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There is no liberty to men whose passions are stronger than their religious feelings; there is no liberty to men in whom ignorance predominates over knowledge; there is no liberty to men who know not how to govern themselves.—H. W. BEECHER.

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Almost

LOST!

By Kenneth Lawson

"Hi Bill. Come on over to Gary's tonight. Some of the fellows will be there, and we will look over Gary's new car."

"All right," said Fred, "I guess that'll be okay."

"Okay, see you there."

As Bill turned and walked away, Fred stood and looked thoughtfully after him. He did not exactly care for Bill and the gang; they were prone to be rowdy, for they were not Christians.

Fred had been a Christian now for almost two years, and he loved the Lord and His church. But he was very popular at school, and as president of the student body and captain of the varsity football team, he felt he must run with the "upper crowd." Besides, there were no other Christians at school, except Tom. Tom was shy, and didn't participate in any school events, so to keep up status, Fred went along with most of the things the gang did.

For some reason, he felt uneasy about this particular evening. He felt he should stay

home, but the boys probably wouldn't like it. So he must go.

Later that evening Fred was over at Gary's house and several of the gang were there also. All were gathered around, admiring the new car Gary's father had bought him. Someone suggested they go for a ride, and everyone started climbing in. Fred could see no harm in that, so he got in also.

As they were driving along, one of the fellows in the back started pulling out several bottles of beer from under the seat, and soon everyone but Fred was drinking and making laughter and bad jokes.

Fred began to get a little worried, as Bill began to get a little careless and started driving faster. Bill was a good sort of fellow, but he liked to drink—and right now he was in no condition to drive.

Fred wanted out, but they were now careening along at about 105 miles per hour and there was nothing he could do but pray. Suddenly up ahead he saw a railroad crossing, and

Bill was not slowing at all. Then he saw it. Coming down the track was a train at full speed. Bill saw it, too, and laughed loudly. "I'll bet I can beat it! What do you think, fellows?"

"Faster, faster," they called, and they were all laughing and joking. Fred saw and knew that Bill could not possibly make it across the tracks in time to avoid hitting the train. Quickly he said a prayer, asking God for help and for forgiveness.

There was a terrific crash and Fred remembered only that he was thrown clear of the car.

When Fred came to, he was in a hospital. Near his bed were his folks—and there was Tom who Fred had always turned away from, finding friendship elsewhere. Fred felt intense pain, and knew that his right leg was broken.

Looking at his father, Fred asked, "The other fellows?"

His father sadly shook his head, and Fred knew he was the only one who had come out alive. He closed his eyes, as tears flowed down his cheeks, and he prayed to God to forgive him.

Then, remembering that Tom was here, he felt relieved and

happy that Tom, whom he had always snubbed, would come to help in a time like this.

It was then that he realized this was real friendship, and that he should have been spending his time with Tom, instead of trying to keep his popularity by running with the wrong crowd. He had been very near death, and he really understood now why his parents had tried to get him to leave that crowd alone.

It is here, young people, that we should gain a lesson. We must not start running with the wrong crowd. We not only endanger our lives, but we endanger our chances to be saved when Jesus comes.

Do not follow Fred's example trying to save your popularity by turning away from God. Nothing is better or more refreshing than good dear Christian fellowship.

We must be careful that we do not get with the wrong boys and girls. Many fine people have been lost and turned away from God because they did not have Christian friends.

Strive to live for God and strive to keep your Christian friends.

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"Be glad when the flowers have faded? Be glad when the trees are bare? When the fog lies thick on the field and moors, And the frost is in the air? When all around is a desert, And the clouds obscure the light? When there are no songs for the darkest days, No stars for the longest night? Ah, yes, for the truest gladness Is not in ease or mirth; It has its home in the heart of God, Not in the loves of the earth. God's love is the same forever, If the skies are bright or dim, And the joy of the morning lasts all day When the heart is glad with Him."—Anon.

PROFILE

of

JOHN

By Mary Holbert

The Apostle John, son of Zebedee, a fisherman, and Salome, was probably born at Bethsaida, on the Lake of Galilee; and was a fisherman, though his parents seem to have been in easy circumstances. John was one of the three who were distinguished above the other Apostles, and was "he whom Jesus loved."

Under Domitian, John was banished to the Isle of Patmos. He is the author of the Gospel of John, of the three Epistles of John and of Revelation. History indicates that John died at Ephesus in the reign of Trojan. He was the last of the Apostles. Whether John's Epistle or the Book of Revelation were the last words is a disputed point among scholars.

John wrote the three Epistles while living in the midst of the Gnostic philosophy. This heretical teaching did not deny that Christ had come, but denied that He actually took upon Himself our human nature, a denial of the fact that Jesus came in the flesh—doctrine John brands as the doctrine of antichrist. John had been with Jesus and was in a position to speak most positively regarding the humanity of Jesus.

The second Epistle is addressed to the "Elect Lady," but whether John meant a church or an individual is not clear, but both views are held. The manner of address suggests strongly that it refers to an individual. Even though it may not be clear about the address, "Elect Lady," this does not apply to the teachings of John's second Epistle. The teachings are clear. John had enjoyed the "Elect Lady's" hospitality and speaks in a familiar way about her children. He calls her attention to the existing heresy and warns her against giving it any support. This meant not to extend the hospitality of her home to these antichrists, neither wish them a prosperous journey.

Usually we associate hospitality with being a Christian, but

according to John there are some people undeserving of our fellowship and hospitality. Such persons, according to John, we should not bid godspeed. If we do, it would be as if we are condoning their false teachings and John thinks this as bad as being an antichrist ourselves.

His admonition in 1 John 4:1 is, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." How are we to try the spirits? John continues in verses 2 and 3, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that

In His Control

By Ruthella Ling

Redheaded Camelia Brown, familiarly known as Cami, walked slowly up the steps and into the house.

"Hey, Mom, I'm home," she called as the front door banged behind her.

"I'm in the kitchen," was the reply.

Cami walked into the kitchen where her mother was busy preparing supper, and aptly began to raid the ice box.

"Well," said Mrs. Brown, "how did school go today, Dear?"

"Oh, fine, I guess," mumbled Cami from somewhere deep within the ice box.

After a brief silence, during which

Cami finally secured a piece of pie and a glass of milk, she turned to her mother and said, "Mom, the F.H.S. is sponsoring a hayride this Friday night and *everyone* is going. All the girls are talking about what boy is taking them. I feel like a heel every time one of the girls asks me who's taking me and I have to tell them I don't think I'll be going. But it's not like there would be dancing and smoking and drinking. It's supposed to be a real clean deal for the kids.

"Do you think it would be all right if I skipped Young People's Meeting just this once? It would just be one meeting I would miss, and there will

Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

John puts emphasis on the central truth—that the Christian life is grounded in its love for Christ. John believes that such a life is a sufficient safeguard against false teachings. The apostle clearly characterizes false teachers and antichrist for us, so we can be alert and recognize them. John is confident that each one can be an overcomer for he tells us, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

be a lot of others to go to later."

