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## The Mass Meeting Special

### Official Register

450 VISITORS ATTEND FROM 15 STATES

#### ILLINOIS

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Webb, Secor; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ottwell, Pearl; Ray Miller, Toledo; Beulah and Jackie Fleener, La Place; Mrs. Chas. Wright, Mrs. Howard McCann, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stracke, Joe and Dee, Anna Stracke, Granite City; Jennie Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Price, Burl E. Price, Don Swiney, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shasteen, Shelbyville; Loren D. Honn, Kemp; Thomas Graven, Gus and Mary Ferguson, Windsor; Virginia Spragg, George Maycroft, Arthur; Faye Martin, Bloomington; Eleanor Webb, Rantoul; Rachel and James Fleener, Ernest J., Wilbur, Charles and Chas. M. Fleener, Darrell Traxler, Pearl Smith, Jessie Maycroft, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Roberts, Hammond; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Campbell, Edwin and Marie Rohlfing, Carrie Heiderscheid, Mrs. Emma Wieghard, Jerseyville; Rolla E. Smith, Amy Smith, Normal; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shultz, Doris Jean and Dorothy Lea Shultz, Bethalto; Lena Burks, Mary Duncan, Hazel Brown, Chad Freeman, Lois Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cain, Noah Smith, Bessie McCracken, Irene and Ray Turner, Sullivan; Mr. and Mrs. Hershel and Darrell Lee Ottwell, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Otto and Patsy and Margie Schlieper; Mrs. Clarice Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Harold and Paul Gene Ottwell, Hartford.

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### What Impressed Them

(Interviews by Dorothy Scott, Special Reporter for Missouri Mission Messenger)

1. Mrs. C. E. Storm, Route No. 2, Box 566, Riverside, Calif.—Housewife. "I really do think that the thing that impressed me most is the interest the young people are taking in the work of building up the church, and their respect for the older ones."

2. Mr. J. B. Ruth, (Compton) 1017 South Acacia, Compton, Calif.—Oil worker. "I have been greatly inspired by all of the talks. The thing that impressed me most, though, is the systematic manner in which everything has been carried out."

3. Mr. Philip K. Hintz, Seattle, Washington, (4026 Brooklyn N. E.)—College Student. "There were so many song leaders present. You could practically call on anyone in the audience and they were song leaders—old men and little boys. No reason to worry about or need instruments in the church with so many good voices. These three days have gone faster than any I have seen before."

4. Mrs. W. R. Sterner, Franklin, Nebraska.—Proprietress of Cafe. "The thing that impressed me most was the association of brethren—meeting those that we know. The singing and fellowship was so enjoyable!"

5. Mrs. Katherine Stroud, 2208 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado

Springs, Colo.—Seamstress. "The thing that impressed me most was the young people—those young men have been the most wonderful to see because I think the future of the church is assured if the young boys are here to carry on. I think this is the most thrilling experience in my life, and the folk of Kansas City have just been marvelous to us all. I want to come back as soon as possible."

6. Mrs. Mabel O. Blankenship, R. 10, Sta. F, Box 482, Sunnypoint Rd., Milwaukee, Wis.—Housewife. "I think it is all wonderful—the young preachers, good singing, are all worthwhile of my time. It is certainly time well spent, and worth our time to come."

7. Mr. Geo. W. Eccles, Nowata, Oklahoma.—Mail Clerk. "I was impressed here as I was at Nevada with the zeal of the young preachers. Of the sermons I heard, I liked Brother D. A. Sommers' "Strangers and Pilgrims on Earth" the best."

8. Mr. Jerry R. Minton, R. 4, Jonesboro, Arkansas.—Farmer. "The thing that impressed me most is the way that the young people are carrying on both in singing, and the way they are carrying the gospel of Christ. It impressed me lots to see how they are developing young men for the ministry of the gospel."

9. Mr. A. T. Thomas, Glasgow, Kentucky.—Contractor. "The thing that impressed me most was, as the

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### Unusual Ushering

Of all the perfect functioning groups, none was more efficient or helpful than the ushering committee, under the chairmanship of Carl Landes. Always alert, they answered every request but one. Some one to try their ingenuity requested a bale of straw be delivered, but the boys not seeing any camels needing provender, declined to become agitated. However they rushed one sister to a hospital to have glass removed from her eye; secured a new car key for a brother who broke his in his car lock; mended a pair of spectacles; instituted a laundry pickup and delivery service for visitors; located a nose and throat specialist; walked a long way to purchase a one cent stamp for the chairman's wife; mailed letters and cards; sent and delivered telegrams; filled fountain pens; returned the chairman's plate and cup to the kitchen when he was too busy to take care of it; took a suit to the cleaners; cared for a baby or two; and generally made themselves useful in accomodating the hundreds at the meeting.

They met streetcars and buses, arranged train schedules, delivered passengers and parcels to their destinations, ran a free taxi service, furnished transportation to and from camps and homes, and kept day and night vigil at the church house, with twenty-four hour telephone service.

The ushers were identified readily by an arm band upon which was printed "Church of Christ;"

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## FREEMAN ON THE FUTURE

Arthur Freeman gave an interpretation of the Lord's meaning in the statement, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God...and thy neighbor as thyself." Referring to the wounded man on the road to Jericho, he alleged that Christ did not tell the Samaritan "Go help the one who helps you," but rather "Go thou and do likewise." i. e., go be a neighbor to whoever is in need. It was affirmed that if one loves a neighbor he will do everything possible to help that one lead a right life, and do nothing to hinder them.

The next question posed by Brother Freeman, was: "If we love God what will we do? What will we not do? Is it evident that we cannot hinder His cause or bring reproach upon His name. The church at Laodicea was one which was neither zealous or obedient, nor was it one which claimed to have cast God wholly aside. Its influence was against truth because of its condition.

The audience was told that while in the great Kansas City gathering all seemed bright and rosy and glorious. Friends, brethren and all were anxious to work. But the query was presented: "What about the congregations in general?" What proportion of each was eager in the Master's Cause? The desired condition in the church is 100 per cent co-operation. We should strive to attain that. It was pointed out that when this nation was hurled into war, we were not prepared, yet we did not quit, but began to step up production and look to the future.

It was suggested that we should tear into the church and see what was the matter with its several non-working parts. Members of the average church will be found more or less dormant. To find the reason behind much of this look at the home life; where some will be found devoting their time to reading trashy literature and others found gallivanting around to every place except the church.

Brother Freeman declared that all the souls were not saved yet, but said many churches were going about the matter in the wrong way, as their cry was for a preacher to assist them in the work, whereas they should be outlining a program to put all of the members to doing what God expects. In three depart-

ments he urged that churches recognize a greater responsibility. They were Bible Classes, Public Worship and Mission Work. He closed with the thought that serving Christ is a profession, a vocation, and not one to be lightly engaged or indulged in.

## THE OPENING SPEECH

"When our world is at war, our freedom threatened, and our homes at stake, we should appreciate freedom more than ever," was the statement which opened the first speech of the Mass Meeting. Speaking with fervor, on "The Price of Freedom," James Truitt, who served with the A. E. F. in the first world war, divided his subject into two main parts: (1) National freedom, and how it must be secured and maintained, (2) Spiritual freedom, and its cost. He emphasized that we must pay our share of the cost in each instance.

Brother Truitt said, "We are all familiar with the story of how our forefathers left the old world and sailed across the wintry depths of the briny deep to find freedom. It cost bloodshed to secure that liberty, and millions have died since to defend it. We have watched the great war machine of Europe as it has whittled down the small, defenseless nations one by one. Even as we stand here today, the great nation of Russia is fighting with her back to the wall, battling for freedom, standing bravely at Stalingrad in defense of the sacred rights of men. We too are involved in this war, and we are not too proud to fight. We have the privilege of belonging to a nation which has never wanted to extend its control by force over subjugated peoples, but a nation whose men have been willing to give their all that the hopes of lesser nations be not crushed."

The speaker then gave a review of creation with its ultimate object, man. He outlined the introduction of sin into the world, and showed God's interest in fallen man expressed by his sending to earth of the fairest gem in heaven's glittering crown. 1 Cor. 6:20 was quoted to show we are bought with a price, and 1 Peter 1:18, 19, to prove what that price consisted of. Christ paid the greatest price, the apostles cheerfully met a martyr's death, and the early Christians were

thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or burned at the stake.

The audience was impressed with the fact that it is not enough to secure liberty, but we must continue to pay the necessary high cost of its perpetuity and maintenance. The liberty for which others gave the supreme price is our sacred heritage now, for Christ while on earth transmitted His law to the apostles, and they in turn have given it unto us. James 1:25 was quoted to prove that this law is a perfect one. It was perfect to deliver us from sin, and after made free it was perfect to keep us that way. "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17).

The speaker concluded with the admonition, "We must not cease to pray for our boys and for those who guide the destiny of this nation. As citizens of Christ's kingdom we should never cease also to pray for the preservation of the church. A nation cannot always exist if built upon a foundation of drunkenness and surfeiting, nor can a church exist worshipping false gods. Let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ made us free."

## INVENTIONS — TRUTH AND ERROR

Man has sought out many inventions (Ecc. 7:29; Rom. 1:30.) Nature has nothing new. The sun shines, the cloud moves, the rain falls and the fly walks upside down as it always did. Nothing in nature needs fixing but man. He must be remodeled, made over, born again (Jno. 3:3). He was all right in the beginning but tried to improve himself morally and failed. The Creator takes nature to illustrate spiritual thoughts because it is more dependable (Rom. 1:20). Man will lie and swear, and cheat and steal, while nature like the Bible will continue to spread the truth before his eyes. Corn will grow CORN (Gen. 1:11) but you can't grow truth by planting error (Isa. 55:8; Rev. 22:18). Christ was the Word of God. (Jno. 1:14.) He never changes. (Heb. 13:8).—(Postcard sermon by A. R. Moore.)

It isn't the style of the Bible that makes it unpopular with moderns, but the fact that it cramps their style.

