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TODAY

'Tis today that counts, not tomorrow;
We are measured by what we are,
And the things today we are doing
Outweigh what we may do by far.

It is well to have hope, to look forward,
For the things that are to be;
But today by each thought and each action,
We are measuring our destiny.

So be strong for today, and tomorrow
Your strength will suffice for your deeds.
And each thought and each aspiration,
Will blossom in beautiful deeds.

—Selected.

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EDITORIAL

Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Then He goes on to explain what He means by these words. "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Just the thought that our sins are forgiven makes Christians rejoice, because God has shown mercy toward us. But He says that He will not forgive us if we do not forgive those who trespass against us.

We may feel that we have forgiven those who have wronged us and then ever so often meditate upon these wrongs that others have done to us. We may even go so far as to bring these things up in our conversation with others.

I wonder if we would rejoice over the mercy of God if He would bring up our past sins at times and think of us in the light of them or even reveal these sins to those who do not know about them.

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

In Isa. 34:25 we are told how our heavenly Father will forgive us. "I, even I, am he that blot-teth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." He will do this on the condition that we forgive others in the same way. We may not be able to keep thoughts of how others have wronged us from entering our minds, but we can dismiss these thoughts immediately and refrain from meditating upon them. To forgive we must also forget.

A favorite chorus also expresses this same thought:

"When God forgives, He forgets,
When God forgives, He forgets,
No more He remembers our sins,
When God forgives, He forgets."

B. B.

PRAYER

This is my prayer to Thee, my Lord,
strike at the root of penury in my
heart,

Give me strength lightly to bear my
joys and sorrows.

Give me the strength to make my
love fruitful in service,

Give me the strength never to dis-
own the poor or bend my knee be-
fore insolent might.

Give me the strength to raise my
mind high above daily trifles,

And give me the strength to surren-
der my strength to Thy will with
love.

—Sel.

An Educated Ministry

By Eld. B. F. Marrs

OFTEN WE hear people ridicule the idea of an educated ministry, and to support their scoffing at education for ministers they like to refer to the twelve apostles whom Jesus sent out to convert the people and bring the gospel of the kingdom to the world.

Nothing is farther from the truth than to say that these men were ignorant fishermen or unlearned men, regardless of the opinions that have been held by the general public for all these years.

It may be true that when Jesus called these men to follow Him they were unlearned in the ways of the world and collegiate education; but they were far from being unlearned men when He sent them forth with the message. Let us examine the Biblical records and see if these things be true. If, as people generally claim, we find these men were ignorant and unlearned, then we shall say no more, for where the Bible speaks we will speak, and what cannot be proved by the Bible we should lay aside.

In Matthew, chapter 4, we read of the preparation of the Master for His work among the people, His fasting and praying to the Father immediately after His being baptized of John in Jordan. After this fast and His overcoming the temptations of the devil, He learned of the imprisonment of John and He went down to

Nazareth and dwelt in Capernaum, where He began to preach. Here He came upon Peter and Andrew and He persuaded them to follow Him; then James and John followed immediately afterwards. This was in A. D. 26, according to the record. These four are definitely identified as having been called to follow Jesus in the beginning of His ministry. No doubt there were others who left all and followed Him at about the same time, but the record does not verify this nor identify others at this time according to the gospel as written by Matthew. Matthew was called in A. D. 31, as we find in chapter nine of this book, which, of course was some years after the calling of Peter, but Matthew was already an educated man so far as worldly learning is concerned.

In chapter ten we find that Jesus sent out the twelve, whose names were Peter; Andrew, his brother; James, the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip; Bartholomew; Thomas; Matthew, the publican; James, the son of Alphæus; Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddæus; Simon, the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot.

Please notice that these men were not called into their apostleship until the year 31 A. D. Some of these men had been with our Lord since A. D. 26, and had been trained for their work under the tutorship of the world's greatest teacher, Jesus. Would you call a

man ignorant who had been in school under a special tutor like Jesus for some four to five years? If these were ignorant men, unlearned and raw, then I would like to ask what it would take to educate them. If we had men in the ministry now who had been with Jesus personally for that long a time, being instructed in the gospel by so great a teacher and schooled in the methods of evangelism through practical observation and experience, then we would not dare to call them ignorant and unlearned. Peter was no longer the ignorant fisherman that he was when Jesus called him from his nets. Andrew, also, had been through many experiences with his Master Teacher and had become acquainted with the methods of preaching which his Lord had used. He had learned something of his Master which most people of today have not the privilege of learning.

