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# The Upton Challenger

UPTON EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

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## Pastor's Column

This is Monday morning, July 7th and we are finishing the task of getting out the news for the Upton Challenger. Yesterday was a beautiful—and cool—summer Sunday but our church service was one of the poorest church services that we have held for a long, long time. I know that there was a long week end holiday. I know also that many of our shops are shut down for a period of a week to two weeks and that this means that an unusually large number of our people are away on vacations or are at least out of the city.

Certainly no one will begrudge these vacations or these week-end holidays. I do hope however that when you are in Toledo that you will come—and if you have visitors, bring them along—to the Sunday morning services of your church. If you are away you should seek out a church and worship there. The Scriptures admonish us to be regular in our worship, "forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together", Heb. 10:25. We need to worship together.

We need to worship for the edifying of our own lives. It is not long when a person wilfully or heedlessly absents himself from the worship before his interest in the things of the church and the cause of God drops to a low level. In many instances his moral level drops and he excuses himself from the higher moral and spiritual obligations to society. What he wants to do he will justify somehow because his moral and spiritual tone has deteriorated. We need to worship that our lives may be lives on a high moral and spiritual plane to the edification of our own individual lives.

We need to worship to the edification of the church. How inspiring it is to find that many of our church brethren have come together to worship God. How depressing when we find in attendance but a few of so many who should be present. There is a mutual uplift when God's children gather together to praise and adore Him, to seek to know His holy will, and to gain strength from His presence to do that will. Do you contribute to the inspiration of the worshippers of your church or are you wilfully or negligently absent thereby keeping your church from the greater ministry of which it is capable? What will you have to say to your Lord concerning this? We need to worship together to the edification of the church.

We need to worship together as a great testimony to our neighbors and friends.

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## Credits From Toledo Training School

The following credits were issued by the Training school of the Toledo Sunday School association—

To Mr. N. E. Kane—The Prayer Life, Between the Testaments, Public Speaking, The New Testament, Adult Methods, The Gospel of St. John.

To Mrs. N. E. Kane—Public Speaking, The Vacation Bible School, Junior Methods, Story Telling, History of the English Bible, The New Testament.

The credits were given for the work completed in the two semesters of the school year of 1946-47. Sessions are held on Monday evenings with choice teachers from throughout the city. Courses are open to people of all denominations.

If there are other courses taken by our people we will be glad to list them when they are reported. As we recall others of our church who have completed work in this school are—Mrs. Bernard Costell, nee Esther Fowler, who has completed some three or four departments of work and is a member of the Alumni, as is also Mrs. Vada Mark and Mr. Doyle Falor.

## A Sermonette

Clocks and watches have always fascinated me. I've always been taught to treat them kindly. You don't drop them, or throw them around, or step on them, not if you expect them to run.

But in New York I saw thousands of people stepping on a clock, for it is on a busy street corner in the sidewalk. The clock was there to advertise the jewelry store it set in front of. The manager said the clock costs \$5000.

"Don't people break it, walking on it all the time?" I inquired.

"No," he replied. "Four or five thousand people walk on it every day and of course the plate glass crystal gets scratched and we have to change it every year. But the clock itself goes on doing its job even though they do step on its face. Sort of returns the good for evil, you see."

He smiled and then went on: "It's the clock inside that really counts, not the outside face. Just as it is what is inside a man or woman that counts. Somebody may scratch your face, may say ugly things about you, may hurt you. But that is just surface stuff. If you have the right spirit inside, you don't quit when things go wrong. You go on just the same, being kind and considerate, doing good in return for evil just like that clock."

Duane Johnson

## Elections

Results of the elections held recently in the Sunday School and Council of Administration are as follows:

Sunday school, Edson McShane, Supt., Russell Reynolds, Assistant Supt.; Edw. Riendeau, Associate Supt.; Homer Stock, Ass't. Associate; Mary Ann Papenfuss, Secretary; Winifred Layman, Treasurer; Virgil Turner, Chorister; Joann Ream, Pianist with Mrs. Mariam Turner, Ass't.

Council of Administration—F. J. Leonard Central Treasurer; H. P. Vernier, Current Treasurer; Wm. Schmitt, Financial Sec'y; Cloyce Smith, Benevolence Treasurer; O. H. Degener, Edw. Riendeau and Doyle Falor, Auditing Committee. Mrs. J. R. Costin, Mrs. Richard Beaubien, Homer E. Knisely, L. V. Fletcher and Edw. Riendeau—Music Committee. Mrs. Earl Hatfield, Mrs. O. L. Thomas and Mrs. Roy Summers—Banking Committee. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rodenhouser, Stewards of Communion. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Snyder, Otterbein Home Activity Chrm. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Robison, Flower and Sick Committee Chrm. Mr. O. H. Degener, Chrm. Bd. of Ushers. Mrs. Earl Hatfield, Mrs. C. Kanous, Mrs. J. R. Costin, Mrs. Richard Beaubien and Mr. Doyle Falor, Class Leaders. Mrs. O. E. Coder, Recording Sec'y.

At the Congregational meeting held on June 22, Mr. L. V. Fletcher was elected to continue on the Board of Trustees and Mr. Edw. Riendeau was elected to take the office formerly held by Mr. J. W. Elder. A word of appreciation is expressed for faithful service rendered by Mr. Elder during the period of his term of office. The church owes much to such men who give of their time and energy and judgment to the cause of the Kingdom.

All officers take office on the first Sunday following Annual Conference except members of the Bd. of Trustees who take office when elected.

## New Members

Holy communion was observed on the last Sunday of June.

Four members were received into Church fellowship. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bryan of 1332 Eleanor Ave. Mr. Richard Hess of 1105 Clymena and Mrs. Norman Fisher of 120 19th St. We welcome these new folk and wish them much happiness in their church home.

(Please add these names to your Church directory).

What a world! Everybody asks how you are feeling and then acts bored when you begin to tell.

## Weddings

On June 7th Mr. Albert Feigert and Miss Princess Terry, both of Van Wert, were married in Upton Church. A beautiful double ring ceremony with Mrs. Pearl Johnson, Matron of honor, Princess Johnson, junior bridesmaid, Lynn Feigert as ring bearer and Phyllis Johnson as flower girl. Oscar Feigert was best man. Don Reid and Gaylord Young were ushers. Miss Thelma Jones of Van Wert sang. Reception and luncheon was held in the church social rooms.

Wm. Thayer and Dorothy Kowaleski were married on June 14th in the groom's home on Manhattan Blvd. by Rev. O. E. Johnson. Miss Henrietta Sautter and Russell Thayer were attendants.

