

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.—PSALM 50:14-15.



I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

—PSALM 69:30.

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THANKSGIVING

By HENRY FREY

An acknowledging and confessing with gladness, the benefits and mercies, which God bestows either upon ourselves or others.

Thanksgiving . . . giving thanks. How much that word says!

You can feel the frosty air and the cold wind blasting at your face and penetrating even the bones of your body. You can see the leafless trees silhouetted against the lifeless gray sky; the logs cracking and blazing on the hearth. You can hear the voices of travelers returning to their old homes for the day; the gay chatter and laughter of the young folks going to Grandpa's; guests, full of gratitude and love, coming up the walk with cheery greetings and smiling faces. There is church in the morning, and after church and after what seems to be hours comes the big Thanksgiving feast that is so complete there is even whipped cream on the pumpkin pie. There is a full table, not because we want so much to eat, but because we want to symbolize the treasures of this generous earth: the gifts given to us by God.

When did such a holiday begin? We read that the Pilgrims left England and went to the Netherlands and finally to a distant land, America, for religious reasons. In this new land they suffered many hardships—hunger, cold, and constant fear of sickness. The supply of food grew less and less. They watched the growth

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The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving

By THEO. BEER

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men, and let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing. (Psalm 107 verses 21 and 22).

The autumn season is upon us again and with it comes the Day of Thanks-

past year and try to enumerate our blessings. We find they are more than we can number. God has truly blessed us again with both temporal and spiritual blessings, and we are moved in heart to sacrifice the sacrifices of Thanksgiving, which is our joy as well as our duty. How thankful should we be that our government recognizes this also, and has proclaimed a day to be set aside for the giving of thanks. So when we gather with our families and loved ones around the table on the Day of Thanksgiving, and are filled with the precious gifts that are prepared for the sustenance of our bodies, let us not forget to give thanks and praise to the Giver of all good gifts, even as the patriarchs of old, as is found in Deut. 8:10. "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shall bless the Lord thy God for all the good land which He hath given thee." How wonderful is the word of God. We find passages of scripture for every need for the soul and body if we search therein.

Let us then all be thankful this Thanksgiving Day that our Pilgrim Fathers proclaimed a day to be set aside for the giving of thanks. Let us also review for a moment the circumstances that brought about this blessed day. Life for these God-fearing men and women was a bitter struggle for existence in this newly found land where they were establishing their homes, having come to

TREASURED VERSES

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord IS GOD: IT IS he THAT hath made us, and not we ourselves; WE ARE his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, AND into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, AND bless his name.

For the Lord IS good; his mercy IS everlasting; and his truth ENDURETH to all generations.

giving. It impresses us to see how full of thanks and praise was the heart of the psalmist when he said that men should praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. His heart overflowed with praise when he thought of all his benefits. It would be well for us to review the

this country that they might have freedom to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. They suffered untold hardships, through the winter just past and many of their little band were unable to weather the severe winter, with its bitter cold and lack of food. With the coming of spring they took new courage and prepared their soil, planted their seeds with the hope that God in whom they trusted would give them a sufficient harvest to keep them through the coming winter. God who is ever faithful to His people, fulfilled His promises and blessed their fields so they could reap an abundant harvest. This great blessing moved these God-fearing men and women to proclaim a special day for the giving of thanks. We can believe this day was kept in the true spirit of Thanksgiving. They accepted these gifts from God, and felt that He had answered their prayers. What was more fitting than a Day of Thanksgiving? In reality there were many days of thanksgiving since the beginning of time. Even as David of old praised the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Let us also be diligent in sowing the seeds of truth and goodness, with a prayer in our hearts that they may spring up and grow to the saving of many souls and to the honor and praise of His great and Holy Name. When we give thanks on this special occasion, let us also be thankful to God that He has spared our fair land from the horrors of this past war. Our cities and our churches (unlike those in foreign countries), have been shielded from war's destruction. Should not all these blessings move us to Sacrifices of Thanksgiving again this year? We are also mindful of our loved ones who made the Supreme Sacrifice in this great struggle, that from these honored dead we would take increased devotion, for that cause for which they gave their last full measure of devotion. Our hearts go out in sympathy to those who have suffered this great loss. Let us all rededicate ourselves anew to His service and to the service of others. The Lord Jesus has said in His word, "The harvest is truly great but the

laborers are few." So let us labor on in this great Harvest Field, and glean souls for Him, who does not desire the death of a sinner, but that the sinner should repent and live. The time in which we are living is evil, and the day of grace will soon be over, the night will be upon us when man can work no more. Let us be diligent in our high calling, and "Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (Cor. 15-58.)

