

# Macedonian Call

*"Come Over into Macedonia and Help Us."—(Acts 16:9.)*

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## The Forgotten Woman

Do you see that pale-faced, slender woman yonder, the one in the long, black robe and long, black bonnet with white starched interior and black veil hanging down behind it? She is a "sister" in Roman Catholic charity work. Long ago she dedicated her life to what she erroneously believed was the cause of Christ, renouncing wedlock, forsaking home and relatives, and foregoing wealth. The outlet of her zeal is unscriptural, but the devotion back of it is scriptural and to be admired. "Unto God be glory in the Church," not in some human organization.

The spirit behind a sincere "sister of charity" should be fostered in the true Church of Christ, and I know some who have it.

I know sisters who in early life were so devoted to God that they determined to marry "only in the Lord," if they married at all; and not finding suitable companions in Christ, they remained single though married to Him.

I know sisters whose sole desire is to do more for Christ; they live very economical lives that they may have more money with which to help His cause; no jewelry, no costly array, no luxuries, yet they live comfortably. Without them the Church would be poorer in life and finance. But the heedless world notices not, and often the careless church appreciates not.

I know sisters who have foregone the holy bonds of wedlock that they might care for a helpless mother or decrepit father, being determined to honor to the full their Christian parents. And no one regarded their self-denial.

I know sisters who have gone down into the valley to bring children into the world, and si-

lently and unhonored have toiled day and night to do their part in feeding and clothing and training them in the Lord. Their work is just as important as that of standing before an audience and delivering a "big" discourse as some of us sometimes think we do. They receive little glory but labor cheerfully on.

I know married sisters who in the midst of their many cares find time to say a kindly word to their neighbors or to visit them when sick or help them when needy. And no one has praised them for it.

I know sisters who have used money which they had to scatter Christian literature or do other missionary work, and to help poorly-supported preachers; and no one praised—but they did not pine.

The Macedonian Call has had a long, hard pull to maintain its existence under violent persecution and in our country's greatest depression; and, strange as it may seem, sisters far more than brothers have helped supply its wants. If it had not been for their donations, it would have passed out long ago, and without such donations in the future it can not survive and increase as it ought.

None of these women have done their good works to be seen of men, nor have they received praise as a brother does for a good talk or a preacher for a forceful sermon.

Man may have ignored or forgotten their sacrifice, but God sees and knows it all and has written it in his book. His inspired servant Paul said: "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel . . . WHOSE NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE." (Phil. 4:3).

—D. A. Sommer.

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### "The Octopus of the Church"

(This talk was given in Church of Christ, 5344 Lillian Ave., St. Louis, Mo., September 5, 1940, by Earl E. Miller.)

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceful fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Heb. 12:11).

The Church of Christ has come a long way. For nineteen hundred years it has met and overcome all obstacles. The path has not been easy—it has not been strewn with roses all the way—briars, thistles and obnoxious weeds have infested the way. But today we are thankful that the church still exists and has been handed to our care and keeping in its original cleanliness and purity. It just didn't happen that way—it is the result of a well planned and well executed course of action from its inception on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ, down through the days of inspiration, through the dark ages, through the period of reformation and restoration and on down to our present age of civilization and enlightenment. We have God to thank for able leaders throughout all ages of history—men who were capable in knowledge and zeal to uphold the teachings of Christianity against all odds and to hold tenaciously to that "form of sound words which thou hast heard of me (Paul), in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus". • • •

There has been introduced and now is at work in the church a deadly evil—like an octopus that emerges its ugly head from the water and weaves its slimy tentacles about the body of its victim and slowly but firmly presses the very life from it—this evil is sapping the very life from Christians, individually, and congregationally, collectively.

Men who have stood four-square against the use of instruments of music in our worship and branded it as unscriptural; men who have fought zealously against missionary societies as not abiding by the spirit and the letter; men who have upheld the bloodstained banner of the Prince of Peace against all things ungodly, unscriptural and sinful—have with open arms embraced this diabolical evil. This evil is the preacher-pastor system—the termite-parasite system—that is now at work in the church. We call them termites because they bore from within. We call them parasites because they live on others. This system is the octopus of the church.

The right of man to provide for himself and his household is of divine heritage. The curse God placed upon Adam "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" has been turned into a sacred charge. Moses recognized the fact that man was a creative and imaginative soul.

Even in the history of our own land we have the statement of John Smith that he who does not work shall not eat. Consider the little child who from his own imagination has created with his own hands a bird house. Crudely designed and crudely put together to that little child it is a masterpiece of construction because he made it with his own hands. Man is but a child grown up and appreciates that which he himself does more than that which is handed him on a silver platter. But man shall not live by bread alone. Spiritually man must also live. And as in material things if he does something himself he has better prepared himself for useful Christian living. But under the influence of the octopus—the pastor system—he has neither the opportunity nor the will to perform. The will of the individual member of the congregation is subsidized by the will of the pastor. The pastor preaches the sermons on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. It is he who conducts young people's classes; it is he who teaches the mid-week Bible class. He visits the sick, the aged, the orphans, the widow, the delinquents, if they are visited at all. It is the minister that feeds the flock; guides the congregation and takes in the cash.

All too contrary to the teaching of the inspired word. Inspired James says to visit the widows and fatherless in their afflictions: inspired Paul says let every man prove his own work, bear his own burdens, let him bear one another's burdens, let him do good unto all men; inspired John says let him that heareth the word say Come; and Christ says "whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man". In the face of the teaching of Christ and the apostles can we pay a man to visit the orphans and widows, to visit the sick, to do the teachings for us. They are appealing to us individually to bear our own burdens first and secondly to bear the burdens of the congregation. The elders are to oversee the development of the flock in training, in exhortations and in careful guidance.

It has been my experience to sit in a congregation that was going to select a preacher to "stifle" the work for the ensuing year. Here is the procedure used: A certain month was selected for try-outs. The first Sunday of the month designated Pastor A came and preached his two best sermons. The three succeeding Sundays Pastors B, C, and D followed in succession. Mind you these men came with full knowledge that the one who impressed the leaders of that congregation most favorably would be given a job. Do you think under these conditions a man's interest was God's interest? His first thoughts were to turn on his very best personality, wax eloquent as he delivered his best oratorical sermon and be certain not to offend anyone. He was not endeavoring to sell the gospel of Christ but was bent on selling himself. Now as a result of his effort if perchance some one did obey the gospel invitation it would be credited to his masterful ability and not to the glory of God. Here is one month set aside to be completely wasted. That procedure is practiced in hundreds of congregations that call themselves the Church of Christ. Even though it was practiced in only twelve that would mean one year wasted each year in the work of our Lord. Such silly prattle is worthy of the greatest condemnation. One such selection I know of preached the only two sermons he knew on his particular tryout Sunday and the congregation had to listen to those same two sermons with small degree of variation for one year. And they had to listen or suffer a financial loss. Because the preacher had a one-year contract and

don't you think for one minute that he would have hesitated to use civil court to enforce that contract. Does that sound like Christianity? A thousand voices thunder No.

But that is not all nor the worst. After the selection of the pastor, regardless of how that selection is made, the worst is yet to come. First, the preacher may be dominated by the leaders of the congregation or the congregation dominated by the pastor. I have seen both and am undecided which is worst. If the leaders predominated, the pastor is quick to ascertain who contributes the most and how they believe on certain questions. Then he goes to work to build himself up in the most holy esteem of those heavy contributors. He preaches what they believe with vigor but refrains from declaring the whole counsel of God as Paul says he did. In one particular case a pastor was warned about preaching against Catholicism because one of the she-elder's friends was a Catholic. He failed to heed that warning—but his immediate successor was quick to profit by the example of his predecessor. In other words, preachers dominated by the leaders of the congregation preach to tickle the ears of the audience even though it leads them all to eternal damnation.