Perhaps you may say that one's experience in the Lord as of today would be comparable with that which these men had with Him personally, but on second thought anyone would admit that those who were with Him in person had many advantages over one today who has walked only by faith and learned of Him through the printed page.

But with all the experiences these men had with Jesus prior to their going out on their own, they needed further instructions after they returned to Him, for they had met with problems they were unable to solve. They had met with difficulties which they were unable to surmount, and when they came back to the Mas-

ter they received further instructions, even until Jesus went away and left them.

In A. D. 33, we find the Master Teacher going away and leaving behind Him those men whom He had commissioned to preach the gospel. Several of them at least had been through seven years of schooling with Him that were much superior to any college training we can give to men nowadays. Contrary to the general belief, Jesus was with these men for seven years, teaching them in the ways of evangelism and preparing them for the ministry. We know that Peter, Andrew, James, and John had this seven years of training, others may have had, while Matthew had much less of it. If you doubt this statement relative to the time period of Jesus with His disciples, please check the chronology as given at the top of the page in your Bibles. He was baptized in A. D. 25 and crucified in A. D. 33, if the chronology given is dependable. Jesus was about thirty years of age when He was baptized, but the year A. D. 1 was four years in error due to calculations of them who first began to count time from the birth of Christ, but this same error is carried through when dates were given, and it is still carried on our present calendars.

Now, when Matthias was chosen for the apostleship, the Scriptures make it plain that he must come from this same school with all this training, for they would not have an ignorant man for this place. Please read Acts 1:21, 22.

"Wherefore of these men which
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On Guard

By Vaneda Friddle

As war hysteria engulfs our nation, people are being warned to be on guard against an atomic bomb raid. Even schools are giving drills to prepare the children against such terror.

As I hear and read about these warnings, I think of the warning question that Isaiah put before his people, "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" Isa. 21:11.

Surely, we are entering a night of terror for those who are unprepared for Christ's coming—a night so black that we cannot find our way without the light of the Holy Spirit's guidance. Many Christians are letting the spiritual light die out of their lives and are already groping in darkness.

Paul feared that his soul would be lost unless he kept in constant communion with Christ. In 1 Cor. 9:27 he wrote, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away."

If a great Christian like Paul, who had suffered near death many times, knew his need for daily communion with Christ, how much more should we be on guard against evil?

One day a foot-weary traveler was nearing the end of his journey when he paused at the top of a hill to gaze at the golden sunset in the west. "Over there on yonder mountain is my home," he said in meditation. "I'll take the trail across the canyon, below me and be there much sooner."

However, before he reached the winding creek, the heavy darkness made the trail invisible. On one side of the trail was a high bluff, and he knew that an uncertain step would be fatal. Picking up a long stick, he carefully tested the way ahead of him before taking steps. It was a slow, discouraging way to travel, but the stick guarded him from probable death.

As we journey through life, we, too, will tread near high precipices. Unless we stay in communion with Christ through prayer, spiritual darkness will overtake us there just as darkness of night overtook the traveler, but we also have a guide to guard us from the dangers of eternal death—the Word of God. There are times when we will have to go slowly, carefully searching for the trail through the thorns and rubbish, but we can always be sure of Christ, our

guide. Keep remembering His promise, ". . . I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5.

As the weary traveler climbed the last hill to his old home, he sometimes wandered out of the trail. Thorns and briars tore at his flesh, but through the darkness he could see the faint glow of a light through a small window. That ray of light gave him courage to finish his journey, for he knew that safe within the humble walls a "welcome home" awaited him.

In our spiritual journey as we climb the rugged hill, thorns of jealousy, envy, and strife tear at our every act for Christ; yet those wounds alone cannot kill if we keep faith in Christ and continue to love those who do evil. To live above the worrying demons that surround us, we must keep our spiritual eyes open toward the light of Christ before us and always be on guard against Satan's enticements.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:12, 13.