LIFE is a probation and a test, not to make us fall, but to make us stronger and better. Temptations are made to be gates not to hell but to Heaven. Of our temptations we can frame a ladder, if we will but tread beneath our feet each deed of shame. Satan tempts; God tests. What is the difference? It lies in the purpose of the trial. Satan tempts in order that man may fall. God tests in order that man may gain the victory and be strong and good. The fact that man fell through temptation from without, and not from an evil nature within him, gives hope of redemption. Man's case is thus far more favor-

able than it would be if all the evil in the world originated in himself. Here we see the tragedy of sin, the tragedy of the universe. His is not merely the chips that necessarily accompany the making of man. The fall was not a fall upward. The world would have been infinitely better if Adam and Eve and all their descendants had grown by resisting temptation but God has done all that infinite mercy and love could do to lift man out of the pit into which he has fallen. Why man has fallen we cannot explain, but God knowing all things, still He saw fit to create man. An ancient story writer has imagined the Creator, when before creation He was alone in the space of the universe, considering whether He should create or not. He thought the question through to the end. He saw the sins and evils, devils and bad men which would come. He saw the good, the saints and angels, the virtues as many and as bright as the stars, the new Heaven and the new Earth enduring through eternal ages and He saw that it was wise and good to create. There was no other way by which good beings could be made except by giving them the power of choice.—*Writer, Unknown.*

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in Heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

CHORUS—

Count your blessings, Name them one by one;
Count your blessings, See what God hath done,
Count your blessing, Name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, See what God hath done.

THANKSGIVING

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of their crops anxiously; they knew that their lives depended on a full harvest. Spring and summer flew by; the land was blessed with showers and sunshine; autumn came and their crops stood ready for the gathering. They reaped the fruits of their labors and housed it carefully for the winter. They could face the winter and the future with lighter hearts. They marveled at God's works. How could they thank Him enough? They thought, "We have fasted together; now we can feast together. We shall have a special day to give thanks for all the goodness of God. He has remembered us; we will remember Him."

But even before there was an England, the Jewish people had a similar festival at Jerusalem called the feast of tabernacles. We can read of it in Nehemiah, Judges, and in the still older book of Exodus where Moses gives directions for its observance.

The religious significance of the occasion, however, is now overshadowed by the feasting and making merry. The reasons for giving thanks in 1621 have remained to this day but with many, many others added. It should be a day when people recognize all of the blessings of God and His goodness to our land; a day to give thanks for bountiful, golden harvests and for peace and prosperity; a day for prayer and rejoicing.

Let us not forget, though, and give thanks only on Thanksgiving Day. Let us remember to give thanks to God every day. The Psalms tell us, Let us give thanks unto God morning, noon, and night. Not only for food and the material things of life, (Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.—St. Matthew 4:4) but for His wonderful plan of salvation. Jesus, who was willing to fulfill His heavenly Father's will, left His heavenly home to come into a world of sin. He, who had no fault and knew no sin, was despised and rejected and had to die the bitter death and shed His precious blood upon the cross at Calvary as a ransom for the sins of the world. May we ever be thankful for His great

LETTERS

I wish to express my thanks to the "Silver Lining Staff" for the marvelous and blessed job they have been doing in their victorious paper. While overseas on Saipan, your paper was very comforting and helpful to me, and strengthened me in many different occasions. The Lord has graciously blessed me throughout my stay on Saipan and now has brought me back home safely to my loved ones.

Robert Miller, Gridley, Illinois

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I wish to thank those responsible for the publications of the "Silver Lining" which have been sent to me in the past.

I really enjoy the paper very much and hope it can be sent to me at my new address. **Pvt. Edward P. Stevens** 15216059, 3063 Ord. Sv. Co., A.P.O. 986, % P.M., Seattle, Washington.

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I received the September issue of the "Silver Lining" this morning, and want to thank you for sending it to me. I have received it every month since I have been in service, and enjoyed reading it very much. Now that I am permanently stationed here I will give you my new address in hopes I will continue receiving it in the future. **Pvt. Lee E. Eisenmann,** A.S.N. 46076229, 27th A.A.F.B.U.—S. A.M., Randolph Field, Texas.

love bestowed upon us. We read in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Should we not be more thankful than we are for His great promises and for the teachings that have been kept in store for us who are privileged to live in this day of grace?

We ask God to grant us grace, wisdom, and understanding so that we may conduct our lives in such a manner that we may be found more worthy of His great love and blessings. In return for these we must give thanks; we ask God to not let us forget that giving thanks is a duty not only on Thanksgiving, but on every day of the year.