"Well," said Mrs. Brown, "It depends on what you think is more important. Our life belongs to God, but He has entrusted our life to us to use wisely for Him. If we don't spend our life wisely, we'll have to give an account of ourselves in the day of judgment. You know which I'd tell you to do. But why don't you just think about it yourself a while."

After supper, Cami wandered upstairs into her room. She sat down at the desk and pulled her well-worn Bible toward her. As she flipped on the desk lamp, she thought, "If my life belongs to God, I guess His will is the one I should consider before I make my decision."

She opened her Bible to 1 Corinthians 3:16, "For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

Then she turned to Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God . . ."

Late that night, as usual Mrs. Brown came to say goodnight to Cami, a habit which neither of them had quite outgrown.

As her hand touched the knob, she paused and heard from within, "... and, dear God, forgive me for being selfish with my life and help me to live as if your hands were on the controls . . ."

Outside the door, Mrs. Brown smiled to herself and slipped quietly back to bed.

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MAKING CRIMINALS

Hon. George Torrence, former superintendent of the Illinois State Reformatory, after years of contact with criminals says: "I am convinced that cigarettes are destroying and making criminals of more boys than does liquor. Manliness and good conduct can be aroused and stimulated in most boys, no matter what the offense of which they have been guilty, if only they are not cigarette fiends."

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Greatness lies not in being strong, but in the right use of strength.



Turning Point

PART II

(Continued from last month)

By Lois O. Ruffin

Louise felt dreadfully out of place the whole time she was in the company of these frivolous young folks. In spite of her brief misgivings, she could not have anticipated just how humiliating the experience would be. Mamie's complaints about the conveniences provided in the girls' bedroom at Victor's house were surprising enough! Adding to this, Mamie enticed her younger sister to join in a "free-for-all" of kicking and squealing as they romped around on the bed, an obvious attempt to impress the fellows who, she knew, were sleeping in the adjoining room. In spite of such immature action, Mamie was always quick with a false "play" of sweetness and flattery as soon as Victor's parents were on the scene.

Everything had gone wrong for Louise. The following day, no one remembered to introduce her to the relatives who came. By dinnertime she felt so out of place that she could scarcely force down her food. Even Nancy had deserted her to become the center of an admiring group of young men. She was ashamed of the way Mamie acted. Oh, how she

wished she had not come, especially when the couples started dancing after supper. Louise escaped to the library for the remainder of the evening. She didn't think she was even missed.

Arriving back at the Andrews' home the next afternoon, Louise collected her bag and bid them goodby. She turned and walked quickly in the direction of home.

The day was beautiful. All trace of snow had been melted by the sun which was still high enough for her to know she could make it home before dark. During the walk home she had plenty of time for thinking. She realized that she could be thankful that she was home safely. She thought of her parents with genuine respect and love. She was sorry for the friction between her and them and was peeved at herself because of her choice of friends. Louise wondered what to do. How could she ever know who were the "right kind." She thought with regret of Nancy. She had felt a warmth toward Nancy and she sincerely hoped that she would not turn out too much

like Mamie. One thing was sure—she didn't care to ever have anything to do with them or their crowd again. She wondered what she was going to do for friends. Esther and Keith would have made good friends, yet she felt they would not want her after the way she had acted when her family had first moved to Delmar.

Passing a house not far from home, she heard singing and noticed a team of horses hitched to a wagon out in front. The singing gave her spirits a lift, and she wondered who was there. An elderly couple lived there, but the singing was definitely that of young voices.

Her parents were having their evening meal when she reached home. She was glad to have an opportunity to wash her face and get the make-up off before they saw her. The cool water felt very refreshing on her face. After removing all trace of the make-up she felt clean and relaxed for the first time since she left home yesterday.

In the kitchen, her mother was dipping home-made vegetable soup into a bowl for her. With welcome smiles on their faces, her parents said they were glad she had gotten home before dark.

"Me, too," Louise smiled back at them. "I'm hungry and the soup and corn bread sure look and smell good."

"Did you have a nice time?" mother asked.

"Not much," she replied and was glad when no more was said.

A wagon drove up and stopped at their gate. Louise and her mother heard Mr. Weaver greeting someone. A group of young folks came up the walk. Louise noticed that the team and wagon were the same that

she had seen on her way home. Keith and Esther were among the group. Their young people's organization was calling on shut-in and isolated ones bringing cheer in song. Keith brought in some musical instruments; an accordion for Esther, and guitars for himself and one other boy. They sang a few old hymns; then for their last number they selected a song entitled, "Master, the Tempest is Raging."

Louise didn't know the song so she just listened. As she watched the faces of the singers she could not help but compare them to the two girls she had been with so recently. There was no make-up on these girls, just natural rosy cheeks and bright eyes shining with happiness. As they sang it seemed to Louise that they knew the goodness of God and the things they sang about. She listened to the words of the chorus:

"No waters can swallow the ship where lies the master of ocean and earth and skies; they all shall sweetly obey thy will, peace be still! peace be still! they all shall sweetly obey thy will, peace, peace be still!"

Louise thought of the emotional storm she had just passed through and now all was calm. The thought crossed her mind that she would like to know the Master, the One Who made the difference between these young people and the others.

When the song was finished the young folks got ready to leave. Keith told of a revival meeting beginning at the Delmar Church the following weekend. He invited Louise and her parents to attend. Mr. Weaver said that they "just might do that." Louise hoped with all her heart they would.

night and today. I hope I can make friends with them." Mrs. Weaver smiled down at her daughter and Mr. Weaver nodded his head. He and his wife exchanged glances as if they knew something had happened on Louise's trip to bring about a change and help her make this decision.

They walked on in silence, enjoying a feeling of quiet peace.

After they left, Louise linked her arm in that of her mother and, leaning her head against her shoulder as they walked back to the house, she said, "Mother, they are much nicer than the group I was with last

Tell Me, Please

QUESTION:

I am engaged to be married to a wonderful guy with whom I've been going for over a year. We enjoy being together. The problem I mention seems to bother me more than my boy friend, even though I am sure that its consequences will affect both of us. We get into some pretty heavy petting after some of our dates, and I fear that things may get out of hand soon, if you know what I mean. What do you suggest?

ANSWER:

You are certainly wise to show alertness to the danger of committing a regrettable misdeed. Your behavior now will have a more profound effect on your marriage than you re-

alize, and so I encourage you to consider seriously the suggestions that follow. Bear in mind the fact that your base appetites are tempting you to participate in an experience that involves a very high cost and yet is almost certain to be disappointing before marriage.

First, discuss this problem with your boyfriend. You need to talk this matter over. If you are old enough to consider marriage, you ought to be mature enough to analyze the consequences of something as serious as premarital sexual intimacy. Be sure to do this at a time when both of you can talk about it objectively. This means, plainly stated, that it would be most unwise to discuss it when both or either of you are sexually aroused.

Youth Questions

answered by
Ray L. Straub



Second, arrive at a *firm* decision together. Avoid such conclusions as, "We'll try to be careful for the time being," or "We'll just keep doing the best we can," etc. Determine that you will positively maintain your proper discipline until marriage. If you can be faithful to your resolve before marriage, you will have no problems of being faithful to the vows taken during the wedding ceremony.

