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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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True Manliness

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"Show thyself a man." 1 Kings 2:2.

"Quit you like men." 1 Cor. 16:13.

The subject of true manliness is worthy of our consideration, especially when we think of who spoke the above mentioned texts, namely David and Paul, and of the great need of true manliness in the Christian ranks today. This subject stands out boldly in the pages of history. It has thrilled the heart of the composer, and inspired the heart of the poet.

We never grow weary in speaking its praises; the pen of the historian never ceases to record its noble deeds. The father admires it in his son, and the son admires it in his father. Every young man of good reason aspires to it, and every young woman almost adores it in a young man.

"Show thyself a man," but remember true manliness does not consist in the strength and size of the human body. This may be the idea of some individuals, but this is not what David was thinking about. It is true physical strength may add dignity to true manliness as in the life of Saul, who was head and shoulders higher than his people, Israel. I Samuel 9:2. But true manliness is more than this. When the president of ancient France was seeking a leader to defend his people, Napoleon stepped forward and offered his services; but, when the President saw his size, he doubted his ability, but physical size or strength was not the secret of Napoleon's success.

Nor does it consist in intellectual greatness. We cannot limit true manliness to the possession of a great intellect. It was said that Cyrus the Great knew the name of every soldier in his army, but this great grace is more than that, however convenient that may be. And I am glad that we are not responsible for the lack of great talents, but only for the culture and the use which we make of what we have. You need not be discouraged, my friend, nor think that you cannot be a true man, because you have not been gifted with great physical strength or a great

intellect.

Nor does true manliness consist in chafing under restraint. It is no common thing to find people today who seem to think an independent disregard of authority and wholesome regulations is manly, and when constrained to submit to such authority feel their domain of liberties has been invaded. Peter reminds us of this class when he says in II Peter 2:10 "(They) despise government. Presumptuous, are they, self-willed,...not afraid to speak evil of dignities." This unmanly feeling manifests itself, first in the home and then in public. Therefore, true manliness is not disobedience to parents, not disobedience to teachers or ones in authority, not disobedience to the laws of the land, not quarreling with unavoidable relations, not even being impatient under them, but it is living in peace and harmony with them.

Nor does true manliness consist in imitating the conduct of others or measuring themselves among themselves. II Cor. 10:12. There are many great men who, notwithstanding their greatness, have their peculiarities and defects. And it is a well-known fact, too many times, they who make imitation their practice, imitate the defects of others. Many of the admirers of Alexander the Great imitated his intemperance, and not his liberality.

Nor does true manliness consist in following popular opinion, right or wrong, and many times, wrong. Jesus said, "When the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." The world is full of men who either have not the brains enough or are too lazy to investigate for themselves, who are content to be found in the party lines on the popular side. They are not troubled too much with questions of right or wrong, either in religion or in politics. Nor, on the other hand, does true manliness consist in a reckless disregard for the opinions of others. It is not manly to say: "I don't care what others think of me." We should care, and every TRUE man does.

It should be the earnest ambition to merit con-

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

The Question of the Hour

Thomas E. Frantz

"Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is." *Jeremiah 37:17.*

Picture the anxious wait outside an operation room: figures, bowed with trouble and grief, pace the hospital corridors or sit restlessly on the waiting room bench. Suddenly there is the sound of a door's being opened: nervous voices quickly tremble out the inquiry: "Is there any word?" This scene is being repeated many times over the land in hospitals and clinics. God grant that in the midst of this physical perplexity and concern, we might not overshadow the spiritual concepts so vital to the soul. Commentators and news-casters glow with their reports over every radio and television station. But through the darkness of an Atomic world so full of gloom and suspicion we hear, "Is there any word from the Lord?" Brother Jeremiah found himself in just such a position, upon his release from prison by the new king Zedekiah, who was the successor to Jehoiakim. His two scrolls of messages from God—written by the scribe Baruch—were destroyed, but Zedekiah shows *his great confidence* in Jeremiah by secretly inquiring concerning a message from the Holy One of Israel. There must have been some reasons why the king had such confidence in the boy-prophet. It is plain to see the following were some

of his outstanding traits of character: (1) He lived close enough to God to hear Him speak a message. (2) He was not easily discouraged. (3) He could endure the dungeon without complaining. (4) He delivered a true message. Compare Jeremiah with the D. D.'s of this age. Quite a difference, what? As to the word from the Lord today, let the Scriptures give us an inkling of the message.

WORD FROM THE LORD CONCERNING
REPENTANCE

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19). These were the words of the evangelist Peter, as he fervently declared the doings of his God. How we need to preach this message of Repentance. No one needs to repent anymore than many standing behind the sacred desk. Rev. G. W. Ridout declared in a message in the *Pentecostal Herald*: "There are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of preachers today who need to get converted all over again. It often happens that good men brought up in the church and trained in the schools enter the ministry just as John Wesley did, without an experience of the new birth." It is heartening in these awful days of trifling with God and light to see men like Jeremiah, who would not budge from his stand.