During the nineteenth century, an English minister, George Heath, wrote the hymn, "My Soul, Be on Thy Guard." It contains the following lines:

"My soul, be on thy guard:
Ten thousand foes arise;
The hosts of sin are pressing hard
To draw thee from the skies.

Oh, watch, and fight, and pray;

The battle ne'er give o'er;

Renew it boldly every day,

And help divine implore.

Never think the victory won,

Nor lay thine armour down;

The work of faith will not be done,

Till thou obtain the crown."

Let us, too, be on guard until we have obtained the crown.

(Editor's note: The following poem is a personal greeting from Alfie W. Hallman to Elder and Mrs. Charles Adams and son, Frank, who are in Nigeria, West Africa. He unites his prayers with those of all the Herald and Call readers in behalf of this family and the missionary work in Nigeria.)

TO AN AFRICAN VIOLET

By Alfie W. Hallman

Through the winter, quietly
You brought April's joy to me,
Bursting forth in endless bloom,
Bringing color to my room.

When the skies were dark and
gray,
You knew spring was on the way,
And your petals scoffed at snow
When my own heart's faith was
low.

Now when flowers everywhere
Shed rich fragrance through the
air,

Spilling color casually
For the multitude to see.

I recall how winter's gloom
Served to spur your fragile bloom,
And I've found a wisdom sought
In the lesson you have thought.

"The man who keeps at it, is
the man who wins. Persistence
counts for more than intellect."



The Call and Return of the Jews

By Ned Coulson

MANY BIBLE prophecies are now being fulfilled in the world today.

We can see around us that people and nations are all struggling one fighting against the other. Of all the people and nations there is one people and nation that is now very outstanding in history for its great progress. These people are the Jews. They have gathered together at Jerusalem and throughout Palestine to set themselves up as a separate nation. The prophet Ezekiel was one who said this would come to pass.

This movement of the regathering of Israel to Palestine was started by Theodor Herzl and some other Jews in the 1880's. Herzl organized a world Zionist Organization, and the first Zionist Congress met in 1897. From the time of the first Zionist Congress to 1917 there were only about 65,000 Jews who had managed to move to Palestine.

Then on November 2, 1917, during the first world war there was an agreement that the British would help the Jews get the land of Palestine if they helped

England with the war against Germany. Part of this agreement was the Balfour Declaration. This greatly inspired the Jews to return to Palestine.

In 1919 Britain was given a mandate by the League of Nations. This gave Britain the right to provide government and police the land of Palestine, which she had promised to the Jews. Many of the wealthy Jews bought the land from the Arabs for \$200.00 an acre and began to move to Palestine. These were men that started to make Palestine a self-supporting country.

In the year 1936 the world saw that war was coming. Britain was in need of the oil resources of the East which were under the control of the Arab states. The British now favored the Arabs and forgot about the Jews. In 1939 Britain issued a *White Paper* which restricted Jewish immigration into Palestine to 75,000 more.

Thousands of Jews in other countries were being tortured and killed. This oppression caused the Jews to flee to their homeland,

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TEEN



LETTER FROM GRANDMOTHER LOIS

Dear Granddaughter,

There is reason to be very courageous in living for our heavenly Father's kingdom.

Even a squirrel or a robin can teach us the truth of these few words of the apostle Peter, "Quickened by the Spirit." 1 Peter 3:18.

These are important words; have you ever thought of them? Just two squirrels made me think the life God has created is very wonderful—the quickness of humble things.

Very early, about sunrise, I awoke and looked out of the window just in time to see two cats rush to the trunk of a tree and look up it, waving their tails, but what for? I couldn't see for about five minutes. One cat started to climb the tree, then decided not to.

Suddenly, when the cats tired a little, down came a squirrel. It ran close past them, across the yard, up another tree, and sat on a stub in plain sight, but on the way across the yard the two cats almost overtook the squirrel, which had turned right-about-face when they least expected, quicker than they could, and so escaped from their claws.

In about two minutes down the first tree dashed a second squirrel and up another nearby tree, just when the cats were all eyes on the first squirrel. And the two

cats and the two squirrels sat eyeing each other, the cats outwitted again by the quickness of the squirrels.