Third, avoid situations in which you become tempted to engage in this heavy and prolonged petting. Knowing that it is less than honorable for you to engage in sexual intimacy before marriage, you should also see the danger in activity that leads into that direction. You already fear being unable to cope with the frustration of having to stop short of the complete goal of such activity. This should give you enough reason not to begin.

Fourth, find ways to express affection for each other that will involve a minimum of sexual stimulation, avoiding the overt kinds of stimulus which clearly indicate a desire to fulfill a base appetite, such as certain kinds of body contact.

Fifth, participate in activities or programs that will lead you to goals that both of you think are good for you. Get together and push some church project that demands considerable time and attention. Become involved so that you will find satisfaction in doing something really worthwhile. Welcome dates with one, two, or more other couples. Learn to enjoy activities with larger groups.

Sixth, have an enjoyable evening at some event, and after experiencing a pleasant evening, return to your homes without giving in to the temp-

tation of parking, or spending several hours in an intimate atmosphere. Naturally, you will want to be alone as often as circumstances permit, but you would be wise to consider drives together during the daytime, or taking a walk in relaxing and leisurely fashion.

You have a sizeable task on your hands, but maintaining respect for each other is a most worthwhile endeavor. Grasp the job with resolute determination, and you will find that every effort invested will find multiplied returns after your marriage.

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TRUTH AND NONSENSE

By Carolyn Clements

**A slender, lithe birch;
A tall, lofty pine;
A flower so fragile;
A knarled, old vine—
Each has its beauty
And each is a sign
Of the glorious Maker,
My Father Divine.**

**Birches tell stories
And pines whisper tales;
Flowers nod gently
And vines do not fail
To show me quite clearly
Who made hill and dale.
They just didn't happen
Or appear in a gale.**

**My Father made them;
This don't you see?
He needs them for all—
For you and for me.
"Evolution is nonsense!"
With that I agree,
And this will I teach
While men remain free!**

GOSSIP!!

By Carol Sue Mann

Why is it, when one thinks of the word "Gossip," they usually think of women? Are women really much worse than men in this business?

"...Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

It does seem that some women would sooner "preach" than pray, and wouldn't require strong tea to set their clappers going; but still some men are quite as bad at babbling as the women. I've heard that silence is a fine jewel, but seldom do you see it worn.

"If any man... bridlenth not his tongue, this man's religion is vain."

Our words, our conversation, act as an index to our character; "...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34). What a pity that there isn't a tax on words; what an income there'd be; but, alas! talking pays no toll. And if lies paid double, the government might pay off the National debt; but who could collect the money? If men only said what was true, what a peaceable world we should see!

"...By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Silence seldom makes mischief; but talking is a plague to the parish. Our tongue can easily knock us a few loops, and others also, if we're not careful. If we like life let us show it by living accordingly. For 1 Peter tells us, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." An open mouth often shows an empty head. However, talking comes by nature, but it sometimes needs a good deal of training to learn to be quiet; yet regard for truth should put a bit into every honest

DID YOU HEAR??

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MAYBE I
SHOULDN'T SAY
THIS, BUT...

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I HATE TO
THINK THIS IS
REALLY TRUE,
BUT I HEARD...

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man's mouth and a bridle upon every tongue. For as spoken in James 1:26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridlenth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

If we must talk, at least let us be free from slander, and let us not blister our tongues with backbiting. We'll have to give an account for every word our tongues help produce in the day of judgment. "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Slander may be sport to talebearers, but it is death to those whom they abuse.

We can commit murder with the tongues as well as with the hand. Perhaps one of the worst evils you can do to man is injure his character. Speaking things about another and not knowing the real true facts, is dangerous. But yet it seems to be the tendency for people today to evaluate there own opinion and help persuade others to believe their opinion, by merely using only what they "hear tell of" to be the truth about another. If you want to know if something is true about a person, why not go and ask them? So often little things are developed into big ones by plain Gossip. And the truth is stretched so much it becomes (t)ruth, thus bringing pity or remorse upon another. If we would be sure not to speak amiss, it might be as well to speak as little as possible, for "if any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body." The Lord has commanded us to be perfect, in Matt. 5:48: "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Therefore if we are living for God, keeping His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments we must not offend in our words. We must keep His commandments—and ALL of them! For as told in James 2:11: "For he that said, Do not commit adultery said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no

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The Young Church

By Walter Isenhour

Speaking of the young church, we have reference to her young people. They compose much of her membership today and are largely the hope of her future. Without them the church would dwindle and eventually fade out, for the older members keep passing from her ranks, and the youth must keep filling in.

We realize that the youth, in order to carry on the work of the church effectively, must be Christians. Apart from Christ the young church is merely an organization of human weaklings. Every youth must have a Christian experience if they will be able to cope with the powers of evil, sin, wickedness and darkness. The enemy of our youth is too mighty for their human strength, therefore they must have Divine grace, wisdom and power in order to run well the race of life and to work for the salvation of souls and the building of God's church on earth, and for the future population of God's heavenly and holy kingdom.

Youthful Purity

Saint Paul wrote to the young and noble Timothy two great, wonderful, powerful epistles, and among some of the advice he gave him is found these words: "Keep thyself pure" (1 Tim. 5:22). This is as important and essential for our youth today as it was in Timothy's day. No youth can live an impure life and represent the true church of our Saviour. Young people must separate themselves from the wicked, pleasure-seeking, pleasure-loving, ungodly throngs that are traveling on the broad way hellward if they are to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Youthful Study

It is quite natural and vitally essential that the young church must be students of God's Holy Word—the Bible. This is the Book of all books. It is the Christian's Guide Book toward the Kingdom. Saint Paul likewise said to Timothy: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 3:15). If our youth are to show others the way to salvation, and lead them to Christ, and help them live godly, they must be students of the Bible, not only applying its commandments and truths to themselves, but helping and showing others how to do likewise. This done, along with much prayerfulness, and work

that God requires of all Christians, the young church will continue to go, grow, glow and prosper, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Youthful Example

Again Saint Paul said to Timothy: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12). What a wonderful, uplifting, ennobling, worthwhile example for any youth to set before his church, and before the community in which he lives! This should be the fine example that both boys and girls, young men and young women, set before their fellows. It should characterize their home life, their school life, their business life, their social life as well as their church life. This is not impossible. God requires of no one that which is impossible to do, nothing that is impossible to live up to—nothing that is impossible to live by and to accomplish. Naturally when He gives commandments to be kept, directions to take, and work to be done, He provides the grace necessary to put everything into action. He will lead and guide, strengthen and sustain, and lead all along the way, if one will follow. Otherwise the world, the flesh and the devil will take over and bring remorseful defeat.