WORD FROM THE LORD CONCERNING
RESPONSIBILITY

On the top of the list is the RESPONSIBILITY TO PRAY. Paul declared in his advice to young Timothy: "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." (1 Tim. 2:8). Truly there are more things wrought by prayer than this world can ever imagine. When we reach heaven it will be quite an item when we realize that PRAYER has played such a large part in the success of the Kingdom of God on earth. Of course there is the RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVE OUR FAITH IN OBEDIENCE, for the Scriptures have plainly stated: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." A Spirit-filled walk will do much to convince the world of the reality of Old-Time Religion. Another part in our obligation is found in the RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEED OF GOD'S WORK. All too many times folks will thoughtlessly say, "The Lord will provide"; they make no effort to help any

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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 Testimony of an Empty Seat

By Rev. C. William Rachau

"Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty" I Samuel 20:18.

These words were spoken by Jonathan, son of King Saul, to his friend and bosom companion, David, whose life King Saul sought opportunity to take, as he was jealous of the young man's military attainments. Jonathan loved David very deeply, as we read, "He loved him as his own soul" (Ch. 18:3). David, realizing his danger, said to his friend, "There is but a step between me and death." The two young friends had met together the day before the new moon, which was the first day of the lunar month, and a holy day. There was a special procedure on this day, which consisted of offering the daily sacrifices, plus two young bullocks, a ram, seven lambs, a special meat and drink offering, and a kid for a sin offering. The trumpet was blown and all work ceased. It was a great occasion. It was David who spoke the words, "Tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even." Jonathan was to "feel out" his father at the end of three days to see if it were safe for David to come back to the king's house. As the young musician who slew the great giant was about to go, they embraced one another and Jonathan remarked in the language of the text, "Tomorrow is the new moon and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

GROUPS THIS TESTIMONY AFFECTS

Empty seats are silent testimonies in the home. Oh, the sadness and homesick feeling that filled the hearts of fathers and mothers, wives and children, during the years of World War II. The empty chair where "Daddy" sat to eat, and the place he sat to read gave silent assent to the truth of how much he was missed. Even now with peace-time conscription, many a mother's boy is missed because his seat is empty. Then there are the empty seats of loved ones passed away. How a homesick, sad, feeling creeps over the soul of the writer as he looks at Father's old rocker beside the kitchen stove, where the one he loved always sat in the evening. There is his empty chair at the end of the table, where he sat to eat, and from where he lifted up his voice to God in thanksgiving for the food provided. Yes, I miss him because his seat is empty. Then there is always that seat where a mother knitted by the window, while the playful kitten rolled the ball of yarn about.

Now mother has gone from the home, and she is missed because her seat is empty.

I think of the other empty seats. They are the ones in the church. There are no "Amens" or shouts from the empty pews. Where your seat is empty in church you are missed in many ways. First of all the brothers and sisters in the church miss you. How many times have I seen the discouraged look on someone's face when some seats were empty that should have been occupied. Oh, how we need each other's fellowship in these awful days. Let us be faithful! The brothers and sisters in the church not only miss your fellowship but they miss your prayers. The voice that you know should have come from your seat is now silent when voices are lifted together in prayer. They also miss your testimony, when testimony meeting is in progress.

Again, Jesus misses you if your pew is empty in church. Each one has his part in the service. Jesus wants you to be faithful to the house of the Lord. Also, the pastor misses you when your pew is empty. There is no nod of the head, no "Amen" to encourage the pastor when he most needs it, while the Devil is whispering discouraging things in his ears.

GRAVITY THIS TESTIMONY PRESENTS

While it is true the empty seat is a SILENT TESTIMONY it speaks in tones no man can stifle. It testifies to those in the church that you have lost interest in the things of God. They become concerned about you and this concern many times robs the meeting of the glory that should be there. Your empty seat testifies to the world that you have cooled-off, and that you are luke-warm instead of on fire for God. Remember lukewarmness is sickening to God. It also testifies that you are more interested in worldly things than you are in the things of God. An empty church seat further testifies of a disobedience to a Scriptural Commandment, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Hebrews 10:25). Someone says, "I listen to a good radio sermon. I don't need to go to church." Listen, brother, God says not to *forsake* the assembling of ourselves together, and that doesn't mean sitting at home by the radio. One of the great desires God gave me when He saved my soul was to go to church, and after being saved 12 years, the desire is stronger than ever. Praise God! Lastly, I note that empty seats testify of latter days. "For that day shall not

THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE

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

Incorporated Missionary work on the Island of Cuba. Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Eversole (Central Santa Lucia, Oriente, Cuba), Missionaries on the field. Rev. Joseph Hoffman (Elizabethville, Pa.) Missions Treasurer.

A News Letter From The Field

Dear Christian Friends:

Greetings in the name of Him who gave Himself for us.