For fifty years squirrels have lived in those trees, grandfathers teaching grandbabies, reared in a secret nest in some hidden hole which they go to so quickly the cats cannot find it. When I ask you, "how come" squirrels have such a quick spirit and save their lives by it, I am sure you have the right answer, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

One wonderful part of that creation is the quickening spirit taught by Jesus and His apostles. If little animals can live year after year, amid all sorts of enemies, it is a lesson to us. Those squirrels have cats, dogs, and boys with slings and guns for neighbors. But the squirrel family life goes on with daily danger all about it. They have a quickening spirit all their own, so that they survive in the midst of dangerous foes.

God has created more of that quickening spirit for us. Some Sabbath day, if you look up the word "quicken" in a concordance, you will find places in the Bible where are shown wonderful glimpses of God's salvation for us. This gives us courage in escaping sin, our greatest enemy. Get it while you are young, is my last fond word for this time.

Grandmother Lois.



TALK

WHO WERE THEY?

1. The miracle of the budding rod proved God had chosen him for a place of authority.
2. Jesus was criticized severely for going to his home.
3. He was a prophet, beaten and thrown in a well.
4. A very dear friend of Paul.
5. Prophesied of the birth of Jesus.
6. Washed his hands of responsibility.
7. His wife cost an earring and two bracelets.
8. Counseled with the Witch of Endor.
9. Were called "Sons of Thunder."
10. Wrestled with an angel and won the name "Israel."

—Eileen Adams.

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FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

By Mary Holbert

Slowly but persistently the grass fire crept onward, in spite of the efforts of Jim and his wife, Martha. Martha had a bur-lap sack and was beating the fringes of the fire, trying to still its advance. The fire looked so small; it seemed that surely Martha didn't know much about grass fires. After beating the fire until reaching the verge of complete collapse, Martha managed to crawl to a burned-over area, so she would not be trapped in the fire. Stretched out on the ground

to recover strength to get back to the house, Martha looked at the fire. It had reached a hay-stack—soon it would reach the timber. Suddenly, Martha sat up. Where was Jim? A sigh rose to her lips. She knew—he was fighting the fire at the danger point. The gas well and tanks! Would he get the fire out before it reached those? Would he exhaust himself to the point where his heart would stop beating?

A groan rose from Martha's heart. She was physically exhausted and unable to help ward off these possible disasters. "Oh, God, help us. Please, Oh, God, in some way control this fire. Oh, heavenly Father, give Jim the strength to meet this situation. Oh, Lord, don't let this fire get to the gas well." Martha stumbled to the house, pleading with God, at every step, to ward off the seemingly certain catastrophes. When she reached the house, she fell across the bed—her arms and legs swollen, her face streaked and smudged with smoke and soot. Feeling deeply the futility of her physical strength, despair was in her soul as she prayed to God. She knew she could depend on God, but she feared that her faith was too weak. Her petitions to God were for more faith in Him, that He would answer her prayers.

Suddenly, the outside world became frightfully real again when Martha heard a shout, "The fire's dying down!"

"Oh, thank You, Lord," Martha breathed and she dozed off into an exhausted sleep.

After a short while, Jim came to the house. Martha was anxious to find out about the extent of damage, for money was not a plentiful item in their family. But Martha's first question was, "Jim, are you all right?"

"Yes," answered Jim, "I feel fine now. I was pretty worn out there once, but the wind died down and made my job easier. I was able to put the fire out, on the side by the gas well."

"Oh, thank You, Lord," she breathed silently as Jim went on to say,

"You know, I expected to have to pay for that hay stack, but the owner said, no, that it was no good—just a good riddance—he was glad to get rid of it so easily. Another amazing thing—those woods were so wet that the fire didn't have a chance—just died a natural death at the edge of the woods. I'd say we were lucky."

Martha listened silently. God had heard her prayers—never would she believe anything else. She felt humble. God had heard her cry and answered it. A spirit of peace and joy entered her heart. How wonderful to have such a heavenly Father! Later she would tell Jim about it and together they would praise God for His blessings. Just now, she was content to sleep and regain strength for the daily tasks ahead.

"The largest room in the world is the room for improvement."

"The only real friend you can buy is a dog."