Youthful Influence

Influence goes into all the callings, professions and pursuits of life. Practically everybody has some kind of influence as he goes through life. It can be good or bad, great or small, beautiful or ugly, strong or weak, for the right or wrong, for lifting up or pulling down, for heaven or hell. The youthful church should keep her garments clean and unspotted by the world, whose influence then will point to the higher, better, and more sublime things of life. In fact, her influence should lead and point to the cross of Christ—yes, to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The youth who lives a devoted life to God will never regret it, but has much indeed to be thankful for. He may save himself a thousand heartaches and regrets; save his health, his character, his money, and finally his soul, which may count likewise toward others and their eternal welfare.

O, that we had many more thousands of young people—both boys and girls, young men and young maidens—who would be devoted to God and His cause! This would greatly and wonderfully help to lessen juvenile delinquency, and would be the means that God could use to bring multitudes to repentance, to conversion, to holiness, and finally to everlasting glory.

Young people, you have a great responsibility upon you in regard to the continuing power and influence of the church and the salvation of others. Keep pure, be studious, set good examples, be prayerful, and always wield the right influence along your journey of life. When your final earthly race is run, your work accomplished, and you appear before the Judge of all the earth, it will be glorious to hear Him say, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." May it be so. Grant it, good Lord.

True Friendship

By Joy Meader

To have friends and to be liked by many people is important to all of us. All of us need friends, and our lives seem richer, happier, and more meaningful because of the friends we possess. Sociology books state that "to be loved and to be liked is a basic need of all human beings." A close friend of mine once told me that the true meaning of friendship is deep understanding. How true this statement is! To be able to truly understand our friends is a blessing that comes only from God.

There have been numerous poems written about friendship and the many blessings which one receives by having true friendship. Yet, no words alone can express the real, deep, true meaning of friendship. Grace Nol Crowell wrote a poem entitled "Friends are Like Flowers." Another author, Ruth M. Rogers, expressed friendship differently by a poem entitled "Friendship is Like a Golden Chain." And Emily R. Gray found that friendship was "Life's Sunshine." If one would read everything he could lay his hands on, on the subject of friendship he would soon realize how important it is and what a blessing it is to have true friends.

AS THE FAMILIAR SAYING GOES, "WE CAN'T PICK OUR RELATIVES, BUT WE CAN SURE PICK OUR FRIENDS." True, we must show ourselves friend-

ly to all people. But our close friends, those whom we spend a good deal of our time with and those whom we confide in and share our burdens as well as our joys with, these friends we must choose as carefully as if we were making an important decision that determines our whole future. Truly our close friends and those whom we spend most of our time with do determine our future to a greater extent than we realize. It only stands to reason that those whom we associate the most with will help determine our values and goals in life. If we have friends of the world and do the same things they do, we cannot have very high standards and values, for they only pull us down to their level and standards.

IN JAMES 4:4, THE BIBLE WARNS US NOT TO HAVE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD:

"...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

And Proverbs 22:24, 25 tells us: "Make no friendship with an angry man: and with a furious man thou shalt not go; Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul."

Therefore, we should not make friends with those of the world, but we should seek to find friends among the children of God.

"A CONSTANT FRIEND IS A THING RARE AND HARD TO FIND." (*Plutarch*)

In this world it is a rare thing to find a constant friend who will stand by when we need him the most, will share life's problems with us, and will lend a strong shoulder to cry on so that our burdened hearts may be lifted.

"A true friend is forever a friend" is a statement by George MacDonald. "Forever" is a long time. When two true friends do not see eye to eye on some very important subject, they will still be friends.

Unfortunately, sometimes even our close friends, who are supposed to be Christians, fail us. Remember the story of Job, how that when he was afflicted with boils from his head to his feet, his three friends came to mourn with him (Job 2:11)? But later, when the three friends saw the condition that Job was in, they accused Job of sinning. In the end Job called them "miserable comforters" (Job 16:2).

I had an experience which made me realize that our so-called friends don't always turn out to be our friends. When I left a former church and joined the Church of God (7th Day), my closest friend at that time would have nothing to do with me. How deeply hurt I was.

"IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD THAN TO PUT CONFIDENCE IN MAN" (Psa. 118:8).

In Micah 7:5 we are told, "trust ye not in a friend."

These verses are not telling us that we should not trust our Christian friends, for true friendship consists of trust, confidence, and love. Our loving God Who made us, knows that the flesh is weak, therefore He

wants us to place our greatest confidence and trust in Him instead of putting it in man. This is so that if our friends fail us, we will not lose all of our faith and become discouraged.

How wonderful and how important it is to have friends! But the truest, greatest, and most loving friend that we can ever have is Jesus, our Saviour. If we have all the people in the world as our friends, and yet do not have Jesus as our friend, we have nothing. If we have Jesus as our friend, then we will also have God, the Father, as our friend.

In the book of Exodus in chapter 33, verse 11, we find that the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to a friend. Truly, Moses was a friend of God. Another example is Abraham who is called the friend of God in James 2:23 and Isaiah 41:8. Surely, we would all like to be a friend to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

To be a friend of God, we first must not be a friend to the world for if we are a friend to the world, we are enemies of God (James 4:4). We must then be separated from the world by not participating in the sins of the world.

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends..." (John 15:12-15).

Notice that there is no greater love than a man laying down his life for his friends. This is what
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Be Not

CONFORMED

To This World

By Martha Heavilin

What does conformity mean? When you are conformed to this world, what are you like? According to the World Book Dictionary, conformity means "action in agreement with generally accepted standards of business, law, conduct, or worship; compliance." So if we are conformed to this world we will act in similar ways as the world. We will be afraid to be different. How many Christians actually differ from the world in dress, action, speech, and thoughts? What is uppermost in our minds—girlfriends, boyfriends, styles in clothing, cars, the popular songs—or *Christ* and His simple life of love?

"And be not conformed to this world."

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

If no difference can be seen between us and our worldly "friends," there must be something wrong. In 1 John 2:15 it says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the

world, the love of the Father is not in him." The next verse goes on to say that the things in this earth which we value highly or lust after are not of God, but are of the world. The three things mentioned here—lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—are all centered around self. This, consequently, is one of the main causes for worldliness. We think too much about what "I" want, what "I" should get, and not enough thought goes into what is best for others and for Christ. Instead, we want more of the earthly things, and take more time for self than for God.

In Galatians 5 some examples are given of worldliness or works of the flesh. Many of these are common occurrences in our age and most people think nothing of them. Drunkenness, envy, murder, and strife are seen so much that we do not even give it a second thought when we hear about them. Some of these works are common among our own people! Strife and envy be-

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

tween members of the church, young and old, shows Satan is working hard to overcome good. Feuds and other works of the flesh should have no part in our lives! The last part of verse 21 tells us "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." If we live close to the Lord and let the Spirit guide us, then we will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

"2" MASTERS!?!

Both Matthew and Luke tell us we cannot serve two masters; we will hate one of them and love the other. We cannot stay on a middle road. We cannot serve both God and mammon. (Mammon means wealth or worldly gain.) If we cannot love the things of the world and live in the world, then what can we do?

INSTEAD . . .