Since I last wrote you, God has done much for us. We were in the house of Antonio Carrillo for over three weeks. It rained a great deal during this time and we were shut in, but finally began to look for a house, and found one in Lindero, where we already had a work started. We moved here on December 12 to this home, which has two rooms a large hall-like room that we use for services, and a small one where we live. Upon arrival we at once set to work to fix up our living quarters. As our house has a palm thatch roof, we got a broom on a long pole, and swept down the cob webs from the inside of the roof. Then we had to think of furniture. We had purchased a kitchen table, so I built a cupboard and hung it on the wall over the table. We also made a clothes closet and put up some shelves. All these things are not completed at this writing, but are well under way. We also have a kerosene cookstove and two lamps. We had brought a folding table with us and two folding canvas chairs and a folding army cot. We bought another cot and thus we were able to get along until we got our bed, an American one, for which we are very glad. Later we bought four "taburetes," which are strong Cuban chairs covered with cowhide with hair on, and are very serviceable. Today, we plan to go to Holgium and get some curtain material and "dress" our house up a bit.

We are getting fairly well settled and are looking forward to the winter's work. We are hoping to have a good revival here this winter. There was a good crowd here last night, and when the services were dismissed the people remained seated. It seemed that they did not want to go. May God bless them and open their hearts to the Gospel.

Back of our house and joining it is another house. We call it the "kitchen." It is a big shell of a house with no divisions in it, and we store some of our things there. The roof leaks in some places and it has a dirt floor. We also use it for the wash house. It had a big charcoal stove in it and the other day we attempted to move it and the stove fell apart. We went to town and bought a charcoal grate that just fits in a five gallon square tin can. So we made a stove for washing.



The truck has been sitting outside, sometimes in the yard and sometimes in the road, so the owner of the house said something about putting the truck into the "kitchen." Friday, one of the boys came and told me that he could help me, so we knocked out a section of the wall of the "kitchen," and put in another removable section. We tied it with wires for the time being, and expect to put hinges on it later. It is a little difficult to take the wall out of the "kitchen" and take the truck out and then take it out again to put the truck back. At least we have the truck inside.

As we said, it has rained a great deal and we have not been able to get around much in the country. Now, we trust the weather will settle and we will be able to get about better. The roads are very bad and it takes lots of gasoline for the truck. The roads are so muddy in some places that many times we must go in low gear or second.

We covet your prayers that much may be done this winter in the salvation of lost souls here. The Cuban work depends upon the Cubans really praying through and being converted. We hope to see some of them pray through to victory in the meetings soon to be held. We are expecting some of the brethren from Pennsylvania to be with us. Join with us in prayer for a great revival campaign.

Your Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Eversole

EVANGELISTIC PULPIT

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

Dangers To Deep Spirituality

Rev. Edgar A. Poe



"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I Cor. 10:12.

In a fallen world like this, there can be nothing good that does not have its special enemies. The closer a soul lives to God, the more subtle are the dangers and difficulties to be overcome. To help those who want to live a life of constant fellowship with God, we want to notice some of the points of danger to a spiritual life.

THE DANGER OF GETTING INTO BONDAGE TO OUR OWN RELIGION

In passing through a crisis of great crucifixion and yielding up to God, the mind is apt to get directed to some human measurements of sanctity, or the imitating of some other good person, such as the preacher you were saved under, and, under the tension of the hour, make rash vows, which are afterward impossible to carry out or are even unscriptural. Other souls are in danger of being in bondage to religious scruples, and nothing will more completely hinder the soul than this unfortunate situation since it is the policy of Satan to have folk substitute scruples for conscience. There is a world of difference between Scripture-enlightened conscience and the fictitious conscience, which is in constant dread of a thousand imaginary sins. A scrupulous person is constantly tormenting himself by asking, "Shall I eat this or that? Shall I drink this or that? Shall I wear this, with its extra buttons or lace? Could I ride a Pullman with the Lord's approval, or must I take a coach and give the money to Missions, since some preacher missionary said so? Shall I make a fire on Sunday to keep warm? Can I use perfume?" ...and so on *ad infinitum* concerning a lot of other scruples which the Bible does not mention or touch on, but leaves to our common sense. A preacher who had to cross a ferry to preach at his church listened one Sunday morning to the enemy whisper, "You've crossed the ferry on Sunday: you're backslidden." He went to church that morning and told his people he was backslidden, and asked them all to come and pray with him. He finally discovered it was only the Devil trying to make a laughing stock of him. If a soul gets into bondage to his own Holiness, there is no telling what foolish extremes their scruples will carry them. Many have done nothing wrong in the

sight of God, yet come to a big doubt as to their experience with God, because of some notion. It is possible to tangle our thinking until our spiritual lives become one big maze of DO'S and DON'T'S, instead of a peaceful walk with Christ. If souls depend on personal religion, God will find some way to smash the idol, as He wants us to love Him, instead of our own vows or our Holiness.

THE DANGER

OF A SPIRIT OF EXCLUSIVENESS

This is the spirit of thinking we have to have persons that have been saved as long as ourselves for our close association. This results in a grouping together with these people into a clique, where only charter members' views are accepted. It is admitted that this danger faces the spiritual people of all ages, but when we get into deeper union with God and our whole lives are dissolved in love, we can have an ocean of sympathy for those in any degree of grace, even if some are not on the way as long as we are, or have the degree of light that has come our way.