—HENRY FREY,
Remington, Ind.

MY DAY'S JOURNEY

Another day of grace is here
O Lord I pray be ever near
And fill this heart with strength and light
As yonder sun that shines so bright.

Throughout the night with care you've kept
My soul from evil as I slept
And from the footsteps of this day
Again I'll journey on my way.

I know this way leads on
To land, of one eternal morn
Where night shall never more be known;
For darkness from the land is gone.

I feel myself a pilgrim here
The Lord alone to me is dear.
For dearer than all earthly things,
In love to Him, my soul still clings.

And in this valley, dark and drear
I know the wicked one is near
My soul he tries to undermine,
And rob me of Thy gift divine.

This world I know does not confess
That Satan rules by wickedness.
For multitudes are bound by him,
And living in his nets of sin.

Each day this battle do I fight
But God shall ever shield the right
In every dark and threatening hour
My Lord is near with strength and power.

And now the sun from day so high
Has sunk beneath the Western Sky.
The Lord again His love imparts,
By giving rest to weary hearts.

A day's true journey have I made
Behind the toil of earth I've laid
And now in humble earnest prayer
I bring to thee my every care.

But yet I long for that sweet rest,
Where weary souls, I know are blest.
There safe and free from all alarms
I'll rest within my Saviour's arms.

—Submitted by Martha Heininger.

Editor's Note

We are very sorry that we had to omit the writing of Rev. Philip Gutwein in this issue. He was unable to furnish us a writing due to the fact that his wife, Sister Gutwein, underwent an operation. She is reported to be getting along very nicely. The Silver Lining Staff wishes her a speedy recovery.

We hope that the writings of Brother Gutwein will be continued in the December issue.

God's promises are always broader than our prayers.

NEWS

Leo, Indiana

On Sunday, October 6, many young people from the Leo Sunday School visited the Francesville Sunday School and Church. A very enjoyable day was shared by all and was climaxed by the interesting program "Take Time." This was presented by the Francesville Young People.

Little Lowell Lantz spent several days at the Lutheran Hospital where he was taken for a lung infection. He has recovered again and is back in school.

Amos Schladenhauffen is still on the sick list at this writing. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Gaylord Widner, who has been attending Purdue University, was suddenly taken ill with appendicitis. He is successfully recovering from his operation. Richard Lantz and Edward Souder went to Purdue to visit him.

Aden Klopfenstein, son of Michael Klopfenstein, is visiting relatives and friends in Grabill.

MarCeil Klopfenstein spent several days visiting friends at Bremen, Indiana.

On Thursday, October 17, the Good Cheer Group met at the church and sewed for relief work.

Sunday, October 20, was a very inspirational day at the Leo Church. The Young People's Meeting for October was held. The theme was "Service to Our Fellowmen." Visitors from the following Sunday Schools were present: Bay City, Michigan; Bluffton; Bremen; Latty, Ohio; Milford; Peoria, Illinois; Remington; Toledo, Ohio; and Wolcott.

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the passing away of Amelia Minter on October 17. Funeral services were held Monday, October 21, at Richmond, Kentucky. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. George Stieglitz, Harold Stieglitz, Leah Schwartz and Cornelius Levy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heacker, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio, attended services at the Leo Church, Sunday, October 20. Mr. Heacker is attending Tri-State College at Angola.

Reverend Ernest Gerber of Rockville, Connecticut, and Reverend Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Ohio, are reported to have visited the following churches: Mansfield, Ohio; Latty, Ohio; Remington, Indiana; Morton, Illinois; Peoria, Illinois; and Oakville, Iowa.

In our last issue we incorrectly stated the colleges which some of our boys are attending. The following is correct. Richard Lantz is attending Defiance College at Defiance, Ohio. Harry Schwartz, Gaylord Widner, and Robert Stavenick are attending Purdue University. Donald Schlatter has returned to Manchester College at North Manchester, Indiana. Edward Souder will return to either Harvard University or Indiana University, probably the latter. Elder Sam Aeschliman and Daniel Lantz visited the Silver Lining Staff while we were preparing this issue for the printer. We were greatly inspired by this visit and appreciated it very much.

The Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and family and others from Remington, Indiana, visited our church Sunday, October 27. They were dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wintzler.

Rev. Irvin Stoller and family recently visited our church and some of their friends.

Bluffton, Indiana

Two more of our sons have been welcomed home. T/5 Dale L. Reinbeck was attached for seventeen months with the U. S. Signal Corps at Bad Wildungen, Germany and Paul Dotterer, a former Army man, who was stationed in Japan before his discharge.