In Colossians 3, we, as Christians, are told we should seek the things from above—heavenly

things. The things of this world will get us nowhere. After our death, they will be of no value to us. Therefore, the materials of this life should take second place in our hearts, and the evil of this life should not be found in us at all. Instead we should possess mercy, kindness, love, and the other fruits of the spirit.

Examine closely the two sides. In the old way of life a person thinks only of himself and his desires and aims. In the new, as shown in verses 12-17, we think of how we can help others and serve our Lord. In so doing, we will find more joy and satisfaction than in *giving in* to self.

There is one more factor mentioned in these verses which we often overlook. That is thankfulness. After the Lord has changed our lives and given us the hope of a better life, we should be in constant gratitude to Him for all things. Many times we seem to forget, and grumble and complain when things go "wrong." But with God everything is "right" or for our good,

so why complain like those of the world?

HOW ABOUT YOUR HEART?

Jesus, in His sermon on the mount, reminds us that we should lay up treasures in heaven, and not on earth. The treasures, pleasures, and possessions of this earth will pass away and decay, but the heavenly treasures, as mentioned in the previous paragraph, will last us for eternity. Which are more valuable? Jesus tells us that where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. Would you rather have your heart with Jesus or with the world?

LIKE JESUS HIMSELF

Our Messiah, while on this earth, was poor, despised, and

afflicted. He did not even have a place to lay His head. But up in heaven, He was blessed, and was a rich king, for He possessed the world and the infinite love and care of the Father. We are told to follow Christ's example (1 Peter 2:21); therefore, if we love Him, we will put more store in heavenly things than in earthly pleasures and lusts.

We must keep in close contact with our Father, and He will lead us in the truth. He will help us overcome temptations, and help us decide where the line is drawn between right and wrong in cases where it is not plain. He promised us if we sought, we would find. If we follow Jesus to the end, our reward will be an eternal home with Him, full of love, joy and peace.

The Way of the Wise

What would you say was the date of these words: "We have fallen on evil times, and the world has grown very wicked. Governments are corrupt, and even children are no longer respectful of their parents."

It might be the modern cynic speaking. It might be your scoffing neighbor. But it was not. It is from a clay tablet in a museum in Istanbul (Constantinople), Turkey, and it is dated about 3,000 years B.C.

Scoffers and cynics have lived in blackouts throughout all generations. They look down, so they can see the worst of the earth, the black and the evil. The man who trusts, looks up. He knows the blackouts, but he sees the stars, too. His duties in life are met with courage, because he knows that an honest heart will find its fulfillment.

The problems of the world are too big for him to solve, but he knows that the Great Creator will make all things work together for good.

—Lockport Baptist News

Editorial

There seems to be quite a natural human tendency to focus our efforts and plans on some certain event or goal in the future. In some aspects this can be very good, and in its long-range application may well be a requisite for success—this looking to and planning for the future.

When thinking in terms of an education, of a well-chosen vocation and similar matters, a youth must so thoroughly consider the future that he will find for himself the needed patience and perseverance for the present to gain desirable security and accomplishment for the future.

However, here we're thinking of a continuing concentration of our efforts always on some relatively small event in the near or distant future, making either short-range or long-range plans for its fulfillment, while the abiding joys and contentment of the present seem to continually "slip through our fingers" unnoticed.

"We think very little of time present; we anticipate the future, as being too slow, and with a view to hasten it onward, we recall the past to stay it as too swiftly gone. We are so thoughtless, that we thus wander through the hours which are not here, regardless only of the moment that is actually our own."—Pascal.

Right now you may be looking forward to certain events this summer—to youth camp in a few weeks; or to camp meeting just a few weeks off; or to next week's family picnic; or to September when you will become a familiar sight on the college campus.

Perhaps we should take heed that our joys as well as our efforts are not continually lumped together for our specific occasions. Meanwhile, we may overlook the opportunity to help or encourage someone near us who has little or no bright spots in his life. Or we may overlook an opportunity for personal initiative in some effort right here and now which could be very lasting and worthwhile. It is possible to center so much attention on making each little *occasion* perfect that these come to be little crutches which tide us over from one big "deal" to the next, while the more important, daily abiding things of the present are wasted.

In one sense our lives should be guided by a look at the future, as we evaluate our actions in harmony with the promised home in God's beautiful Kingdom. However, our philosophy in the small matters of daily living should be to treat the small matters of today just as we would if tomorrow in this life were to never come.

A Paraphrase

on the Acts of the Apostles

(Continued)

By Nathan Straub



"Our fathers said to Aaron, 'Make for us gods to lead us. We do not know what has happened to this man, Moses, who brought us out of Egypt.'

"It was in those days that they made a calf, offered sacrifice to the idol and were joyous over the work of their own hands. God reversed Himself and turned them over to the worship of the host of heaven.

"It is written in the book of the prophets, 'O house of Israel, have you offered slain animals and sacrifices to me in your forty years in the wilderness? You involved yourselves with the worship center of Moloch; the star of your God, Remphan; the images which you made for your own styled worship. Because of this I will take you away, beyond Babylon.'

"Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the desert, designed by God and made in accordance with what Moses had seen, in response to the instructions given to Moses. Our fathers brought this same tabernacle, with Joshua, into the land of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before us in the time of our ancestors; up until the time of David.

"David won favor with God and wanted very much to build a temple for the God of Jacob, but Solomon built the temple for God instead.

"Nevertheless the High God does not live in temples made by men. The prophet said, 'Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool. The Lord asks, What design of a house can you build for me? Can you make a place for me to rest? Has not my hand made all these things?'

"You stubborn men, uncircumcised of both heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. You do just like your fathers did. Which prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of Christ, the same Christ whom you have in this time betrayed and murdered. This was done by you who had received the law through the efforts of angels, but who have not obeyed it."

REACTION TO STEPHEN'S SPEECH 7:54

When they heard that, they were enraged within their hearts and gnashed their teeth because of him.

Stephen was full of the Holy Spirit. He looked into heaven with concentration and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Stephen said, "It is spectacular, because I see the heavens open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

MOB ACTION 7:57

The crowd began to scream and refused to listen anymore. They ran as one man toward Stephen, threw him outside the walls of the city and stoned him. These listeners left their outer clothes in the care of a young man named Saul.

They stoned Stephen as he called on God and as he said, "Lord Jesus, I leave my spirit within your care." He kneeled down and cried loudly, "Lord, do not charge this sin to these men."

When he finished saying that, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

BURIAL OF STEPHEN 8:1

Saul had consented to the mob murder of Stephen. After Stephen's death, devoted men carried Stephen to his grave and they were in great sorrow because of his death.

During that time, the church in Jerusalem was suffering greatly because of outside persecution. The disciples all left Jerusalem and were scattered through all the area of Judea and Samaria, but the apostles remained at Jerusalem.

Saul made havoc of the church. He went into every house and forced out men and women and put them into prison.

This caused the disciples to be scattered from Jerusalem. They went everywhere preaching the word.

PHILIP IN SAMARIA 8:5

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to the people there. The people listened, as one man, to the things which Philip said. They heard what he said, and saw the miracles which he performed. Unclean spirits, screaming loudly, came out of many persons who were possessed with the spirits. Many who had the palsy and others who were lame, were healed. There was great joy in Samaria.