Theodore Harms and Miss Donna Fletcher were married in a double ring ceremony on June 21st in Upton Church. Mrs. Alice Bagley, Miss Joan Harms and Warren Harms were attendants. Franklin Bagley and Harold Harms acted as ushers. Virgil Turner sang the Lord's Prayer as a part of the ceremony. Reception followed in the church social rooms.

Sunday, June 22, was the date of the wedding of Mr. R. Thomas Sherer and Miss Margaret Lugibihl in Upton church. The pastor officiated in the beautiful double ring ceremony. Mary Lou Robison, maid of honor, with Iris Aubry and Dorothy Lindsey as brides maids, attended the bride.

Martin L. Roman and Edythe Huseman were married by Rev. Johnson on June 30th, in the church parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Calef and Bonnie were attendants.

Our congratulations!

## Young People's Choir

Young People's choir rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening 7-8 P. M.

Now that school is out and vacations are in order I do hope as many of the young people as can will attend rehearsals.

We have been having a good attendance although some are away at camp. We especially appreciate the good turn out at rehearsals. Gordon Bricker sang the solo in our last anthem.

Some of the young people are working with the senior choir on "The Holy City." All are enjoying a wonderful privilege in learning this great work.

Miss Ardis Brown one of the soloists of the choir auditioned for the Summer Opera which will be given at the Zoo amphitheater this summer. She has been accepted and will train with the chorus.

The choir will not sing the first Sunday in July as so many of the young people will be away. We will plan to sing in August.

Congratulations to Miriam Hoel, Gordon Mehan, Neil Stock, Billie Meredith, Don McDole who graduated from High school this year.

Mrs. Rathke, Director

## St. Marys Camp

Eighteen of our Young People from the Upton Church were in attendance at our Sandusky Conference Summer Camp and received a total of thirty-three credits in religious education courses. Among the courses taken were—Discovering Jesus, Beginning of the Early Church, Old Testament Heroes, Living as Christians, Partners with God, The Life of Christ, Meaning of Church Membership, Christian Stewardship, The New Testament, Planning for a Young People's Society, Youth at Worship, Teaching Children, Christian Personality, Christian Stewardship.

Leaders from our Conference together with Rev. Wendell Freshley of the Perrysburg church, former Evan. and Dr. O. T. Deever, Denominational head of our work in Evangelism and Dr. J. Gordon Howard, Pres. of Otterbein College taught the courses.

The following young people were in attendance—Carleton Knisely, Duane and Gordon Johnson, Jim Coder, Nancy Reighard, Reneé Riendeau, Joann Kerr, Virginia Leonard, Jackie Riggs, Phyllis Curtis, Catherine Cressler, and Rita Seger. Those of the older group were Don McDole, Dick Owens, Delores McDole, Billie Meredith, Betty Reighard and Norma Dotson.

This is the first time in all our history as a conference that we have been able to send our young people to a camp that they could call their own. What a privilege it was.

While the camp is under construction and facilities were not of the best all were delighted with the progress made and possibilities in evidence. The buildings give every evidence of being ample and comfortable. The grounds hold promise of the beauty that can be had from a well shaded spot along a lake. The Lake is a large body of water 8 miles by 10 miles. Fishing is good and there is on our own conference property a beach which is declared to be as fine as any on the lake.

All our young people came home benefited and pleased. The plan for the future will be for a summer program that will include all ages. Cottage sites will be for lease some time in the future.

Now may we call attention to the fact that such an undertaking requires money. Everyone should help if it is at all possible. Some should give large gifts. Let everyone do his best. This will be a project of joy to all for years to come.

Annual Conference will be held on the Camp Grounds during the week beginning Sept. 2. All are welcome.

"A good thing to remember, and a better thing to do, is to work with the construction gang and not with the wrecking crew."

Wise men are instructed by reason; men of less understanding by experience; the most ignorant by necessity; and beasts, by nature.

## Ladies' Aid News

To vary the summer schedule instead of meeting in the church the Upton Ladies held their June meeting in the home of Mrs. Nina Kohl on 631 Islington. A good crowd of 22 were present.

The devotions were given by the Chaplain, Mrs. Riendeau.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the following: President, Mrs. Mina Kohl; Vice President, Mrs. Marie Thomas; Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Pfeiffer; Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Schmidt.

It was decided not to have the public suppers during July and August.

The society was invited to the home of Mrs. Mark for the July meeting which will be on Tuesday evening of the 8th. All ladies are cordially invited to these business meetings.

V. Mark

## Christian Service Guild

The Guild girls were entertained very lovely in the home of Betty Reighard in June with Barbara Main very splendidly leading the devotional program which concerned the "Rebuilding of the Liberated Church in the Philippines." Our new president, Miss Marietta Sautter had charge of the business session in which new projects were planned for the coming year.

How very true is this poem by Beryl Star LeGras.

"The church of God can never be destroyed  
By words, edicts or bombs of enemy:

It is the final destiny of man  
To keep the church throughout Eternity  
It is not made by hands, it is not seen  
By Mortal Eye. It is within men's hearts  
Where God and man must meet and talk  
alone

A foe is vanquished even as he starts."

Mrs. O. E. Johnson, Counsellor.

## Primary Department

The first Sunday in June was Promotion Day. Twenty-seven of our boys and girls received certificates of promotion to the Junior Department. We hate to lose these boys and girls but also like to see them move forward toward bigger things in Sunday school. I am sure it will not be long before we will gain back our loss. On June eighth our Children's Day program went very well. We received many compliments. I wish to thank Mrs. Roberts for her help in practicing the children and in making the angel costume; also to thank Bud Swisher for the Ten Commandment signs. Darlene Frantz and David Roberts went up to the auditorium where they received 2 year pins for perfect attendance. Here is an example for others to follow.

Primary Supt.  
Mrs. Mearl L. Main

The following 6 pages contain all articles and news from our Sandusky Conference as compiled and edited for the Sandusky News by the staff thereof. A splendid opportunity to become acquainted with a great conference.

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## School Of Missions

Dear Readers of the Sandusky News:

For forty-two years the Winona Summer School of Missions has been in session for one week each year. It has been the writer's privilege to attend for a number of sessions and much of inspiration and helpfulness has been gleaned from the experience.

I have been impressed that if more folks knew about the wonderful things in store for those who attend, perhaps more women and girls would take advantage of it.

First it is interdenominational which means an interchange of fellowship which is most helpful.

Second the current mission study books are taught by real experts on the subject matter. Sometimes missionaries from the country studied have been the teachers and in one instance the author of the book was with us for the purpose of teaching her own book.