## "THE WOMAN THOU GAVEST ME"

For a few minutes one afternoon the spotlight wavered, then swung from the men to focus upon the wives of those preachers who were present in Kansas City. As the chairman called their names, they were presented to the entire audience, that all might see the ones who faithfully carry on that their husbands might devote their time to the service of the Master. The names of those present were:

Mesdames Harold Ottwell, Hartford, Ill.; Bert Cain, Sullivan, Ill.; D. A. Sommer, Indianapolis, Ind.; Arthur Freeman, Chillicothe, Mo.; Harold Shasteen, Shelbyville, Ill.; Wm. Hensley, Fairbury, Nebr.; Faye Crist, Vona, Colo.; Geo. Kreeger, Kansas City, Mo.; Geo. Robinson, Berkeley, Calif.; Harold Hayes, Saint Joseph, Mo.; John Rhodes, LeGrand, Iowa; C. R. Turner, Sullivan, Ill.; W. E. Balleger, Kansas City, Mo.; J. L. Campbell, Polo, Mo.; W. G. Roberts, Hammond, Ill.; Emma Van Deusen, Kansas City, Mo.; J. H. Maberry, Bonne Terre, Mo.; Glenn Ellis, Kansas City, Mo.; L. C. Roberts, Lyons, Ind.; R. O. Webb, Secor, Ill.; Robt. H. Brumback, Kansas City, Mo.; Wm. Ketcherside, Topeka, Kans.; W. Carl Ketcherside, University City, Mo.; Frank Hedges, Winfield, Kansas; C. C. Teghtmeyer, Kansas City, Mo.

It was plainly evident that the preachers themselves felt rather strange at having their wives with them, but all were happy that those "better seven-eighths" could enjoy the season of refreshing which seemed to come from the very presence of the Lord. One brother and sister out in Nebraska used to send a gift home by the preacher to be presented to the wife. This token in the form of a substantial bill must surely have been appreciated by those who make so much sacrifice and yet receive so little in return. Wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea next time the preacher closes your meeting, to send his wife a little gift. Think of her too!

It is easy to think that a sermon is good just because it is one that some of our neighbors should have heard.

## WALKING WORTHY OF OUR VOCATION

The highlights of the sermon by John Rhodes, of LeGrand, Iowa, on the above subject will reveal how interesting the message was. He began by saying:

We are called to be Christians which means we are to wear the new name which the old prophet predicted. (Isa. 62:2). To wear this name and enjoy the home prepared for Christians we must bear much blame and suffer many things at the hands of the evil elements of the world. We must conduct ourselves in such a manner that our lives will not reproach the church and our Father. We must walk in such a manner that our life will correspond with our Holy Calling. In other words, "we must live the part."

A schoolteacher, especially in a small town, has to walk according to her vocation and most of them realize that this is a difficult task. They must watch associations, habits, speech and even entertainments, lest they be criticized by the public and lose their job. Our Christian calling is more holy than teaching school and yet some Christians are not as careful of their conduct as they expect a teacher to be.

We must consider God and His requirements first, for Jesus said in Matt. 10:37, that if we love our family more than we do Him, we are unworthy. If we walk worthy of our vocation we must consider it above everything else. The fact that we are Christians should rule our home life, business dealings, speech and entertainments.

My brother was recently inducted into the army. He promised to call his wife that evening from Ft. Des Moines. She waited all evening but he failed to call, for after he became a soldier he took army orders. When his home life conflicted with his army life, the latter took precedent. We are soldiers in God's army, yet many drop the commands of the captain to do the bidding of a worldly friend or relative.

Paul was a tentmaker, but that did not come first. He made tents to make it possible for him to spread the gospel. Today we have farmers, clerks, factory workers and business men who are also

Christians. Do not set your affection on your earthly occupation but rather on God and the work He has called you to do. Surely we must work to live but should not center our thoughts on such work and exclude our duty to Him who will richly reward. Are you as diligent in the Lord's work as in your own? Are you working as hard to earn a Heavenly home as to pay for the one in which you now live? Are you trying as hard to lay up treasure in Heaven as to form a bank account? Do you worry as much about the sin stains on your robes of righteousness as you do the spots on your suit or dress? Do you report to work late as often as you are late to God's house?

We expect great things of preachers and they should certainly set a godly example. (1 Tim. 4:12). They should not set such example because they are preachers but because they are Christians. Paul said (2 Tim. 4:3) that some preachers would preach to please the people and we hear plenty of this done today. A preacher's first call is to be a Christian and the only reason for his preaching is to let others see the benefit of that kind of life. A preacher before many audiences knows two sides to His message—that which God bids him tell, and that which the world wants to hear. The Christian will declare plainly God's message. The hireling sells his soul for gain.

An elder, is one who after accepting the gospel qualifies himself for the great work of feeding the flock. They are still human and sometimes the human side triumphs over the spiritual. An elder who walks worthy will exercise discipline against his own son if need be, if he fails the human side triumphs and a soul is lost.

Let every member set his affections on things above—let us all walk worthy of our vocation—and live the Christian life all the way through.

## THE BLOOD COVENANT

"This cup is the New Testament (covenant) in My blood." Blood has been looked upon in the highest sense as LIFE itself. (Gen. 9:4). People of the Old Testament were prohibited from eating such and the Gentiles in the N. T. the same. (Acts 15:20-29). This seems never to have been abrogated.

Such a covenant has always in-

involved an absolute surrender of one's separate self, an irrevocable merging of one's individual personality into a dual personality included in the compact. To know the new covenant we must know the old and to know the old we must know something of oriental modes, thoughts, speech and customs prevailing when the Bible was written.

One of the most primitive rites giving us light on the New Testament covenant is the mutual covenanting by which two persons entering into the closest, most enduring covenants as blood brothers by means of tasting or intermingling of blood by inter-transfusion. Among the unchanging east traces of this are still found.

A native of Syria relates of two young men, intimate for years, who desired to begin blood friendship with a covenant. Their relatives and friends were called to the village fountain to witness the sealing compact. The young men made public announcement of their purpose with their declarations written down in duplicate and signed by each and many witnesses. A friend then took a lancet and opened the vein in the other's arm and by inserting a quill sucked living blood. This was done by both and the lancet carefully wiped off on each covenant. They then declared "We are blood covenanting brothers before God—who deceiveth the other, him will God deceive." In token of indissoluble relationship each took a compact to carry through life.

Even bandits and conspirators have their blood covenants binding them into closer brotherhood. This is mentioned and strongly hinted in the Bible. (Prov. 18:24 and Eccl. 4:9, 10). Many practiced this, believing that after their temporal grave they would rise to a common life, one life or soul in two bodies. Blood giving was life giving, and life giving was love showing. Love showing was heart yearning for union in love and life.

The earliest reference to blood covenanting in the Bible is a record of Abel's sacrifices. He trustfully and willingly reached out toward God with substitute blood to be in covenant oneness with God. Noah and all others offered blood in sacrifice as the LIFE to Deity. In the covenant made with Abraham the father of his peculiar people, blood was the prominent feature through the blood covenant of circumcision. (Gen. 17:13).

In Exodus, the Lord gave His blood by substitution in reaffirmation of the covenant by commanding choice of an unblemished lamb. (Exo. 12:5, 13).

God has proved His part of blood covenanting with us by reality instead of a symbol (shadow). (Heb. 10:1). He gave the blood of His own Son, Rom. 8:32, to revivify the blood covenant of the son of Abraham. In the making of the old covenant, blood was sprinkled on the people and the book. In Heb. 9:19 we find the same.

The new blood covenant (Heb. 13:20) the eternal covenant was made and dedicated by God in doing even more than He asked of Abraham who offered his son as proof of unailing love toward God. Inasmuch as God gave His own Son whose blood shedding on the cross completed the covenant with us.

On the betrayal night Christ told His disciples to await details of the covenant to be completed by shedding His blood, saying: "This cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you." As we partake of the fruit of the vine we renew our covenant with Christ as a blood brother for whom we'll sacrifice, surrender our separate lives and become one with Him. If we affiliate with institutions of which Christ is not the head are we keeping the covenant of brotherhood we pledged to Christ?

As says Phil. 1:27, be of one mind and as the two young Syrians said as they entered their blood pact: "Who deceiveth the other, him will God deceive." (Excerpts from speech by Faye Crist of Vona, Colorado.)

## CARROLLTON HAS FOURTEEN ADDED

C. R. Turner, of Sullivan, Illinois, held his third and probably best meeting at Carrollton, between the dates of September 2 and 20. The response was excellent in so far as attendance and tangible results were concerned. Fourteen were added, seven by immersion, three from the Christian Church and four restored, all the latter being past middle age. The brethren there like the pure gospel, but like most places some are forgetful hearers. They need to exercise some discipline, says Brother Turner, but perhaps this will be carried out in the near future.

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saying is, 'the preaching,' and also the singing—it was wonderful. The way the Mass Meeting was carried out was wonderful!"

10. Mr. LeRoy J. Munger, 3101 East 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa.—Auditor and Accountant. "The most impressive thing to me about the Mass Meeting was the driving force behind all these brethren which seems to inoculate one with an irresistible desire to press on in the work of the church."

11. Mr. W. E. Cakerice, Route 1, Marshalltown, Iowa.—Farmer. "What impressed me most was the enthusiasm. I, living on the outside, don't enjoy that sort of fellowship."

12. Mr. Clair Sears, Box 65, North Salem, Ind.—Farmer. "What impressed me most was the co-operation of all the help in making this thing a success, especially the ones that took care of the special needs of everyone. The remark was made that they did everything except take care of babies, but I believe they did even that! We have heard people say they didn't want to go to a place like this on account of so many strangers, but they made us feel perfectly at home here. And you find that to be true wherever Church of Christ people meet together."

13. Mrs. Bessie L. McClaffin, Rose Retreat, Bicknell, Ind.—Housewife. "I liked the Kansas City Mass Meeting because it increased my knowledge, strengthened my faith, stimulated my zeal, deepened my love for the friends with whom I expect to spend Eternity."

14. Mr. Rolla E. Smith, 706 Kingsley, Normal, Ill., (Elder at Bloomington, Ill.)—Electric Meter man. "The fellowship and speeches impressed me most, and will certainly encourage us along life's journey. The meeting has been a worthwhile undertaking, and I trust that we will be able to attend another one in the near future at Hammond, Ill."

15. Mrs. Minnie M. Price, Shelbyville, Ill., 2207 North Second.—Real Estate. "I have noticed so many things—especially the young folks and the co-operation of the brethren together in the work."

16. Mr. J. H. Mabery, 45 Benham St., Bonne Terre, Mo.—Chief Electrician. "So far, every speaker I have listened to impressed me the most, so I guess the last one to speak will leave the greatest impression on me. The way everything was handled in caring for the people has left a great impression, too."

17. Mrs. Harriet R. Sallee, 2225 Clay St., Chillicothe, Mo.—Housewife. "The thing that impressed me most was the good talks from some of the best preachers. Also, I liked visiting and getting acquainted with new friends. I enjoyed it all, of course."

18. Mr. Ernest Kehr, Route 3, Dixon, Missouri.—Farmer. "The thing that impressed me most was the good sermons I heard—the good preaching. I like to preach the gospel and I like to hear it preached."

19. Mrs. J. H. Bilyeu, R. 1, Box 41, Hancock, Mo.—Housewife. "The singing and speaking were very good—I certainly did enjoy it. I've had the best time I ever had in my life—and at my age! We're visiting five children besides!"