There was, in Samaria, a certain man called Simon. In earlier days, in this same city, he had used sorcery and had deceived the people of Samaria; giving the impression that he himself was someone great. The people all paid him their respect, from the least to the greatest of them. They said, "This man is the great power of God."

The people gave honor to Simon because for a long time he had deceived them with his sorceries.

But when the people believed Philip as he preached about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Then even Simon himself believed. After he was baptized, he remained in company with Philip and was amazed when he saw the miracles that were done and the evidences which were presented.

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Settling Disputes

It is an obvious truth that no two people will completely agree on every matter in life. Yet, for true happiness in the home, a great degree of agreement on most matters must be reached, and in all matters, some pleasant arrangements must be made so the happiness of individuals and the family is not in jeopardy.

At the very start I want to point out again that courtship is a time when many things become apparent, and plans for life together can be proven to be valid or invalid. In courtship there is bound to be some disagreement. When disagreement evolves into a verbal exchange, it then becomes a dispute. Constant disputing (argument) during a courtship and inability to settle disagreements in a pleasant way are reasons enough to consider marriage and life together as being unwise.

I have heard young people (couples) in the midst of a public fight say to those around them: "Don't mind us! We just argue for the fun of it." Such a statement as this makes it apparent to me that someone is trying to cover up true feelings or cover up their inability to get along. If this is not the case, then those individuals must have a warped sense of fun. Marriage is not for fighting and quarreling, but rather for happiness, consideration, companionship and love.

Because we do understand there will be disputes in life, let us consider this matter of settling disputes. First of all in the face of a disagreement, one needs to maintain self control. Raised and sharp voices can cut deeply and cause real hurt. Even facial expression can play a big part in snow-balling a disagreement into something very unpleasant. Always remember that even though you may disagree with your mate, you are dealing with the person that you love more than any other in this world. That one deserves your kindness at all times.

Secondly, we should remember that a great obstruction to pleasant settl-

Happy Home Building

By Dale Lawson

ing of disputes is that trait so easy to possess, called stubbornness. It seems to me that pride goes along with it, and these two together can cause a vast amount of trouble for individuals and their families. Have you noticed that it is a difficult thing to admit that you are wrong? Sometimes when one realizes that he is wrong, he will still promote his viewpoint, becoming stubborn for the sake of his pride. The person who is able to admit wrong and to always make allowance for the possibility of being wrong is a bigger person than the one who is always right. If in the face of disagreement you can maintain a pleasant attitude, self control and restraint from being stubborn, you will be able to settle disputes pleasantly. And your love will grow stronger through the experience. There are times when even though one may be right, it doesn't pay to be so persistent as to prove you are right. In small unimportant matters, proving yourself right may do nothing more than satisfy your ego. This can be costly, leaving the sting of hurt for longer than your ego remains satisfied. We ought never to live that selfishly. Some disagreements are more serious than others, but peaceful and fine solutions can be found.

Let us add another very important matter, that of praying together. Even in the midst of a difficult dispute, if you will simply kneel in prayer together and sincerely ask God to give you good attitudes and a right understanding, He will help you. He will supply strength to make your way pleasant and rewarding. Remember to be willing to let a Christian spirit work in your heart.

Being unable to settle disputes or

curb your own stubbornness can have many side effects that should be mentioned. Crossness, unfriendliness, and even unkindness to others who are near you may be the fruit of your unhappy attitude. Let happiness be the lot of you and your family as you pleasantly settle those disagreements that come your way. Maintain self control, exclude stubborn pride, be willing to give, and pray about matters together. Solutions will come easier, and personalities will be enjoyable.

THOUGHT

Surely you were not so stupid as to marry someone who is so dumb as to always be wrong.

REVIVAL MEETING

By Dorothy Nimchuk

*The choir loft is empty
And I view the vacant pews
The revival meeting's ended
Which heralded good news.*

*The programs, torn and crumpled,
Lay scattered on the floor
The windows stare like empty eyes.
The lock's upon the door.*

*Where once the room resounded
With the organ's crashing chords,
Now there is nought but silence
Nary a whisper heard.*

*Although the meeting's over
And the people gone away
I trust they have all prepared
To meet God in Judgment Day.*

*Come Sabbath they'll return
Where many feet have trod
To once again fill empty pews
Here in the House of God.*

2T₄G - Take Time for God

by Vivian Hall

"That person surely must have the patience of Job." You've heard that remark many times, I'm sure. It is always said of a person who seems to have an unusual amount of patience, one who never seems to get angry at little disturbances. Very often the remark is concerning a mother with a very large family. Her tasks that must be done in the care of a large family never seem to weary her in the usual frustrating way. She goes about her routine cheerily and always has time to look at a new-found object—a pretty rock, a flower, an insect, or maybe it is the pause to kiss away the tears of hurt feelings, or a scraped knee, or a scratched finger.

Job was a patient man indeed! Job was a perfect and upright man, one who loved God and hated evil. He had a large family of seven sons and three daughters. He was a very rich man in material things as well as spiritual gifts from God. He had all a man might desire, and did not forget to thank God daily for it. He prayed and sacrificed for his sons and daughters also just as any father might pray for his children that they might always remain faithful to God.

Satan observed Job's pleasant state and as usual it disturbed him that Job remained true to God and walked perfectly before Him. Satan told God he could change Job's mind if God would permit him to do as he wished with Job. But God knew Job's heart, and knew Job would not change, so He gave Satan permission to try Job as long as he didn't harm him bodily.

There came a day when a servant came running to Job to tell him strangers had taken all his cattle and asses and had slain the servants.

This servant hadn't finished speaking when

Date	Chapter
July 15	Job 1
July 16	Job 2
July 17	Job 3
July 18	Job 4
July 19	Job 5
July 20	Job 6
July 21	Job 7
July 22	Job 8
July 23	Job 9
July 24	Job 10
July 25	Job 11
July 26	Job 12
July 27	Job 13
July 28	Job 14
July 29	Job 15
July 30	Job 16
July 31	Job 17
August 1	Job 18
August 2	Job 19
August 3	Job 20
August 4	Job 21
August 5	Job 22
August 6	Job 23
August 7	Job 24
August 8	Job 25
August 9	Job 26
August 10	Job 27
August 11	Job 28
August 12	Job 29
August 13	Job 30
August 14	Job 31

another came with the news that fire from heaven had burned up all the sheep and the servants who cared for them.

Before this servant was done speaking another came to say three bands of Chaldeans had taken all his many camels and killed the servants. Imagine how badly Job must have felt to lose all these possessions.

Then while the servants were telling of the loss of his property, another came to give him a final blow. A windstorm had destroyed his son's house where all his sons and daughters had gathered to feast. In one day Job had lost all his possessions and his sons and daughters.

Did he blame God and say foolish things against God? No. Instead Job worshiped God. He had come into the world with nothing and he knew he could take nothing with him when he died. His grief was great because of His family, but he praised God for His care and keeping.