Third a renowned Bible teacher is always on the staff to teach some book in the Bible.

Fourth and perhaps greatest treat of all is the meeting and fellowship with missionaries from all lands.

The school is under the direction of the Winona Committee who have worked untiringly thru the years to make the school a success. All denominations have a representative on this committee.

As the attendance of young women has dropped off because of other camps being held, this year a week end was planned for employed young women and girls. It was pronounced a success as many took advantage of the privilege of having this much of the great school. Miss Miriam Fritz of Attica, Ohio was the representative of Sandusky Branch. She is the new Secretary of Girls Missionary Guilds and she will bring to her new office much that will be helpful because of having attended the school.

This is being written in the hope that women and girls of Sandusky may know of this very fine privilege that may be theirs and of the pleasant and profitable way you may have a vacation. It is also a fine thing to send some one of your Women's Society for World Service and I am sure you would receive many fold in return on the investment.

Think it over until the time for next year's School of Missions and when you have once gone you will say "How can I ever miss."

Yours for bigger and better Winona School of Missions,

Mrs. W. E. Dipert

## Success At St. Marys

Much praise and credit is due Dr. Allman and the Conference Trustees for the miraculous results wrought at Sandusky Camp at St. Marys. With determination and vision they have forged ahead against almost impossible weather conditions; doubt, criticism, and ridicule from brethren and leaders from whom they deserved assistance and encouragement.

It reminds us vividly of Nehemiah's resisting the taunts of Sanballat and Tobiah, saying, "I am doing a great work and cannot come down." The Sanballats of incessant rain, scarce material, hard-to-get labor, kept saying "It can't be done!" but these stout hearted Nehemiahs kept on working and succeeded in preparing for the Campers, and on scheduled time.

Today on these grounds where I, as a boy used to kill snakes and pick berries are the cottages, dormitories, residences, drainage system, lighting system, water supply, large and adequate kitchen, and dining hall, drives, channels being constructed, auditorium in process and a fine athletic field. Last fall not much could be done. The winter stopped almost everything, then the rainy spring that hindered farmers from planting their fields also hung heavy on our necks. Many of the pastors who endangered their health by standing royally by working against all odds deserve great credit. I never heard any of them complain. All complaints which I heard came from those who were not there.

Lilly and Lydick, assigned there by the conference have proven themselves really noblemen. Their sacrifice and constancy for Camp Sandusky ought to be recorded in conference history.

It takes, even now, a person who can see visions and dream dreams to picture what this camp site promises to be. "It doth not yet appear." It is a safe prediction that in a few years hence it will be spoken of as one of the finest church camps to be found anywhere.

J. E. Dutton, Lima, Ohio

## Old Age

Sometimes the sun seems to hang for half an hour in the horizon, only just to show how glorious it can be. Day is done, the fervor of shining is over, and the sun hangs golden in the west, making everything look unspeakably beautiful, with the rich effulgence which it sheds on every side. So God seems to let some people, when their duty in this world is done, hang in the west, that man may realize, how worth while they are.—H. W. Beecher.

## Superintendent's Column

"This is our own" was often heard during the two weeks of the summer assembly at Camp St. Marys. That very fact seemed to make a great deal of difference in the spirit that prevailed thruout the two weeks. Many declared "This is the best camp we have ever conducted." Statements like these were encouraging to those of us charged with the responsibility of building the camp. We have worked this year under the most unfavorable conditions due to the very rainy season. It did not look like it was possible to conduct the assembly at our new camp grounds; nevertheless, our conference leaders voted to go ahead and so we did. Their good judgment was borne out many times during the camp and will continue to bear fruit in enriched lives through the coming years. The experiences of campers and camp leaders assure the future of this new conference venture.

The camp is far from being completed. It will take years to complete the buildings and grounds. Especially the channeling and beautifying of the grounds. Let this be as it may, the work of building has gone forth rapidly and we are able to announce that the sessions of the Annual Conference will be held at the Camp September 2-5.

Pastors and churches will, I am certain, press harder now than ever the campaign for money to bring the camp grounds and buildings to completion. Besides the work on the solicitation and collection of these regular funds, there is a plan being drawn to erect three more dormitories. These buildings will cost approximately \$10,000 each. This does not include individual rooms or plumbing. A few Sunday Schools of the conference have challenged the others to give a minimum of one hundred dollars each for the erection of the first dormitory. This building must be erected before conference. Let the others of our 156 Sunday Schools accept the challenge and send at once to the Conference Treasurer, Rev. W. P. Alspach, Findlay, Ohio, a check for one hundred dollars. The names of the schools contributing will be inscribed on a suitable plaque and placed in the entrance way of the building.

Could not the money be had for the other two dormitories in the same manner? Certainly there are one hundred other groups, Sunday School classes, Ladies Aid Societies, Brotherhoods, and Women's Missionary Societies, ready to respond to an appeal for the second building. WHO WILL BE FIRST to challenge the  
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### EDITORIAL

#### CAMP ST. MARY'S

##### RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

They tell us that dreaming over the past is a sign of advancing age. And so it would be if we were willing to day-dream about the past, making no effort to look toward the future. But perhaps giving a little time to retrospection will help us to gain the background for the prospective look.

Your editor has hesitated to do this bit of writing, but it so happens that he is the only one of those who initiated and planned our conference camp program who is now active in the work of Sandusky Conference. More than 15 years ago, Rev. Paul W. Sharp, Rev. Harvey A. Garberson and the writer planned the program for the first summer assembly for the youth of the conference, held at Galion, Ohio. About 80 were registered. The next year we looked about for a place to meet. Bluffton College was considered, but they had scheduled a large church meeting for our week. In much fear and trembling we planned to go to Lakeside. How much of a real venture of faith that was can be understood only by those who had to make the plans, not knowing whether there would be sufficient funds to "pay out." From then on the growth was phenomenal.

Certain social problems coupled with the difficulty of making a unified camp

in a large community like Lakeside led the leaders to consider the matter of holding camp at Bluffton. The change was for the good in spiritual and educational results, but as the attendance grew it became evident that the college campus could not accommodate us, even by dividing into age groups.

Accordingly the annual conference directed the Conference Board of Trustees, the Conference Board of Christian Education and the Conference Superintendent to search for a suitable site, purchase it and develop a camp. No one except those who have had the work to do can envision the time and effort required for this work. Much time was spent in negotiating for property near Russell's Point. Finally all negotiations failed there. Then different sites were examined; a park near Bascom; an old CCC Camp near Defiance; Crawfis College near Gilboa. None of these was suitable.