Now on the other hand if the pastor dominates the congregation, this calls for a stronger personality and a stronger mind than the case just mentioned. He so acts and so preaches that factional strife is kept down and the congregational membership is gradually increased even though they have to pull in a few goats to do it. If by chance some one raises his voice in protest he is immediately branded as a disturber and is mocked and shamed until he quits going to Church or lines up with the rest of the Satanic hordes. Those men may pay lip service to Christ but they are no better than the clergymen of the Catholic church stripped of their high collars and flowing robes. Of the two—preacher-dominated congregation or congregation-dominated preacher—I see no difference, both should be denounced by all loyal followers of Christ.

As long as I can remember, the Church has been infested with Pastors but not until the development of the Church Colleges has the menace gained such wide proportions until now it challenges every man and woman who is trying to live a Christian life. Preaching has become commercialized in contradiction of Christ's statement that the poor shall have the gospel preached unto them. Here is the situation. Young men go to Church Colleges and study the Bible, public speaking, psychology and other related subjects. After completion they have invested two to four years' time and quite a sum of money and have prepared themselves for nothing more or less than parasites. They feel that the body of Christ owes them a living and a chance to cash in on their investment. As a result they pull what political strings at their disposal to secure a job with some prosperous congregation and there they stick so tight it would take a stick of dynamite to loosen them. We all know that under the law of Moses the tribe of Levi was set aside to minister unto the people and to do the service of the tabernacle. And we all know they degenerated into such a mass of human wreckage that Christ said, "For ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." We all know that it was the Levitical priesthood—the clergymen—who led their flocks to crucify Christ. And in these last days we again see the priests—the pastors—

leading their flocks in the daily crucifixion of Christ. It would not surprise me to hear that they were selling indulgences and taking confessions. That danger is impending. Awake, Christians, awake from your slumber and keep that deadly evil away from us.

What effect does the pastor system have on the individual member of the congregation? I speak as one who knows. The average member is so weak in faith and knowledge that they do not have the courage to tell people they belong to the Church and do not have the knowledge to tell anyone why they are a member of God's kingdom. Their only knowledge about Church is that it is customary to attend on Sunday morning, partake of the Lord's supper and hear a well seasoned sermon on something they do not understand. The New Testament teaches me and you to continue in the doctrine of Christ, study God's word daily, offer prayers unto God daily and to be able to give an answer for the hope that lieth within us. Can a child of the pastor system do that? I am here to tell you that not only are they unable to do it but they do not even know it is required of them. We often hear the pastor system referred to on sectional lines. You do not have to go down south or even across state lines to find such conditions. Right here in St. Louis you can find many so-called Christians and so-called Churches of Christ that have digressed so far from true principles of Christianity that they "smell" of worldly lust.

There is no hatred in my heart for those members who worship under such conditions. It is my sincere belief that their knowledge and their will have been so weakened by the slimy tentacles of this octopus that they have lost or have not known the way to overcome it. It is for us the living to help those sincere men and women to overthrow that political corruption that ensnares their souls. If only they could be reached I am sure the majority would rise with one accord to overthrow the octopus and march in unity under the bloodstained banner of our matchless leader to that glorious victory of eternal homage to God.

Let us never be guilty of becoming ensnared in the clutches of this octopus and let us do all in our power to help unshackle the chains of that great mass of humanity that are sinking into the abyss of sin and destruction—let us help them to see the light of God's way before it is everlastingly too late.

### Weakness in Our "Maginot Line"

France spent hundreds of millions of dollars in her Maginot Line, and thought she was safe from the Germans, and made little preparation for tricks of the enemy; and now she lies groveling in the dust. The Church may fortify itself against infidelity, sectarianism, innovationism, open doorism and sit down at ease, and fail to strengthen itself against the tricks of Satan in WORLDLYISM, and find herself prostrate on the ground.

Recently I received the following from a troubled brother concerning his home congregation of probably 75 members:

"Missouri—Conditions are very bad at ———, and are getting worse. Most of the young folks go to the movies, or petting parties, to dances, and to side shows; and the elders will not do anything about it. The same applies to the church at ——— (a neighboring church). What would you do in view of these conditions?" \* \* \*

I do not believe that those conditions prevail GENER-

ALLY in so-called true churches of Christ, but I do believe they prevail in far too large an extent. Something must be done to save our young people BEFORE, if possible, they get into such danger.

In the first place, all of us who have children should put forth a stronger effort than ever before to "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We should also pay attention to other children which belong to the church, and show that we are interested in them. We should try to give them something to do which will keep them out of these evils. We should see that they have the best teachers for their Bible classes. Can we not have singings where the rudiments of music are taught? Can we not have the young people meet in different homes and sing, practice new songs, etc?

Elders will have to answer for the souls in their care. Are you doing your best to guide these young people in the right way?

A year or so ago, a non-member of the Church of Christ dropped in at a meeting of another church, in the same state as in quotations above, which is considered one of the most active churches in the whole brotherhood. He left a note on the seat as he passed out which ran something like this:

"The interest of your young people in the meetings is marvelous, but their make-up hideous and unscriptural."

Of course, their make-up was about like what one sees on the streets everywhere, but Christians are supposed to be different from the people of the world. If some of the women think they appear beautiful in their make-up they have another guess coming! And do you think you are dressing "modestly" as Paul commands, when you cut your dress about as low in the neck as the law will permit, and your skirt as high as it will allow? Paul speaks of certain ones who are "taken captive" by Satan, and I am wondering whether such have not been. Christians can dress in good clothes and simply and modestly and inconspicuously, and are admired by all cultured and Christian people.

I repeat, that we may feel secure because we are fortified against sectarianism and innovationism, but Satan may slip around our boasted "Maginot Line" over the bridge of Worldliness and crush our young people, and grown ones, too, till the Church of God is brought with her face to the ground.

"Watch thou in all things."—Captain Paul.

## The Christians Prospects

"They are without fault before the throne of God." (Rev. 14:5.)

This can be true of man. The trees that grew in Paradise are gone. Nothing remains of the ark Noah built; nor of the cross on which the Saviour died. But of the millions of men, some have fallen into the hands of robbers, some into the ocean; diseases, volcanoes, executions have thinned the race. But let these adversaries of human life try to conceal a single victim!

How vain the love of fame! You may cross hills and plains and deserts and rivers; everywhere you may hear some of man's works, follies or crimes. Oceans are navigated and serve as a measure between nation and nation. But the vast family of God may travel farther. Once they were here. Our friends are crossed over.

Sin grieves the believers; they long for the time to enter the land of rest and leave it behind forever. They

came from sorrow, from want, from the dread of death. Their tabernacle fell asunder and let the captive spirit free. One was Lazarus at a rich man's gate. Another was pointed at by the finger of scorn. Those who perished in the martyr's flames now are rich, now they live! By what track did they ascend? How did they measure the aerial space? What are the way marks? What human eye has glanced the celestial map? One hour before their dissolution they knew as little as we how it would be. (2 Cor. 5:1). Who gave them their confidence and claim? Jesus. He is the righteous advocate. He suffered extremely! He was without fault! Here there are many faults in one man, in every believer. Oh! to join that happy throng! to become one of them!

What is it to possess innocence pure as air? Mirrory as water, serene as the summer's evening sky, the whole character like God? Each day down here we have to accuse ourselves, we have been impatient, or idle, or unjust, or impious.

Faults divide human affairs with so many opposing interests. Those gone before are waiting, what moral course did they pursue? They prayed, they repented, they put off the old affections which war against the soul, they washed their robes and made them white.

With what cheering accents then may the Christian die, one who repents and receives forgiveness! Be not despondent. Behold the conqueror of faults, keep on his side, opposing his enemies. We shall survive every element. We shall appear and dwell forever "without fault before the throne of God."

Our hopes grow brighter as we near the shining shore.

Waiting across the river are the loved ones gone before.—R. O. Webb, Secor, Illinois.