Miss Ada Schwartz became the bride of Mr. Harry Gerber on Sunday, October 27.

Mary, Katherine, George, and Ed Schambach, and Elizabeth Anliker of Egin, Illinois, visited friends in Bluffton, Fort Wayne, and Leo over the week-end of October 20.

The marriage of Miss Lela Moser to Mr. Robert Meyer took place on Sunday, October 20, 1946. Guests attending the wedding were: Rev. Ezra Feller,

Loretta Feller and Lynn Feller of Cissna Park, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schrenk of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois, Mr. Merle Bucher of LaCrosse, Indiana, Misses Grace Birkey, Edith Kayser, Eileen Schock, Mr. Ralph Roeker, and Mr. Bob Bellesley of Morton, Illinois.

Chicago, Illinois

On September 29, Rev. and Mrs. Elias Winzler visited at Francesville, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. Rich Schurter visited at La Crosse, Indiana on October 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bachtold, Mrs. William Bachtold, Janita, Lillian, and Alf Bachtold, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hartman, Mabel and Melvin Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Honegger, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Metz, Mary and Silas Nussbaum, all of Fairbury, Illinois, and also some Elgin guests spent Sunday, October 13 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schrenk and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht spent Sunday, October 20, at Bluffton, Indiana.

We have again started a Bible class which is held in the church basement every other Thursday evening.

Croghan, New York

Mrs. Amanda Virkler has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earl Ramseyer, of Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. Farney have moved into their home at Croghan. Their son, Mr. Niles, Farney, and his wife have purchased the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Farney formerly lived.

Rev. J. C. Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois, held the services here Sunday, September 29.

On Sunday, October 13, Rev. Chas. Krozsner of Union City, New Jersey, conducted the services here.

Miss Blanche Virkler, is a patient at the Lewis County Hospital. Mrs. John K. Virkler, who had been a patient, has returned home.

Mrs. Rose Hirschey left for California and Washington to visit her relatives. We wish her a pleasant and safe journey.

Elgin, Illinois

Melvin Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen, is now a civilian.

He was in the Service since January 13, 1945. While in the Service he was stationed on Saipan and Guam. Before returning home, he visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Conrad, at Portland, Oregon.

After almost two years in the Service, George Schambach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schambach, also returned home. It certainly is wonderful to have these two young men with us again.

Two cars of young folks from Roanoke and one car of young folks from Goodfield visited us October 20.

The following spent Sunday, October 20, in Peoria: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graf, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kaptain, Evelyn Wewetzer, Marie Hugh, and Ida Sinn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kellenberger, Clarence Dietrich, and Albert Schmidgab spent a ten-day vacation visiting in Minnesota and Iowa.

Katherine Huber and Lucille Brokard of Fairbury, Illinois, spent a few days visiting at the home of Theo Steffen.

Eureka, Illinois

On September 30, Rev. Philip Gutwein from Francesville, Indiana, and Rev. Ernest Luggenbuhl of Rockville, Conn., held services at the Roanoke Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hartter spent a week in the southern states following their marriage October 6.

Caesar Klaus, Sr., has been seriously ill at his home for the past week.

The announcement was made Sunday, October 13, of the coming marriage of Miss Emma Martin, daughter of Charles Martin, Sr., of Roanoke, to Lee Scherer of Roanoke.

George Haecker returned home last week from a visit of a few days with his brother Ed, at Oakland, California. Ed remains critically ill with no change in his condition.

On October 13 Margaret Fehr and Glen Hodel were married. There were also two announcements: Louise Aporle of Rockville, Conn., to Carl Fehr of Roanoke, and Elizabeth Wygand of Goodfield to Samuel Blunier of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Klaus are the proud parents of a son born October 23.

Francesville, Indiana

The members of the Leo Sunday School were our guests Sunday, October 6. We also had many guests from different places. We sincerely thank them for their blessed visit.

Mrs. Philip Gutwein, Jr. is hospitalized. She is slowly improving.

We greatly enjoyed the visit of five Chicago Brothers at our weekly Bible Class Meeting.

The following are happy parents of new babies: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Leman, Mr. and Mrs. James Gutwein, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gutwein, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pelsy.

Our all day Wednesday meetings have been very well attended. At these meetings we sew, mend, and pack relief boxes of clothing and food. Again we wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of the many dear ones from many churches who so greatly help in this worthy work.

Miss Marjean Gudeman was united in marriage to Mr. Willis Wuethrich, Saturday afternoon, October 5, 1946.

Latty, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Stoller and daughter, Linda, from California are spending several weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stoller, and other relatives and friends.