Job became stricken with boils from the top of his head to the very soles of his feet? Think how painful one boil is to us? It would be impossible to imagine what pain Job must have suffered, but did he curse God and blame Him? Job began to review his own life to see where he had done something wrong. He did not blame God, but rather himself because he was sure he did not measure up to God's standards.

I wonder if we could be so fair-minded and ready to blame our own life? Would we not be more likely to look about us for someone to blame for our afflictions? Do we not even now blame others for our misfortunes instead of looking into our own lives to find the reason? We are not willing to admit our frailties. May God help us to have the patience of Job and be willing to admit wherein we err.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

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Jesus did for us. He laid down His life on the cross for His friends. We are only His friends when we do whatsoever He has commanded us to do. So we must obey all His commandments in order to be a friend of God. Also, in these verses we find that a servant does not know what his lord doeth; and He did not call us servants but friends. Therefore, we can conclude that a friend of God will know God personally, and know the ways of God.

We should pray that all men might find Jesus Christ as their own personal friend and Saviour. Then they

may receive the many wonderful blessings of having Jesus and God the Father as their friends, besides finding many friends among the children of God.

"A MAN THAT HATH FRIENDS MUST SHEW HIMSELF FRIENDLY; AND THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER" (Proverbs 18:24).

Yes, this friend who sticketh closer than a brother is Jesus. He is always there when we need Him; He is only a prayer away. Jesus will comfort and heal our broken hearts if we will give Him all the pieces. Jesus is standing by waiting to help us all. Truly, Jesus is the greatest friend that we can ever have.

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Vacation Venture in Verses

By Verna McCoy

Although many of you are on vacation from school studies, and others are taking vacations from work, be sure you do not take a vacation from your Bible study and scripture memorization.

During the summer months we generally do not adhere to as strict a schedule as during the school term; therefore, it means that we must use more self-discipline in maintaining a daily schedule of personal devotions and verse memorization.

As prepared minutemen we will be ready at any time and for whatever activities the summer may demand. Whether at camp or camp meeting, at home or abroad, in the surf or sand, field'n furrow, amid the city's clamor or country's calm, north, south, east or west, Christ is the answer to all our needs.

With the Sword in hand and heart we will be able to flee temptation and remain stedfast.

Remember! Satan does not take a vacation, so we must Take Time for God.

Now, I know you thought you were through with exams for a little while, but just to make certain that your Swords are drawn, let's take a test over the minuteman verses for the first semester of 1966:

I. Quote the following verses:

1. Hebrews 10:22 3. 2 Corinthians 6:2
2. Psalm 32:5 4. Matthew 3:16

II. State the correct references for the following verses:

1. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

- Colossians 2:5
1 Timothy 6:11
2 Timothy 2:22
1 Corinthians 15:58
Hebrews 3:14
James 4:7
2 Peter 3:17
Jude 21

2. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."
3. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."
4. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."
III. Quote the right verse to correctly answer the following questions:
1. What did Philip tell the eunuch was necessary before he could be baptized?
2. Who said, "We ought to obey God rather than man"?

The following poem was especially written for the Minuteman Program. Read it carefully, then join with the other minutemen in learning the verses for July.

BE A MINUTE MAN

*There is a need for minute men
To fight for God today!
To carry on God's Christian warfare
Before time's minutes slip away.*

*God needs a mighty army
To fight Satan and all sin.
So the call is going everywhere
For minute men to come in.*

*Satan has a mighty army
He is using in the fray.
So, God needs a lot of minute men
To fight for Him today.*

*Why not be a minute man
While God's green earth you trod,
And dedicate each minute of your
life
To fight for a true and living God.*

*A minute man with courage bold
To walk the straight and narrow way;
To reach a helping hand to dying
souls*

Each minute of the day.

*Only sixty minutes in an hour;
Twelve hours in the day.
Just think how many minutes
Have already passed away.*

*We are in the eleventh hour,
Just minutes yet to go.
And minute men are needed
To stand in a solid row.*

*Each minute souls are perishing
Downed by the devil's band
Won't you enlist to fight the enemy
And be a minute man?*

*Minute men will have the best equip-
ment*

*Drawn from God's surplus stock;
To go and face the enemy,
But no armour for their back.*

*Minute men need no armour
For their back you know—
Every minute they move forward
And always face the foe.*

*Minute men must move forward
swiftly*

*And keep in a solid row.
Minutes are so short and precious,
Just a few minutes yet to go.*

*Will you fight for your God and
Master*

*Doing everything you can?
Then buckle on your armour
And come, and be a minute man.*

By Don Lawson

"I will forsake all and follow Thee."

From Across the Seas

(BROTHER JOHN ORIE FOLLOWS MINISTRY TO BODO, OSONI)

The following report from Brother Orié will be the last one (at least for some time) that he will send to us from his home at Idu-Osobile, as he has accepted a higher calling that takes him away from his loved ones.

Brother Orié tells us of this decision in his letter at the end of this report.

**FYC QUARTERLY REPORT—
VISIT TO OMOKU
A GRAND YOUTH RALLY . . .**

"On the 12th February, 1966, we had a very grand youth rally at Idu-Osobile. As Idu-Osobile is the largest Church in Ahoada Division their FYC is also the largest and most active in Nigeria. You can see with me in the reports and pictures sent. The members of the FYC distributed more than 80 requesting cards to all the Church members to fill in with their favorite choruses and to send the cards along with a donation of three pence (3d). This they do to help increase the District FYC fund, and we realized more than one pound from the cards. The song request also helped

individuals to hear their favorite songs in the Youth Rally. Many people were happy to attend the rally that they might hear their favorite songs. The attendance was more than 200 including the FYCers.

"During the requesting program which I was the announcer everybody don't feel to go home until 5:30 p.m. when we finished and came to a close. We realized the sum of three pounds, nine shillings and three pence.

THE AHOADA DIVISIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE FYC . . .

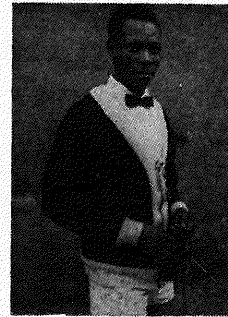
"On the 19th February, 1966, there was a joint meeting of the two Districts of the FYC. This meeting is held every quarter to discuss common matters confronting the Church of God and its youths in Ahoada Division. Many representatives attended the meeting held at Udebu Church of God building. After the discussion of most important matters, I reported my leaving Ahoada Division to look after the Bodo Church in Ogoni Division. We had an election for a temporal Chairman.

"Brother Ephraim and Sister

Jenet Dimkpah were elected Chairman and Vice respectively. We closed the meeting about 4:30 p.m. The Ahoada youths of the Church of God are indeed active and ambitious. May we not forget to remember them in our daily prayers.

A SEND-OFF FROM OMOKU
TO OSONI . . .

"After announcing my transfer to most of my friends, customers, relatives and acquaintances, I distributed an invitation card inviting them to my



In the letter that follows, Brother Orié tells of his trip to and arrival at Ogoni:

*"SO I HAVE COMPLETELY
LEFT MY PEOPLE . . ."*

"As God could have it, I was transferred to Bodo Town in Ogoni Division after accepting to enter into the ministry.