20. Mr. Glenn H. Ellis, 6847 Chestnut, Kansas City, Mo.—Photo Engraver. "The work connected with the Mass Meeting impressed me most; also, the fellowship of Christian brethren. It is inspiring to know that there are so many in other places who are satisfied with the 'Old Paths'."

21. Mr. Carl D. Landes, 2631 Spruce St., Kansas City, Mo.—Mail Carrier. "The enthusiasm manifested by the young people is the thing that impressed me most. At the Nevada Mass Meeting two years ago, my son received his first desire to enter public work. Before this meeting, I was planning and working to get before the two loyal Kansas City congregations the necessity of the development of our young people because our young people are the ones who shall carry on the work of tomorrow. Realizing that young people must pick their own associates, we plan these meetings so that our young people may have the proper environment, knowing that there are others interested in the work."

22. Mr. Oliver W. Sparks, 6623 Paseo Ave., Kansas City, Mo.—Draftsman. "The thing that im-

pressed me most was the fine enthusiasm displayed by everyone, not excluding even the smallest one."

23. Mrs. B. A. Boyce, 5322 Troost, Kansas City, Mo.—Housewife. "I think this was about the hungriest bunch I have seen in a long time—but it was a pleasure to serve them. It was certainly a grand affair."

**PAISLEY'S SPEECH**

At the Nevada Mass Meeting, several years ago, J. Oscar Paisley, who then lived at Sedalia, but now resides at Brookfield, was the opening speaker, and got that meeting off to a good start. At the 1942 Mass Meeting he was again on the first program, this time the third speaker. Here are some of the points emphasized in his speech on "God's Vineyard."

(1) The Lord only promises reward to FAITHFUL workers in HIS vineyard.

(2) Satan has a vineyard also and men have vineyards—of various kinds and names.

(3) Satan deceives men, inducing them to work in either or all of these including his if they wish, with a false promise. He does and says anything to keep men out of the Lord's vineyard. If they are already in the Lord's vineyard, he seeks to get them to give a part of their life's work in some other field or out in the market place of the world. He seeks to encourage them to believe that they may do this and still be rewarded at the end of the day just as those who have faithfully toiled for the Master.

Brother Paisley has been doing evangelistic work this summer in the northern part of Missouri with occasional service also in the state of Illinois. He will be open for assistance to congregations needing his service, and is a song conductor as well as preacher. At one time he was affiliated with those who believe in colleges, etc., to do the will of the Lord, but since has read himself out of those things and is a champion in the warfare against modern digressionism. He has carried on correspondence with certain southern brethren on those matters, much to their chagrin and discomfort.

Divorce suits are always pressed with the seamy side out.

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their cars also had labels. They were courteous and ready, anticipating needs often times, and filling requests of an unusual nature, almost as soon as given. Constant courier service was inaugurated for announcements given to the chairman and read over the loud speaker system. Many can thank the boys for their noble service and will long remember them.

**BALLENGER STRESSES PERFECTION**

"As for God, His way is perfect." (2 Sam. 22:31). This was the text selected by W. E. Ballenger. It was announced during the Mass Meeting that Brother Ballenger would live in Hale after the first of November, but he was selected as a representative of the Kansas City brethren in this great event, to enable many who had long heard of him to meet him and listen to the gospel from his lips. Below we give an outline of his sermon based on above text:

**1 Is There More Than One God?** (Isa. 8:20;)

1 Kings 8:60; Isa. 44:6. He is mighty, Josh. 4:24. He is to be feared, Eccl. 12:13, 14. He is merciful, Isa. 55:6-9. He is the Creator, Benefactor and Preserver of all. Men can improve upon the works of other men, but no man can improve upon God's work. Ex. Sun, moon and stars. They are unchanged and unchangeable; Man's physical being is just as it was when God formed him. This God who is the author of perfection in nature is also concerned with the spiritual welfare of all.

**2. God Is Author Of The Christian Religion.** (John 3:16).

Abraham was the father of fleshly and spiritual Israel. To the first was given the law of God through Moses. (Deut. 5:1-3; Rom. 2:14). This law was given to a specific people and continue a specific time. (Gal. 3:19, also verse 16). To spiritual Israel was given a new law, transmitted by the Holy Spirit to the apostles, Acts 2:4; and by them given to us. It provides a perfect law for every act of worship as well as induction into the kingdom. (Acts 2:37, 38; Acts 2:42; Rom. 1:16; Rev. 22:18,19).

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## COLORADO

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley H. Elson, Pueblo; Katherine Stroud, Colorado Springs; Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Pettyjohn, Canon City; Carrie Mauck, Denver; Faye and Pauline Crist, Vona; Verlin and Norman Carlock, La Junta; Mrs. Floyd and Mary Lessy, Deer Trail.

## IOWA

Agnes Fritz, Altoona; Letha Suddeth, Runnells; W. E. Cake-ric, Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes, LeGrand; Eugene, Alna and Dale Suddeth, Audrey Brady, Gladys Turnquist, Lois Fritz, Fannie Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Munger, Des Moines.

## NEBRASKA

Mrs. W. R. Sterner, T. L. Stern-er, Franklin; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hensley, Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Burden, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Matson, Remoa Ann Matson, Red Cloud.

## OKLAHOMA

George W. Eccles, Stella Eccles, Lucille Hall, Freda Gibson, No-wata; Fred Sloan, Delaware.

## PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Beidel, Wal-nut Bottom.

## CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Robin-son, Berkeley; E. G. Johnson, Col-ton; Mrs. Viola and Vivian Barron, Southgate; Mrs. C. E. Storm, James and Wilbur Storm, Mrs. James Vermillion, Riverside; J. B. Rutb, Stanley Barron, Compton; Margaret Kreeger, Redondo Beach; Enid Calloway, Los Angeles; Luth-er L. Turner, Reseda; Lillian Rog-ers, Mentone.

## WASHINGTON

Philip Hintz, Spokane.

## ARKANSAS

Jerry R. Minton, Jonesboro; Hu-ber Land, Hot Springs.

## KENTUCKY

O. J. Thomas, Flippin; A. T. Thomas, Glasgow.

## ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ketcherside, Camp Verde; Mr. and Mrs. Clar-ence and Judith Maree Clem, Phoenix.

## WISCONSIN

W. R. and Mabel Blankenship, Milwaukee.

## ALPHA AND OMEGA



The opening and closing preach-ers are here presented. Left is James Truitt, who delivered the first address; right, C. R. Turner, who ended the meeting with a very appropriate theme. The white strips on coat lapels are identifica-tion badges, worn by all who at-tended.

## KANSAS

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## CARL'S CORNER

It's all over! One sits back and tries to go over the mass of details which make up a Mass Meeting. We see again the happy faces of those who come from little places and can hardly believe there are so many faithful left on earth. We sit again in front and watch the expressions of those who see the young men so adequately fulfill their respective parts on Youth Day. It's almost unfathomable, to good brethren who often carry on the work alone, without a single other male member to help them. What power, what strength, what fellowship, what courage one can absorb from such a grand meeting! Spirits are revived like flowers when a shower hits their drooping heads in the heat of the summer! Resolutions are made to go back and keep on keeping on! The church is alive, vibrant, pulsating! The army of the Lord is girding itself for the war against evil days which lie ahead. Crusaders are launching out to win for Christ. Hope springs afresh in human breasts. Men take up the cross daily and cheerfully. The spirit of the early church flickers and bursts into a steady flame. Come what may, of long nights and weary days, it's good to know that there

are others like ourselves who have set to their seal that God is true. His TRUTH goes marching on!  
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### ROBERTS DEFINES

#### DISCIPLINE

One of the most practical lessons in the Kansas City meeting was furnished by L. C. Roberts, of Lyons, Indiana, on "The Necessity of Discipline." He said:

It would seem almost superfluous to state that discipline is essential, yes, indispensable to the working church. I use the term, "working church," to designate the institution that is really accomplishing her purpose as God intends. Discipline is necessary in the lodge, the school, the home, and the nation. Without it our social, civil, and educational structure would collapse. If discipline is prerequisite to success in these less important affairs, certainly it is essential in the church.

The word, "discipline" comes from the same Latin origin as "disciple." A careful study of the word reveals that it means to instruct, educate, and inform, as well as, to correct, chastise, and punish. Hence discipline is instructive and formative, as well as corrective. I believe that the maxim, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," is most certainly true in this case. The motive of all proper discipline is love. This is evident from the character and action of God: "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Heb. 12:6 and Rev. 3:19) Any disciplinary action that is motivated by a spirit of retaliation, or by animosity is not only downright sinful but the purpose of the action is destroyed. Paul's "Out of much affliction and anguish of heart, I wrote unto you with many tears." 2 Cor. 2:4 should always govern our actions.

The capital punishment of the Lord's law is: withdrawal of fellowship, thus depriving one of all the privileges, benefits and rewards of the Lord's institutions. It is the Lord's final effort to stay the wayward, and recall him to rectitude and right. It is like a dash of cold water or a slap in the face to the hysterical.

The primary purpose of all discipline is for the good of the offender, whether instructive or corrective. It is always an effort to save

him. The following statements of spiritual teaching are offered as proof:

"The destruction of the flesh and salvation of the spirit." 2 Cor. 5:5

"Recover self out of the snares of the devil." 2 Tim. 2:25-26.

"Restore such an one." Gal. 6:1.

"Learn not to blaspheme." 1 Tim. 1:20.

"For our profit." Heb. 12:9-10.

"Yieldeth peaceable fruits of righteousness." Heb. 12:11.

"Make sound in the faith." Tit. 1:13.

"Pulling out of the fire." Jude 23.

The second purpose of discipline is for the good of the church. That the church may be kept pure, all members being warned of falling into a similar error. Check with me the following scriptures on this point:

"That ye may be a new lump." 1 Cor. 5:7.

"A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." 1 Cor. 5:6-7.

"Carefulness wrought — clearing of yourselves." 2 Cor. 7:11-12.

"Stop canker, and hinder the overthrow of the faith of some." 2 Tim. 2:17-18.

"That others also may fear." 1 Tim. 5:20; Acts 5:11, Deut. 19:20; Num. 16:24.

The third purpose is for the good of the world. A corrupt church cannot accomplish its purpose in the salvation of souls.

"Fear came upon... as many as heard these things... and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes." Acts. 5:11-14.

Josh. 7:12-13 is a similar example of this in the Old Testament Church.

Without discipline there cannot be the proper unity among disciples or with Christ, "So that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." (John 17:20-21). Christians are said to be "Epistles, known and read of all men." (2 Cor. 3:2). Such are not found in abundance in an undisciplined church.

