess that I am in love with pastoral work, even though it is often laden with difficulties. The satisfaction of fulfilling my calling and doing God's will amply rewards my efforts, though at times I question the outward success of my work.

I confess that God's people, despite their idiosyncrasies, are the best people on the planet. I have had the opportunity of working with some choice saints who always bring the right attitude to every situation, and who know the value of prayer. These people are vital in any church, and I confess that I wish all church members were like them.

I confess that it is pleasant to be given the same treatment eight years into a pastorate, as one did in the first year. I have known some pastors who were heroes the first year, but by the second or third year they had been downgraded to villains. All the while, they were doing exactly the same things they had done in the first year.

I confess that I, like most pastors, did not enter the ministry with money

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Mexico

by Jacob Miller

"... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Also we are exhorted, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." In the book of Acts they were told to start at home, enlarging the circle until all within the circumference of the world could be reached. It is unreasonable to think that everyone will be called to the outer fringes of the world, but in God's wisdom and knowledge of abilities, personalities, relationships and availability of Christians, He *calls* according to His Divine Sovereignty. There are vast needs around the world but God knows best where to place the right person.

Mexico has the largest city in the world, Mexico City. Thank God there are efforts by other Holiness missions being put forth to penetrate this Metropolitan city with the gospel. We are limited in personnel and funds to make much impact but a small area across the Texas border from our Donna, Texas church, is beginning to be reached by the efforts and ministry of Brother and Sister Gonzalo Palacios. They also conduct services in the town of Rio Grande City. If we had someone that would hear the call of God to this needy area, many more contacts could be made on both sides of the border.

We have had the property insurance canceled in Miami and had to find a new insurance company.

The same situation has come to our church in Donna, Texas, and before another company will consider insuring the property, we have to have an inspection. There are some existing things that need to be corrected before we can have an inspection. There is also the need for Spanish speaking helpers as Brother and Sister Palacios are not well physically. They are worthy servants of the Lord but are limited due to their health. Do pray for them and the needs in the church in Donna as well as the outreach into Mexico.

Roy Cedillo, a victim of sin and Satan, was hospitalized several years ago. God led Brother Palacios, in his hospital visitation, to this man. Roy said that other people had visited him and talked to him about Salvation, but there was something different about Brother Palacios. "I couldn't resist the appeal and personal interest that I saw in this preacher." Roy yielded his heart to the Lord and he, with his wife, have grown spiritually. He entered "Latin American Bible Institute" and after three years, graduated. I had the privilege to speak at the Baccalaureate service that was held in the School's new location across the border. Please pray for Roy and his wife as they prepare to assist in the work in Donna, Texas, that they will continue listening and obeying the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We are pleased with what God is doing and are praying that God will enlist more workers for this segment of the world-wide Kingdom effort.

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Church News

BEAVERTOWN YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP

Twenty-nine people from the Beavertown church participated in a Youth Missions Trip to Diné Mission in Gallup, New Mexico. Working among the Navajo Nation for ten days, July 6-15, the group participated in the services, working on projects around the mission complex and helping in the soup kitchen in downtown Gallup. Rev. & Mrs. Don Phoebe, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Peachy, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Phoebe and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Miller are the missionaries at Diné Mission. Pastor & Mrs. James Plank and Jamison, Youth President Steve Stahl, and Youth Secretary Patricia Rine traveled with the group of young people.



A SALMON

"Years ago I got a sermon from a salmon.

Here's how it happened. While riding on a ferryboat to Galiano Island in British Columbia, I struck up a conversation with Mr. Thompson, a dignified and friendly gentleman who served as the Chief Clerk for the City of Vancouver.

I said, 'I've heard that after a salmon is spawned, it will swim out into the ocean, and that after an extended time something happens inside the brain of the salmon, and it will then have the overwhelming urge to return to the place where it was spawned. The salmon will swim along the coast, find the right harbor, the right river, the right stream; and finally it will get back to the very spot where it started out. How in the world does the salmon do all that?' I added, hoping it would be taken as a joke, 'After all, the salmon is underwater all the way, and it has no periscope.'

Mr. Thompson chuckled, thought a bit, then replied, 'Yes, that is true, but it is even more remarkable than that. An experiment was recently carried out in which salmon eggs were removed from the stream where they had been laid and were put into another stream some distance away.' Thompson then added with a questioning grin, 'When the salmon grows up and swims out to the ocean and finally swims back home,

which location will it swim to? Will it swim to the place where the eggs were laid—or to the place where they had been moved to?'

I paused for a moment, then I gave what I thought was the only sensible answer, 'The salmon will swim back to the place where the eggs had been transported, of course. That's where the salmon actually turned into a fish and got to know its environment.'