THE DANGER

OF ASPIRATION TO LEADERSHIP

If a soul is useful, he must be in some sense a leader of souls. People, who at one time were so humble that it was a cross to assume leadership even in a Y. P. meeting or a Prayer Meeting, become accustomed to being at the front in the meetings and finally come to the conclusion that they are born leaders, and should always be in an office of some sort; this leads to "wire-pulling." I have heard some say the church was cooling-off because they were not elected, seeing they counted themselves the most spiritual. Again, this spirit leads to self-complacency, so that there is a secret joy in the exercise of authority, and there is a cutting-off of everyone that would cross or hinder them from exerting their full authority (?). When this is manifest in preachers of the Gospel, it develops into a dictatorship so that people cannot go to visit a revival without seeking permission, or else lose (?) grace from their hearts. The only person who is fit to be a spiritual leader is one whose heart is not the least set upon it, and who fills the place of a leader with a meek spirit, utterly free from envy and jealousy, and who secretly trembles with every additional power conferred upon him. Keep in a place where there is none of self, but Christ living in the soul, until it can be said

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YOUTH'S MESSAGE

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Ecclesiastes 12:1.

The Anonymous Coal Deal

Miss Ellen Bressler

Part I

Old Jake Darby was shiftless, everybody said so, but when he was accused of receiving stolen goods everyone opened his mouth in protest and closed it with a snap when Jake in a bewildered kind of way "reckoned it was so."

What kind of mess was this anyway? Jake thought as he sat with his face in his hands. Only a week before his wife, Sally, had gone to church as she always had. "Prayer Meeting, bah! let her go, but not me," he had thought just as a knock sounded at the door. In the twilight was standing a man whom he was sure he had seen before somehow just couldn't remember.

"Mr. Darby," a kind, well-modulated voice said, "I've brought you some coal. I thought you may need it for it's getting cold. It's a gift from one of your wife's friends but don't tell her. Will you help me unload it? I have quite a trip to make to-night."

Jake, thankful for the coal, got his shovel and started to work with a will. When the coal was unloaded, with a quick handclasp and a "God bless you" the stranger was gone.

When Sally returned, she praised the Lord for answered prayer for both had wondered where the winter's supply of coal was to come from.

Two days later a rumor was going around the small town of Cardmont. The weight slips at the local coal and ice dealer's scale showed three tons of coal had passed for which there was no record of payment. One workman remembered putting three ton on a truck for a customer he had seen there frequently. The customer had hurried away with the words flung over his shoulder, "I'll see the 'boss' tomorrow and fix up the bill. I have a quick trip to make," as though he were on good terms with the boss. But—no one had come.

Gradually, two and two had been put together. Jake's rather hesitant story of how he had received the coal was accepted. Through his wife's church friends charges were deferred until more evidence could be brought.

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Rev. Corlin, pastor of the church where Sally regularly attended, settled back into the seat of the truck with a sigh of contentment. His plans had succeeded better than he had hoped. He had left the assistant pastor in charge of the church. He had delivered the coal to his parishioner Sally Darby's home. She surely was a fine woman, he mused. It was a shame her husband was so indifferent, and—

well, shiftless. He was sure Jake had not recognized him and that Sally would not discover he had brought the coal.

If only this trip were over! He would phone back to his friend the ice dealer the first thing in the morning if he found he could not return. He wished he had the car, but it was still in the garage so he started with the truck directly from Darby's.

Suddenly his thoughts were interrupted. A car, apparently wrecked, lay across the road. He slammed on his brakes and brought the truck to an abrupt halt. As he stepped from the truck to see if anyone were injured something hit him on the head. Dimly he heard the roar of the truck and then everything was black.

Rather groggily Rev. Corlin stared at the bright light shining upon him. Where was he? and what was he doing here? Something sticky was all over his eyes, and he had a funny taste in his mouth. What was that light? He heard a voice ask, "What is your name and address?" His own voice (or was it his?) replied "I don't know." Then the big light faded out again.

The police looked at each other. "He's out for good now. There are no papers in his pockets. Evidently the robbers abandoned this wreck and took whatever he had." They looked at the tracks where the quick stop had marked the macadam. A dual-wheel truck. They phoned for an ambulance and rushed on their way. Fifty miles south they found the truck with a flat tire but again their quarry had flown.

The assistant pastor read the paper. Wasn't that Rev. Corlin's license number? He had taken the large truck and no word had been heard from him since. Yes, it must be! He hurried to the hospital and found Rev. Corlin white and still—unconscious.

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TRUE MANLINESS

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confidence and esteem of the virtuous and the good in the community in which we live; especially, "Show thyself a man," by proving by your own sobriety and virtue, that you are worthy of their regard and love. So then after we have followed peace with all men, gained the confidence of some, it will be an easy matter to have revivals, see the church built up numerically and spiritually. "Therefore let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works."

DANGERS TO DEEP SPIRITUALITY

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with Paul, who was the greatest of all brethren, I am the "least of the apostles."