THE WINDOWS OF YOUR SOUL

Walter F. Isenhour

So many people live in doubt,
And under gloomy skies,
And wonder what it's all about,
And why they do not rise
To higher planes of Christian grace,
And live in better climes,
And have a pleasant, shining face,
And in the heart sweet chimes.

Don't shade the windows of your soul
With any kind of sin,
But let the Savior have control
And bring the sunshine in.

You cannot travel with the world
And walk with Jesus too,
Nor have the Heav'nly flag unfurled
And waving over you;

But if you'll leave the worldly crowd
And bid them all adieu,
Then God will banish ev'ry cloud
And let the sunshine through.

Don't shade the windows of your soul
By failing off to pray,
Or letting cares and duties roll
Across your life each day,
That keep you from the Word of God,
And walking in the light,
And from the paths that saints have trod
Who worshiped God aright.

—Gospel Herald.

"It is the valuation that we place upon our own abilities and character that measures our worth in the world. The words that we utter, the very look in our eyes, and the warmth of our hand and heart tell more to the stranger newly met than a big volume of words—mere words."



Dear Diary...

Our first meeting with the Ahiaba Church of God made us glad we had come. Our welcome, though not boisterous, was sincere and in spite of the fact every word had to be translated into the Iboe language, we were made to feel we were among friends and brethren.

Naturally the customs are very different. We were probably as wide-eyed at the colorful native costumes and quaint manners as they were at our strange appearance. We were especially thrilled at the singing which was good four-part harmony. These people love music and enter into it wholeheartedly. I predict busy times for the organ and accordion. We couldn't understand the words but some of the tunes were familiar and our hearts joined in praise and worship. The only accompaniment was a bell struck in time to the music.

After the introductions my husband spoke briefly as to our mission here. Their acquaintance with white missionaries has not always been pleasant and they are prone to be a bit suspicious toward strangers. There are 130 members of this local church. Bro. Tikili's work speaks highly of his zeal and our acquaintance strengthens our faith in his loyalty to the Church of God. The work is well organized and he is

highly respected by the workers. All during the ten years since he established this mission, a school has been in operation. Despite the fact that insufficient means has meant inadequate equipment, the school is attracting students because of its program of instruction. A lawyer in Aba who was educated in Cambridge, England, sends his children out here in preference to the other government and mission schools in Aba. A small tuition fee from students pays the nine teachers. In addition to regular studies, Bible classes are conducted as a part of the course of study. Elder Tikili and his staff have done remarkably well, although laboring under such difficulties as inadequate seating, few desks, no cupboards, etc. With help in getting such basic requirements this school can qualify for a government grant of finance which will mean a great deal. There are no free schools in Africa, nor compulsory school laws, so illiteracy predominates and with it the lowest standards of living. Knowledge of the sort taught in this school is a death blow to heathenism and the need for support cannot be overestimated. This is the most direct way of teaching the people. Teaching the gospel to those who cannot read a Bible in any lan-

guage is a long and slow process for the subject must be told, told, and retold. . . in native vernacular. English is taught in this school and through Christian education comes a higher standard of life. Bro. Tikili, a capable teacher with past experience in both government and mission schools, realizes the need for the schooling of his people and is trying desperately to get this work on a level for government recognition and regular aid. So far our organization has not contributed to this work, but now is the hour! The monthly allowance sent heretofore has been meager pay for the overseer and evangelists and native contributions have built the school, although it is a recognized Church of God school.

The demands for contributions have been many, but we feel that we may call for help without hesitation. Few, if any, have ever made a REAL sacrifice for mission work. You don't know poverty and the kind of existence experienced here. If we are to do the job you have sent us to do we must have help. Can you do without the new refrigerator? (We have none and a cool drink of this boiled water would seem heavenly.) Could a new stove wait? (Ours is an open fire between rocks.) This is not an appeal to bring out the martyr, but an attempt to share with you the joy of sacrificing that others may have a chance at what we consider everyone's heritage. Let's put first things first and check up once in awhile to see that our sense of values is still functioning properly. Remember, only what's done for Christ will last.

We will be glad to answer any questions you may have relative to the work here and certainly letters from "home" are most welcome. Our address is Box 84, Aba, Nigeria, W. Africa.