To accomplish these all important purposes demands that discipline be practiced, 'with meekness,' (Gal. 6:1); "without partiality," (2 Tim. 5:21); with neither haste nor procrastination. (See 1 Tim. 5:22, Eccl. 8:11).

In conclusion, I quote: "Offences must come, and if possible, they must be healed. To cut off an offender, is good; to cure him, is better; but to prevent him from fall-

ing, is best of all. The Christian spirit and system alike inculcate all vigilance in preventing; all expedition in healing offences; and all firmness in removing incorrigible offenders. Its disciplinary code is exceedingly simple, rational, and benevolent. It teaches us to regard all offences as acts of impiety, or acts of immorality; sins against our brethren, or sins against God alone; the omission of right, or the commission of wrong." A Campbell in "The Christian System."

### THE CHAIRMAN SAYS

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... Our thanks to the preachers. Some of the boys were a little nervous it appeared, with the excitement, and all. But they turned in a fine performance, and drove home gospel truths that will endure long after they are gone.

... Thanks to all of you. You did a good turn for yourself and the brotherhood by coming. I hope to see you at the next Mass Meeting also!

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# "The Man On The Street"

(The following interviews were presented on the loud speaker system by individuals picked at random from a noon day audience. W. Carl Ketcherside, director; Doris Fisher, Stenographer.)

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J. A. CLAY, Stahl, Mo.: "This is my first opportunity to attend a Mass Meeting, and I find it a great lesson. It encourages me much to meet with other brethren in Christ, and makes me think of the day of Pentecost when the disciples came together, Peter spoke to them and then they were scattered abroad and went everywhere preaching the word. I wonder if we will go away from here spreading the news? The development of the young brethren in the church has impressed me most as I didn't have such an opportunity when growing up. I can endorse every lesson set forth here. I know they are true and I am standing four-square with every one of them."

RAGENE SIMS, Odon, Indiana: "Being with all of these Christian friends has impressed me most."

MRS. J. C. STORM, Riverside, California: "Yes, I'm the mother of Wilbur and James, but I've never used the word "proud" in connection with my sons, but I do appreciate them. But I do not appreciate them any more than all of these other fine boys that are so interested in the work. I want the other goys to know that. The thing that has impressed me most is the interest even these small boys take in the work. I have known some of their parents from the time they also were quite young and to realize that they have grown up and trained their children in the Lord is a source of satisfaction. The talks of the old war horses of the church, such as Brothers Roberts, Zerr, and others, and the respect shown these older men by the younger all means a great deal to me."

BERTHA ROBINSON, Saint Louis: "One of my greatest joys is in seeing the seed sown in our Bible Readings yielding precious fruit. I know that the seed sown by these young trees will germinate and bring forth fruits unto righteousness, so that Christ will indeed find faith on the earth when He comes again."

ASHLEY ELSON, Pueblo, Col-

orado: "There being no church at our city; my wife, my two boys and I meet each Lord's Day at our own home, and do the best we know how. Several things have impressed me here, but the I think the singing has impressed me most."

JERRY MINTON, Jonesboro, Arkansas: "I first came into contact with the faithful church through Brother Arnold Hintz, at Spokane, Wash. I believe I have been most favorably impressed by the singing, because, while I am not a singer, I do like to hear the others."

ROBERT SHULTZ, Hartford, Illinois: "The thing that has impressed me most is to be able to see and hear the brethren whose articles I have read from time to time. Their future articles will be even more interesting, since I know the men."

CLEO MABERRY, Flat River, Mo.: "I really appreciate the spirit of fellowship which these brethren show, the one to the other."

O. J. THOMAS, Flippin, Kentucky: "The singing has been most impressive. If all of the brethren could attend a meeting of this nature, there would be no anxiety to include mechanical means of making music in the services."

F. R. BAILEY, Chillicothe, Mo.: "I was perhaps impressed most by the great Christian virtue of unselfishness which was manifested in every part and especially in the contribution made by such an army of talented men, instructors both in speeches and song."

FLORENCE STRACKE, Granite City, Ill.: "The talks dealing with the increase in Bible Study work impressed me the most."

## WANT THE PICTURES?

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## SOMMER'S ADDRESS

D. Austen Sommer, of Indianapolis, Indiana, has that faculty which many speakers crave and few possess. We mean the ability without strain or excitement, to drive home point after point, and impress it upon the audience, so that they cannot help but see it. It is a pleasure to watch the effortless grace with which he arouses conviction in the minds of his hearers. Using current events to illustrate the Word of God, he said at Kansas City:

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof. He peopled it with His children and all would have gone well if these people had listened to Him. But Satan established his fifth column here and tempted Adam and Eve and won them over to his side and his successors in general, until now Satan has almost full sway on the earth.

The Phillipines belonged to the United States and were being developed to the advantage of those people. But the Japanese moved in, conquered the islands, killed all the Americans they could subject the others and terrified the inhabitants. Many Phillipinos escaped to the United States, but many still there are persecuted. However, many have given up and walked hand-in-hand with the Japs, and seem to forget that the American government will come again and drive out the aggressors.

Too many of God's people in this world have given up and are now walking along with Satan, though the Lord says, "Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Too many Christians are perfectly satisfied, content to stay here always if that were possible, and are not at all antagonistic to the devil. They gamble a little with the world, drink a little with it, attend the unholy paces of amusement, covet the things of Satan. Our Lord even says, "The FRIENDSHIP of the world is enmity with God, and whosoever would be a friend of the world is enmity with God." Though Satan has well nigh conquered the world, it is still the Lord's, and He forbids our even making friends with the ungodly servants of Satan. The reason the world has not been re-taken for God, is that so many of God's soldiers are deserters or traitors. Had they been faithful and united, they would long ago have

taken back most of the world.

But we must never forget that the Lord is going to come again and repossess this land. And woe be to us if He finds us fraternizing with the enemy, lukewarm to His Cause, or rebellious in any way. He will then punish the deserters and reward the faithful.

When Jesus comes to reward His servants,  
Whether it be noon or night;  
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,  
With our lamps all trimmed and bright?

## WEBSTER GROVES REPORTS

We've been absent from last two issues but are still on the map, and trying to move upward.... Lee Ross was our speaker, Sept. 27, and gave a good lesson on "The Joy of Being a Christian." Come again, Lee.... Our audience was rather small on Lord's Day because of illness and non-preventable absences.... Brother E. M. Smith made another trip to Galesburg, Ill., last weekend and preached twice. He reports prospects very favorable and his personal work has "unearthed" several members of the church who had moved into that city and become lost to the church.... Ray Hunt, our song leader, was reported ill with a high fever last week, but was improved last Sunday when visited by Brother Virgil Stevens. We haven't heard his latest condition, but doctors were unable to determine the cause of the 104 temperature.... The new song books recently purchased here seem to have created a new interest in singing as well as improving singing ability of all. Brother Hunt has proven an able teacher in helping us with new songs.... Mildred Peden and little son were on the sick list with severe colds lately... The class of adolescents taught by the writer have just finished the book of Acts, and will now take a review of the entire book.

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"THE GOLDEN CALF"

A new pulpit presence in the Mass Meetings was introduced when Harold Hays, young preacher of Saint Joseph, Missouri, began his address. Quoting Rom. 15:4 as justification for his type of sermon on the occasion, Brother Hays gave a running review of the departures from the truth as evidenced in the books of Genesis and Exodus. He outlined the creation, referred to the fall of man by his acceptance of Satan's proposition, detailed the corruption of the world in the time of Noah, assigning as the basis for all of this sin, unbelief.

Mention was made of the arrogance of man against God at the Tower of Babel, and finally of the murmurings of Israel in the wilderness. But at this juncture the speaker deviated long enough to remind his audience of the wonderful works of God and His benevolence to His people even in the midst of their ungodliness. The miraculous plagues came in for their share of attention, and the crossing of the Red Sea was not forgotten. It was called to attention that God purified the water when it was bitter, and gave Moses power to bring water from the rock upon another occasion. Yet in spite of all this the people turned away from the one God and demanded that Aaron make them gods to go before them and lead them.

The speaker vividly described the awe-inspiring scene at Sinai and showed the infidelity of those who pretended to fear God, and yet had to have a visible representation before they could believe. Even the casual listener could catch the thought that true faith depends not upon sight but upon a condition of the heart. The folly of idol-makers who took their jewels and constructed a "higher" being was aptly set forth, until one wondered how people today could worship those same kind of ornaments. But human nature has not changed a lot from Sinai to Kansas City.

"FIGHTING CHRISTIANS"

Is it right for Christians to bear arms in carnal warfare? Do our boys who are conscripted and placed on the front make murderers of themselves when they defend our shores? What about the command,

"Thou shalt not kill?" Does it apply to the war with the brutal Axis powers? Christ said "Put up thy sword, for they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." How does that affect us at present? Are Christians like Quakers to register as conscientious objectors?

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## CUSTODIANS OF THE VINEYARD

It seems to be one of life's little tragedies that sometimes those who have been elevated to a lofty position and have distinguished themselves in their respective callings, receiving fame through their efforts, should fail in the one field which in the final analysis amounts to more than all else. While teaching others he neglects to learn himself.

What does it avail then, if men are able to conquer kingdoms and rule over others if they cannot control themselves? Though you give excellent advice to others but do not keep your own house in order, what does it profit? Though each moment of earthly existence be filled with an endless round of work or pleasure, until we have no time to consider the soul's welfare and thus reach the end of life's highway empty-handed so far as spiritual wealth is concerned, will we not have to confess with Solomon of old, "They have made me the keeper of the vineyards, but my own vineyards I have not kept." (Song of Sol. 1:6).

Let us briefly consider Solomon's life. Though given wisdom at his own request to rule his people wisely, he acted far from wisely in directing his own affairs. David, a valiant man, showed a contemptible trace of weakness in his private conduct with Bathsheba, thus giving occasion to the enemies of God to blaspheme. (2 Sam. 12:14).

Even the Apostle Paul, that indomitable old soldier of the cross, found it necessary to scrutinize his condition very carefully upon occasions lest after he had preached to others he should be brought into subjection to the lusts of his body and by so doing become a castaway. (1 Cor. 9:27). What was true of Paul might also be true of preachers today. It might, indeed, be true of any Christian.

There is a story of an old man who owned a large vineyard and who also had several sons. As he neared the setting of his life's sun, he desired to contrive a means of getting his sons to work, since they were not too industrious. He realized the vineyard would provide sustenance for all his sons if they would properly cultivate it. At his

death there was found a will informing the boys that a fortune was hidden in the vineyard which would be theirs for the finding. All that year they worked diligently, moving each foot of dirt until there remained no more to be turned. Disappointed, they realized the vineyard contained no pot of gold as they had expected. The next spring, however, they were surprised to see the vines bloom profusely, and the vineyard which had not borne for many years yielded a plentiful harvest due to the thorough cultivation given it. This was the reward the father had in mind.