THE DANGER OF RELIGIOUS LEGALITY

In other words there are souls who are so eager to grow in grace that they want to be extra good, by being extra plain or extra old-fashioned. They will take extra pains to make themselves look odd, or as they call themselves, "speckled birds." They feel that the plain old-fashioned Holiness of loving God with all their hearts is not enough, for they are inclined to take on things that will indicate a higher religion, whereupon such souls become prey to a whole pack of Satan's hounds. They soon run back into Judaism. It is just as wrong to take up the fashions and fads of years gone by, as to do the same with those of today. One preacher was told he should not wear a neck tie, for Wesley never wore one. The preacher replied, "No, Wesley never wore a tie, but he did wear a POWDERED WIG." Some of the women will go around boasting, "I had the longest dress there at the camp meeting," as if that made them the holiest; it isn't the outward appearance that counts as much as does the hidden man of the heart, and people notice it without your having to call attention to it or boast of it. Paul mentions this type that get into bondage to new moons, sabbaths, and to various baptisms, as well as to their food and clothes. He remarked that he was afraid for them lest all his labors among them would be in vain. There are hundreds of just such poor, silly sheep today, who think they must jump out of the clover field of pure, boundless love to God and their fellows and get into a briar patch of outward legalism in order to show-off their extra piety. But they invariably lose their sweet peace, and become argumentative, distressed in mind, confused in faith, and wear a haggard look on their faces.

THE DANGER OF THE SPIRIT OF "TOUCHINESS"

This is manifested by a feeling of being "miffed" or of being "hurt" when corrected or warned by a friend. When a man gets to the place where he will

not receive criticism or advice from his elders, he has lost all his usefulness in God's service. In every single gathering there are, or seem to be, people who are very bright in religious experience, yet are incapable of receiving sober counsel as to some blunder, and become vexed or sullen. Such persons need a revelation from God that the only cure for being "miffed" is to be utterly dissolved in Divine charity, where we love God and everybody with such a sweet and impartial spirit, that we care nothing for our own feelings and can receive advice and reproof from others in real humility and thanksgiving.

There are many other dangers that beset the pathway of the soul as we journey up the mountains of grace, but if we constantly avoid all the foregoing evils, we will rapidly take on the image of Christ Jesus, and lead many others to Him. May this all our ransomed souls engage in a never-ending fight to make Heaven our home.

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cause of the church: the missionaries can starve, the pastor can work, the evangelist can pray it in, and the home missionary can be supported by some other group. All these terrible thoughts fill the minds of some poor professors. Awake, all ye that love our God, and rally to the need of the churches. Hear the word from Heaven telling us to: "Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

WORD FROM THE LORD ON RATIONALITY

In the greatest chapter in the Word, regarding Love, and proper Christian ethics, we read: "(Charity) Doth not behave itself unseemly." (1 Cor. 13: 5). This should be a reminder to all Christian workers and laity alike, to be sure to stay in the Spirit. One action out of the Spirit may forever ruin an influence, which might have proved valuable

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

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Rev. George I. Straub

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."

Paul in his letter to his son in the Gospel reminds Timothy of his ministerial duties and the great responsibility that rests upon every God-called minister and evangelist. In order to safeguard himself and the church against false teachers and erroneous doctrines which sought to undermine and to captivate the minds and hearts of the young converts, Timothy is encouraged to both search and study the Scriptures, and to absorb the Word of Life into his own heart until he was able to rightly divide the Word of God, separating truth from error. The atheist's doctrine is seemingly scriptural and taken from the Bible. (Ps. 14:1) "...There is no God". This has been the foundation upon which Voltaire, Paine, and all other atheists have stood. A recent news reporter stated we have a million such atheistic, God-defying people in the U. S. A. However, they have failed to read the entire verse, which reads as follows: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." To quote this would place them in the category of a fool. The writer has in his possession a letter written by an atheist which is too vile for publication. However, I feel it would be well to pass along a few statements, which may help our ministers and evangelists to know more fully how to cope and attack this false doctrine which has originated in the pits of Hell. The writer of this letter claims God was an adulterer, Mary a fallen woman, and Jesus the son of a prostitute. How can our nation live and enjoy the blessing of a righteous God and dovetail and coincide with Communism and its allies?

The Wise man in Proverbs 6:27, 28, confronts the reader with a vital question: "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?" The question conveys an impossibility to our hearts and minds and also infers there is danger of compromising Bible standards to make our church popular. The chaotic condition of our nation can largely be attributed to a fallen ministry. Congregations will never rise above their leaders and spiritual advisers. The eyes of the present-day prophets are no longer dimmed with tears. The cry, "Oh God, give me souls ere I die," is no longer the cry of their

hearts. The sheep are turned over to the world, the prayer services discontinued, while the pastors go to the club house, bowling allies, card parties, and theatres. The Ladies Aid is left to put on soup suppers, rummage sales, and the like to help support the church, as the sheep are under-nourished and unable (or unwilling) to produce sufficient wool to keep up the running expense of the church.

The yardstick of truth has been shortened, the old landmarks uprooted, standards lowered, until the church and the world appear very much alike. Socials, suppers, and games have been substituted to attract our young folk until the very Spirit Himself has been barred from the church. One pastor said it was very difficult for him to retain his position as pastor and cry against the popular sins of the day, as his congregation was largely made up of sin-loving people. Much depends on whether the minister is a hireling, or a God-called and Spirit-filled preacher. How different are many of the big D. D.'s of this day and age from what Paul admonished his pupil to be: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts, shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

(To be continued)

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to the cause of Christ. Need we say more here?