Sincerely,
Eileen Adams.

LET GOD RULE

Oliver Cromwell's secretary was dispatched to the continent on some important business. He stayed one night at a seaport town, and tossed on his bed, unable to sleep.

According to an old custom, a servant slept in his room, and on this occasion slept soundly enough. The secretary at length awakened the man, who asked how it was that his master could not rest.

"I am so afraid something will go wrong with the embassy," was the reply.

"Master," said the valet, "may I ask a question or two?"

"To be sure."

"Did God rule the world before we were born?"

"Most assuredly He did."

"And will He rule it again after we are dead?"

"Certainly He will."

"Then, master, why not let Him rule the present, too?"

The secretary's faith was stirred, peace was the result, and in a few minutes both he and his servant were in sound sleep.

—Gleanings.

"There can be no happy and fruitful progress of human society unless is kept alive within the soul of men and nations high spiritual ideals and principles of justice and good will."

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ORGANIZING

Recently we gave you the general plan for organizing a Y. P. group in your city. This week we are going to continue our plan of organization. (Please save this information.)

AGE OF Y.P. MEMBERS The age of those participating will be of high school age through twenty years, but local groups may make desired exceptions and adjustments to meet local conditions. Where there is a large enough group to carry on the responsibilities and offices, the high school through twenty plan should be used. But where there are few Y.P. or even no Y.P., we suggest that you organize a Y.P. group anyway and carry on the regular programs as found in the *Herald and Call*, all the time praying for the Lord to send you some young people, and He will.

SUGGESTED ORDER FOR MEETINGS— Meetings will be of two types, devotional and business. Devotional (or regular Y.P. meetings) should be conducted on either Friday night or Sabbath afternoon. All business meetings for the purpose of making plans for things other

than of a devotional nature should be held at some time other than the Sabbath. All meetings shall be opened with prayer, seeking for God's guidance in all that we do.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS — Prepare devotional programs to be presented before the regular congregation. Help evangelistic campaigns by passing out literature and helping as ushers and in any other way the minister sees fit. Provide entertainment, social gatherings and group outings or picnics to stimulate fellowship. Set up literature racks in depots and other public places and have certain ones appointed to maintain them from week to week (This is sowing seeds for the Master and God will give the increase). Organize singing bands and prayer bands to visit the sick and shut-ins, hospitals, and jails.

Y.P. FINANCE— One fourth of all the funds raised either by offerings or otherwise shall be sent to the Y.P. department, Box 2370, Denver, Colo. This is more important than some may think. Any time we launch out on a program it takes funds. These funds will be used for the saving of young souls for Christ, so don't

hesitate and say we need all the money we can get here in our local church, but let us all work together and be as the Master wants us to be, many members yet *one body*.

REPORTS— Weekly reports shall be given at the regular meetings and also a report should be sent in to the committee to be published. This encourages others in their Y.P. meetings.

WRITE TO OUR BOYS IN THE U. S. SERVICE

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RECENT WEDDINGS

It has been announced that Mary Lee Smart, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Franklin Smart, became the bride of Melford Roland Fisher at Norfolk, Virginia, recently.

Emma Lawson, daughter of Bro. and Sister Don Lawson, and Don Larson, son of Bro. and Sr. Lester Lawson, were married during the month of May, at the Scraelvhill Church located between Albany and Jefferson, Oregon.

Fern Stucker, daughter of Bro. and Sr. Lester Stucker, became

the bride of Adolph Fauth, of the Church of God in Washington, June 10. This wedding was also at the Scraelvhill Church. Elder Emmett Samson officiated.

We have heard that there is soon to be another wedding in this part of Oregon, and will be pleased to have a report on it later.

May God bless in the establishment of these Christian homes.

We are always pleased to hear of our young people marrying those of like faith. It is the best start for a happy Christian home. What a pleasure it is for husband and wife to worship God together.

AN EDUCATED MINISTRY

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have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."

This shows definitely that no neophyte was to be entrusted with so important a work as that which lay before them. No one ignorant or unlearned was to be commissioned with the rest of the apostles to preach this wonderful gospel.