Christ has a vineyard. We are placed here to do his bidding, and if we prove ourselves worthy by being reliable guardians of our own little vineyards here, or this portion of His vineyard, He will make us ruler of greater things. (Matt. 25:14-23). Christians have been given charge of the Lord's vineyard (church). We are workers together with God. (1 Cor. 3:9). But before the church can be a light to the world as God intended (Matt. 5:14-17) it is necessary that the members keep themselves unspotted from the world. (Jas. 1:27) Some times the church is given a bad name and a black eye simply because members, sometimes prominent ones, persist in ungodly or immoral practices, and leaders are either too ignorant or weak-kneed to rebuke them for it. I wish to quote a striking passage from a writer named Charles F. Banning: "Our world will never be saved by a generation of cocktail drinking church members, who gamble at bingo; whose god is respectability and whose heaven is a life of undisturbed comfort and convenience."

It may be that the reason the church is not kept clean in some cases is because the leaders themselves are not guiltless. No wonder one of the qualifications for an elder is that he rule well his own house for if he knows not how to conduct his own affairs, how can he take care of the house of God? (1 Tim. 3:3).

Also, Christians should be able to give a scriptural reason for their belief. (1 Pet. 3:15). Why cry out against errors in the religious world, when we have uninformed members of the church? One very encouraging sign at the present time is the extensive Bible Study

and development work being sponsored by many of the churches in the brotherhood, teaching members to exercise their talents in a way that will do them good, cause the church to go forward and bring glory to God. (Eph. 3:21).

Considering the world as the field, (Mt. 13:24-43) what of the small portion of God's vineyard in which you have been stationed, which has been entrusted to your care? Do you merely live in it, or try to better it? It is true the world today is in a turmoil. But is it not composed, in a large degree, of such individuals as you and I? Is it not largely what common mortals make it? Perhaps we think we know the remedy and are willing to demonstrate our ability to dish it out, when what we really need is a capacity for taking it. It will avail us nothing to suppress tyranny in other nations of the world if we allow the devil to control our own lives, so that we are rejected in the last great day of days because He charged us with the custody of the vineyards but our own vineyards we failed to keep.

(The foregoing is a summary of the speech by Roy Harris, of Brixey, Mo., delivered on Sept. 24, 1942.)

## LEE GIVES THE KEY

Young Peoples' Day was featured by some of the best sermons produced during the Kansas City meeting. Among them was the lesson by Winford Lee of Ethel, Mo., on the topic "The Key To Victory." Here's a synopsis of that edifying talk.

In this present day and age we have all witnessed within the last year one of the greatest revolutionary movements along the lines of industry that history has recorded. The factories that once produced the necessities and commodities of life have made a drastic change. Even individuals have entered into different studies and training institutions to cope with circumstances at hand. But why the change, why the necessity? It all centers around one thought, VICTORY. These things must be in order to be victorious.

If there was as much universal co-operation and effort put forth in the "spiritual" conflict, Satan would have dominion over a very few. The problem that confronts

us is NOT met with the invention of something new. We have everything necessary to wage a successful warfare, if we'll use them. Our key to victory is in remembering to put in use the things we have. Forgetfulness and negligence have always been a source of spiritual downfall. Israel fell because of forgetting God. It was not because of ignorance of HIM, as He had demonstrated His power in the deliverance from Pharaoh. In spite of this they forsook Him and His infinite love and mercy.

This did, and always will lead to spiritual destruction and degradation, as Paul says Heb. 3:19: "So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." The people were barred from entering the Canaan rest all because they forgot God.

The key to individuals being sound in the faith and churches functioning as God would have them to, depends on "Remembering." Remembrance as God uses it in His book means more than an occasional thought that He exists. It means to remember Him to the extent that We Do The Things Which He Commands. Can we not recall that the apostles' method of working for the Lord did not consist of public proclamation alone but also preaching "from house to house." (Acts 20:20). God's Word is to be taught two ways, privately and publicly. Can we remember or will we forget?

A candid study of the Sacred Text reveals EVERY church is to be capable of "edifying itself." (Eph. 4:16). This can only be accomplished by a fulfillment of 2 Tim. 2:2: "And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." But then again comes the clarion call ringing "Will we remember?" Our only solution to our problems is the Bible. Our only key to spiritual success lies between the covers of the "Volume Supreme." Let's heed the voice of Solomon: "Remember now thy Creator." (Eccl. 12:1). Remembering His teaching enables us to work together, study together, pray together and go home VICTORIOUS together.

## CORRECTION

In display ad on page 15 "Strings On Your Fingers" is quoted at 50c. for single copy. It should be 55c.

## WHY LITTLE BABIES DIE

Here's A Summary Of The Interesting Sermon By Harold Shasteen On The Subject

When fate requires that the body of an infant of tender age be laid away in its tiny casket, the occasion is one of sadness and despondency. It is sometimes difficult for the parents to realize that their pure innocent child has been taken from them and in their bereavement they are liable to lay the causes of their child's death to a mis-represented cause.

There must be reasons why a child or anyone else should die. Those reasons are not as some suppose. A child does not die because:

(1) It's parents sinned and God is punishing them by taking their child from them;

(2) They are so innocent God doesn't want to leave them in this sinful world;

(3) God takes them to spare them the hardships and struggles of life.

The answer to the question lies in the laws that govern human life.

Regardless if it is human life, spiritual life, or moving but lifeless matter (such as planets, etc.) there are certain laws that regulate the course of each. If these laws are violated the result is chaos.

With reference to intelligent life, these facts attribute to the death of either a physical or spiritual babe.

### 1. DEFECTS IN BIRTH.

Physicians say that some babies are born to die because of some physical ailment at birth. There are many spiritual babes too, who die because of faulty or unsound birth. There are many who are placed beneath the water and have their names added to the church records but still they will not survive long because of a defective birth. The trouble seems to arise because of HEART trouble. They did not have a mature and strong spiritual heart at their birth of the water and the spirit, consequently, sin was not completely eliminated. This unsound heart gives rise to entire defilement and pollution until the babe in Christ dies a spiritual death.

### 2. DIET.

Scientists and medical men have worked and are still working on a proper and befitting diet for new born babies in order that the food

which they receive will have all the necessary elements of growth and development in it. If a physical babe does not receive the proper diet his body will become weakened and puny until he will be susceptible to diseases that may prove fatal.

The spiritual food of a babe in Christ is the sincere milk of the word, (1 Pet. 2:2) by which he will develop and be no longer a child cast to and fro but may grow up unto Him (Christ) in love. A child grows in strength day by day and from one month to the next a great change in its appearance is generally noted. Even so, a child of God should grow in strength and wisdom with each passing year by reason of the fact that he has partaken of the milk of the word and has exercised his senses to discern both good and evil. If a babe in Christ failed to develop or grow in the service to the Master, Paul speaks of him in this manner, "For when the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are full of age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." A proper diet is indispensable to health and if a babe in Christ will partake of the milk of the word when he is young in the faith, soon he shall be able to digest meat.

### 3. LACK OF CARE.

Locked inside a dark closet of a St. Louis residence, the police found a feeble debilitated child who had been left there for many months, neglected and undernourished.

In West Virginia, another child was found tied with a large rope around its scrawny leg and another around its neck. Needless to say, this child too was frail and vapid.

A child who gets no exercise at all will become weaker and weaker until it finally dies. It is true that one can get just enough exercise to merely exist but in order to obtain a healthy growth a child must get exercise. A spiritual babe too, must be exercised. When he is young in the service, there will be many tasks that are too difficult for him to perform, but if the elders and leaders of congregations will give

## YOUTH AND AGE



The hope of the future and the strength of the past is represented in the above picture which presents the oldest and the youngest preacher present at the Mass Meeting. More than sixty years difference exists in their ages. Both are from Kansas City, both are members of the same congregation, 26th and Spruce. The young man is Wilford Landes, the older is A. R. Moore.

the young members work to do that they can handle efficiently, those young members will grow strong enough to become elders and teachers for the uplifting of the congregation in the future.

A fleshly babe without care will become weaker and eventually die. Even so, a spiritual babe neglected and without care will become spiritually weak and death will intervene.

### 4. DISEASES.

Fatal diseases many times intervene and take away the life of babies. Sometimes the disease works in a mysterious way and before it can be combated its deathly work has been done. Many times, however, diseases afflict our babies because of the other three laws that govern human life have been violated. So it is with a spiritual babe, the destructive disease of sin may take their spiritual life before it is possible to restore them again in the spirit of meekness. But, many times the terrible disease of sin takes away their spiritual lives because, either they have an unsound birth, they have not partaken sufficiently of the spiritual food (maybe leaders have fed them to heavy food in the beginning) or, they have been disregarded and have drifted into destructive ways.

The problems of the schoolboy serve to keep the home SIRE'S learning.

## VITAMINS S, B, AND D

Advocating a balanced diet in religious living in order to attain unto strong growth, Wm. Hensley, of Fairbury, Nebraska, said many congregations were troubled with a vitamin deficiency, which held back their development. Among other things, he stated:

The Apostle Paul in writing to the church at Colosse expressed his ardent desire for them to continue in the Lord as well as increase in His knowledge. (Col. 1:9, 10). This was not only true of the brethren at Colosse but also of those at Ephesus and other places. Paul calls to our attention that the spiritual body (church) is in many ways like the physical body of man. (1 Cor. 12). As the physical body must grow to live, so must the church.

In this present age, America, as well as the rest of the world is conscious of the need of vitamins for physical health. We learn that a deficiency in some one of these will cause sickness and may even result in death. Can we then compare the church to a body today as did Paul? We not only can but should, in order to become aware of the needs of the church and how to meet them. Now there is contained in the gospel every vitamin necessary to spiritual life. The physical vitamins have always been in the food we ate but little value was placed upon them until recent years. This was due to lack of education on the subject. This is also true of the spiritual vitamins. They have always been in the Bible, but many have lacked knowledge of their value.

Three of these stand uncovered today. In many congregations their value is becoming known. Without them a church fails to grow and is powerless in her fight against the disease of sin. The three are Vitamins S, B, and D—that is, SYSTEM, BIBLE STUDY and DEVELOPMENT. Show me the congregation that fails to partake of these and I will show you one that is dead spiritually. They cannot be secured from a bottle of pills but come from the GREAT PHYSICIAN, who says, "Be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

There is always something wrong with a man as there is with a motor, when he knocks all the time.