WORD FROM THE LORD ON

REWARDS

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing." (2 Tim. 4:8). Thus said the Apostle to the Gentiles as he closed a successful ministry on earth, and entered into a heavenly rest, being spurred on through life by the word from the Lord on REWARDS. Keep on, Christian Friends, REWARDS will be ours some day...maybe soon.

The Unmovable and Perpetual Saints

Rev. William Sullivan

Our theme suggests two beautiful thoughts to our mind.

First, the STABILITY of the children of God and secondly, the ETERNAL ABIDING PLACE for the saint of God.

Turning to the writings of David in Psalm 15:1 we find there a question that should be of vital importance to every son of Adam, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Then in beautiful phraseology in the next three verses the writer proceeds to answer that same question in no uncertain tones, giving us a picture of the thoughts and actions of a mature Christian who has been thoroughly regenerated and entirely sanctified. Then in the consummation of that short but sweet message in the fifth verse he says that "He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

In these days of ever changing scenes when kingdoms are tottering and the governments of man are crumbling, it is refreshing to think of something that is steadfast and secure.

The psalmist here in describing the citizen of heaven in Psalm 1 says "He is blessed." Praise the Lord for that blessed state whereby man can be grounded and secured to the Rock of Ages from whom all blessings flow. If we want to be a citizen of heaven we're told here we should seek the fellowship of the righteous, walking in the counsel of godly men and in the light that shineth on our pathway, delighting ourselves in the law of the Lord for we're told to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto us."

The unmovable saint shall bring forth fruit in his season and when persecution arises he shall still retain his integrity and his testimony that the blood still cleanses from all sin, praise the Lord. He is promised prosperity in his soul and the care of the heavenly Father for "The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Now in the epistles we look to find the background of the second part of our message—THE PERPETUAL SAINTS. 1 John 2:15-17 we notice some instructions that are beneficial to the child of God. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

Here we have the thought suggested to our minds of the perpetual existence of man, the mutability of

this present world, the immutability of God and of the unfading eternal life which we shall inherit and enjoy in the presence of God when all of the redeemed shall sit at the feet of Jesus while the ages of eternity roll on, singing praises to the Lamb that was slain before the foundations of the world.

The apostle Paul, who willingly suffered many things for the cause of Christ, bears out this thought in his message found in Romans the eighth chapter. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Oh, hallelujah, do you believe His promises Christian friend? If you do, then let us look unto Him for He is faithful that promised.



Rev. and Mrs. William Sullivan. Out-going Missionaries to Cuba. Address them: 2300 Lincoln Ave., Pt. Pleasant, W. Va.

IN ANSWER TO PRAYER GOD CALLS MORE WORKERS TO WORK IN THE WHITE HARVEST FIELDS. Read their testimonies. Pray for them. Pray for the funds to come in that they may soon be on the field to join Rev. and Mrs. Eversole in the work in Cuba. Direct your offerings for the Sullivans to Rev. Joseph Hoffman, Foreign Missionary Treasurer, R. D. Elizabethtown, Pa. A receipt will

be returned to you at once. Thank you for all you have done, and may God bless your efforts as you read these lines.

—Editor

What is Life?

Mr. Sumner Musser

The above question is a difficult one for any human being to answer, and the only logical answer is to be found in the Divine Revelation, which is the Bible. Do you have a Bible at hand? If so, please turn to Genesis 2:7, where we read, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Yes, God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life. But what can this life be compared to? I am confident (and I think you will agree with me) that James 4:14 is to answer to our important question. Preceding the last clause in James 4:14, the writer asks a question, similar to ours. He asks, "For what is your life?", and then he continues by answering the question in the latter clause. "It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

You may ask the question, "Why did God create us if life is but as a vapour?" Above all reasons that man may give I believe that the predominate reason is that God wanted beings that would worship Him and with whom He could fellowship. We read in the Bible that our Creator is a jealous God, and desires to be worshipped by human intelligence, as a heart relationship, which is required of every man, woman, boy, and girl—no one excluded.

Seeing we owe our lives to our Creator and that He desires our worship, let us think about Him a moment. First we will note. (1) He is plural in form (a) God (Father) (b) Jesus (Son) (c) Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of God). Second, we will notice that He is infinite, that is to say, there is no limit to His power or knowledge. As such an almighty God, He is more than worthy of the worship and adoration that the most holy individuals that ever lived could give Him in a life time, by worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

So we, human beings with a finite mind, because our power and knowledge is limited, have a great responsibility upon us to fill the duty and task of our lives. We can live for Jesus which will glorify God and also bring profit to our soul, or we can live just for this world, which will please the Devil, but in the end will cost us our soul, which

is a terrible price to pay.