## The Sects Learn It by Experience

Oswald J. Smith, of Toronto, Canada, is the author of numerous books, has preached 25 years for a down-town church in Toronto which has 61 elders and which in 1939 raised \$77,904 for all its activities, \$33,843 going to foreign missions. The man and the church, then, evidently know much about the foreign field which they are supporting so generously. As quoted in *Missionary Messenger*, Mr. Smith condemns thus the unscripturalness and ineffectiveness of methods in general on the foreign field:

"Today the world still waits for the gospel. Nor will it be evangelized until the Church puts into practice the Pauline Methods so clearly outlined in the New Testament.

"The fact is we have made a great mistake. For over a hundred years now we have been sending out missionaries to be pastors of native churches, and thus, God's order has been reversed. Our efforts as a church have not been scriptural. Hence the world is still unevangelized in spite of all our efforts.

"When I was in Europe, I made a careful study of missionary methods, and what I found there others have found in other fields. I found foreign missionaries acting as pastors and evangelists of native churches, a thing unknown in Scripture. . . . [Is it not as unscriptural in America] I do not mean to insinuate that these missionaries have not done good work. . . . But the method adopted has been so far from the plan of God . . . that they have failed utterly to do the work of a missionary. And after 25 or 30 years of service they have to admit that

the country in which they have labored for so long . . . is still unevangelized. What a tragedy! What a failure!

"What, then, should they have done? They should have followed the example of Paul. They should have kept the evangelization of the entire country constantly in mind, adopting the scriptural methods that would have made this possible. The business, the one and only business, of the foreign missionary, is to train native workers, and put responsibility upon them. [Why should not preachers do the same work in the home field—in America?] They should be appointed as evangelists or teachers according to their gifts and sent forth to evangelize their country.

. . . **Each church should be self-governing, IT SHOULD REPEATEDLY SWARM.** Thus new churches would be constantly springing up and in a short time the entire country would be evangelized. [Let's try the same in America. Theological seminaries and Bible Colleges be-gone!] Only thus can the native worker be developed.

"Most foreign missionaries seem afraid to trust the native worker. (Here Mr. Smith tells of a troubled missionary on the conventional basis whose furlough was long overdue, but he could not leave because he had done everything himself [like the one-man preacher-pastors in America who won't develop elders to feed the flock as Paul commanded] and had no natives to carry on. A missionary who operated on the indigenous basis took the poor-enough material and put it into positions of responsibility. A year passed by. At last he returned expecting to find disaster. To his amazement he found that every man had made good. The work had prospered as never before. Scores of souls had been won to Christ. The church was in a flourishing condition. For miles around the country had been evangelized. Money had been contributed, repairs made to the church, and other chapels erected. The natives for the first time in their lives had been conscious of their responsibility.) . . . What a revelation to the missionary who thought he had to do it all and hence could not be spared. [Same is true of one-man pastor and sometimes elders]. . . The day has come when we must get back to the original vision if we are to hope to evangelize the world. . . We can make no mistake if we follow God's methods laid down in His word."

#### Deductions and Observations

1. After 100 years of work (or rest!) in the foreign fields, and hundreds of millions of dollars spent, Mr. Smith charges there is an utter failure in converting the heathen. Stagnation abounds on every hand. And after 100 years of "work" in America and BILLIONS of dollars spent, even secular papers are alarmed at the stagnation of religion in our land.

2. Why? Mr. Smith says that in the foreign field it is a lack of development of native talent. One man, the missionary, has tried to do it all. Is that not the cause of the stagnation here? The one-man preacher-pastor system is Public Enemy No. 1 in the Church of God.

3. Mr. Smith has learned this largely from experience and the history of 100 years. The true Church of Christ has learned it from the Scripture itself. We brought this out clearly in the May issue on "A Forgotten Scripture." Inspired Preacher Paul wrote to young preacher Timothy thus: "The things which thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to FAITHFUL men who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2.) EVERY preacher is to develop teachers.

4. Our authority says churches should "swarm" and in that way new churches are established and other commu-

nities have a chance to learn the truth. When the Jerusalem church became big, the Lord sent a persecution against it, and it was scattered and the "disciples went everywhere preaching the Word." When a church is more than a hundred members, it can not develop all its talent properly and should "swarm" peaceably before a faction breaks off. True Christians want to do something.

5. Churches of Christ which are following the great truths Mr. Smith has learned from experience and observation and finally from the Word of God, are prospering.

6. Mr. Smith leaves out entirely theological seminaries and Bible colleges, just as Paul does, and as the true Church of Christ does.

7. These observations from this prominent denominational preacher should encourage the true Church of Christ to go on in the advocacy and practice of this development work we are talking so much about. It is the cheapest way. It is the most efficient way. It is the scriptural way. And the zeal with which the young preachers and others are taking hold of this work SPELLS A GREAT FUTURE FOR THE TRUE CHURCH OF CHRIST. Let all of us preachers push this development work, but remember, too, that it is "faithful" men we should develop.

### May We Help You, Elders?

Elders and other leaders have a hard job before them in trying to hold a church in line with the Bible in doctrine and morals. Maybe our paper can help you. At least, we know that the strongest and most active churches among us have the most readers for our paper. You know what the teaching by our writers through its columns against Open Doorism and other forms of evil has done through the past eight years. It would strengthen all the new disciples to be permitted to read such teaching.

One of the hard things you have to do is to keep up the zeal of the members. The enthusiasm of the "protracted meetings" wanes with the departure of the preacher, and a burden falls on you. One of the main purposes of the Macedonian Call is to help arouse enthusiasm, as we have often said. Brethren have proposed many good articles which we have given second place. Rather do we welcome many short exhortations to better living and greater zeal, and we believe that these many such articles we have had in the past have helped a considerable to stir the present enthusiasm among brethren. We hope to do more of it.

Your hardest job is to hold the young people. We realize that and intend to print more and more appealing articles to the young against the danger of their worldliness, and exhortations to parents for greater earnestness in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We hope many of our sisters as well as brothers will write on these themes.

The publisher appreciates the many, many commendations of the paper. Every day brings them, and many spoke them to the publisher at the Nevada meeting. The expression so many use is that "the paper is getting better with each issue." But we are not satisfied. We hope to make it still more useful to you and to the Church in general. For more than forty years we have been preparing good material for helpful articles and reprints. We have about 800 books in our library and have read most of them and marked them so that we could get the best points readily. We wish to give you the cream of

our reading and meditation through all those years. The publisher reads half a dozen of the largest of the papers of the brotherhood as well as other religious publications, and finds much helpful matter for reprint. Possibly the January Missionary Number will contain weighty matter on Baptism and the Lord's Supper, from Luther the founder of Lutheranism, Calvin the founder of Presbyterianism and Wesley the founder of Methodism. We try to make our articles thoroughly reliable in every way, sometimes spending hours on a single important theme. We spent weeks on the May issue. Many have suggested that we put out another such edition for the college people, and we are planning another for February if you will rally to us financially as you did the May issue. What do you think? The evidence is that untold good was accomplished by that issue—we are still hearing from it. A call came today for 50 copies for distribution in Texas. We still have copies for FREE distribution. Send for what you need.

You may think that we are too urgent sometimes regarding literature. Some may even think we are making money at it. If so, they have another guess coming. We would have been better off financially if we had never printed a line in tract or book, or published a paper, and had devoted ourselves entirely to evangelizing. But we know how useful such matter is. Our tract on Christian Liberty, which we think is about the most important tract we ever wrote because it shows the rocks of innovationism on the one side and rocks of hobbyism on the other, is a total flop financially. But we expected that, yet went in debt to accomplish the good. It will help every intelligent Christian, we believe, if he would study the very important Christian principles in it.

"The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof" applies here. The fact that nearly all the main leaders in our most active churches are readers of the M. C. may mean something. We believe it will help your church much to give every family in your church, especially weak and new members, access to the many exhortations of our writers.

**Lindbergh Continues Steadfast.** When the Colonel and his wife were on their visit to Roumania some time ago, they were given a dinner at Cluj by Professor Hadziejano, a leading Roumanian airman. When the toast was proposed Lindbergh did not drink. The toastmaster then said, "How can a man who crossed the ocean by air be afraid of a glass of good Roumanian wine?" We are not told what the Colonel replied except in laughter. Someone has said, "Actions speak louder than words." **Bravo, Lindbergh, laugh on.**—The Index.