When later on Jesus saw fit to call another to be an apostle unto the gentiles He called Paul, who was one of the best educated of all the apostles, for he had studied at the feet of Gamaliel, one of the best teachers of that age. Paul was well versed in the law, as his letters reveal, and all he lacked was that touch

of the Master's hand. He needed to be converted to Christ and prepared by the revelation of the Holy Spirit before he was a fit vessel for the Master's use.

Paul's case is a testimony to the fact that an education is not all that is needed to make an evangelist for the Master. He had to know the Lord through an experience of grace that would open his eyes to the realities of Christ and His gospel. He had to have that personal touch of the Master and also instruction from one who had been with the Lord Jesus. That was why, after Jesus knocked him down on the way to Damascus, Paul was told to go to a certain evangelist, and there it would be told him what he must do. There were instructions that were necessary from one who had been with the Lord which were absolutely essential for Paul's preparation for his calling. Had the Lord prepared him wholly for the ministry, there would have been no reason why he should have sought out this man of God for instructions.

In all these things we find out something of the divine plan of our Master who calls men into His service. There are many things which are necessary for one to consider in his preparation for the ministry of the Lord.

Again, let us call to your attention the fact that even though those eleven men whom Jesus left with this wonderful commission to preach the gospel, men whom he had trained for all those years in the knowledge of the Lord and with all their personal experiences and their observations of the ways and means which their Master had used in

persuading men to be reconciled unto the Father, Jesus commanded them to wait at Jerusalem until they be endowed with power. This power came through their experience on the day of pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon them and gave them power to witness, both at Jerusalem and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

May we submit to you that there are many men today whom we suspect of having launched out on a mission to preach the gospel who have not waited for this power. They have not called upon the Lord and received as yet this Holy Spirit which is so very necessary for witnessing for Jesus. That is why their sermons are so dry and uninspiring. They are struggling under their own power and have not the power of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps they have not yet been born from above.

We are opening a college at Stanberry, Mo., to train young men and women for the gospel service. We hope to give the educational training which is so badly needed, for there is nothing much more pitiful than to see some dear brother trying to preach the gospel when he cannot pronounce the simplest words of the Bible when trying to read his Scriptures. We would not pretend to say that his work will be a failure, but there are places where such a man could not go and do effective work. There may be one who might be able to preach a good sermon and then spoil his influence when he tries to write a letter and cannot do his work justice in his writing, or another who cannot write an

article for our religious papers because of a lack of education. If you will consult any of the men who are trying to carry on in the work of the Lord under such handicaps they will tell you in terms that you will be able to understand that one should not neglect the advantages of an education when such may be obtained.

The work of the early Church in our times may have been carried on successfully by men who were pioneers and without much education, but the times have changed, and the Church of God must keep abreast of the times in the sending of men out to represent them, and if we do not prepare our evangelists with something of a better education than our fathers had, we will find ourselves very much handicapped in this present world. We must prepare our ministers so they can meet other men sent out from other organizations and not be embarrassed because of a lack of education.

In conclusion, let us heed the admonition which Paul gave to Timothy in 2 Tim. 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Once more, let us remind you that the book learning which you may receive at Midwest Theological Seminary is not going to be sufficient to prepare you for the ministry, but we hope to be able to provide a situation where the earnest seeker for higher learning will also find this power with God that is so necessary for the preparation of a well equipped

minister. The spiritual training will not be neglected.

If you are interested in attending college this fall, write for a catalog showing courses offered and details about tuition, etc. Do it now! Write Midwest Theological Seminary, Stanberry, Missouri.

Hand this paper to a friend.

ANSWERS TO—

"WHO WERE THEY?"

1. Aaron
2. Zacchaeus
3. Jeremiah
4. Timothy
5. Isaiah
6. Pilate
7. Isaac
8. Saul
9. John and James
10. Jacob

THE CALL AND RETURN OF
THE JEWS

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but when they arrived in their homeland, Palestine, they found Arabs occupying the land. As more Jews came, the Arabs began fighting to drive them out. Even though the Jews were outnumbered ten to one, God was for their side and they were victorious over the Arabs.

On May 14, 1948, the Jews declared their independence as a nation. The Arabs again went against the Jews to drive them out of Palestine, but again God was with the Jews and the Arabs failed.

(Written by a student of Spring Vale Academy.)