## FREED SCORES WORDLINESS

His voice ringing clear in spite of age and infirmity, J. A. Freed, long time minister of the gospel, opened the first night session of the Mass Meeting with an unforgettable address on, "The Steadfastness of Our Faith." His text was based on 1 Peter 4:12, 13, which refers to the fiery trials that come upon us.

The Heavenly Father has given man a better system of laws than man could have provided for himself. That system is capable of three things: (1) To bring him to Christ; (2) To perfect him in that state; (3) To provide him with eternal life. The scriptures abound with teaching on the subject under consideration — steadfast continuance. The Savior warned of false teachers and false doctrines; so did the apostles. From the sermon on the mount to the closing of Revelation, such danger signs are erected. The early church endured bodily persecution and we endure spiritual, because of our opposition to the enemies of righteousness.

We have our work and trials, but we do not fear physical death; the condition which confronts us is far worse. It is one which steals upon you in such a manner as to rob your soul and lull your spirit into indifference. Downright **WORLDLINESS** is the enemy of all Protestantism. Once people respected, revered and revered the Lord's Day. It provided an opportunity for assembling solemnly to worship the Creator. Those who came together, studied, taught and defended the Bible. They loved to sing and pray together.

Today that occasion is turned into a day of sport in both city and rural districts. Hunting, fishing and golfing are the orders of the day. God's people are being drawn away from Him by their association with those who deny Him. He told Israel to drive out the Canaanites, because they were idolaters. He declared that He did not want His people to be associated with such individuals. Will He condone us?

Worldliness includes all things that draw, or tend to draw us away from God, whether it be the theater or the country club. The times call for strong men to stand out

## ILLINOIS TRUCK GROUP



Thirty-six members of the church demonstrated their faith by chartering a truck and making the long trek in that fashion. The distance involved was over four hundred miles each way. At least two preachers can be seen in above group, Harold Shasteen, third from left, and Bert Cain, second from right. Old and young declared they had a fine time in spite of the hard, weary journey.

against worldliness. They call for fathers and mothers who have the Cause at heart. In my experience, the home is the best place to combat this great evil. I've never met a child who is not interested in the Bible. I've never seen one, who would not rather hear stories from the Bible than any other source. Will parents rob God, of the souls of their offspring?

The church must organize to take care of this work. I mean it must have a systematic procedure for the development of all ages. I was saddened upon a recent trip to my old community to find that the church where I once attended was long since vacated. The older brethren could not look into the future. They did not teach the younger, and when the old ones died there was no one to take their place. The young ones grew up, married and left the church. One thing above all else which we must cry today is "AROUSE!" Awake! As the blessed book says, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

For every woman who makes a fool out of a man, there is always another who makes a man out a fool.

## ARE YOU DEAD OR DYING?

No one at the Mass Meeting, or several blocks around, had any trouble learning the difference between a rut or a grave, when Harold Ottwell, of Hartford, Ill., took the stand and turned loose on the unsystematic fraternity in the church whose motto is "Never do today what you can put off until tomorrow." He cleaned house, dusted off the seats and shook the pigeons out of the belfry of those half-deserted meeting houses over the country where brethren come trooping in at eleven o'clock on Sunday, if they troop at all. Harold says the only difference between a rut and a grave is that one is longer than the other. In principle they are the same. When he got through with some of the congregations that have been in a rut, one felt about them as they did about Lazarus—they've been dead so long, they "stinketh."

It was pointed out that some men say they are in a rut and cannot get out. If they mean financially, said Ottwell, and it is through sickness or other things beyond their control, they have my sympathy. But no one who is in a rut because he is too lazy to climb out and see

daylight has the sympathy of myself or anyone else.

What does a church in a rut look like to God? We can see the epitaphs on the tombs of such places: No Mission Work, No Vacation Bible Study, No Nothing! A church that has only one service per week and then permits half of the membership to come slogging in late is in a rut and a bad one. These conditions are caused by lack of interested leadership, lazy, careless elders, and an unconverted membership.

The speaker asked where we of today expect to leave the church for our children. Will they find it in a rut or a grave, or on the other hand will it be like a city that is set on a hill whose light cannot be hid? As Harold views it, a lantern shining out of a sepulchre is a scary object. Check up on the length of the hole your'e in! Rut or grave?

Modern women should devote less energy to making permanent WAVES and more to making permanent WVIES.

Every man thinks himself a good judge of character, but proves his blindness by seeing no fault in his own.

## THE FINEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT

In just a few weeks now there will be released from the press a new book on the general lines of "The Ship Of Zion," which is entitled "Strings On Your Fingers." It is written for all in the church, but especially for young people. It will contain seven sermons by seven young men all pointed directly at the problems of modern youth. The question of choosing a life companion, of entertainment and amusement, of work in the church, of relation to the school and community life, will all be handled. Look over this list of writers: Harold Shasteen, John Rhodes, Art Freeman, W. Carl Ketcherside, Kenneth Morgan, Roy Harris and Bill Hersley. Each of them has a straight\* from the shoulder talk with and for young men and women in this volume. They have dared to take off their coats, roll up their sleeves and go into this matter in the way that the young people can understand. There's no pussyfooting, no hedging, no pulling of punches. Young people today speak a straightforward language, these boys speak one too!

It is our earnest hope that every young person in the brotherhood have one of these books. Parents with little youngsters should buy one now and lay it away for those boys and girls when they grow into adolescence. There have always been things you wanted to say to your boy and girl and didn't know how to go about it. Let this book say some of those things for you! What better Christmas present could be sent if you insist on sending something? What nicer gift for a birthday, than that which might save a soul? What a book this will be for a going-away present!

It will be printed on first-grade book paper, will have a cut on the entire front cover that is very appropriate. The name "Strings On Your Fingers" is a Bible name selected because of its excellent meaning, to help young men and women remember the laws of the father and mother who love them. Solomon said, "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee.... BIND THEM UPON THY FINGERS."

The book will contain approximately 100 pages and will be about the size of the book "Ship of Zion." The sermons are all full-

sized, unabbreviated lessons, with scriptural references assigned. There will be a picture of each of the preachers and a brief history of his life. You'll have a souvenir of these young men who have held your meetings that will become invaluable as time goes on. We feel that individuals or local congregations could do no better thing for their young people's classes than to purchase for each of them one of these books, or announce it and insist that each member secure a copy to be his constant companion. Perhaps teachers will want to secure a copy for their pupils and present them the same as a token of their interest in their souls.

We are ready now with this first announcement to take orders for these books. Will you please announce it to the congregation where you are a member? If all of you will get together in a given congregation and send your orders so that one shipment can be made it will conserve wrapping paper, time, string, postage and a certain preacher I know quite well. But send in those orders NOW for advance copies. You will be given preference in the order yours is received! SEND NO MONEY! Just a card telling us to send you one copy, two copies, a dozen or two dozen! Better buy two at least, one for yourself and one to loan! As soon as they come off the press your order will be filled and you can then send us the remittance to cover. The price is 55c for single copies, 2 copies for \$1.00. This price includes postage. If you want to be among the first, write that card today to

**W. Carl Ketcherside**  
7505 Trenton Avenue  
University City, Missouri

### GALLATIN REPRESENTED

"Our attendance and interest continues good. The development program we have been using for some time is proving very helpful. Bro. James Truitt is with us once per month and is doing good work. My nephew, Pat Tolen, and myself enjoyed attending part time, the recent Mass Meeting at Kansas City. It was truly edifying and inspiring. It was wonderful to meet and hear so many brethren from the various states, and the hospitality of the Kansas City brethren will be long remembered. May we ever work while it is yet day."

—D. PATTERSON.

## ROBERTS SCORES FALSE TEACHERS

In spite of ill health, W. G. Roberts, of Hammond, Ill., attended the Mass Meeting, and with flashes of his characteristic wit and quotations from God's Word "poured it on" those who lead the church astray with modern apostasies. His subject was titled "They That Lead Thee Cause Thee To Err," and he fired his opening volley with a quotation from Isa. 3:12: "O My people, says the Lord," hence He was speaking to His people, not the world. He says their leaders caused them to err and I believe that is still true. Keep the preachers in the "old paths" and we will have little or no trouble with other members. There will be no heresy, creeds made by men, or divisions in the family of God. The leaders are usually responsible for sowing seed of discord.

In Isa. 5:13 we read: "Therefore My people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge." (R. V.) People too often listen to the leaders and do not read for themselves, hence lack of knowledge. However, God will not excuse this generation for being ignorant of His Word. (Rom. 10:3; Acts 17:30). But it is usually the leaders who keep them in ignorance, although the people will be held responsible for not studying themselves.

Then in Isa. 5:20 we learn that some called "evil good" and "good evil." That is one thing causing trouble in God's family now; they say "evil is good." When they say that a human creed is good, or that the use of instrumental music in worship is good, or that other hodies additional to the ONE are good they call evil good. All of these are EVIL; first, because the Bible does not authorize them but condemns them. Second, because all of them have caused division and heartaches. Yes, they call evil good! Who? The leaders and preachers.

Still others call good evil, when they say that the Lord's Supper is nothing but a thin wafer and a sup. of wine unauthorized by God. Several religious bodies teach this and thus call good evil. Some make light of immersion and say it is non-essential and nonsense to practice it, and so they call good evil. But now hear Christ in Matt. 7:15-26: "Beware of false prophets." Do

you obey that? They come to you in "sheep's clothing," so look like sheep, but they are goats covered with sheepskin. Watch for those goats. They bleat like a sheep but if you know the "voice of the Shepherd" (Jno. 10) they'll not deceive you. You can only acquaint yourself with His voice (teaching) by studying the Bible.

"Ye shall know them by their fruits." If you see a man drunk you know he is a drunkard. If you hear him use profanity you know he is profane just as you know a tree by the fruit on it. If it has oranges on it you will not call it a gooseberry bush. Neither can you call a man a Christian who is profane, who is a creed writer and divider of churches. Such a one is a heretic, and Paul says after the second admonition "reject him." Your leaders cause you to err but you are responsible for following them.

Paul says for us to mark them which cause division and offenses contrary to the Book. (Rom. 16:17, 18). Do you do that? Division and offenses caused by those who lead you are condemned by the Word and they who do not mark them are also under condemnation of the Lord. So you elders are duty bound to be on the watch for those "wolves in sheep clothing."

1 Cor. 4:6 says: "That you might learn in me not to go beyond which is written." Don't tell me that where the Bible doesn't speak we may "blab right out" as one said, and teach and practice without sin, for when you do that you go "beyond that which is written," hence transgress. "The transgression of the law is sin." 1 Cor. 4:6; 1 Jno. 3:4.) Just because the Bible does not mention and condemn a certain thing is of itself proof that thing is wrong, for you have to go beyond what is written to get it.