—"I have practiced medicine in the city of Washington, D. C., for 50 years. So far as I am aware no one has been hung or electrocuted for 50 years who was not a smoker. Smoking lowers self-control by at least one-fourth, and therefore predisposes to crime of all kinds. Smoking leads to drinking in many cases and to greater or lesser neglect of religious responsibilities."—Dr. D. H. Kress, in Youth's Instructor, March 22, 1938.

—Alcohol in a man lessens both the quality and quantity of the work he does.

—"Conditions in America will shake us if we do not shake them."—President Havens.

## Home Training

In Eph. 6:4 Paul gives us a command on above subject. "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The words "bring them up" are from a word that means to nourish while the word "nurture" is from one meaning "correction and chastisement." Thus we see the command of the apostle is that we nourish our children. Not only so, but that we see that the nourishment consist in the correction of the Lord. The word is in the possessive case which makes the text mean that we are to administer the nourishment and correction that belongs to the Lord or that comes from the Lord. This rules out the popular notion and practice of today, that of leaving it up to hired instructors and feature writers in the secular papers to tell us how to train our children. There are writers in the columns who perhaps never had a child or even in some cases were never married, and yet they presume to give instruction on the important subject of child training. Any training that is not in accordance with that coming from the Lord is wrong and Christians must reject it.

Doubtless much of the hindrance to growth of the church today is caused by the neglect of parents to train their children in the home. For one thing, if children are not taught to hear and respect the Bible in their home, they will not likely listen to such teaching when they come into the public assembly. If they hear the public speakers who are trying to impress the hearers with the truth and importance of the Bible they may conclude that something is wrong since their parents have not impressed them with any such thoughts at home. Logically they will conclude either that the public speaker is wrong or else their parents are. Or if they conclude the speaker is correct then they will enquire in their minds why their parents never cared enough on the subject to tell it to them. Whichever way they go in their conclusion the effect will be tragic for they will lose confidence in all persons concerned and thus the church will be hindered. But of course the parents cannot teach their children the Bible unless they know it themselves. And too many of them are too disinterested or too lazy mentally to study it and as result are not able to teach it to their children. What a terrible judgment is awaiting all such!

But nourishment in the form of information is not the only part of the bringing up required in above text. Correction and chastisement are also required. Perhaps this is the most outstanding defect today in the relation between parent and child. There is so little attention paid to the matter of obedience that a general state of child anarchy is threatened if not in actual existence. It is a common thing to see children take their own time and pleasure in responding to a parent's command. I have been in many homes where the parent would tell the child to do something and then see the child ignore the command. Or worse still, reply by saying "in a minute" or "all right, as soon as I do so and so." And thus we see that the idea of obedience is about lost in such a home. If children were given to understand that when they are told to do a thing they must do it or be punished they would be receiving the training commanded by the apostle. If they will not respond to the command of the parent after proper chastisement then a severer punishment must be administered. No use to listen to the modern theories of feature writers in the secular papers. Such columns are doing more to foster rebellion than any other one influence now at large.

It might be asked what this has to do with hindering the church. The answer is not hard to find. If neighbors see the children of parents who are members of the church act so disrespectfully towards their parents they are liable to conclude the religion of such parents is only a sham. Furthermore, if such children should decide to come into the church they are likely to do so with insufficient view of the authority they are thus accepting. And such members are the kind who are most apt to give the Elders trouble in their later years. If they become delinquent in their church duties they may resent all attempts of the officers to correct them. Since they had not learned the lesson of obedience to authority while children at home they now refuse to recognize authority in the church. This leads to further trouble that often ends in strife and division. So we may safely conclude that much of the retarded growth, indifference, rebellion and factionism in the church is chargeable to the failure of parents today to train their children and to bring them under obedience to the authority of the parent over the child.—E. M. Zerr.

**Personal Work Bulletin**

1. The prime object of all workers is to secure attendance of the person approached at the coming meetings.
2. Each individual worker will develop his own method of approach, but a sample speech is as follows: "Good morning! Allow me to present you with this blotter, which contains our PERSONAL invitation to you to attend a meeting of the Church of Christ, at . . . Street. You will notice that the evangelist is . . . ; and we KNOW you will enjoy hearing him. The services will be at 7:45 each evening, and there will be no collections taken at any evening meeting."
3. A friendly smile of greeting will go far towards gaining favorable recognition of your invitation. Make the smile genuine and not a forced one.
4. Do not argue with those who are disposed to dispute with you. Simply say "No doubt that point will be discussed during our meeting, and I know that you'll want to be there and hear it. That's why we want you to come!"
5. Secure names and addresses of those who manifest an outstanding interest for future calls.
6. If no one answers knock or doorbell, leave an announcement in secure and prominent place on or about the door.
7. Do not pass by a house—someone with a soul to save lives there—and it may be the occupant will be one to attend regularly.
8. Answer all questions as to location, etc., in an understandable, definite and kindly manner.
9. Courtesy is a Christian virtue and a necessary part of every worker's equipment. Employ it freely and constantly.—W. Carl Ketcherside.

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worthwhile,  
That costs the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile,  
It's full of worth and goodness, too, with genial kindness blent;  
It's worth a million dollars and it doesn't cost a cent.

THE AMERICAN ELECTION is ended, but the CHRISTIAN ELECTION is still going on. Add to your faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, Godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. "If ye do these things . . . there

shall be ministered unto you an abundance entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord."

**Church News**

Another "Forgotten Scripture":—"Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient [befitting]; but rather giving of thanks." (Eph. 5:4).

Berkeley, Calif.—California churches are anticipating work with Bro. Riggins in 1941. Two baptisms at Berkeley recently.—Geo. Robinson.

"Be sure with Pure"—So advertises the oil company. So advertises, too, the gospel preacher. "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable." (James 3:17).

Meadville, Mo.—We are getting along very nicely. We haven't a young brother in the congregation but what will take a public part. Bro. W. E. Ballinger just closed a good meeting for us.—Frank S. Botts.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Through the help of Bro. W. A. Bennett, of Glendale Church of Christ, we enjoyed six nights of church instruction given by Bro. Paul Ketcherside of Topeka, Kans. We wish to thank both Bros. Bennett and Ketcherside.—Signed Colored Church of Christ, Phoenix, Ariz.; John Carretherus, clerk; J. W. Swain, elder.

Remember—We will send you FREE, as many copies as you can use of the October issue on Christian War Bulletins, to circulate among young people and in mission fields. Brethren and churches which are able can send a cent a copy with their order to pay for postage and mailing.

Kansas City, Mo.—Recently we spent a L. D. with Pleasant Ridge congregation near Hamilton, Mo. One confession of wrong at morning service. Brethren much strengthened by Bro. Rhodes' meeting. This congregation is following an interesting and edifying program of self-development.—Robert H. Brumback, 3931 Harrison St.

Indiana—We had burnt potatoes for dinner Wednesday. Why? Because the October Missionary Number was so interesting that when the mail came at 11 a. m., I had to read it through before I could lay it down to finish dinner. I thoroughly enjoy reading each number and usually read them through as soon as I take them from the mail. Then go back over them to completely digest the contents. Hope that you may long continue the publishing of such a good paper.—Mae Lee Adams.

Ohio—I would be glad to get as many extra copies as you can spare and as often as you can send, and I will mail some to some of my good friends at ——— and also here—(Sister). (This sister belongs to a little group that is in a hard struggle with the Open Door people. We are receiving many such calls and it is up to mission-minded brethren and sisters to help them scatter the Word.—Pub.)

**THE BRIDGE YOU'LL NEVER CROSS**

It's what you think that makes the world  
Seem dull or bright to you;  
Your mind may color all things gray,  
Or make them radiant hue.  
Be glad today, be true and wise,  
Seek truth amid the dross;  
Waste neither time nor thought about  
The bridge you'll never cross.

