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Consolation

*How good to think that here and there,
When we are gone, there shall remain*

*A happier spot that might have not
Existed had we toiled for gain;*

*That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that we had been worth while;*

*That we had paid with something fine
Our debt to God for life divine.*

—Tehyi Hsieh (Sel.)

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EDITORIAL

One time a young girl who lived in a small town decided to seek work in a large city. This girl was a Christian, so attended a large church there each week. One day she came to the minister with this story:

She told the minister that she worked in a large concern where there were two hundred girls working. She was a Christian and wanted to live a good life, but that there was so much filthy talk and godlessness among the girls that she had decided it was almost impossible to live for Christ in such a place, and had made up her mind to quit trying to live for Him.

The minister was quite surprised at her story, but knew how she must have felt. He did offer her some good advice though. He told her that God had certainly looked down upon this place of business and had seen that the two hundred girls working there were not liv-

ing according to His Word. So, he sought out someone who could be a witness to them. He did not look for a girl through the different parts of that large city, nor in the smaller towns nearby, but went several miles away in the small town where this girl had come from and selected her to be His witness. He then congratulated the girl upon being chosen of God for His service in this way.


The minister's explanation to the girl changed her way of thinking and she saw her trials in a different light. She felt honored to thing that God had chosen her to witness for Him. The girl expressed her gratitude to the minister for helping her.

Later on the girl came to the minister with the glad news that two of the girls had been converted and others were interested. She had let her light shine in her smile and in the things which she said and did each day. Her personality radiated the presence of God within her.

Maybe some of you young people are the only ones in your class who are Christians. Have you been letting your light shine out each day? We hope that you have not become discouraged, and if you have felt that way we hope that you will feel encouraged by this girl's experience. We should not throw up our hands in despair when we think that we are the only ones who are living a Christian life, nor should we be overcome by the lives of the non-Christians around us and follow their examples. Maybe God has led you to the place where you are so that you will be His living testimony and bring others to Him.

What's Behind That Hill ?

By Bertie B. Freeman

INCE our state is mountainous and most of the terrain is rugged, almost everyone lives either in, or near the hills. We are quite sure that people from other states will refer to us as "hill-billies" so we laugh, but nevertheless, we maintain a certain amount of pride that these hills are our very own. At community gatherings from the oldest to the youngest, regardless of the timbre of their voices ring out with—

"Oh, the West Virginia hills,
How majestic and how grand,
With their summits bathed in
glory,
Like the Prince Immanuel's
land."

It means nothing to anyone, save a West Virginian who is born with native pride in his bones. We live in the hills; our children scour in hikes, and nature groups; the farmers eke out a living on their rugged slopes, and some of the nation's best cattle roam its pastures. We have a standing joke that no man leaves the hills forever. If he doesn't return in his lifetime, they send him back to be buried.

The hills are an integral part of our lives. We get up with them meeting our gaze in the mornings, and retire to their serenity at night. We have no desire to get rid of them. It is our way of life, and we would be lost without them. We know what is behind our hills, just more hills.

So, it was no wonder we laughed when our visitor asked, "What's behind that hill?" We were standing in the driveway talking as one usually does when someone is taking their leave. We were saying the customary things, sending our regards to his family, wishing he could stay longer. We were reluctant to have him leave, and he was trying to find suitable words to express his thanks for our hospitality. Suddenly, to ease the strain of parting he asked, "What's behind that hill?" We all laughed and each one told him a different story of what lay behind the steep hill in back of our home. It was a pleasant looking hill with trees here and there, a thicket at the right where it joins the next farm, the power lines with their poles poised like sentinels at the fence row, and the row of apple trees at the crown of the hill. We joked about the matter for a few minutes; our visitor left, and we went back in the house.

As I worked about the house, I fell to thinking of the question, "What's behind that hill?" We had all been amused at the question, partly because of the reason it was asked, and partly because it seemed such a silly question to ask a person who lived in a hilly section of the country. Then I thought—hills are like a thread in the weavers loom. Into every life there comes the dark threads along with the gold. We all find a hill or two in our lives which

seems to be unsurmountable at first glance, but after we have lived with them for awhile we find that although they may be steep to climb, each hill has a path at the top where someone has walked before us.

During this year, no doubt each of us will find some hills in our lives. To some it may be the hill of affliction touching their lives with a heretofore unknown experience. We have often heard the expression, "Into every life a little rain must fall," and it holds true in both your life and mine. Sometimes we find that those who suffer are stronger than those who rejoice. Spurgeon has said that as sure as God puts His children into the furnace of affliction He will be with them in it. It may be God's way of separating the gold from the dross. There is an old Chinese proverb which reads, "The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials." Many times the lessons we learn through afflictions are the lessons that are the clearest and abide the longest.

To some there may be the hill of sorrow and grief. Sometimes when we are faced with grief, blind, naked, despairing grief, we feel that God has forsaken us. Although we cannot understand why some things happen, we know that God has a purpose for all things. We must remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. "What shall thine 'afterward' be, O Lord, I wonder—wait and see, while to the chastening hand I bow, what peaceable fruit may be ripening now—ripening fast for me."—*F. R. Havergal*.

To some there may be the hills of joy—the joy of having found

Christ as their personal Savior. No longer do they regard Him merely as a symbol of Sabbath school, and church services. He is no longer just a name in the songs they sing, or the avenger who will exact death of evildoers. Jesus becomes a reality, a friend in whom they can confide, a loving brother who shields from enemies, a Savior who cleanses from the uncleanness of sin, and purifies with His own blood. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Joy in the release from sin is our wings by which we reach by faith the glory of the mysteries of God. Joy in Christ is not joy pursued, but it is a blessing gained by walking in the path of duty and knowing that Christ is ever at our side.