'Wrong!' said Mr. Thompson. 'The salmon will swim back to the original place where the eggs were laid.'

I was dumbfounded then, and I still am, by the uncanny built-in guidance system of the salmon.

What a sermon on the guidance of God! If God provides such a marvelous guidance for a fish, there is certainly nothing fishy about believing that He can provide guidance for us. We are far more important to God than any fish. We are created in God's own image.

God only knows how much we need His wise and loving guidance as we try to find our way through the jungle of 'this world.' And, thank God, He has personally promised His guidance."

—Donald Russell Robertson; "Dear You" 1989, Word, Inc.

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Dear Home Missionary Family,

Again it is our pleasure to come to you and bring you up to date on matters concerning the Home Missionary department. July was the month of our annual general conference. On the day of the election of officers for the coming year, Bro. James Plank asked that his name be withheld for all offices because of some other duties he has to take care of. Bro. James Plank has served faithfully for the past three years on our board. We will miss him and pray that God will make him a real blessing in the new work he is undertaking. In his place Bro. Nathan Shaffer was elected to a three year term to the Home Missionary Board. Bro. Schaffer is the pastor of the York, PA God's Missionary Church. We welcome Bro. Schaffer to our department. As a pastor down through the years, Bro. Schaffer has been faithful in his support to Home Missions.

Also Bro. Alan Walter was re-elected to a three-year term on the board. We welcome Bro. A. Walter back as he has served faithfully for many years on our board. Bro. Walter was also re-elected as the Treasurer of the Home Missionary department.

Bro. Dan Durkee was re-elected as the Secretary of the Home Missionary department. Bro. Durkee has done an excellent job as our secretary the past year.

The Home Missionary board also met with each of our Home Missionary pastors that were present. The pastors that reported gave good reports of their churches. The day before the conference took place, Bro. David Deetz, Sr., pastor of our church at Camp Hill, PA, resigned as the pastor. We thank Bro. Deetz and his wife for their work done while pastoring the Camp Hill church. Much improvements were made to the church building. Bro. H. Plank, our General Supt., in cooperation with myself, is working to fill the pastorate both at Camp Hill, PA and at Fairborn, OH. We will inform you as soon as these churches have new pastors. In the mean time, do pray that God's will be done.

The picture on this page is that of the Fishersville, VA church and the new bus they purchased. Bro. John M. Fisher and wife are doing a great job for the Lord in Virginia.



Bro. Majors, pastor of the church at Jackson, PA, reports that they had a

good tent meeting with Rev. Larry Major and family (his son from NY). The attendance was good, a full report of this will be

given later. Bro. Richard, pastor of the Mariansville, PA church, also reported that the tent meeting they conducted was a blessing. A report on this will also be given later. Bro. James Plank reported that they had a good Home Missionary service at the Hanover, PA Camp. Bro. John Mark Fisher, pastor of the Fishersville, VA church, was present and gave a good report to the people. Bro. Jacob Martin conducted the Home Missionary service at the Mt. of Blessing camp. We understand that several of our Home Missionary pastors were present, Bro. Nathan Walter from Butler, PA church, Bro. David Deetz from the Camp Hill, PA church, Bro. Warren Major from the Jackson, PA church and Rev. James Richard from the Mertenville, PA church. Thank you, pastors, for your fine cooperation.

The Home Missionary service held at the Penns Creek camp was also a good one. Bro. D. Durkee lead a good song service, and he and his wife gave us a special number in song which was enjoyed by all. Reports were given by Bro. James Plank, Bro. J. Martin on the Home Missionary services conducted at Mt. of Blessing and Hanover, PA camp meetings. Bro. Warren Major, Bro. Nathan Walter and Bro. J. Mark Fisher gave good reports on their churches which they pastor. Bro. Alan Walter was in charge of the offerings. Prayer was lead by Bro. Timothy Cooley and Bro. Darvin Donahey. The new pastors support plan was given by myself. Bro. Harry Plank, our General Supt., prayed the closing prayer. The attendance was good and we thank you for the offering received, also.

The new conference year will be a time of building up the Home Missionary churches we now have. If we can get these churches to be strengthened, we can move on to new works. We will not turn down any new works that would come our way, but feel the need to strengthen those that remain that may have problems. We need your monthly support. Also, again I urge you to start planning for our Home Missionary Christmas projects.