A group of our young people visited Milford, Sunday, September 27. A very pleasant time was reported.

Alma Lantz who has been visiting her brother and family here the past few weeks has returned home to Connecticut.

Rev. Will Fiechter and several others from Bluffton were with us Sunday, September 27.

Kathryn Stoller is still in the hospital with a broken ankle which she received in an auto accident.

We enjoyed the visitation of guests from Remington, Wolcott, and Bluffton on Sunday, October 6.

Milford, Indiana

We welcome Robert and Irene Weyneth, and Arthur Moser to the Milford Church. Robert and Arthur are enrolled in Goshen College.

The first and third Thursday of

each month is the date for our newly organized Bible meetings. The meetings consist of song service and a study of the Gospel of Luke.

Mrs. Harold Emch and daughter, Dianne, are spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Beer.

Our first devotional meeting for this season will be held, October 27. Elmer Harter and Carlton and Marion Beer are in charge of the meeting.

A number of our young people were privileged to enjoy a program at the Leo Church, Sunday, Oct. 20.

Morton, Illinois

Elder Rassi, who was operated on a month ago for appendicitis is getting along nicely. He expects to be in church with us soon.

Rev. Jake Knoll from Morris, Minnesota, was with us for Wednesday evening services.

Oakville, Iowa

Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock had as dinner and all night guests on September 28, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburt Funk, and Mr. William Funk.

David Hoerr, Harlan and Ivan Thomas were visitors from Peoria, Illinois, on September 29 and were dinner guests of Mary and John Perdelwitz that evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grimm and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yackley of Taylor, Missouri, on the week-end of October 6, were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrock, Ada Schrock, Paul and Ada Wayerloch, and Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner and family.

Funeral services were held on Oct. 14, in Burlington, Iowa, for Mrs. John Landes who was eighty-five years of age. The Rev. and Mrs. John Somerhalder attended the funeral services. Rev. Somerhalder held the services at Oakville on Sunday, October 13.

Guests October 14, were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Will Sauder of Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nussbaum of Forrest, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Louis Bahr of Sabetha, Kansas, and Rev. Jake Nohl of Morris, Minnesota.

The Misses Kathryn and Irma Miller of Burlington, Oklahoma, were entertained at their Aunt Anna Miller's home on Sunday eve-

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"Moment by Moment" A Story of the Hymn

Mrs. A——, a widow, had been going through great trial. She had a house on which she depended much for rent; through false references it had got into the hands of an evil man, who, whenever she went for the rent, simply mocked at her, jeered and laughed, and no effort that she made could either obtain the rent due or turn him out. She had at length put her case in the hands of a magistrate, who said she must appear in court, and the case was pending when my story begins.

She was in deep waters of poverty and had a terrible dread that God had forsaken her, when she saw in some paper "Three Days With God." It was the notice of the Rev. Andrew Murray's meetings to be held in the East End Assembly Hall. "I will go and spend these days with God and put my case into His hands," she said to herself.

On Wednesday she put on her bonnet to start forth, and had her hand on the door, when,—a knock—a young policeman asking "Does Mrs. A—— live here? My wife is dying,—I must be on my beat." It was a struggle for a moment but she said, "I will go to her." The young man took her to his house, where she found his young wife fearfully ill, indeed she thought dying. She had been nursed by a drunken woman, and her agony was so great that the least touch of the bedclothes made her cry out.

"No quiet days with God for me," she thought. She watched till the following morning, when she was relieved by a neighbor and went home to rest. As she entered her house she felt, "Now is my opportunity," and forthwith started for the Assembly Hall, and reached it in time for the afternoon meeting. Mr. Murray spoke on love, and the Holy Spirit deeply convicted her of sin. Did she not hate the man who had wronged her? Where was the love? How could she love? When at the close Mr. Murray said, "Let each here tell his Father in Heaven his need, and pour out his heart before Him while we wait on Him in silence," she knelt down with shame of heart and confessed her hatred and anger and doubts of God's love to her, accepted forgiveness and asked the love of God to fill her soul. She felt it little mattered what became of the house, if only she was right with God. His peace filled her heart as she rose and the hymn was given out, "Moment by Moment." How it thrilled her, especially the second verse:

Never a battle with wrong for the right,
Never a contest that He does not fight,
Lifting above us His banner so white,
Moment by moment I'm kept in His sight.

"I'll stay for the evening now," she said, "there is no need for sleep." Though all the money left in her purse was thirty-four cents, she thought, "Never mind, I'll pay for my tea, for moment by moment I'm under His care."