There's useful work for you to do  
With hand and brain and heart;  
There's urgent human service too,  
In which to take your part.  
Make every opportunity  
Worth while, and not a loss;  
The best is yours, so do not fear  
The bridge you'll never cross.

If life seems drab and difficult,  
Just face it with a will;  
You do not have to walk alone  
Since God is with you still.  
Press on with courage toward the goal.  
With truth your shield emboss;  
Be strong, look up, and just ignore  
The bridge you'll never cross.

—Grenville Kleiser.

West Fork, Mo.—I closed at Ellington, Mo., with all-day service and started at Greeley, Mo., with very good attendance. We had good attendance at Ellington all through, except three nights it was real cool in the tent, and our attendance considerably. The meeting resulted in fifteen added, thirteen by immersion, one from Christian Church and one by membership. Four of the immersed were from Baptist church and two from Methodist. The brethren were well pleased with the meeting and insisted that I come back in the near future. I was informed that the preachers of the town warned their members to stay away from the tent, others made false statements about me and what I taught, but we had the crowds just the same and many who were not members of the church expressed appreciation of hearing the truth. Unto Him be all the praise.—C. R. Turner.

Riverside, Calif.—I enjoy reading the good articles and reports of the various brethren. They who make such a brave stand for the Lord's plan in this day of digression and innovations should have the encouragement of every Christian. My prayer is that they will always be steadfast, unmovable. Bro. Wm. Ketcherside just concluded about three weeks' work with the church here. I feel he has done much for the cause in Riverside.—R. H. Ficus.

Illinois—I do appreciate the M. C. and think the last number was especially good because it held so many admonitions to Christians in general. I hardly see how any of us could have read it without feeling an earnest desire to serve the Lord more zealously in the future than we have in the past.—Belva Libotte.

Captain Paul's Instruction Book—The theme in 2 Timothy seems to be Duties, Hardships and Blessings of the Soldier of the Cross. We believe the individual Christian, or Bible class, will find it interesting, as we have said before, to mark all the passages, or words, in the book which may be given a military meaning, such as: power (courage), prisoner, afflictions. He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him, hold fast, turned away (deserted), endure hardness as a good soldier, I have fought a good fight, etc., etc. Each item makes a good subject for a little talk.

Hamilton, Mo., October 1, 1940—Aaron B. Edwards, the elder who resigned such office at the written request of several members of the Pleasant Ridge congregation southeast of Hamilton in October of last year, and who was excluded from such congregation during the same month, and his associates have purchased the old Christian Church building here in Hamilton, I am advised, and they began holding services in such building on Lord's Day, September 8th, 1940, but not a protracted meeting. All communications to the loyal Church of Christ near Hamilton, Mo., and which is known as the Pleasant Ridge congregation, should be addressed to Alva Conner, Kingston, Mo., the remaining elder, or Dudley Richardson, Hamilton, Mo.—Dudley Richardson.

#### EGOTIST

When you think about yourself,  
That you're all right just "as is,"  
You're bound to be a-slippin',  
So you'd better mind your bis.

—Indianapolis News.

Far West—I received your letter and copy of the Macedonian Call yesterday. I heartily agree with the articles that were in the M. C. that you sent me. We attend the congregation in \_\_\_\_\_ and the past year they had a graduate from Abilene Christian College, paying him so much a month for doing the things that the members should be able to do. The congregation has no elders for the simple reason there are none qualified. The evangelist who started this congregation a few years ago left one man in charge of things. He is now grand master of the Grange. The one who helps him run things in the congregation is chief councillor in the Grange. Can a Christian be a leader in the church and a leader in the Grange Lodge at the same time? Dad and I have told them these things were not right but they won't listen. How is one going to handle people like that?

The so-called minister is being supported by the "Pepperdine Foundation." Seems to me they could use that money to train and teach the younger members in the church. I cannot find in my Bible where there is any other foundation besides the one Christ laid. This so-called minister is in Texas now holding meetings and asking for money to build class rooms on to the building here. From the looks of the late model cars in the church yard on the Lord's Day morning they shouldn't have to ask anybody for money to carry on. Are we doing the right thing by fellowshipping the congregation in \_\_\_\_\_? Several

of the congregations have ministers to do their work for them, and when he leaves he puts a worldly-minded leader in his place. And if this leader does not see fit you do not get to talk, wait on the Lord's table, or even dismiss the assembly. Partiality seems to be the rule of most of the congregations out here in the west. Haven't we as much authority for pastors as we have for leaders lording it over the members? I am trying to save my money so I can attend Bro. Ketcherside's Bible reading. Do you think it is possible I can find a place to work for my room and board while attending? Dad and I both have to work for wages and it is kind of hard to save anything. But if the Lord is willing and I am able I will be in St. Louis for the Bible reading. Write and give us some advice about the way things are going on out here. Could it be these hired preachers that are causing all the trouble?—E. T. (It was through the May issue that we got in touch with this young brother and gave him Carl's address. Let us "seek" others.—Pub.)

I am donating the paper to \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe the paper will be of some help to them to see the error of their way, as they hold membership with an Open Door policy church. It was through the M. C. and the teaching of Bro. Zerr that my wife and I made the change. I hope to be able to send more subscriptions soon.—Henry R. Johnson. (Many people have told the publisher of the M. C. that they were brought to the light by some one handing them a piece of Scriptural literature.—Pub.)

"If every Christian were just like me,  
What kind of a church would Christ's Church be?"

Oct. 12, 1940—The Church of Christ located at Belmont, Ind., wishes to recommend Bro. Millard Springer as a true gospel preacher. We esteem him very highly as a Christian. His preaching is what is needed today. We are sure he will only do good anywhere he is called.—Ivan Bartley, Elder, Bloomington, Ind., R. 2.

Ava, Mo.—I am asked to conduct a six-weeks' Bible reading at Almartha, Mo., at the request of the Elders; at Herndon, Oxley and Gardner, beginning November 11th. Almartha is a country congregation about 90 miles southeast of Springfield, 25 miles south of Ava, Mo. Board can be secured for around \$3.00 per week. Any one desiring to come write me and I'll write you how to come and I'll meet you there. Any congregation having some one desiring to attend, assist them. If you have no one to send, send financial assistance. I will find a way to assist in a great work and report to you how it is spent. Further information desired, write Elders Church of Christ, Almartha, or myself at Almartha, Mo.—R. O. Webb. (Good! Now if a church can't have 6 weeks' of Bible study and development this winter possibly you can have four. If not four, possibly two weeks. If not two weeks, possibly one week. I hope the time will soon be here when we can have 100 Bible readings of a week or more each winter. Shall that be our aim? What do you say?—Pub.)

St. Louis, Mo.—Can you spare a little space in the M. C. for a bit of history? Five years ago it was decided by the congregation at 7121 Manchester Avenue, St. Louis, to establish a mission point in North St. Louis due to the increased attendance at 7121 Manchester and for the convenience of some of the members who lived nearer that section of the city. A rather run-down building was selected at 5344 Lillian Avenue and the first meeting held on the second Lord's day in January, 1936, with a total attendance of thirty-three souls. A three-weeks' protracted effort followed with local talent from the two congregations filling the pulpit. No little interest was shown during this series of meetings. Through tireless canvassing of the neighborhood and among friends and neighbors of our members our seating capacity of ninety persons has been consumed and from time to time it has been necessary to purchase additional folding chairs to place in the aisles to accommodate our Lord's day attendance. At present negotiations are under way to purchase new and larger seats to accommodate our average attendance of one hundred thirty-five to one hundred forty-five people. Of this number we have about thirty who are capable speakers and some twelve to fifteen capable song leaders with new talent being developed constantly. We would not dare lead you to believe we are still in the building in its run-down condition as when purchased. Instead we have the outside covered with asbestos shingles giving a neat appearance and the inside is kept painted. Instead of the vacant lot overgrown with weeds and the gravel path running through, we have a beautiful lawn surrounded with flowers and shrubbery. In a city of some eight hundred and thirty-five thousand persons and hundreds of churches we fail to find a more attractive church yard or a more sincere or progressive congregation. All of these accomplishments and more have been achieved through teaching the gospel

in its pure simplicity with no compromise with evil. We invite you, dear reader, to visit us when in this vicinity.—Jess Parks.