Then negotiations were entered into between Mr. John I. Young of St. Mary's and the Conference Board of Trustees whereby the Conference became the owner of a tract of land on Lake St. Marys. This tract was undeveloped, some of it lowland, but ground which had great possibilities. The Board of Trustees took counsel with the State engineers who have been familiar with the Lake for more than a quarter of a century.

Considering the abnormal weather this year, the change which has been made is a credit to the labors of our Conference Superintendent, Dr. V. H. Allman, who has been placed in supreme charge. The fact that the most enthusiastic reports of the youth camps have been coming to us, shows us something of what Camp St. Mary's will be in another year or two.

However we do not limit our outlook to a year or two. We are looking forward to a program of development over a period of many years. Not only the buildings now projected, but others as the need may arise: roads, cottages, channels and bayous for boating and fishing. Not only youth and children's camps, but WSWs conventions; Brotherhood institutes; seminars for ministers; counselling meetings for young married people; Bible conferences; schools of religion; annual conferences. The possibilities are limitless. While the Board of Trustees has been asking for funds for the immediate needs, this is "only the beginning! only the beginning!" It is our prayer that this will continue to grow, not only in physical assets, but in spiritual and regenerative power that it may be a blessing to our children long after we who had a part in its beginning have gone to our last rest.

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#### FOR SALE

Rotary Neostyle Stencil Duplicator. Cheap. Contact Fay M. Bowman, 2216 Rosedale Ave., Toledo 6, Ohio.

## TRUSTEES WANT MONEY

The Conference Board of Trustees must borrow money to complete the buildings at Camp St. Marys. It has been suggested that there are individuals and perhaps churches that have money they would gladly loan the Conference Board at a reasonable rate of interest. The security is as good as any bank can offer, the rate of interest is better. The loan will be made to suit the lender, from three to five years. Amounts will be accepted from five hundred up. Those having money to loan should contact Rev. L. E. Ames or Rev. W. P. Alspach of Findlay, Ohio.

Two loans have already been made, one with an individual for one thousand dollars and another with a church for six thousand.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S COLUMN

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others? Next month we will tell.

If the Sunday Schools are to take the first of these three buildings and the Sunday school classes and other societies of the conference the second—HOW MAY WE GET THE THIRD? Certainly in a great conference like ours there are at least one hundred faithful souls that will give a hundred dollars each for the erection of the third building. Who will be the first to challenge this group? We will tell next month.

Plaques will be provided for these buildings also with the names of the donors. YOU who read this are charged with the responsibility of bringing the challenge to your society or group. It is God's call to you for service. Do not delay, do it at once.

Pastors and church officials take notice. Annual reports are due to be sent to the Superintendent and Treasurer August 18th. This date is just one month away. It does not seem possible that within the month we are to round out the work of the conference year; nevertheless, it is so. Pastors will go in search of those extra members needed to make the 5 per cent increase. All together NOW for the closing of another great year.

Oh, this rushing, restless, feverish age! It is one of the greatest perils that threaten the minister in this day, whether he is in a settled pastorate or going about from place to place, the peril of having no time for cultivation of fellowship with God, the most terrible peril that threatens us. We are swept off our feet by the rush of our work, carried along from day to day, tumbling like a turbid stream, and there is no restfulness, no practice of fellowship, no time for it. Time for everything else, but not for that, and everything else is weakened for lack of it. Oh, we need time for quiet, actual communion in friendship with God!—Dr. G. Campbell Morgan.

## FELLOWSHIP CORNER

The Mount Carmel Youth Fellowship has elected officers for the coming year. They are: president, Howard Vallimont; vice president, Donald Girtan; Secretary, Darlene Girtan; Treasurer, Evelyn Riegel.

Our Youth Fellowship has been having charge of a Sunday night prayer meeting in addition to our other weekly prayer service held by the adults during the week. A good percentage of our young people attend. We have found these prayer services very uplifting and we recommend them to any other group.

On the night of July 6, after our service we gathered in the church auditorium and saw the sound film "Ten Nights in A Bar Room." This picture was very inspiring and made us realize in a new way the horrors of the liquor business.

Thelma Riegel, reporter

## Camp Sandusky

Another CAMP SANDUSKY has taken its place in the fond memories of the young people of Sandusky Conference. For those who were present at the first camp held on the grounds of our own conference, the experience will not soon be forgotten. While the equipment and preparations were far from complete, they were adequate and the campers were splendid in their attitude and cooperated in a fine manner.

There were over three hundred enrolled in CAMP SANDUSKY this year which was quite equally divided between the two weeks. Campers were housed very comfortably in the 14 cabins provided for the purpose, with a counsellor over each. Meals were served by Mr. Warren Clemans of the High Street Market in Lima with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Clemans in charge. Classes met in temporary rooms in the basements of the homes of Rev. Lilly and Rev. Lydick and other rooms which were quite satisfactory. Assemblies were held in a large tent and when the future dining room was available, were held there.

The spirit of the camp was the same that has characterized our camp since its beginning. There was apparent an eagerness to receive that Christian insight and guidance which makes a camp such as ours different from others. In the words of one of the instructors, "Our camp has a spirit that does not depend upon the place where the camp is held."

The activities of the camp were traditional with all the fun of Christian fellowship as well as the inspiration of the classes and addresses. Boating, swimming and playground activities were most enjoyable and were amply supplied by the facilities of the camp. Miss Joyce Rapp and Rev. Maurice Gribler were most efficient in the supervision of these activities. We were fortunate to have with us for the chapel hour of the senior camp Dr. Deever who has been a continued source of help and inspiration to our

young people.

Chapel and vespers were addresses during the first week by members of the faculty and Rev. Heckert who was present for a part of the period. Music, which always plays such a large part in the program was directed by Rev. and Mrs. John Serle, Jr. Aside from doing an exceptional piece of work in directing and playing, they also provided special numbers for every service from the campers. Mr. Edwin Griswold supervised the morning watch hour which was a real source of blessing.

The week climaxed with the Faggot service of Thursday night when a large number of campers consecrated themselves to the work of Christ and the church and where many renewed their previously made consecrations.

All in all it was a great experience, the details of which cannot be given here but which have been carried back to the churches by the individual campers with all their enthusiastic fervor.

Don Hochstettler, Director.

## Pastors Take Notice

Your Kingdom Advance Program Leader's Guide calls for a committee of five from each local church. Study carefully this guide; make your appointments and make the best possible plans for a great offering on World Communion Sunday, October 5th.

The Kingdom Advance Program is to meet the need of World Relief for the starving peoples of the world and the rebuilding of our Missions. This is the most urgent program that our denomination has undertaken. Pastors are urged to appoint their local committees at once and plan to be present with them for a meeting of the entire conference committee on August 17th, 2:00 p. m., Findlay First Church.