When she reached the sick room at 10

p. m. her heart was overflowed with joy. She found the woman worse, moaning pitifully. After a while, as she moved quietly about arranging the room for the night, Mrs. S—— said, "Nurse, you must have had a good sleep, how rested you look." "Oh, no, my dear, I have had no sleep, I have been to the East End and have got such a blessing that all my care is gone, and I have brought you such a wonderful hymn that I'll read to you presently." "The East End,—what good can you get there, Nurse?" She told her a little of the meeting and how God had spoken to her, showing her her sin and need of Divine Love, how He had met her and cleansed her heart and filled her with unspeakable joy and peace. Then she read the hymn.

Dying with Jesus, His death reckoned mine,
Living with Jesus a new life divine,
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

"Read it again," said the sufferer. Her moaning ceased, and she lay very still. About midnight footsteps came down the stairs, a gentle knock, and an elderly lady entered to inquire for Mrs. S——. The sick woman answered, "I am ill, but my Nurse has been to the East End and brought me such a beautiful hymn, it will do you good, too. Read it to her, Nurse." So again the hymn was read.

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment I'm under His care.

"Read it again, Nurse," whispered the dying woman. So for the fourth time she heard the wonderful hymn. The old lady of seventy-six stole back to her room. About three o'clock when all was still, Nurse heard her praying.

The night passed very quietly, and she seemed a little better in the morning. Later on the old lady of seventy-six came down again and asked if Nurse would go to see her mother upstairs and take her the wonderful hymn. During the day she paid the old lady of ninety-six a visit and found her in bed, but such a picture of an old lady—her face so sweet and all her powers so bright! "I hear that you have a wonderful hymn that has done Mrs. S—— good, Nurse, and I want you to read it to me. I'm very miserable." "What's the matter?" inquired Mrs. A——. "My sins," she answered. "I know I can't live long, and I am not ready to die. I stay in my bed, not because I am ill, but because I am so afraid and miserable. My daughter says you have been to the East End, but I can't think what you have been there for. It's a dreadful place, I think, the East End. I used to go to the Conference Hall when I was younger; much more respectable, my dear, and I have heard the very best preachers in London there. . . . But for all that I am not ready to die. What's the hymn you have brought from the East End?"

"It is the Lamb of God you need," said Mrs. A——. "Behold the Lamb of God

that taketh away the sin of the world.' It was a sight of Him that took the load of sin off me."

They talked over the glorious gospel message until dear old ninety-six said, "But where is the hymn, Nurse, that done you so much good?" So, "Moment by Moment" was read again.

Never a weakness that He does not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal,
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Saviour, abides with me still.

Sunday morning when Mrs. A—— was tidying up after the night's watching, about 10:30, she heard the rustling of a silk dress, and looking around, to her surprise, saw the pretty old lady of ninety-six with a silk dress and cap, looking fresher and younger than her daughter of seventy-six. "Good day, my dears, I am coming to see how you do, for my heart is as light as a bird, and I have to tell Mrs. S—— if she knows the hymn she will soon get well again.

For moment by moment I'm kept in His love,
Moment by moment I've life from above,
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

I could not keep my bed any longer. 'Jesus my Saviour abideth with me still.' The sick woman turned to her and smiled, "Ah, Mrs. M——, my verse is—

Never a heartache and never a groan,
Never a tear drop and never a moan,
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own."

The dear old lady was overflowing with joy—Mrs. A—— said, and it was good to hear her talking to the policeman's wife of the sins of ninety-six years cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb.

The daughter of seventy-six was the next to come into the light and then the young policeman, and soon they could all gather in the little parlor, where the young man had a piano, and every night they sang the hymn. The neighbors noticed the change and came in to inquire what new song they were so often singing, and thus the good tidings spread of a Saviour's love.

The trial came on about the house, the dreaded day. Mrs. A——'s patient was well enough to accompany her to court. The precious hymn went, too. "Be sure, my dear, you read me my verse just before I am called into the witness box." They sat together encouraging one another, and once more the favorite verse was read—

Never a battle with wrong for the right,
Never a contest that He does not fight,
Lifting above us His banner so white,
Moment by moment I'm kept in His sight.

The magistrate soon decided matters; scarcely a question was asked Mrs. A——. The widow's house was given over to her. So, with a very thankful heart, she praised the Lord.

"O taste and see that the Lord is good,
blessed is the man that trusteth in Him."

—S. African Pioneer.

The Bible

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II. The Septuagint, or "Version of the Seventy."

It is called the LXX. It occupies the highest place as a Greek Version of the Old Testament. An old tradition declares that it was prepared by seventy learned Jews of Alexandria, having translated it from the Hebrew; that these seventy (or seventy-two), translators, each in a separate cell, made a complete translation of the entire Old Testament, and when these were compared they were so identical they were regarded as inspired.