I am now filling dates for my visits to the conference churches for Home Missions. If your church wants a date, get in contact with us right away. Thank you for your support. With new pastors going to Camp Hill, PA and to Fairborn, OH churches, there will be an increase in our support given and we need your help to meet these increases. If you would like to join our special monthly Home Missionary pastors support program, get in touch with us right away. We would like, if we can, to get 100 people to send in ten dollars a month for this project. You can send in more than this or less than this for every thing you give will help meet this need. God be with you until next time.

Yours in Christ for Home Missions,
Bro. John F. White

Letting the Truth Slip

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Heed the word of David to his son Solomon: "Keep and seek for all the commandments of the Lord."

Do what God commanded Joshua: "Meditate therein day and night." What for? "That thou mayest observe to do according to" some of the things "written therein"? No! "All that is written therein" (Josh. 1:8).

A young rabbi asked his old uncle if he might not study Greek philosophy. The old rabbi quoted the text: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night," and then replied: "Find an hour that is neither day nor night; in that thou mayest study Greek philosophy."

The "blessed man" of David is not only a "a man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." But, notice, "his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

If you want to hold the truth fast, and not let it slip, you must read and re-read the Bible. You must constantly refresh your mind with its

truths, just as the diligent student constantly refreshes his mind by reviewing his textbooks, just as the lawyer who wishes to succeed constantly studies his law books, or the doctor his medical works.

John Wesley, in his old age, after having read and re-read the Bible all his life, said of himself: "I am homo unius libri"—a man of one book.

The truth will surely slip if you do not refresh your mind by constantly reading and meditating on the Bible.

The Bible is God's recipe book for making holy people. You must follow the recipe exactly, if you want to be a holy, Christ-like person. The women will understand this better even than I do!

The Bible is God's doctor book to show people how to get rid of soul-sickness. You must diligently consider its diagnosis of soul-diseases and its methods of cure if you want soul-health.

Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," and again He said: "The words that I

speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

"Quench not the Spirit." Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "The Spirit of truth." Then, if you do not wish the truth to slip, welcome the Spirit of truth to your heart, and pray him to abide with you. Cherish him in your soul. Delight yourself in Him. Live in Him. Yield yourself to Him. Trust Him. Commune with Him. Choose rather to die than to grieve Him. Consider Him as your Friend, your Guide, your Teacher, your Comforter. Do not look upon Him as some school children look upon their teacher—as an enemy, as one to be outwitted, as one who is constantly watching a chance to punish and reprove and discipline. Of course, the Holy Spirit will do this when necessary, but such a necessity grieves Him. His delight is to comfort and cheer the children of God. He is love! Bless His holy name! "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

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Keep your heart shining and you will soon have a face to match it.

Confessions of a Pastor

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in mind. Nevertheless, it takes a certain amount to live. Strangely, it is about as much as the average family in the church. It is therefore helpful when the church offers a raise in wages (or at least a cost of living adjustment) from time to time.

While on the matter of finances, I confess that one of the best decisions I made early in my ministry was the determination to avoid debt. I remember reading a comment by Charles Spurgeon that we should keep three things out of our home: the devil, dirt, and debt. While I am not altogether sure about the first two, thank God, the latter has been barred from the door for many years. What freedom!

I confess that it is a great grief to my heart if members of my church are quibbling with each other. I feel a similar grief when my children argue and fight. I know that this internal

strife always damages the witness of the church and destroys the spirit of believers. What they argue about is rarely as significant as the devastation they do the kingdom of Christ.

I confess that my greatest resource for spiritual power is spending time in prayer and fasting. My flesh often rebels against this course, but I know this is no excuse to avoid it. I notice that my messages are better received, doors of opportunity spring open, and my own spirit is nourished in these times. To neglect seeking God would be the fatal error of my ministry.

I confess that the greatest concern I possess has nothing to do with the size of my church or whether I am successful by the world's standards. My greatest concern is that my children will fear and love God. I am frankly afraid that after I have preached to others, my own children could be

castaways. This fear drives me often to prayer and fasting. I know that I am in the ministry today because my parents prayed for me. My mother fasted 15 days just prior to my conversion. I hope to pass on this legacy. I confess that I have great sympathy for fellow pastors and Christian workers whose children have drifted from their moorings. My prayers, not judgments, are with them.

Finally, I confess that I believe God will always be faithful to me and assist me in my work. After all it is His call I am fulfilling. He has promised to make me fruitful, if I seek Him. When others shut a door to me, I know He will open greater doors, so long as I keep a Christ-like attitude. I confess that this provides me with assurance and rest.

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Pres. Rev. John Zechman



Greetings from the Hilltop!

The summer months are nearly past and we are busily getting ready to begin the thirty-third year of training young people for the work of God's Kingdom. What a privilege and responsibility to help shape young lives so they can be effective in the work that God has called them to perform. Whenever a student goes from our halls into the vineyard and wins souls for the Master we receive a reward even though we didn't win that soul directly. Thank God for the opportunity to be called into His Work. Glory to God!