"It was on the 4th of March, I arrived at the place at about 11:00 a.m. in the morning. The journey was, however, tedious. When we arrived at Port Harcourt about 5:00 a.m., we had to sleep in the carry that took us from Omoku till 7:00 a.m. in the morning. At about 8:30 a.m., we chartered a bus from the station direct to Dodo Town, a distance of about 46 miles from Port Harcourt. From my

send-off party which was held on the 27th February, 1966, at my Usomini residence in Omoku Town. Many people responded to the invitation. The Idu-Osobile FYC thrilled the occasion with modern choruses which everyone enjoyed so much. A reasonable amount was contributed and given to me. Many presents were also received from relatives. Most of them spoke their regret to missing me in the area. In conclusion they wished me safe journey and God's Guidance and protection to my new station."

former station Omoku to Port Harcourt is 70 miles. From my hometown to my present place is about 110 miles or more. So I have completely left my people. My seeing them will be by means of correspondence.

*"I FELT COMPLETELY TO
BE OUTSIDE NIGERIA
COUNTRY . . ."*

"On my arrival to the place it was very hard for us to trace out the Mission, as most of them do not either understand English or the Ibo language.

Our driver who is a native of a nearby town there helped a lot in sorting out some people who directed us down to the Mission. Some of the members and non-members who are living close to the mission helped very much in off loading our things from the bus. As we could not understand the people; neither do they understand us nor English, we were entirely embarrassed. I felt completely to be in another outside Nigeria Country. You can also think how you could have felt if you leave the United States to other foreign land. So was mine. Not until 4:30 p.m. that Elder Tikili arrived that I felt happier.

‘Elder Tikili was surprised to see me arrived before him. As he was disappointed by his car he could not arrive to Port Harcourt from Aba so as to direct us to the place. We eventually thanked God for our safe journey.

“YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .”

“On the Sabbath evening, Elder Tikili introduced me as their new teacher and they were very happy to welcome me in their midst. Elder Tikili left in the following Monday, after I accompanied him to pay visits to most of the members in their respective homes. Space could not allow me to write more. I shall still continue next time. The people seem hospitable. They had been sending gifts of food stuffs to us.

“Your prayers are needed as I have surrendered all to God, that God may help me and direct me in this strange place, whose custom and language I do not understand. May God help us to help peoples.

**Your Brother,
John E. Orie”**

We pray that God will surely bless Brother Orie as he works for Him in this very responsible position. We know that Brother Orie’s new location will be somewhat strange and difficult for him with no common means of communication.

With this thought in mind, may we always remember Brother Orie’s humble request for prayer.

Reported by Jewell Linville

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GIVE OF YOURSELF

Give of yourself that you may have knowledge of how to live.
Give of yourself that you may know the meaning of how to give.
Give of yourself that you may know when others may be in need.
Give of yourself that you may lose desire for selfish greed.
Give of yourself that you may love and friendliness be shown.
Give of yourself that you may ask God’s Will to be your own.

—Everett W. Hill

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The sign on a church in New York: “Come in and have your faith lifted.”

GOSSIP! (Continued from page 13)

adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. “Christ has given us commandments to help us in our life, and to break one command is just as bad as breaking them all in God’s sight. Telling white lies and black lies, as some call them, is nonsense. A lie is a lie and you’ll pay for it regardless.

Gossip is no good! Give up the shameful trade of talebearing; don’t be the devil’s bellow any longer, to blow up the fire of strife. If you don’t cut a bit off your tongue, at least season it with the salt of grace. Praise God more and blame neighbors less. No flies will go down your throat if you keep your mouth shut, and no evil speaking will come up. Think much, but say little: be quick at work and slow at talk; and above all ask the great Lord to set a watch over your lips.

DON’T TELL ANYONE I TOLD YOU, BUT . . .

PARAPHRASE (Continued from page 23)

When the apostles, which were at Jerusalem, heard that Samaria had received the word of God, the apostles sent Peter and John to them. When Peter and John arrived, they prayed for the new converts so they would receive the Holy Spirit. (Up to this time the Holy Spirit had not fallen on any of these; but they had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) The apostles laid their hands on the converts and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered to buy the act. He said, “Give this power to me, too, so that when I lay my hands on someone, he may receive the Holy Spirit.”

Peter answered him, “May your money die when you die because you think that the gift of God can be bought with money. You have no part or share in this matter because your heart is not right in God’s sight. Now because of this your wickedness, repent in prayer to God and see if perchance the thought of your heart may be forgiven. I am given to understand that you are in the very source of bitterness and in the grip of wickedness.”

Simon answered, “Please pray to the Lord for me so that none of the things of which you have spoken will plague me.”

After Peter and John had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they turned to go back to Jerusalem and on their way proclaimed the gospel in many of the Samaritan villages.

news and reminders . . .

YOUTH TEAM WILL TRAVEL EAST!

With enthusiasm the Youth Team will embark on a tour through the eastern states. If you are within reasonable driving distance at all, you will surely want to attend one of these meetings. So very many who attended last year found this to be a tremendous uplift and inspiration to them. This program is inspiring to old and young alike. It is a program to which you can be proud to bring your friends and visitors. Following is the planned schedule:

AUGUST

- 12—Youth Camp at Chelsea, Mich.
- 13—Open at camp—Sabbath
- 14—Saginaw, Mich.
- 15—Freeland, Mich.
- 16—West Olive, Mich.
- 17—Muskegon, Mich.
- 18—Grand Rapids, Mich.
- 19—Battle Creek, Mich.
- 20—Toledo, Ohio—Sabbath
- 21—Parkersburg, W. Virginia
- 22—Moundsville, W. Virginia
- 23—Open
- 24—New York City, N.Y.
- 25—Washington, D. C.
- 26—Open
- 27—Farmville, N. C.—Sabbath
- 28—Randlemon, N. C.
- 29—Mocksville, N. C.
- 30—Dayton, Tenn.
- 31—Valley Head, Alabama

SEPTEMBER

- 1—Nashville, Tenn.
- 2—Open

- 3—Detroit, Mich. (morning)
- 3—Petersburg, Mich. (evening)
- 4—Decatur, Mich.
- 5—Owosso, Mich.

MARK OF MERIT

It is time for the second quarterly reports to be in. Send to merit director, Nathan Lawson. Don't let your activities lag in the summertime. We want to be fulltime Christians! In supplying report blanks, or answering your "merit" questions, Brother Nathan is ready to assist you. His summer address is: 3607 Pennsylvania Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

FYCERS HELP SPONSOR FOREIGN STUDENT

The local Stanberry FYC group has had two projects recently to help sponsor Brother Hendricks of London, England, to Midwest Bible College next year. On June 11 they had a pie and ice cream social after the Youth Rally. Then on the evening of July 3, they sold generous slices of Texas watermelon which their pastor had brought from Texas recently after he held a revival there.

YOUTH TEAM RECORD

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