It is quite evident from the rendering of different portions that the work was done at different times. It is believed by some that it was begun in the reign of Ptolemy Lagos and finished in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, about 285 B. C. It is not an accurate translation. There are many variations from the Hebrew which accounts for the difference we some times notice between the Old Testament and the quotations from the Septuagint by the Evangelists and Apostles, our Old Testament being translated direct from the Hebrew. It was this version the writers of the New Testament used, and it would seem to be the only Scripture with which the Jews of Alexandria and early Christian writers were familiar.

In the Second Century A. D. the Alexandrian Jews requested Aquila to make a new translation so as to correct the inaccuracies of this version. His translation was exceedingly literal, was highly esteemed by the Jews and is quoted in the Talmud. It was discredited, however, by the early Christian writers.

The Septuagint rendered a remarkable service in preparing the way for the coming of Christ. Following as it did the work of Alexander the Great it afforded the Greek-speaking world the opportunity of reading the Scriptures, and especially the prophetic writings, in the language of the day and thus brought to that time the Messianic truths of the Old Testament.

III. The Syriac or Peshito Version.

This was made at Edessa in Meso-

potamia at the close of the first century A. D. It is the most ancient copy of the whole Bible containing all the books of the Old Testament, and with the exception of the II and III Epistles of John, II Peter, Jude and Revelation, all the books of the New Testament. It is a translation from the Hebrew into the Syriac, "and has been always accepted by all sections of the Syrian Church as authentic, and from it several Arabic Translations have been made."

Peculiar interest attaches to the Ancient Versions since these translations of the Bible into the language of early Christendom greatly antedated the oldest of our present Greek manuscripts. It is quite possible that the parents of some of those who used these Bibles had seen the apostles, and it will be readily seen that these translations would be of great value in determining the original text. The Syriac Version, the language of which was so much like that of the people of our Lord's time, was in use about fifty years after the New Testament was written.

IV. The Latin Vulgate.

Many errors had crept into the Old Latin Versions which called for a revision. To perform this great task, Damascus, bishop of Rome, appealed to St. Jerome, one of the greatest scholars of his day. He took up his residence at Bethlehem and spent many years on the translations of the New Testament into Latin, and the Old Testament from the Hebrew, the latter being a task of which at that time probably no other person would have been capable.

He completed the New Testament in 385 A.D. We have a right to assume that he used the oldest manuscripts and that his authorities, no doubt, carried him back to apostolic times. "No other work," says Smyth, "has ever had such an influence on the history of the Bible. For more than a thousand years it was the parent of every version of the Scriptures in Western Europe, and even now, when the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts are so easily accessible, the Rhemish and Douay Testaments are translations direct from the Vulgate, and its influence is quite per-

ceptible even on our own Authorized Version."

From the time of Gregory the Great it became the authorized version of the Western Church, but at first it had to overcome the most pronounced prejudice. It was charged with being heretical and subversive of faith in the Scriptures and that it impiously altered the inspired Word of God. Every attempt was made by the bigotry of the time to bring it into disrepute. But Jerome knew that he was safeguarding the Scriptures against the faulty translations then in the hands of the people. To understand this antagonism it is only necessary for us to recall the attitude of many people to our Revised Version which appeared in 1881-1885.

It won its way into the hearts and minds of the people but when, a thousand years later, it was condemned as inaccurate by the Council of Trent, there was as much objection to this as at first it had been severely criticised. In the sixteenth century several revisions were issued and in 1593 Clement VIII issued what is the present standard edition.

These versions of the Bible, "written at different times, and in countries widely separated one from another, are for the most part independent testimonies, and are not mere copies of some one common original, as their verbal differences sufficiently attest; but their complete agreement in all essential points demonstrates the care with which these various books have been preserved, while it establishes their authenticity far more satisfactorily than that of any other ancient work." *Ancient Manuscripts*

I. Genuineness of the New Testament.

Our attention is now directed to the New Testament. Prior to the fourth century we have no complete catalogue of the Canonical Books, but we do have, to the time of the Apostles, constant quotations from most of them by Christian writers.

Clemens Romanus, Paul's fellow-laborer, refers to I Corinthians as Paul's epistle. Papias, a disciple of Polycarp who was a disciple of John, assigns to Matthew and Mark the

Gospels that bear their names. Tertulian (150-220), as also Irenaeus, make mention of the four Gospels and most of the books of the New Testament as genuine. Eusebius of Caesarea, 315 A. D., declares in his "Ecclesiastical History," that it is universally admitted that the following are genuine: the four Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the fourteen Epistles of Paul (assuming that Paul wrote the Epistle to the Hebrews), the first Epistles of John and Peter, and the Revelation of John. The catalogue of Origen is precisely the same as that of Eusebius.