As we prepare for the new year, there are several new personnel that we want to introduce to you our God's Missionary Standard Family.

Mr. Richard Williams from Canton, New York, has joined our staff to teach in the High School Department. Bro. Williams has eleven years experience of teaching in the New York State Public School System, so he comes to us with good credentials. He is a son-in-law to Rev. Paul Case, the Vice-president of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York. We welcome Bro. and Sis. Williams and their six boys to the Penn View Family.

Miss Christa Burkey from Penns Creek, has joined our Academy Staff also. When Christa enrolled in our High School eight years ago she did not know Jesus as Saviour. She was saved just weeks into the school year, went on to holiness, and has walked consistently since. God has graciously placed His hand upon her life leading her into Christian Education. After she graduated from our Academy she entered our Institute Department and just graduated this past year with an Advanced Diploma in Christian Education. We are thrilled to hire her as part of our staff.

Jon Plank, who has done most of his formal training at Penn View Christian Academy and Penn View Bible Institute, has recently joined our staff. Jon was hired initially during the winter months to work in our Public Relations Department. After witnessing his quality of work, we decided to create a full-time position for him. God has granted him tremendous ability in publications layout, therefore, he will serve as Public Promotional Specialist and Enrollment Manager. You will see his work in the creation of new brochures, etc. He will also be communicating frequently with prospective students. Welcome to the Penn View Family.

We are pleased to announce that in our Institute Department we have recently departmentalized, creating a department for each of our majors, with each having their own director. Since this has occurred there has been a significant increase in interest. Let me introduce you to the directors.

Rev. James Plank was recently appointed to serve as the Director of our Ministerial Department. Bro. Plank is a

graduate of our Ministerial program and is currently serving as the pastor of the God's Missionary Church of Beavertown. He has been teaching in the Institute Department for the past three years. With ministry strongly on his heart, he will serve as a very capable leader in this department.

Steven Mowery is the Director of our Missions Department. He, having served on the mission field and teaching our missionary classes for the past eight years is highly qualified for this position. Enthusiasm in this department is exceptionally high, and is growing steadily. In his department are students of the Missionary Nursing Program which is also growing. Bro. Mowery is also serving as Director of InterServe, which is our service organization to give our students experience in the Work.

David Fellener is the Director of the Christian Education Department. Bro. Fellener has now been on our staff for the past several years and teaching educational classes. With a master's degree in this field, his expertise is being used to develop strong teachers. One third of this year's graduates were from the Education Department, all of which have already found employment with the exception of one.

Donald Quales is the Director of the Music Department. Bro. Quales has now served in our Music Department for the past eight years, and in this position for nearly five of those years. You have heard our choir and music groups which have been doing a great job. Thank you, Bro. Quales!

Barry Mason was recently appointed as Director of the Child Evangelism Department. Bro. Mason is the founder of Penn View Visuals that is the source of children's stories and material for many of you. His expertise in this area and love for this kind of ministry fully makes him very suitable for this position. He is always creating something new. He also carries the honor of having the most years of service at Penn View Bible Institute. He is beginning his twenty-seventh year.

We look to this new school term with much anticipation. Enrollment projections at this point look very good in both departments. Would you please pray with us that we will have the blessing of God upon us. Pray also that we will continue to be effective in sending forth laborers into the harvest.

I will bring you up to date on the progress of the new dormitory in the next article. God is graciously helping us!

Keep us in your prayers. May God richly bless you!

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A woman once fretted over the usefulness of her life. She feared she was wasting her potential being a devoted wife and mother. She wondered if the time and the energy she invested in her husband and children would make a difference.

At times she got discouraged because so much of what she did seemed to go unnoticed and unappreciated. "Is it worth it?" she often wondered. "Is there something better that I could be doing with my time?"

It was during one of these moments of questioning that she heard the still small voice of her heavenly Father speak to her heart. "You are a wife and mother because that is what I have called you to be. Much of what you do is hidden from the public eye. But I notice. Most of what you give is done without remuneration. But I am your reward.

"Your husband cannot be the man I have called him to be without your support. Your influence upon him is greater than you think and more powerful than you will ever know. I bless him through your service and honor him through your love.

"Your children are precious to Me. Even more precious than they are to you. I have entrusted them to your care to raise for Me. What you invest in them is your offering to Me.

"You may never be in the public spotlight. But your obedience shines as a bright light before Me. Continue on. Remember you are My servant. Do all to please Me."

— Roy Lessin