Eph. 3:3-6 informs that God had His revelations written that you may read, know and understand them, so there is no law obligatory only what is WRITTEN in this Book, and all others are dangerous and sinful. Recall Gal. 1:8, where we are told there is a curse for those who teach otherwise.

The winter months provide an excellent opportunity to improve your knowledge of the Bible. Let's make each home a Bible Reading home this winter. Let's grow in grace and knowledge of the truth.

**ROBERTS' ASSISTANCE FUND**

Herewith is given a list of donors and amounts as contributed to aid Brother W. G. Roberts, Hammond, Ill., as received by me up to and including October 1, 1942.

Church, Neosho, Mo. ....	\$15.00
A. B. Wilson, Bucyrus, Mo. ....	2.00
Church, Compton, Calif. ....	10.00
Church, Hale, Mo. ....	10.00
V. M. Foltz, Hale, Mo. ....	5.00
Church, Brookport, Ill. ....	10.00
H. F. McConnell, Browning, Mo. ....	3.00
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Church, Red Cloud, Neb. ...	10.00
Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa	10.00
Fern Bailey, Chillicothe, Mo.	10.00
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Church, Sullivan, Ill. ....	10.00
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Church, Ozark, Mo. ....	5.00
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Church, West Riverside, Cal.	10.00
W. E. Cakerice, Marshalltown, Iowa ....	2.00
Church, Bee Creek, Ill. ....	25.00
Church, Estacada, Ore. ....	25.00
Tillie Heard, Bicknell, Ind. .	1.00
I. Hollingsworth, Bicknell, Ind. ....	1.00
A. E. and Bessie McClaffin,	5.00
L. Bilyeu, St. Louis, Mo. ...	5.00
J. H. Baldwin, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Church, Spokane, Wash. ....	10.00
Lillian Ave. Church, St. Louis, Mo. ....	25.00
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Church, Blue Ash, Ohio ....	25.00
Church, Bloomington, Ill. ...	12.00
Bridge Church, Dexter, Mo. .	25.00
Preston Modglin .....	5.00
Church, Topeka, Kans. ....	10.95

Total received (to Oct. 1)	\$643.70
Special Contribution,	
Bethel, Conn. ....	25.00
Total .....	\$668.70

Of the above amount, \$65 has been applied on Brother Roberts' debts at Mattoon, Ill., thus cancelling them, \$40.00 has been paid on the current doctor bill thus caring for it to date. Sixty dollars will be held in this office in reserve for purpose of taking care of the remainder of the doctor bills as they come due. Brother Roberts was forced to move this last month, by reason of the house selling where in he lived. Being in a defense area he was forced to buy a little place, which required a down payment of \$200. We have forwarded him the necessary amount to make said down payment and this leaves a surplus, as of October 1, of \$303.70, which will be deposited to his account. It is possible that other checks are in the mail, and if so they will be reported in the November issue of the paper, supplementing this present report. Will you please call to our attention and discrepancy which may appear in above report so that it may be corrected at once. We wish to thank you for your response to this emergency. God will surely bless you for your thoughtfulness and tender mercy.

Below is given a list of the churches which will care for Brother Roberts monthly. Please clip this list and put on your bulletin board. Remember, when the first of the month which is assigned to you rolls around, send a check for \$25 to W. G. Roberts, Hammond, Illinois. If there are any questions, we shall be pleased to answer them. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

**MONTHLY SUPPORT**

October—Brookport, Illinois.
November—Lillian Ave., St. Louis.
December—Compton, California.
January—Bloomington, Indiana.

February—New Liberty (Windsor, Ill.)
March—Riverside, Calif.
April—University Ave. Church, Des Moines, Iowa.
May—Unionville, Mo.
June—Lemons, Mo.
July—Springfield, Ill.
August—Bicknell, Ind.
September—New Castle, Ind.

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It should be mentioned that several churches asked to be admitted to above arrangement, but while we appreciate their willingness it must be remembered that there are only so many months in a year. To those who were disappointed, I would like to say, that we are even now working on the matter of supplementing the income of an elderly preacher who has only one son, and he not in position to help his father. After I have made complete investigation I will keep you informed as to our obligations in this regard. May it soon be said that not a single faithful old brother is unprovided for, is my humble prayer to God.

Signed:  
W. CARL KETCHERSIDE,  
7505 Trenton Avenue,  
University City, Mo.

**ZERR ON UNDERGROWTH**

Reaching into the superstitious past for an example, E. M. Zerr admitted he did not endorse the peculiar notion of the old-timers, but stated that certain lessons might be learned from the idea of "measuring children for the undergrowth." His sermon was a sequel to the one delivered at Nevada, Mo., on "Spiritual Perfection" at the former Mass Meeting. He began by stating that he wanted to divide his sermon into three parts, but not as did the pioneer preachers, who always had a firstly, secondly, and thirdly in their discourses. He alleged that the application of their parts was (1) Take a text, (2) Get away from it; (3) Never get back to it. He designated the three parts of his lesson as Symptoms, Cause and Cure. The first passage referred to was Hebrews 5:12, which says: "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again."

The speaker said no criticism should be offered on the fact that one needed teaching, for we all

need that; but in this instance, the ones who had been taught needed to learn the same things over again. The apostle Peter cautions all not to fall from their own steadfastness but says to grow in grace and knowledge of the truth. There are only two circumstances mentioned here and two results. One must either grow in grace and knowledge or fall from his steadfastness. When a child is born weighing 5 or 6 pounds and all other conditions are normal the parents are satisfied, but if six months later the child still weighs that same amount there is an expression of gloom on the faces of the father and mother, and they do not think the child is doing at all well. What we are today will not necessarily be satisfactory a year from now. We must grow!

The first symptom of undergrowth is satisfaction with the present condition. That's why it is hard to get people to come to a Bible Reading. Congregations as well as individuals have the disease. They are content to go along in the same old state of inactivity year after year and resent it when disturbed from the regular routine.

The speaker emphasized the use of the singular form of the word "cause" inasmuch as he declared there was but one cause and that was unbelief. He affirmed that that there is not a single thing which is wrong that we do, and not a single right thing which we omit doing, but is caused by unbelief.

The cure is to measure ourselves. But we must be sure of getting the right standard. We cannot use ourselves as a standard for this is condemned by Paul. Furthermore that standard would be changeable every day and would soon not be as it was when we started our measurement. The best man on earth is still short of Christ, and even if we measured up to such an individual we would not have reached the perfection which God demands. The only measuring stick meeting the divine requirements is that given by the Lord—His Word!

Tired of going over to your neighbors and borrowing their copy each month? Then why not have it sent right to your address? It will cost the sum of one dollar. Shall we start you next month?

## OPEN FORUMS

Two forum sessions on previously selected subjects were held. The first day the topic was, "Problems Presented To The Churches By This Present War and How To Meet Them." Speakers during this period were Eugene Suddeth, elder and post office employee, Des Moines, Iowa; J. H. Maberry, foreman of electric power division, St. Joseph Lead Co., Bonne Terre, Mo.; Phil Hintz, college student, Spokane, Wash.; Charles Fleener, farmer, Hammond, Ill.; Hershel Ottwell, foreman at International Shoe Co. Tannery, Hartford, Ill.; Russell Phelps, brakeman on Missouri Pacific Lines, Nevada, Mo.; and George Robinson, Berkeley, California, an evangelist.

Among the problems discussed were the following: Keeping contact with soldiers from our congregations who are denied privilege of attending worship with faithful churches; Transportation to and from worship as result of government rationing programs; Communion at Sunday night services for benefit of defense workers employed seven days per week; Co-operation with government agencies in assisting the Allies to victory, etc.

On the final day of the meeting, J. B. Ruth, Compton, California; Phil Hintz, Spokane, Wash.; E. G. Johnson, Colton, Calif.; D. A. Sommer, Indianapolis, Ind.; J. Cornelius Maberry, Bonne Terre, Mo.; Otto Schlieper, Hartford, Ill.; and LeRoy Munger, Des Moines, Iowa, presented a round-table discussion of the general subject, "Sowing Seed To Save Souls."

J. B. Ruth reported 17 congregations in his state several of which have been recently started as result of work by Brother Lloyd Riggins and other faithful evangelists. He said these churches were all small and had an uphill fight, but declared that the future of the church appeared brighter in the west coast area.

Phil Hintz mentioned groups which have recently banded together at Seattle, Wash.; Sand Point, Idaho; and Missoula, Mont. It was reported that Wilbur Storm had recently held a successful meeting at the last named location.

E. G. Johnson referred to the Home Gardens congregation with which he is now associated in Cali-

# Youth Day Preachers



One of the most impressive features about the Mass Meeting according to a poll of audience opinion was the splendid work being done by the young people in our brotherhood. The representatives of that great body of youthful be-

lievers, who made major speeches on the second day of the series, are shown above. Left to right, Arthur Freeman, Wilbur Storm, Harold Shasteen, John Rhodes, Winford Lee, William Hensley, Harold Hays, and Roy Harris.

fornia. It was at one time identified with the "Bible College" movement but has since been rescued and is doing good work in the lineup of faithful churches.

Otto Schlieper reported that 19 churches in the state of Illinois were contributing to a mission fund which was being used at present to keep Arthur Freeman in Decatur, where mission work is being carried on consistently. Brother Freeman has recently returned from the east where he has been engaged in an extended effort at Bridgeport, Conn. That work has now been taken over temporarily by Brother Robert Brumback, of Kansas City, Mo.

D. Austen Sommer stressed the need of every congregation having a short Bible Reading annually as a supplement to or a substitute for the antiquated and never too effective protracted meeting, which formerly furnished about all of the spiritual food that the average church received.

LeRoy Munger reported that little mission activity was going on in Iowa and said there were but very few faithful churches in the entire state. Brother J. C. Maberry outlined the growth of the Cause in the Lead Belt area of Missouri, affirming that many of the churches grew as a result of work started many years ago at Mine La Motte, Mo.

The little red schoolhouse is better than the little-read citizen.

## THE FINAL SPEECH

The speech which rang the curtain down on one of the greatest gatherings of faithful disciples in this generation was delivered by Brother C. R. Turner, of Sullivan, Illinois. It seemed to be a well-timed speech for the parting occasion, and will be long remembered by all who heard it. Brother Turner chose as his topic, "Acquaintance, Association, Separation."

His main points were expressed thus: We all looked forward with pleasure to this meeting, expecting to get acquainted with all of you good brethren we had never met, and renew our acquaintance with those we had met. Too, there are many here who are not members of the Church of Christ. We are glad to know you. We have enjoyed this association together immensely, but now in a few hours we will be separated, perhaps never to meet again in this world.