## THE TRY-SQUARE

Most religions are meant to be straight lines, connecting two points—God and man. If man can be right with God, if he can please and pacify him, all will be well. But Christianity has three points—God and man and his brother, with two lines that make a right angle. Each one of us is at the point of an angle, looking up to God and out to his brother. What God sends down the perpendicular line we must pass on along the horizontal. If one hand goes up to God, the other must go out to our brother. If I am tempted, I must look both ways, and consider my brother as well as my God. If I only looked to God, I might spend more money on myself, and drink wine, for in themselves these things may not be sinful; but when I look at my brothers, some poor, some weak, some worldly, I hesitate. The law of liberty would let me as I look up, but not the law of love as I look out. Let us put this try-square on our lives, and look both ways, doing that only which is both filial and fraternal.

—M. D. Babcock

## A SETTER FORTH OF STRANGE GODS

Bahaism, Mohammedanism, Vedantism, Buddhism and other ancient systems are already represented here by centers of worship for their "strange gods." Los Angeles has a temple to Krishna, Chicago a house of worship dedicated to Mazdaznan, Seattle another to Buddha, and San Francisco, in addition to its Chinese "joss-houses," has now a Hindu temple. There are schools of oriental religion in the woods and on the mountain slopes, and like Israel in her idolatrous days, we are building temples not to Baal and Ashtaroth, but to a chain of heathen deities most of whose names, till now, have been held in abhorrence by the Christian nations of the world. In these places, strange and mysterious rites are conducted by "swamis" and other teachers, and it is a significant fact that almost all the devotees are American women.

That there is something radically wrong in this semi-occult propaganda is made evident by a recent article in the New York Herald, which gives the names of a number of prominent women who have fallen under the spell of this heathen teaching. One woman has given her entire fortune to the work and is now in a retreat for the insane; another is in an Illinois lunatic asylum; a third, in Massachusetts, has been restrained by law from giving away all her property; a fourth, in Indiana, has been made dangerously ill by her studies in oriental mysticism, while a fifth, in Lafayette, Ind., has left home, husband and children, joining the "sun worshippers" to seek what is known in the jargon of the cult as the "perfect life." One Hindu leader has boasted that he had made more than 5,000 converts in this country, nearly all women. Love is the dominant key of the doctrine taught by these oriental mystics to their followers, and their system is represented as sensuous in the last degree—"words piled on words, mystic and unfathomable," so that the brain grows confused in trying to find out the hidden meaning.

It is true that here all religions stand equal before the law and are guaranteed equal privileges; but there seems to be something more than a reasonable doubt whether teachings which produce such disastrous results are entitled to be considered as religious or diabolic. They are robbing American women of their means, their position, their homes, their families and their reason, and the heathen conquest still goes on. It would be well for our churches, which are doing so much excellent work among the heathen abroad, to look this nearer situation straight in the face and to do what lies in their power to open the eyes of our people to the true character of these delusive and dangerous doctrines that are wrecking lives and destroying souls, without a word of protest being raised against them.

The Christian Herald.

## Conference Treasurer's Report

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1947

(Month ending July 7th)

W. P. Alspach, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCES				Camp St. Marys Paid June	S. S. Avg. Att.	Wor. Avg. Att.				
Monthly Quota	Paid June	Paid 10 Mo.								
BOWLING GREEN DISTRICT										
Belmore	\$16	\$	\$ 192	\$						
Center	11		105							
Bowling Green	80	100	1100		251	264				
Custar	10	14	63							
Malinta	10		35							
West Hope	10	10	80							
Deshler	20	20	200		90	93				
Oakdale	25	25	250		100	70				
Hoytville	30	30	300		110	68				
South Liberty	20	20	200		55	40				
McClure	25		225		103	86				
North Baltimore	45	45	450		185	106				
Portage	20	20	200		68	43				
Cloverdale	8	8	80		56	54				
Mt. Zion	20	20	200		92	82				
Webster	12		108		54	57				
DEFIANCE DISTRICT										
Bryan	50	50	500		131	153				
Center	8	8	72		45	47				
Logan	5	5	50		33	33				
Mt. Olive	7	7	70		31	28				
Continental	12		108		70	70				
Mt. Zion	8		96		55	55				
Wisterman	6		72		27	27				
Defiance	50		600							
Hicksville	50	50	500	25	144	158				
Montpelier	50		450		171	192				
Montpelier Circuit:										
Liberty	8		107							
Pleasant Grove	4		40							
Oakwood	20	20	200		92	53				
Centenary	10	10	100	20	52	53				
Prairie Chapel	7	7	70		38	39				
FINDLAY DISTRICT										
Dunkirk	20	20	219.29		86	76				
Walnut Grove	30	30	300		127	127				
East Findlay Circuit:										
Bethlehem	30	30	300		104	108				
Mt. Zion	22	22	220		44	45				
Pleasant Grove	20	20	200		33	36				
Salem	12	33	141		23	19				
Findlay	225	225	2250	25	326	352				
Leipsic	15	15	150		80	50				
Forest Grove	8	7	63		23	23				
Kiefferville	8	8	80		40	40				
Rawson	45	45	450		193	161				
Olive Branch	14	14	140	10	35	35				
Pleasant View	20	40	200		51	51				
Van Buren	30	30	334		108	98				
Bairdstown	8	8	80		42	33				
Vanlue	20	20	200	7	90	69				
Ark	15	15	150		40	41				
Union	15	15	150	25	31	31				
West Findlay Circuit:										
Pleasant Hill	12	12	120		41	41				
Powell Memorial	12	12	135		61	61				
Trinity	12	12	120		43	40				
Zion	12	12	135		75	70				
Wharton Circuit:										
Beech Grove	10	10	100		70	70				
Union Bethel	18	18	219.64		70	70				
FOSTORIA DISTRICT										
Bascom	25	25	250		73	73				
W. Independence	30	30	300		169	169				
Bloomdale	20		180		129	74				
Pleasant View	20	15	175		52	36				
Fostoria										
Fremont	40		360				287	2400	85	283
Riley Center	5		45							278
Helena	30	30	301						45	
Kansas	3		36							30
Canaan	10		90							38
La Carne	10	10	110							36
Locust Point	10	10	100							37
Mt. Carmel	35	35	350							32
Old Fort	35	35	350							52
Port Clinton	30	30	300							
Rising Sun	14		126							80
Sandusky First	10		98.92							57
Woodville	70	70	700							109
LIMA DISTRICT										
Blue Lick	10	18.26	122.76							80
Columbus Grove	45	45	450						6	185
Cridersville	12	20	104							160
Kemp	12	30	50							85
Elida	20		270							35
Marion	6	12	66							35
Lake View	10	20	130							140
Santa Fe	10	10	100							135
Lima, First	75	75	750						40	30
Lima, High	50	50	500							30
Olive Branch	8		85							61
Pasco	8	32	109							42
Sidney	30	30	300						66	48
St. Marys	20	20	200							38
St. Marys Circuit:										
Mt. Zion	12	14	144							97
Old Town	8	9.25	96							110
Vaughnsville			118.70							78
MARION DISTRICT										
Bucyrus	45	45	405							
Cardington Circuit:										
Center	15	26	206							86
Climax	4	20	52							86
Fairview	10	28	118							38
Hepburn	6	6	60							41
Hopewell	8	8	80							
Otterbein	10	10	100							
Marion	80	80	800							
North Robinson	17	17	170							
Liberty Chape	10	10	100							
New Winchester	15	30	165							
Oceola	10	40	120							
Mt. Zion	20	20	200							
Smithville	15		187.39							
Mt. Zion	10		98							
Sycamore	25	25	250							
West Mansfield	4	4	36						27.50	
York	12	12	108							
SHELBY DISTRICT										
Attica, Federated	10	20	112							127
South Reed	10		90							142
Attica Circuit:										
Richmond	30	35	282							
Union Pisgah	20		157							
Galion	75	75	750							
Leesville-Biddle Circuit:										
Biddle	10	10	100						10	18
Leesville	16	25	169							18
Shauck Circuit:										
Johnsville	15	53	173							72
Pleasant Hill	5	5	50							69
Williamsport	15	37	172							
Shelby	100	100	1000						50	65
Tiro	40	40	400							66
Willard	175	350	1750							27