Friend, what is your motive this very moment? Are you going to live a life that is self-centered vain, which will only come to endless woe? Why not live the life that is centered in Jesus, the Christ of the Cross, Who because of our sins, gave His life that you and I might be saved? Reader, the Blood of Jesus is the only atonement for our sins. Think well about the way you are traveling now. Are you on the road to Heaven? Are you on the road to perdition (Hell)? Remember, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life"—the breath of God—our life. A Christ-centered life will be worth more than you or your writer can ever receive in this life.

Editor's Note: We are glad for this message by our Bro. Sonny Musser. He is a local preacher, and we wish him God's best.

"Our success in life depends not upon our abundant resources so much, as upon the right use of them."

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St. Mark 12:43,—“This poor widow hath cast more in than all they.”

### A Mite Lacking,—Maybe

There's some portions of the Bible that are taken seriously, But others, though important, left untouched, as you shall see. Now the story of the widow, as she gave her "mite" that day, Seems to be a help to many, and they take it as their way.

So they seem a "mite" religious, 'specially when the preachers 'round, But they say, they're awful busy, and they have to farm their ground. Though they do a "mite" of going, and they give a "mite" as well,— Yet they haven't been to church or Sunday School for quite a spell.

Baby's just a "mite" too young to take to church, "and such, you know,"

But to every worldly gathering in the neighborhood they go. Oh, they do a "mite" of talking; of excuses there's no end. So the preacher "knows his stuff," and does his best not to offend.

When at last they've been persuaded, and they're seated in the pew, Well, they seem a "mite" indifferent, and a little sleepy too,— So they do a "mite" of noddin', as they look the meetin' o'er, And you'd think perhaps they'd never been in such a place before.

Preacher seems a "mite" excited, and some of the people too, But they guess it's nothing serious, surely he does not mean "you." Then there's something comes across you, and your eyes fill up with tears, Such a "mite" that you've been doing, all along, down through the years.

"Mite" of giving; "mite" of going, how indifferent; unconcerned; But the Spirit now is striving, and your heart within you yearns, If you have but "mites" to offer, as your way you here pursue, Just a "mite" of a chance of Heaven He might have to offer you.

Composed Oct. 20, 1949, by Marlin E. Moore, Pastor of the Zerby Church.



## NEWS FLASHES ON THE POPE

According to recent reports, the Pope in Rome is trying hard to decide whether the Virgin Mary's body actually ascended to heaven with her soul. He has sent out questionnaires to many high churchmen of his faith to determine their opinions. What he says on the matter will decide the question for all Catholics the world over. The whole Catholic world is disturbed about the question, and wise men scratch their heads to see just what could be the correct answer. They could find out if they would simply consult the Gospel of her Son: "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

The magazines have pictured the Pope at the beautiful door, knocking with a jeweled hammer, which then slides open with the aid of block and tackle to reveal a richly decorated auditorium, into which he enters, proclaiming 1950 as Holy Year. One can almost see his puzzled expression as he knocks on the Golden Gate of heaven, but finds no wire pullers on the inside to swing the block and tackle to let him in. Selected (SW)

## HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED

It happened many years ago, during one of the Billy Sunday campaigns in the city of Philadelphia. The entire city was being shaken by the power of God, and people of all faiths were opening their doors to the daily prayer meetings, and God was moving in on the hearts in a most gracious way. Churches had all closed their doors and were supporting the revival meetings, conducted along old-fashioned lines, and numbers

of citizens were "hitting the saw-dust trail" to the prayer rooms.

They were a proud couple, entirely taken up with the things of this old world, and yet not satisfied with the pleasures of sin. About the time of the inception of the Sunday campaign they had decided to give up serving the world, and were groping for the True Way when suddenly they were caught in the whirlpool of Gospel conviction, and made their way to the meetings, went forward, and made a break with sin.

Shortly afterward, while praying in their home, God broke in on them in a wonderful way and they were Scripturally saved. The husband at once felt the Lord calling him into the ministry, so away went their new home they had loved so much.

Many years had rolled by since that first experience with God, and the godly wife, now walking alone down the pathway of life as her husband had preceded her, wandered down the same street where she had lived when she was converted. Such a longing came to her as she passed the old home, that she could not suppress the desire to walk to the door, and ask for entrance. She was greeted by a woman of foreign descent, plainly a Catholic. After a wonderful time testifying to the precious mother, who could scarcely write her name in English, the elderly sister knelt in prayer, and found heaven close, rising from her knees she found the dear Catholic woman, looking on in wonder, her face bathed in tears of conviction. So deep was the impression made that day, that the Catholic family wrote the Christian lady requesting prayer for a relative, and expressed faith in the God who had led her to their home.

—The Soul Winner

## THE POWER OF THE VOICE OF PRAYER

She wasn't sleeping, but seemed to see a vision. Husband had gone to another town, and sent for her to come, but didn't give a street address, but she set out for the town, nevertheless. On reaching the community her husband had mentioned, she wandered down the main street and into the residential district, seemingly being led by some power other than her own judgment. From lovely mansion to beautiful bungalow she wandered ever pressing forward in search of her husband.