I am reminded here of the Apostle Paul at Ephesus. He was there about three years altogether, and all Asia heard the gospel. I am sure he enjoyed the work there although it was not all pleasant. He was there during the uproar prompted by Demetrius. Finally, the time came to bid them farewell and that for the last time. The brethren sorrowed most of all for his words that they would see his face no more.

Another example was Moses' ex-

perience with the children of Israel. He and Aaron went to Egypt and got acquainted with their brethren and had quite an experience with them and was with them forty years, but the final separation came, and that because of disobedience on their part, which made the parting sad.

Jesus made His advent into the world and became acquainted with so many people and His apostles had a pleasant association with Him, but finally He was betrayed into the hands of sinful men and crucified. What a sad separation! Judas was privileged to associate with Him during His great work on earth, but what a sad separation caused by his own sin, the betrayal!

Some have become acquainted with their Saviour through obedience to the gospel, then have become separated from Him through their own sin. (Here Brother Turner gave the example of a young couple becoming acquainted and getting married. Then came the association in the pleasant task of rearing a family, and afterwards the sadness of the parting brought about by death.)

Often a preacher of the gospel finishes a work with a congregation with which he has become acquainted, only to love them for their work's sake. Their association endears them to one another. But there comes the time when the meeting is over, the last prayer offered and the final invitation song completed and they part perhaps never to meet again.

The saddest of all is the final separation at the last great day. Sadness and disappointment will be the lot of those who have not become acquainted with the Judge of all the earth, while they were on earth. All will become acquainted with Him on the judgment day. What a short acquaintance! What a terrible separation! What a blessed thing to become acquainted with our Saviour in this life. (Rev. 3:20). Though a stranger, if you'll open your heart, and allow Him to come in, you may acquaint yourself with Him, and He will become your friend forever, and there will be no separation!

A cultured man is one who has a whole lot of information that isn't worth anything to him.

**"ARE WE LOYAL?"**

The true essence of loyalty was forcibly presented by Wilbur Storm to the Mass Meeting audience. He suggested that the purpose of the gathering was to develop and edify those who attended and to cement their fellowship in Christ. It was pointed out that there are divisions all about us, but each recognizes the truth of the old adage that "In union there is strength." The divisions in the religious world are not caused over the Bible, but have all occurred because of things outside that blessed book. Men who are not satisfied with the divine arrangement add to it, and thus become guilty by their deviation, of causing a rent in the body of the Savior.

Turning attention to the "disciple brotherhood" it was set forth that there are divisions among us also. How loyal are we? Some claim loyalty because they have kept out false teachers, but the church at Ephesus had done that and still were not in favor of God because they had left their first love. (Rev. 2:1-4). Too often we condemn the methods of others, but do nothing ourselves. It is useless to fight the Bible Colleges, if at the same time we do not develop men through the church. If we stand up and declare that the church is the only divine institution for the propagation of the word, then refuse to use the church for its heaven-ordained purpose, what will it profit?

We condemn the Missionary Society and its mode of work. But do we attempt to show the world at

large a working church, active and responsive to mission appeals? Do preachers of the gospel carry the word of God to weak and destitute fields? Most of the work today has to consist of labors with long established churches to get them to see the necessity of co-operation in the service of the Master. Are we loyal, when we so act?

Does it avail anything to condemn the sectarian methods of financing their work, when we who pretend to love the Lord, do not give as we are prospered? Will humanity have much faith in our plea if we neglect the weightier matters of the law while finding fault with those who violate other portions of it?

Many congregations use their time, or the Lord's, in lamenting the worldly entertainments spon-

sored by religious bodies in general to amuse and entertain the young people. What are we doing to point our young men and women to Christ? Are we loyal, if we sit down and see those we love drift into perdition, doing nothing to rescue them, giving them only a negative attitude, without showing them what God expects of them? It is time that all of us took stock of our lives to ask and answer the question, "Are We Loyal?"

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## DON'T CANCEL YOUR MEETING

**Weekley Says Go On  
Regardless Of Conditions**

I want to report a short meeting held at Lamine, Mo., by Brother Winford Lee. He was originally scheduled for two weeks, but it was cancelled owing to a rubber shortage. Then we arranged an All-Day meeting for August 16, and due to the anxiety of a young sister and a few other young people not members we decided to continue a few nights as interest justified, but this turned out to be ten nights, broken only by the fact that Brother Lee had another appointment, not because interest slackened. The last night three young men came forward which added to nine others who had previously obeyed, made a total of 12. Other young men told Winford Lee "Good-bye" with tears in their eyes, stating their regret at not having accepted the last opportunity afforded. We hope to see them obey shortly.

Brethren, let this be an example to you, and don't cancel the meeting you have booked. Nine young men under thirty years of age, two young girls, the mother of part of these young people, all make material edifying to any church. Others are almost persuaded, thus providing opportunity for additional work. Suppose this meeting had been cancelled. What a loss to the church it would have been. Brethren, times like this make the young think of the future. Never has there been a more golden opportunity to save souls. Let our experience stand as an example to the brotherhood.

Brotherly,  
Talmage Weekley.

## THE STROLLING REPORTER

More than 2500 plate lunches were served by the faithful kitchen corps during the Mass Meeting. That would be enough servings to take care of one preacher three times per day, for more than two full years. Our vote goes for the beef stew and noodle dinner the first day.

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Most solemn incident: The special service held for the boys in the

army and navy, with those four uniformed lads on the platform standing at military salute... Most enjoyable thing: The "Man on the Street Program" with interviews of various persons present... Most amusing thing: The chairman's story about Brother and Sister George Robinson, looking like Herbert Hoover running around with Eleanor Roosevelt... Most amazing thing: The system with which everything clicked off on schedule. Wish the church back home had a little of that. But we know now, it can be done! Most striking statement: Made by E. M. Zerr, "The first symptom of spiritual undergrowth is satisfaction with our present condition"... Most encouraging thing: The sight of boys taking their place to lead songs and preach without one bit of fear or hesitancy.

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I was impressed with the fact that one should not form opinions of people before you meet them. I have read after a good many writers in the M. C., but all those I fancied were tall, turned out to be short and dumpy; and the ones I thought were short turned out to be giants in stature. I have about decided not to form any more preconceived notions, but just let nature take her course. But I know one thing and that is if God wills, "I'll See You AT The NEXT Mass Meeting." Thanks Carl, for this space! (That's all right, come again.—Carl).

## EXCELSIOR HAS NEW BUILDING

The congregation at Excelsior Springs has a new building located at Saratoga and Benton Avenues. Approximately two hundred persons attended the opening service on Sept. 13, at which one young lady made the confession, being baptized in the afternoon. The city is famed as a health resort to which many church members come annually for treatment. They now have a place to meet. You are invited to send names and addresses of friends or relatives in or about Excelsior, that they may be contacted and invited to attend. Write Glenn H. Ellis, 6847 Chestnut Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.

## "SING ON"

Voices by the hundreds lifted up in praise to God, perfect time, inspirational rhythm, soul-moving, stirring singers hymning praise to the God of nations; that was the order of the day insofar as the music was concerned. From the time that Arvel Watts announced Number 7 in "Great Songs of the Church," the old hymn, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name," until the time when four young men by request and arrangement of C. R. Turner, sang "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies," there was such singing as would make the angelic beings above rejoice. Songs, songs, and more songs, led by boys, young men and older brethren, but always caught up by the audience and sent winging on their way toward the glory shore over yonder. Not only during the regular meetings, but in the noon hour rest period and at eventide there was singing. Special groups entertained with gospel singing while others were eating or visiting. These little side programs were directed by Roy Harris, Harmon Thompson, and Wilbur Storm on their respective days.

Here is a list of some of the song directors, although some names were not secured: Arvel Watts, Flat River, Mo.; Ray Turner, Sullivan, Ill.; Hershel Ottwell, Hartford, Ill.; James Storm, Riverside, Calif.; Kenneth Van Deusen, Kansas City, Mo.; Harmon Thompson, Saint Louis, Mo.; Roy Harris, Brixey, Mo.; Leonard Bilyeu, Saint Louis, Mo.; Frank Dunbar, Springfield, Mo.; Wilbur Storm, Riverside, Calif.; Harold Hays, St. Joseph, Mo.; Chas. Powell, Martinsville, Ind.; Curtis Burton, Lionel Burton and Jerry Ketcherside, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe Stracke, Granite City, Ill.; Ernest Harvey, Chilli-cothe, Mo.; Phil Hintz, Spokane, Wash.; Chas. and Jackie Fleener, Hammond, Ill.; Lowell Lawson, New Castle, Ind.; Paul Ketcherside, Cottonwood, Ariz.; Clarence Clem, Phoenix, Ariz.; Otto Schlieper, Hartford, Ill.; and Clifton Maberry, Bonne Terre, Mo.

## BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

Four questions were propounded by R. O. Webb, of Secor, Ill., in his discussion of the above topic and all were answered with scriptural texts and in the inimitable

way which Webb has. From the standpoint of applicable stories no one can eclipse Brother Webb, and he uses them to a good advantage to illustrate his points. We give you his outline as approved by himself on the subject, "Building For Eternity."

1. IS IT POSSIBLE? Indeed it is, since Jesus has gone to prepare a place and promised to come again for us that where He is, there we may be also. It is further specified that if we do his commands we will be entitled to the tree of life.

2. KIND OF MATERIAL? (Heb. 10:34; 2 Cor. 5:1). Loving deeds of kindness that will help a weary traveller bear his heavy load are a part of the construction material. All men are not alike in all respects; intellectually, socially and circumstantially we differ as trees, hills, rivers, beasts and birds differ. Birds of a feather flock together, yet we are interdependent and cannot afford to look down with contempt or disdain upon any honest or upright one doing the best they can with what they have in filling the sphere ordained of God. To whom much is given much will be required. "Well done" will be the divine plaudit to Mary who did what she could as well as to Paul with his many talents utilized. So let us never strut nor swell, but leave that for the proud peacock or turkey gobbler. "Say it with flowers" is a slogan of those who have flowers to sell. Let's have more flowers for the living while they can enjoy them!

3. WHO CAN DO THE BUILDING? You can! If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above. (Col. 3:1). Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely. (Rev. 22:17). Freely receive! Freely give! All can build.

4. ARE YOU BUILDING? Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy. (Hosea 10:12). Don't forget that in heaven we will have a better and an enduring substance. (Heb. 10:34). The saddest thing that haunts a human memory is the thought of wasted opportunities. Let us do our best whatever people may think or say, and after we have done as commanded, we are still unprofitable servants and have only done that which it was our duty to do. (Luke 17:10).

Love at first SIGHT usually ends with divorce at first SLIGHT.