## TOLEDO DISTRICT

Delta .....	25	40	365	80	62
Zion .....	25	53	291	98	84
Liberty .....	12		108		
Monclova .....	12		120		
Toledo, Colburn .....	65	65	650	166	187
Toledo, E. Brdway .....	75	75	750	175	192
Toledo, First .....	75	81	819	150	130
Toledo, Oakdale .....	45	45	450	156	115
Toledo, Point Place .....	25	25	250	10	153
Toledo, Somerset .....	50	50	500	65	127
Toledo, Upton .....	55		540	243	232
Walbridge .....	10	10	100	41	34
Hayes .....	10	10	35.32	37	27
Wauseon Circuit:					
Beulah .....	10	10	100	45	50
Mt. Pleasant .....	12	12	120	37	45
North Dover .....	15	15	150	46	51

## VAN WERT DISTRICT

Delphos .....	25	25	255	143	102
Grover Hill Circuit:					
Blue Creek .....	11		99	39	39
Middle Creek .....	12		117	55	59
Mt. Zion .....	8		88	49	51
Middlepoint Circuit:					
Bethel .....	4		36	22	24
Fairview .....	8		72	28	30

Harmony .....	8		72		25	27
Mt. Pleasant .....	20		180		58	60
Rockford .....	65	65	650		219	148
Van Wert .....	50	50	500	105	124	136
Willshire Circuit:						
Bethel .....	8	8	80			
Mt. Zion .....	5		45			
Union .....	15		135			
Wren .....	21	21	213		80	70
Bethel .....	11	11	110		48	80
Woods Chapel .....	11	11	110		60	50
TOTALS .....		\$3985.51	\$ 661.50			
			\$40669.52			

Otterbein College Centennial payments for June: East Findlay Ct.—\*Mt. Zion, \$3; \*Pleasant Grove, \$8; Bloomville Ct.—\*Harmony, \$30; Elida Ct.—\*Marion, \$25; Fostoria, \$150; Toledo, Colburn, \$30; \*Toledo, East Broadway, \$48; Toledo, Somerset, \$25; \*Walbridge, \$50. Total, \$369. Thirty churches have small balances yet to be paid to complete our Quota, aggregating \$2110. Unless the Treasurer receives remittances from these churches within the next week, he will be sending advisory statements.

PLEASE, PLEASE have your remittances and reports mailed so they will reach the Treasurer not later than the 5th of the month. Thank you.

(NOTE: The churches above mentioned marked \* have paid College Centennial Quotas in full, this month.)

## News From The Churches

**Van Wert**—During our revival last January we held Saturday night services which many thought was the impossible. Our first Saturday night we had 129 present, on the second we had 136 present. This was a well planned service with sing-spersion and short message from the pastor.

On June 7th we had our first Saturday night "Christian Youth" service which we will hold on the first Saturday nite of each month. This first service was held in the Trinity (Ev.) Church with 110 in attendance. A splendid service of special music and sing-spersion with Ray Riley leading. Rev. Edward Driscoll of the Lutheran Church gave a most challenging message.

On Sunday evening, June 6th, we presented to the community our Children's Day program to a large crowd. This was a splendid program under the direction and leadership of committee, Mrs. Meredith Springer, chairman; Mrs. Carl Wise, Mrs. Robert Sink, Mrs. Willis Snyder, Mrs. Martin Kilgore, Mrs. Harold Gribler, Mrs. Alvin Edwards.

Dads were honored on June 15th with program at the morning service. The wedding of Mr. Robert Brubaker and Miss Hazel Beck took place on this date and custom of open church was held. We also helped celebrate the 43rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gribler in the evening.

On June 29th, we were honored by the presence of Mr. Dwight L. Bennett, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Bennett for our evening service. A good program was planned, the girl's trio, the offertory

soloist was Mr. Bennett. The anthem of the evening was rendered by our Junior Choir. Mr. Bennett brought a stirring message on the theme, "The Progress of Christianity in Japan." The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was manifested in this great service, resulting in the salvation of one young man, and some 12 or 14 consecrations for service. Mr. Bennett's deep consecration and stirring message, moved many hearts. We in Van Wert and community shall never forget this great service.

Walter Marks, Pastor

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**Toledo First**—On Sunday evening, June 29, the choir of First Church, augmented by some singers from Upton and some soloists from the Toledo Choral Society sang the Oratorio "The Holy City" by Gaul. This was under the direction of Mr. Harry Warner, Choir Director of First Church, Mrs. Yolande Titus at the organ and Mrs. Simmons of Calvary Church at the piano. A large congregation was present, including some of the musical leaders of the city. All pronounced the program to be very well done and a fitting climax to the musical labors of the faithful choir of First Church.

Many people will be pleased to know that the indebtedness of First Church is now below the \$4,000 mark and that it is expected that by the end of the calendar year it will be completely paid.