Neosho, Mo.—The Church of Christ, corner Grant and Young Sts., had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Paisley of Sedalia, Mo., over the week-end, October 5th and 6th. We feel very much strengthened since the mass meeting at Nevada. We were glad to meet you, brethren, and hear your instruction. Now, brethren, pray for us.—L. A. Choate.

Alabama—Your May, 1940, issue of the Macedonian Call has just reached my hands through a brother in Christ. I am a member of the local congregation here. I am located in a district known as the Tri-Cities. There are three closely established colored churches here, also a number of white church congregations. I should like if possible to circulate a number of these timely warnings in the area. I am enclosing stamps to cover postage for as many as 50 or 100 copies of May, 1940, issues if they are available.—J. W. P. (We sent 100. See what handing out a piece of literature did.—Pub.)

Ohio—I am sending \$1.00 for The Christian Liberty tracts. They are just what is needed here. The people have been poisoned against the M. C., but I pray they may get their eyes opened to the truth. I pray the Lord will help us do all things well in Jesus' name.—B. M.

Brookport, Ill.—Our meeting began at New Liberty, Ill., Sunday. This is about 12 miles east of Brookport. We have it well advertised, have chartered a bus and furnish free transportation out there. Also chartered a bus to run from Hamtelsburg to New Liberty. Bill Hensley is preaching, and we have Roy Harris leading songs. Our singing is excellent and that with gospel preaching should convert many. We hope to establish a congregation. This is a mission meeting and it will cost the congregation here about \$200.00. The attendance thus far is fine. It is the first time that the gospel was ever preached in that territory.—A. T. Kerr.

Centerville, Mo.—I believe Centerville is stronger and we hope to grow materially in our coming meeting. Bro. C. R. Turner will be here Oct. 27 to begin a three weeks' meeting. He just closed at Ellington with 15 added. He went to West Fork last Lord's day (Sept. 22) and will go to Goodwater Oct. 13 for two weeks, then to Centerville Oct. 27.—L. Thompson.

Des Moines, Ia.—On the occasion of our annual all-day meeting the last Lord's day in August Bro. L. L. Curry was with us and gave three very appropriate discourses that were well received by the brethren and appreciated. Bro. Curry is in position so he can be out in the field preaching, and should be kept busy, and congregations wanting the services of a good gospel preacher would do well to get in touch with him. It was my happy privilege in company with my wife and four others from the Des Moines congregations to attend the Nevada meetings. It indeed was good to be there. Bro. Carl Ketcherside and the Nevada congregation are to be commended for the efficient way the meeting was planned and carried on. The fine spirit of cooperation, the sweet communion and fellowship, the soul-stirring singing, the speeches by each one young and old, calling for a closer walk with God in doctrine and life—made deep impressions on our mind that we trust we shall never forget.—Eugene Suddeth.

Indiana—I only have one paper in my possession as I have given all the rest to others. It is too good to stack away, yet how much I wished to do so for I wanted to keep every one, but others need to read them who do not take the M. C., so I passed them on. I enjoy the articles written on things members of Church of Christ neglect to do. Seems some think all they need to do is repent, confess and be baptized, then sit down, fold their hands and sail into eternity; heaven bound and cannot miss the pearly gates. I know so many who seem to take that attitude. There are more sins by omission than by commission among church members. Hoping I can always take the M. C., I remain.—Mrs. Henry Owens.

Cottonwood, Ariz.—Bro. Wm. Ketcherside stopped here on his way to Redondo Beach. He visited his son Paul and family one day and preached to an impromptu gathering in Bro. Bivins' small shop for three evenings. We enjoyed Bro. Ketcherside's association and lessons very much. The church here is badly in need of constructive scriptural guidance. None of the members are qualified to be ordained for the church work. It is a mission field. We have no regular building to meet in. Bro. Ketcherside offered to hold a meeting for us when he comes through

on his way back home. We appreciate Bro. Ketcherside's offer of his services for nothing but board and room. Most of the members lean digressively. Bro. Ketcherside may be able to do a great deal of good.—J. A. Bivins, Box 111.

Walnut Bottom, Pa.—I am not surprised to hear of worldly conditions existing. On the other hand, I feel and have felt badly because the Church has been drifting into such conditions this good while. Wife and I are convinced that the charge can be placed upon the fathers and mothers and the Elders and other responsible leaders and teachers of the church. When it comes down to the facts these know how those of whom they have the oversight are conducting themselves, and just become too easy and soft to reprove and rebuke them who do wrong. And so it goes on until Satan has with his most destructive weapon, "O there's no harm in that", gained control. Seems that an issue of the M. C. devoted to a strong teaching on the grave responsibility of the above would be timely.—C. J. Beidel.

Reseda, Calif.—Dear Bro. Sommer: Just a line to let you know I received the last Simplified New Testaments I ordered from you. We sure think it is a wonderful piece of work. I put one of these books in my reception room, and I sure do hear a lot of comments on it. I was surprised to see people show so much interest in a New Testament. They will remark that this one makes things so simple and plain. Maybe that is the reason for them taking such an interest in it. I think one or two of these Simplified Testaments in our reception rooms or business places would be a good investment.—G. E. Turner.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The attendance of wife and me at the Nevada meeting was a little like a family reunion to myself. Many of the people there I have known for thirty or forty years, and quite a good number I baptized. It was indeed a pleasure to take their hands in the greatest bond of fellowship—that of children of God. Wife was glad to meet so many of whom she had heard me speak. Bro. Wilbur Davis and wife took us home with them on the night the meeting closed, and showed us their city the next day, including the meeting houses of faithful brethren. We spent the next Lord's day at Topeka, Kans., visiting in the home of the Baker sisters. Our older readers remember how Sister Emily Baker, about twenty years or more ago, conducted a page for the young people in the Review. They are all deeply interested in the church. I spoke for the church there twice on Sunday, every seat being taken at night. They are looking forward to bigger and better things this coming year with the aid of Bro. Arthur Freeman, who will work with Kansas City, St. Joseph and Topeka. Family and I recently visited Bro. Freeman's meeting at Martinsville, Ind., and rejoiced at the good he has done there. The leadership seems to be safe and yet aggressive. Watch Martinsville.—D. A. Sommer.

Independence, Mo.—The church at Paola, Kans., is getting along fine, but like all smaller groups needs help and encouragement. The young folks are taking hold of the work and the church as a whole is showing much zeal. It consists of about 33 members. We have been going down there since the last Sunday in June and it is helping George very much.—Mrs. Geo. Kreeger.

Indiana—Dear Brother Sommer: I am sending the enclosed contribution to help put out the paper. I cannot endorse the "say nothing, do nothing" policy of the local congregations and again I will say that I am very grateful for the privilege to help in the work of defending New Testament principles. I pray that some day soon we will see some visible results in this city. May the Lord bless your efforts.—M. A. C.

(When one is located with a disloyal church, is he under any obligations to contribute to it? This writer thinks not, but regularly sends to help circulate good literature. We know others so situated. One sister sends the M. C. to every family in her local church. If we refuse to lift our voice, God holds us responsible; if we earnestly try to enlighten them, we are freed.—Pub.)

Strong City, Kans.—The church here is meeting every Lord's day to break bread and lay by on the first day of the week. I know that the world is driving the people away from the church. The preachers don't rebuke sin like they used to do; they are afraid; they preach smooth things. But Paul told Timothy to preach the Word, reprove and rebuke. We don't have too many of that kind of preachers any more.—J. V. Amerine.