NEWS

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ning, Oct. 20. Several young folks from Peoria and Morton were also present.

Mansfield, Ohio

Elder Noah Hartzler and a number of others from Wayne County, Ohio, and Rev. Rudolf Graf and several others from Akron, Ohio, visited here Thursday evening, October 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Keitel of Cissna Park, Illinois, visited with relatives and friends for several days.

Rev. Joseph Kloetzle of Gerard, O., conducted services here Sunday, October 13.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sauder and their son, Robert, visited with relatives and friends in Indiana and Illinois.

Rev. Forrest Ritzman of Akron, O., conducted services here Sunday, Oct. 20.

Peoria, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Geyer are making Peoria their home. Mrs. Geyer was formerly Hazel Weigand, daughter of Joe Weigand, of Oakville, Iowa.

The first Young People's Christian Endeavor meeting of the season was held in Peoria on Sunday evening, October 13. Sunday School Groups participating in the program were from Princeville, Tremont, Goodfield, Roanoke, Morton, Cissna Park, and Peoria. The program was very well attended.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Weigand of Peoria to Mr. Sam Blunier of Roanoke, Illinois, was announced Sunday, October 13.

Princeville, Illinois

Sunday, October 20, Rev. Henry Grimm of Morton and Rev. Ben Zimmerman of Carlock conducted services.

The announcement of the engagements were made recently at Princeville: Miss Louise Miller of Pulaski, Iowa, to Mr. Daniel Endress of Princeville, Miss Mildred Streitmatter of Princeville to Mr. LeRoy Huber of Fairbury, Illinois, and Miss Sylvia Streitmatter of Princeville to Mr. Wilmer Brennier of Roanoke, Ill.

Remington, Indiana

A number of visitors from Peoria and Eureka, Illinois, honored us with a visit on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Eight cars of young people, Sunday School teachers, and others accepted the invitation of the Latty, O., Sunday School and visited them on Sunday, Oct. 6th. They report that they spent a wonderful day there and appreciate the hospitality of the folks at Latty.

Rev. Henry Beer visited our church October 9th.

The latest reports of Mr. William Bahler, who has been quite ill for the past month, indicate that he is on the way to recovery. For the past ten days he has been in a hospital in Chicago.

Members of our congregation visited Cissna Park on Sunday, October 20th.

Taylor, Missouri

The Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Yackley and children of Kansas and Bill Yackley of Peoria spent the weekend of October 13 with us.

Cpl. William Wiegand has finished nine months of service in Germany and received his discharge, October 26.

We welcome back Mr. and Mrs. William Cattrell and son who have been making their home in Chicago while Mr. Cattrell attended school there.

October 10 was the evening that Edith and Leona Wiegand were hostesses to a number of friends at a tasty dinner and enjoyable evening.

Toledo, Ohio

Mrs. William Benham, the former Ruth Schick, has returned to Toledo due to the fact that her husband, Capt. William Benham, left for China.

Pvt. Edward Stevens is now stationed in Alaska on the Island of Amchitka.

We were very happy to learn that Miss Esther Meister is improving after her recent operation.

On Sunday, October 6, we had the pleasure of entertaining the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dotterer and daughter, Mrs. Emma Levy, and Miss Tena Levy of Junction, O.; Mrs. Minerva Klinger of Pennsylvania; and Mr. and Mrs. William Storrer and two of their children of Archbold, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Schlatter and others from Toledo visited in Wauseon and Archbold on Sunday, Oct. 13.

A true blessing was received by those of us who were privileged to visit the Leo Church and attend their Young People's Meeting on Sunday, October 20.

Visitors in Toledo on Sunday, Oct. 20, were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Graf and family of Akron, O., Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dotterer and family of Junction, O., and Mr. and Mrs. John Stoller and family from Latty, Ohio.

West Bend, Iowa

Visitors at our church were Rev. and Mrs. Jake Stettner, Rev. Will Stettner, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger from Elgin, Ill.

John Moser, Sr., from Kansas visited here Sunday, Sept. 29.

S/Sgt. Archie Banwart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart, arrived home from Japan, September 26. He was in Luzon and Japan during the eighteen months he was overseas. He will report to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, October 9, to receive his discharge. Another son, Pfc. Alvin Banwart, is in Germany and expects to be home in several months.

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