### NOTICE

### All Sandusky Pastors

Your Annual Reports will soon be due. The Annual Conference convenes on September 2 at Camp St. Marys, and by action of its last sitting, all reports in the offices of the Superintendent, the Conference Treasurer and the Conference

Statistician, are due 14 days before the opening date which will be Aug. 19.

There is quite a change in the statistical form—and some of the items are quite confusing. I am writing to Dayton for a clarifying of a few and if possible will report them in the August issue of the "News."

For the sake of uniformity at least, will you please observe the following:

**Item 1.** Be sure and get this correct. Consult your 1946 conference minutes, statistics, item "Present Membership" and do not rely on pastors' report, for they are often incorrect.

**Item 1d.** Pass over "Change of Boundary"; your secretary will care for that. Also omit 31.

**Items 15-21** require care in filling out.

**Items 31 and 32.** These are new to us. Seek for all the information on these you can. I must.

**Item 60b.** Include contributions to camp St. Marys, and all other moneys not already reported above, that naturally falls under "Denominational Benevolences."

**Item 74,** means buildings erected this Conference year.

**Item 76,** refers to accumulating funds.

**Item 77,** refers to debts created previous to this year.

**Item 96,** supplants our old item, "Balance in Treasuries," which includes balances in current operating funds, as well as reserve funds.

Please make your report complete. Give your people credit for all they pay. Our average per member is considerable below the average of our Evangelical Brethren, largely because of our neglect in reporting all money paid out. Keep in mind that your secretary can use only the figures you place in your report.

Most respectfully,

J. W. Shock

Conf. Statistician

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## Kitchen Kapers

During these warm summer months we are interested in a refreshing dessert. The following you will find to be very delicious.

### Frozen Fruit Salad

- 1 can Crushed Pineapple
- 1 can Royal Ann Cherries
- 1 bottle Maraschino Cherries

Drain these well and add one-fourth pound of pecans and six or eight bananas. Make a dressing of the following—

- ½ cup sugar
- 2 heaping tbsp. flour
- ½ tsp. salt

Heat 1 cup pineapple juice and juice of one lemon. Add the sugar and flour mixture and cook until thick. Add one beaten egg mixed with another one-half cup of sugar. When cold add one-half pint whipped cream. Mix fruit mixture and dressing. Put in mold and pack three-fourths hour, or freeze in electric refrigerator.

Mrs. W. B. Frisinger of  
Rockford E. U. B. Church

## Senior Choir

The senior choir rehearses at 8 o'clock each Thursday evening.

The Senior and Young People's choir have been working together on the Oratorio "The Holy City," which will be presented at Christmas time. This is a very difficult work and the choirs are working very hard. The choir extends congratulations to Joann Ream, Gordon Bricker and Robert Hummon who graduated from High school this year.

I wish to thank the choir for their work at Point Place church on June 15th. We enjoyed singing to the people of the Point Place Church.

Summer is coming and many will be away. It is urged that as many as can to be present and prompt at rehearsal. It will be warm and we will try to shorten the rehearsal as much as possible.

Mrs. Rathke, Director.

## Sunday School

In spite of the wet weather we experienced during the early part of June our average attendance throughout the month equaled that of last June, with an attendance of 243 per Sunday. If you will refer to the June issue of the Challenger you will note that with an average attendance of 296 during May, our school ranked third among all the Sandusky Conference Evangelical United Brethren Sunday schools. This, I feel, is a record we may all be proud of. We have been in second place.

During June eighteen of our young people attended our new Camp at St. Marys, Ohio. Despite the fact that our camp is as yet far from completion these young people tell us that they had a good time, benefited much from the

religious training and enjoyed every minute of their stay there.

By the time this issue reaches you we will be in the midst of our vacation period. The writer of this column wishes to take this opportunity to wish each of you a fine holiday period. In connection with this holiday time, may I again remind you of our study and training period each Thursday evening 7:00 to 8:00 P. M. If you plan to be away any particular Sunday and will attend the previous Thursday evening session making known to the pastor in writing all those in your family attending, you will be counted present for the following Sunday.

Since we have begun our new summer schedule—Sunday School at 8:45 A. M. and worship service at 9:30 A. M., our attendance has been very good. This change has been made for your convenience. Services are over before the day becomes intensely hot. And then, any of our people who plan to drive out of town for the day may reach their destination by noon. If there are any of our READERS WHO AS YET HAVE NOT ATTENDED ANY OF THESE EARLY SERVICES won't you plan to come and enjoy both services with us each Sunday morning? Your church needs you and you need your church.

Edson McShane, Supt.

## With Our People

WANTED—A place in which an elderly woman may have room and board. Agreeable arrangements concerning terms. See the pastor or call La. 6228.

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Cards of thanks and appreciation to the church for remembrances from the church have been received from—

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Webb  
Family of Mr. Geo. Herbster, Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mearl Main  
Mr. Wm. Bader and Mrs. John Crossin  
Mrs. Chas. Bean  
Mr. Wm. Sailer

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At this writing Mrs. Mearl Main and Mrs. Fred Ahrens are in Toledo Hospital.

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We are sorry to report that during the month of June three of our church members passed away. They were: Mrs. Wm. Bader of 1921 Barrows, Mr. Chas. Bean of 2133 Lawrence Ave., and Mr. Geo. Herbster, Sr. of 2320 Monroe St. Our sympathy to the families of each of these.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fain of 3632½ Upton Ave., a baby girl on June 13th. Congratulations.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Spilman are now living in their new home at 1575 Colton Street.

She: Does the moon influence the tide?  
He: I don't know, honey, but it sure influences the untied.

## Pastor's Column

(Concluded from page 1)

When faithful men and women, young people and children go to worship on Sunday morning they leave a testimony to their friends and to their neighbors that Christ and His church are of vital importance. What kind of a testimony do you give? Is it that the church and Christ and the Cause do not matter much? Are you saying that all your faith is but a matter of convenience if not of utter unconcern?

There is a man and his wife and their children in the Upton Church faithful and true today who are there due in no small way to the constancy with which another man passed their home on his way to church on Sunday morning. We need to worship as a testimony. What is your testimony?

I think also that we should worship because our God must grow very lonesome for us. Christ had gathered his disciples together. They were his own. Then near the close of his gospel ministry during passion week, he paused on a hill outside Jerusalem and overlooking the city he cried and wept out of his lonesome heart for those who would not come to hear Him. Hear him, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto Thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens together under her wings, and ye would not" Matt. 23:37. As he looks down at our city, at our homes, at my home, at your home, is he lonesome and crying, "how oft would I have gathered you—but ye would not."