New Castle, Ind.—The church at 304 N. 14th Street, New Castle, rejoices greatly over the results of a three-week meeting which began Sept. 8 and closed the twenty-ninth. Brother W. Carl Ketcherside preached the gospel with no addition or subtraction to a very attentive audience. Twenty-two were added, and his personal work is now showing visible results for which we are grateful. Brother Carl lectured to at least ten or twelve different school groups in the community. We are looking forward to his return here. The meeting closed the twenty-ninth with Brother D. A. Sommer delivering a lecture on his trip to Palestine. The church here at the present date is in greater harmony and more zealous to good works, with many willing workers; which makes the future look bright indeed.—Tilden Lawson.

Summersville, Mo.—I am at present in my third meeting with Flat Rock brethren, making my home at "Proacher's Paradise" (bachelor home of Bro. H. M. Robinson). The hospitality of brethren as well as this Ozark scenery is unsurpassed. Preached three times at Summersville lately. They help us much in the work here, in song and prayer.—B. F. Huddleston.

Asherville, Kans.—The class of children that I try to teach here is studying Paul's Missionary Journeys. We use the map, do quite a lot of reviewing and are having interesting lessons. I am beginning to realize more fully the wonderful lessons found in the book of Acts, since we are studying that book now.—Mrs. Clyde McKee.

Topeka, Kans.—Our meeting at Dentonia, Kans., began first Lord's day in October and continued over the three Lord's days. While our audience was not large there was a deep interest throughout the meeting. We closed with a fine interest and a good crowd. Seed was sown that will bear fruit in the future. The brethren there are tried and faithful and are standing firm. This congregation was started by Bro. Lloyd Riggin by the mission effort in Kansas two years ago, and by the help of some of these congregations this meeting was held. They do not want to see the work begun lost.—J. A. Freed.

Charleston, Ill.—I am doing all I can in my weak way to strengthen the church and I rejoice to know much and lasting good is being accomplished. Congregations are being awakened as never before. The church at home is on the upgrade. We are planning about two months' work for 1942, in the way of personal and development work. Would like to close the effort with about three weeks meeting. Brother Bill Hensley is to be with us in the development work.—Lloyd Riggin.

The small group of disciples at Excelsior Springs, Mo., is trying to get a lot on which to build a house and is making a call for help. Our readers who are so disposed can send to Ira Wyant, 214 East Bluff, or Horace M. Hettick, General Delivery, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Our readers know that one of the principles of the M. C. has been not to make extensive calls for help for meeting houses, but we will make strong calls for help to hold meetings where needed.

Lebanon, Ind.—This is to certify that I now indorse Bro. Millard Springer because of his attitude toward the Rough Draft. He has now come out from among them and I believe he will do the church much good because he is mission-minded and is willing to work. He was at Gadsden today and preached a wonderful sermon.—A. L. Wakefield.

Armel, Colo.—After enjoying the three days' Mass Meeting at Nevada, Mo., wife and I drove to Mullinville, Kans., for a meeting that began October 6th and closed October 18th. It was our first meeting there and we enjoyed the fellowship and co-operation of the brethren there. The visible results of the meeting were four baptized and one placed membership. The brethren encouraged us very much by their words of commendation and stated their desire for me to return and preach for them again, which we will be more than pleased to do. On Saturday, October 19th we drove from Mullinville, Kans., to Armel, Colo., to begin a series of meetings that was arranged last year. This is my third meeting here in as many years. The attendance is not what we would like but hope it increases as the meetings continue. We will be here as long as the interest demands.—E. G. Johnson, Route 1, Box 212, Colton, Calif.

Charleston, Ill.—On September 2d I closed my work with the brethren at Martinsville, Ind. We were thankful to see 12 souls either baptized into Christ, restored, or take their stand from the sects. In addition, we labored extensively to overcome diffi-

culties in the church itself. Tonight I close three weeks' work with the church here. To date, we have had four baptisms and one restoration. After the Nevada meeting, I go back to Martinsville, Ind., for three weeks' work; the first week will be development and personal work. We will then conduct a two weeks' meeting. I plan to go from there to Martinstown, Mo.—Arthur Freeman.

Kansas City, Mo.—Work at 59th and Kenwood moving along nicely. We have been meeting in our new place a year this month. Since our meeting here last fall seventeen have been added to our number, five of whom were by baptism and two being reclaimed. Almost all male members take public part and can really deliver intelligent discourses. For 1941 we have planned four months of work with Bro. Art Freeman. Also with the assistance of Bro. Johnie Rhodes we will have a three weeks' protracted meeting.—Wilber C. Davis, 6716 S. Benton.

Springfield, Mo.—Our meeting closed last night, October 6th, and proved very successful. One confessed her faith in Jesus Christ, and wished to be added to the Church. Another acknowledged publicly that he had not been living as he should in the past, and that he had not been as faithful as the Lord expects us all to be. With these two we are very happy to have seen them take the steps they made. Brother Harold Shasteen has made a surprising improvement to date in his work, and will in years to come be a monument to stand against those who teach that the Bible is to be taught elsewhere than by the Church.—Frank D. Dunbar.

Hammond, Ill., Oct. 10—Closed a meeting (my 20th) at Stover congregation in West Virginia, with four additions and nice crowds. Bro. Edgar Stover was to send in names for M. C., but he took real bad just after the Tolly town meeting with heart trouble and is just being able to get around again. Baptized four at Stover. I closed at Tolly Town with large crowd and five additions; four baptized. I began at Bethel, near Crab Orchard, Ky., Sept. 7th, and had good singing, good attention and large crowds all the time. Standing room most all taken, platform filled and many on the outside most every night. Closed with four baptisms, I believe it was. Bro. Reynolds assisted much. I went from Bethel to Goochtown congregation where we also had large crowds. I was there only over two Lord's days, but we had eleven additions; nine baptized, two of them from the Baptists. I am to go back to Goochtown, Fairview and Bethel next year and assist all three in meetings. I begin at "Old Scotland," near Jameson, Mo., the 12th of this month. Then begin at 26th and Spruce, Kansas City, the 31st.—W. G. Roberts.

Sedalia, Mo.—To speak of the mass meeting held in Nevada, Mo., October 2, 3 and 4, I want to say first it was a grand success in every way, and the brethren who failed to be there should have been there, and they have every reason to regret it. It seems to me we should keep it up and consider it a restoration move to bring the churches back to the apostolic order of things of the present days. But watch and be extremely careful that we do not run it into a convention with delegates to make and execute laws, but to bring about a pure apostolic Christianity restoration, and to save the world exclusively, by preaching strong sermons along those lines in each and every speech. I went from Nevada at the close of the meeting Friday night to Neosho, Mo., over Lord's day and preached Saturday night and three times Lord's day and promised to return next spring or summer, 1941, to assist them in a meeting, the exact date to be settled later. I am ready to book for other meetings for next year if any wish my service.—J. Oscar Paisley, 501 N. Prospect.

Braymer, Mo.—Came to Braymer, Mo., from the Nevada mass meeting and began the meeting the following Lord's day. Attendance has increased with almost every service and much interest is being manifested. Ten have been added to date. A service of Bible study and development work is being conducted each evening before the regular services and quite a bit of interest is being manifested in this work. The Nevada meeting proved to be a real treat. We met many brethren from other places, many old friends and many new ones. The lessons were good and to the point, dealing with problems that are confronting the church today. It caused us to realize there is a great force of men and women, too, who are determined to stand for the old paths and are saying to the "new digressives" "Thou shalt not pass." Since last report I was with the little band which meets at Shelby, Mo. Enjoyed the work of two weeks

very much with them. Bro. Art Freeman has done a good work in that congregation and is held in high esteem by the brethren there. Spent two weeks with the Bethlehem congregation near Polo, Mo. Brethren said we had the best attendance in years. Those brethren are satisfied with a thus saith the Lord and will not tolerate compromisers. Returned home from Shelby meeting and found Brother Art Freeman in a good meeting. Interest was good. Brother Freeman is a good worker and won the respect of those with whom he labored in Charleston. The Lord willing, I am to start for the West to begin work about the first of the year. I might be able to visit some places on the way, an evening or two at each place.—Lloyd Riggifs, Charleston, Ill.