Finally, she was led by the sound of someone calling into the open country, where she saw neat little cottages, and strong, handsome farm homes. Yet, on and on she walked, being led she knew not where, by the sound of someone calling her name.

At last as the voice seemed to get louder, she neared an old mill, outside of which sat a large group of men, scoffing and laughing at a man, inside the mill, who was earnestly engaged in prayer. She recognized the voice as the voice of her husband. She gained entrance to the old mill, and was helped up the stairs to a large room by her husband, who discovered her presence, where she beheld a room filled with beautiful lamps that glowed so brightly with a strange sort of warmth. At this point she was restored to her senses, and rose to thank God for the lesson in object, of the Voice of Prayer calling her through every other obstacle and the scoffing of the men outside the old mill into a place where shined the light, with the warmth of prayer. —The Soul Winner

## HOME-SICK FOR HEAVEN

"Having a desire to depart." Her beautiful gray hair crowned a once-beautiful countenance, and firm, strong features were calmly relaxed as she lay listening to the songs of the visitors, as they sang of heaven and the meeting and re-union there in the skies. Songs of the redeemed saints of God brought tears trickling down the aged, wrinkled cheeks, and tired hands struggled and finally succeeded to wipe them away. Heads were bowed in prayer and again God drew so very near. Then she began to testify, saying, "Oh, I'm homesick for heaven. Dear Brother,

I'm so homesick for heaven. My father and mother and five brothers with my husband are over there, and they are all redeemed. I stood by their sides and watched them all pass over the line of worlds. I'm just lying here waiting for the home-ward call." Thus, again, was repeated the home-sick cry of an aged saint: "having a desire to depart."

Put the law of God into the heart, and the whole man is right. There is where the law should be, for there it lies, like the tables of stone in the ark, in the place appointed for it. In the head it puzzles, on the back it burdens, in the heart it upholds."

C. H. Spurgeon



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## AMONG OUR CHURCHES — ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

REPORTS.....

### God's Missionary Church of Zerby, Pa.

We are glad of the good report we have to send in to the *Standard* family this month. This writing finds us in Revival, with souls seeking and finding the Lord, some for saving, and other for sanctifying grace. Attendance has been very good, with many new faces, and also many of our other church folks co-operating in special messages in song, and assisting at the altar services, for which we are very grateful. Good attention was given to the messages which were brought for the most part by Rev. Homer A. Smith of Williamsport, who preached powerful Gospel truth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We are continuing indefinitely as the Lord leads, and souls continue to seek salvation. A number of

our ministers have visited us, and from time to time participated in the services. We truly praise God for the answered prayers of the saints, and trust the Lord for a glorious future for our people at Zerby.

Rev. Marlin E. Moore, Pastor

### God's Missionary Church of Milesburg, Pa.

The church enjoyed good services recently with the Rev. Russell T. Herr ministering as the special speaker in a series of week-end meetings. The church was blessed and encouraged by the faithful ministry of our Brother Herr. He certainly preached under the anointing of the Spirit, and many hearts were helped, we do believe. Pray for the work here, as we know God is working.

Rev. C. William Rachau, Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

NOTE: Due to an oversight, last month's edition was headed, January, when it really should have been February. Sorry for the mistake. Hope it has not confused any reader.

—Editor

COMING SOON: Revival services at God's Missionary Church, Milesburg, from April 4-16. The evangelist is the Rev. Thomas E. Frantz of Sunbury, Pa. He will be assisted in singing by Mr. William

R. Hess of Grier City, Pa. Plan now to visit with us at this time. Watch for our full announcement next month.

Rev. C. W. Rachau, Pastor

NOTE: with April's edition many of the subscriptions will expire, so get your renewal in at once, so as to not miss one single issue of the *Standard*. Cards will be sent to every subscriber whose subscription expires.

—Editor

### THE TESTIMONY OF AN EMPTY SEAT

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come, except there come a falling away first" (2 Thess. 2:3). Surely, we are living in those days.

#### GLEANINGS FROM THE "EMPTY-SEAT" TESTIMONIES

Before closing this message, dear reader, allow me to present the testimonies of four empty seats. I see an empty pew up front to my left. "Empty pew, testify," I command. "I am not here because I overslept. I stayed up late last night, and spent the most of the night merely loafing at the village store. I listened to the cowboy programs on the radio until 1:30 a. m., and therefore I am absent." Empty pew Number Two testifies: "I am not here, because I don't like the way the preacher preaches. He speaks of things that I don't like to hear. I refuse to line-up to God's Word, and I have decided to stay home." Empty Seat Number Three: "I stayed home because

I didn't get elected to an office in the church. If that's all I mean to the church (sniff, sniff, boo, hoo!) I'll just stay home." Empty Seat Number Four: "I stayed home because I don't like Brother J. and Sister X. Everytime they are in the meetings, I cannot get blessed, so I feel I am better off at home, (growl.)"

I see another great occasion spoken of in Luke 13: 29... "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God." Harken, Brother and Sister, if you are not there at this great meeting and home-coming, your loved ones and the Saviour will miss you: "Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty."

Moore says,

"There are two ways of becoming brethren, through the blood of parents, or through the Blood of Christ."