We know that you cannot always be present in your own church but you can almost always join the great worshipping throng in one of the churches. We know also that there would be a great advance if all would be present in his own church whenever possible. For the sake of yourself, for the sake of your church, the church local and universal, for the sake of those who know not the preciousness of our Lord, for the sake of our Lord, let us be "glad when they said unto me, Come, let us go unto the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1.

Attendance for June this year is better than it has ever been in the Upton church. This year's record is the best that we have ever had. Let's not spoil it in July and August. Resolve now that you will be a regular attendant at the services of your church. We appreciate all the loyalty of our people—we are glad too for increasing loyalty.

O. E. J.

Character is the foundation stone upon which one must build to win respect. Just as no worthy building can be erected on a weak foundation, so no lasting reputation worthy of respect can be built on a weak character. Without character, all effort to attain dignity is superficial, and results are sure to be disappointing.

## The Lost Bible

One day, so runs a famous story, the world awoke to find that the Book of Books had disappeared. Not only was the Book gone, but all traces of its influence had vanished. It was as completely erased from the record of men as though it had never existed. The Bible was completely and finally lost.

Then suddenly it was discovered that all the great archives of the world appeared as if vandals had been at work slashing the capital works of the world from their moorings. All the great art galleries had massive empty frames on the walls, for the artistry of the world had drawn its inspiration from the lost Book. It was discovered that art had lost its source of highest intellect and emotion.

Much of the music of the world was silenced. The mighty oratorios were no longer to be heard. The hymns expressing the hopes and fears, the longings and reverence of human hearts, had died away, Christmas and all the rejuvenating carols were gone. There was not much great music left, for it had drawn so upon the lost Book that now so many of the masterpieces were no more, and others had great parts of the music missing.

The libraries looked as if billions of devouring moths had descended upon the printed pages. The books of authors, such as Shakespeare, Milton, Bunyan, Tennyson, Longfellow, Tolstoy, Dostoevski, and hundreds of others, were well-nigh unintelligible, due to the many omissions. The volumes containing the oratory of the last two thousand years seemed to have had stricken out most of the sublimest passages. The law books no longer made sense, for the fundamental principles seemed everywhere to have been eliminated.

The Magna Charta of Britain, the Constitution of the United States, the American Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and all the great statements of liberty and human rights everywhere in the world were practically wiped blank, except for a few commonplace words now utterly lacking significance.

Wherever the English language was spoken, men stammered and were unable to express themselves, for the lost Book had fashioned their native tongues. And not only was this true in English-speaking lands, but in other countries as well, for the Bible in the vernacular of the people had always proved the chief instrument for fashioning speech.

But the loss of the Book cut even deeper. Values became blurred. Human life grew cheap. Men became tools to be used. Life grew drab and meaningless, and man had only himself to worship. Restrictions fell off the human conscience, and all the brutal instincts of the animal in man were unleashed.

With the Bible lost, a veritable hades had broken loose upon the earth.

—Sunshine Magazine

## The Stars In His Hand

Yesterday at dusk the evening star brightened the western sky. The sun had finished its arc of the heavens and had gone from sight to brighten faraway lands. Its golden glow still lighted the western horizon. Where earth and sky seemed to meet the outlines of the green trees drew their ragged line, separating darkness and light.

As the glow of the fading sunset deepened into azure, and gradually toward the zenith and beyond into the ever-deepening blue of the coming night, the evening star displayed its greatest beauty. It stood like the proverbial "diamond in the sky," a lone sentinel of the twilight hour, separating the day from the night. With not a cloud in the sky and no mists to dull its brilliance, this evening star seemed to call attention, not only to itself, but also to its creator. The nineteenth Psalm begins by saying, "The heavens declare the story of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." A good place to begin to see that glory and handiwork is by observing the unclouded beauty and quiet majesty of the evening star.

The Bible has a number of wonderful references to the stars. They are worth our reading and study. In his description of the glorified Christ in the Book of Revelation John says, "And he had in his right hand seven stars." In a long ago day God said to Job, "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades (the seven stars), or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth (the twelve signs) in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" This reveals a detailed and exact knowledge of the constellations in the very early history of mankind.

Most scriptural references to the stars remind us of God, either as their creator, or as representing his chaste beauty. A study of the stars is a most interesting study. And to know the names of the principal ones is no mean ability. When next you see the glorious evening star, and all the others as they follow, you will want to remember that they are a part of the expression of the power and love and wisdom of God.

### MY DEBT TO JESUS

Blessed Lord Jesus

I owe him more than I can pay,  
Although I serve him night and day.  
O Holy Spirit, in me pray,  
And give me wisdom to obey,

My Jesus! Blessed Jesus!

He bore the cross, despised the shame.  
His matchless grace extols his name.  
O let me, Lord, thy love proclaim  
'Til ev'ry heart's a brilliant flame;

For Jesus, Blessed Jesus!

Unnumbered joys he has to share  
With those who help his cross to bear.  
O things above, be all my care,  
And praise to him, who answers prayer,

Lord Jesus, Blessed Jesus!

—Magdalena F. Horst, Lancaster, Pa.

## What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways  
All our lives thro';  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.  
God hath not promised  
We shall not know  
Toil and temptation,  
Trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us  
We shall not bear  
Many a burden  
Many a care.  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor,  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy,  
Undying love.

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"There hath not failed one word of all his good promise."—I Kings, 8:56

## Just For Today

Lord for tomorrow and its needs  
I do pray;  
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin,  
Just for today.

Now, set a seal upon my lips  
For this I pray;  
Keep me from wrong or idle words,  
Just for Today.

Let me be slow to do my will  
Prompt to obey,  
And keep me, guide me, use me, Lord  
Just for today.

"The Lord shall guide thee continually."  
—Isa. 58:11

### The Spirit of God Dwelleth in You

I know he dwells in me; I dare not doubt  
The Word, nor question, though it seems  
to me

So wonderful a truth, that oftentimes  
I scarce can bear the knowledge; I who  
seem

So utterly unworthy of a look  
From God's pure eyes; who seem so often  
bound

By earthly fetters and so tenderly  
To cling to human love: he dwells in me;  
The promise of the Father is fulfilled:  
The temple of the Holy Ghost am I.  
Yet, is it mine to know that, day by day,  
Ungrieved he dwells in me; that not a  
word

Nor deed, nor secret thought, nor vain  
desire

Of mine is lying like a cloud between  
And hindering his perfect work in me?  
May I look fearlessly into the face  
Of God, and know that he is satisfied?

—Edith Hickman Divall.