Estacada, Ore., Sept. 21st—The few of us here meet regularly for Bible study and worship. Surely enjoy reading the plain, vital truths set forth in the M. C. Can't see where human minds could produce articles that fit closer to the principles set forth in the New Testament Scriptures. The enemy of the cross has sure hit these far West states a hard jolt. Especially here in the Northwest. We have no Elders and no Brother able to do much teaching. Have had considerable preaching in protracted meeting work, and a few years tried the monthly preaching system to no avail. After reading the "Forgotten Scripture" issue of the M. C. we can realize what our main trouble has been. There never was teaching to develop the talent. Why can't the church station one or two of their well trained soldiers out here in these parts to help us. Rom. 15:1, it seems, is almost as much a "forgotten Scripture" as 2 Tim. 2:2. The church might learn a vital lesson from the governments of men, for they send their best trained soldiers where the enemy is striking the hardest. Paul desired to preach where there were many adversaries (1 Cor. 16:8, 9.) There is only one Brother here to do most of the financing. We have our church house to keep in repairs, and would help what we could in the support of a strong, well trained brother who would move out here and labor in our midst long enough to be of vital assistance to the cause. Much teaching is needed. If people will not come out to our public meetings, the house-to-house preaching might do good. It seemed to work in the Apostles' day. The climate here is as good as you'll find anywhere. Again I mention, might not the strong congregations get together and send a brother or two over into Oregon to help us here, and do mission work in the state. The Bible College people have offered to assist us many times but we believe they are betraying the blood-bought church with their rival institutions and cannot work with them.—Mrs. A. Douglass.

(The publisher of the M. C. has visited this place, in the long ago, and knows that these people are of the very best. This is a true Macedonian call, and if some of our strong churches would send for a few months some energetic preacher who believes strong in development and house to house work, he would accomplish good.—Pub.)

Martinsville, Ind.—The Nevada meeting certainly was an inspiration to me. The fellowship of those in Christ really made it all worth while. On October 7th I began my work here with the brethren where I had left off only a matter of about five weeks prior. Our first week was really profitable for the church. We discussed in classes the development of the public and personal work talent. We began advertising in the most extensive way that I have ever in my work yet attempted. It took time. It took money. But it really did the work, for we started our meeting off on Sunday the 13th with an audience which we could not seat in the church even with the extra chairs we had arranged for. After two full weeks and a Lord's day, we can look back and say that the church has been full several times and nearly so every night. To date, we have had 11 additions and restorations with promises of more. We have found that advertising along with full cooperation of ALL members really can accomplish something worth while for the Lord. The week after the meeting we will spend in more work for the church to help train and educate those who are new in Christ and to strengthen the old members. I plan to begin a series of meetings with the church at Martintown, Mo., November 10th.—Arthur Freeman.

Miscellaneous—Samples of the M. C. are free. Send for as many as you can use. Especially does this apply to preachers when out holding meetings. . . . If any of our readers ordered books of the publisher at the Nevada Mass Meeting, or at any other time, and has not received them, be sure to let us know. . . . When your time is out on the M. C., we send a notice, but

perhaps sometimes they do not reach you. Many brethren pay no attention to them, being busy at the time, and possibly six or eight months later renew, then when they receive a notice in a few months that their time is out, they do not understand. We always send you a notice when you send money telling what your figures are. If you think your time is ABOUT out, it will save us a stamp, envelope and work of mailing, if you will renew before we have to notify you. Thanks. . . . If your articles are a column or less on some subject to stir, they have a better chance of getting in soon. And if they are written on both sides of the paper and with a dim lead pencil, they may never be seen again by any one! "A word to the wise," etc. . . . You will help your church by getting a list of all the M. C.'s that go there, and seeing that they renew when time is out. Thanks again. . . . The reasons we did not publish Reports in the October issue is that when we prepared the copy there were so few in; and second, a brother recently said that he did not think non-members would be interested in such reports and that it takes space which might be used to better advantage then.

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4. She has a low, soft voice.
5. She has faith in her pupils, herself and her God.
6. She does not dance or play cards.
7. She can get very angry but has her temper always under control.
8. She is always sincere.
9. She does not copy or imitate, but is original.
10. She loves all her pupils equally well.
11. She treats all her pupils alike.
12. She tells the truth upon all occasions.
13. She is always prompt in class or out.
14. She is always tactful, neat, polite, kind, friendly, cheerful.
15. She is patient and cool-headed at all times.
16. She is not disturbed by criticism.
17. She is willing to serve and let others get the credit.
18. She has no bad habits.

### Teacher's Resolutions

1. That I scatter more sunshine and less shadow.
2. That I will know my pupils better and love them more.
3. That I will be what I ask my pupils to be.
4. That I will keep still long enough to give my pupils time to think.
5. That I will require more thinking and less memory of my pupils.
6. That I will help boys and girls to help themselves.
7. That I will be clean in person, speech and thought.

—W. Carl Ketcherside.

## The Love of Home

It is only shallow-minded pretenders who either make distinguished origin a matter of personal merit, or obscure origin a matter of personal reproach. Taunt and scoffing at the humble condition of early life affect nobody in America but those who are foolish enough to indulge in them, and they are generally sufficiently punished by public rebuke. A man who is not ashamed of himself need not be ashamed of his early condition.

It did not happen to me to be born in a log cabin, but my elder brothers and sisters were born in a log cabin,

raised among the snowdrifts of New Hampshire at a period so early that when the smoke first rose from its rude chimney and curled over the frozen hills, there was no similar evidence of a white man's habitation between it and the settlements on the rivers of Canada.

Its remains still exist. I make it an annual visit. I carry my children to it to teach them the hardships endured by the generations which have gone before them. I love to dwell on the tender recollections, the kindred ties, the early affections, and the touching narratives and incidents which mingle with all I know of this primitive family abode.

I weep to think that none of those who inhabited it are now among the living; and if ever I am ashamed of it, or if ever I fail in affectionate veneration for him who reared it and defended it against savage violence and destruction, cherished all the domestic virtues beneath its roof, and, through the fire and blood of a seven years' revolutionary war, shrunk from no danger, no toil, no sacrifice, to serve his country and to raise his children to a condition better than his own, may my name and the name of my posterity be blotted forever from the memory of mankind!—Daniel Webster.

## A Confession

From a letter in Tavern Weekly News, a Chicago liquor publication, the following is clipped: "If any old-time saloon, outside of the redlight district, had been conducted like 75% of the taverns are conducted today, they would not have stayed in business 10 days. In fact even in that district they would have been obliged to operate better than the present-day taverns. As things now are, entire cities are simply one vast redlight district—and you can't prove otherwise."—The Index.

—"Alcohol imperils liberty because liberty is the power to choose the right and to take advantage of opportunity. An article whose consumption impairs this power through the corruption of the springs of thought and energy, of health and will, as does this liquid poison, is a destroyer of liberty, and its tolerance is not an emblem of freedom. It is public enemy No. 1, and the only way to handle it is to destroy it."—Senator Sheppard.

—In Chicago, 500 saloons are quartered upon a section where 60% of the people are on relief, taking from the relievers the money needed for bread and clothing and letting real merchants whistle for pay for those things they have "sold in trust."

—"The cost of alcohol in human life far exceeds that of war, while the victims do not die out but drag miserably through a sick life and transmit their decay to following generations."—Prof. T. G. Masaryk, First President of Czechoslovakia.

—"Mr. Morgenthau, the Treasurer of the United States, reported 25,884 illicit liquor arrests during the 1937-1938 fiscal year. The Government seized 7,555,029 gallons of illegal mash and 305,243 gallons of distilled liquor; it seized 11,407 illicit stills, and when the fiscal year closed there were still 7,864 defendants of bootleg liquor awaiting trial." *The National Voice*. (And this "Repeal" situation is that which has come instead of the pledged cure of bootlegging. Add to this all the bootlegging that goes on uncaught, making illegal booze equal legal booze, according to U. S. officials on its track.)—The Index.