What's behind that hill? As far as your future is concerned, only God knows what is behind the next hill in your life. God in His mercy does not give us knowledge of things to come in our lives. He does give us His Word and His prophecies, His promises that are sure and steadfast for the guidance of His children. The hills, the valleys, the plains, are all in His hands. We must make sure that we are living godly in the present time, and move in His will, then we will be prepared for the future, whatever it may be.

DID YOU KNOW that Sparta was a celebrated city of Greece? It was situated in a fertile valley on the Eurotas about twenty miles from the sea. It was a rival city of Athens and the people conquered a large part of Greece in the war with the Persians in B.C. 480 and 479.

Living A Clean Christian Life

By Marvin Keim, Midwest Student



TO BE Christians we are to be clean. "Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquities, and cleanse me from my sin" (Psalm 51:2). We should be clean from all iniquity—sin. Webster's Dictionary defines the word "clean" as free from whatever sullies or defiles; pure; free from moral defilement and many more—but just how many Christians are pure, unsoiled, and free from moral defilement? We are afraid, obviously, that we would find too few—too few in direct comparison with the many who are called Christians.

Now do not let this discourage you, but encourage you to work toward perfection in living a Christian life. So many of us, including myself, have in the past thought, and are possibly still thinking, that to be a Christian is as most all the world at large thinks of Christians—professing or belonging to Christianity. The word *Christian* in this age seems to have a twofold meaning, and undoubtedly it has to many people judging by the way they use the word.

We call this country a Christian nation, but what about the heathen practices which are observed and held? To mention a few: the worshiping of images; keeping the pagan day, Sunday, as a day of rest instead of the Sabbath, as the Bible teaches; the

observance of the twenty-fifth of December as Christ's birthday, calling it Christmas, and Easter, too. There is no Bible of any kind to back up these heathen practices, but people go on calling this a Christian nation.

It is true that this nation has not adopted many heathen practices which other nations practice in the backward parts of the world, as in the far East.

In examining Webster's definition of the word "Christian" a little more, we find that it says a Christian is "One who believes or professes, or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ, and the truth as taught by Him." But I believe the Bible teaches that a Christian is "one who believes in Jesus Christ and the truth taught by Him" and keeps all the commandments.

A Christian studies the Word of God. (2 Timothy 2:15). Here we have the proof that a Christian is to study and find out what is right or wrong in his way of living, and to correct the faults with which God would be displeased.

In Philippians 2:12, we read: "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Do we actually work out our salvation in fear and

trembling? I believe this is where many so-called Christians fail to do their duty as a Christian, and take too many things in the Word of God too lightly, and overlook its true and full meaning. We have a definite duty as Christians and cannot overlook any part of the Word of God and really be a pure, full-fledged commandment doer.

It has been said by some that it is impossible to live a clean, righteous, Christian life now as it was back in the time when Christ was on this earth. I believe this assumption is wrong, for in our time here in America it is relatively easy to live a righteous, Christian life. Back in the disciples' time Christians were being persecuted by the Romans, and were thrown in prison, tormented and stoned to death — killed for being followers of Christ. We, in this age, are not in any such way misused. On the contrary, many worldly people often look up to a man who is a true Christian. Even the government will not force a Christian to do something that he believes is wrong and can prove that the Bible teaches against it.

The United States Government will not force the conscientious objectors to take up arms if they are true Christians and commandment doers.

A Christian has a high standard, but cannot maintain such a standard and at the same time practice all the things in which the world indulges. In the sight of God we are not Christians if we take part in certain worldly things. If we find ourselves partaking thereof we must change this way of doing, and ask for forgiveness.

It is time every Christian examine his life and see if he is living a clean, righteous life, holy and acceptable unto God. He must do it now, for soon the Lord shall return to receive the just and righteous servant unto Himself. Are we Christians going to be in that number? Or are we among those who have sinned and come short of the glory of God?

Now is the time to make right the sins and habits of which we find ourselves guilty. I do not believe Christians as a whole are guilty of what we might call big sins like the out-and-out sinner, but if we are not on fire for God and witnessing to the world for our Lord and Savior, there is something wrong with us.

Looking out of the window, I noticed the garden plot that was once black but now is all white with a fresh blanket of snow. It then occurred to me that the black garden is like a sinner's life whose soul is black with sin. If he then would give his heart to God, his soul would be filled with the glory of God and be as white as snow.

After a time the sun melts the snow and black spots start to show through. This too, could and often does happen to the new convert to Christ. If he is not careful in his Christian walk, his soul becomes spotted with sin. If he does not ask God for forgiveness, his soul will become black with sin again, just as the sun shining on the snow slowly melts it and the garden plot becomes black as it was before.

There is yet more that a Christian must be careful of, such as the food he eats. "Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing (Deut.

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Johnny On The Spot

Oops! There she was again! John turned his back and began to wash glasses with terrific vigor. Why did he have to be afflicted with blushing? She was so smooth and easy. Not like Rosemary at all. Rosemary was always flustered when she came in. She stammered her order and fumbled. But Cynthia—that was the name on the silver bracelet she sometimes wore—always smiled and looked him straight in the eye. Someday—someday really soon he was going to get enough courage together to invite her to the Y.P. Meeting.

The creaking of a stool announced that she had taken her usual place at the fountain. John gulped and turned around.

"Oh! Hi!" he grinned in utter confusion.

"Hi!" Cynthia replied with an amused little smile. "I'd like a lemon soda, please."

"Lemon? Okay, coming right up!" John mixed the soda with incredible skill considering that his head was spinning at an alarming rate. He plopped an extra scoop of ice cream into the glass on top of the lemon syrup and began to squirt the soda in as he jiggled the spoon. Why not ask her today? After all, she had done everything she could to show him she was willing to be friendly.

He opened his mouth as he set the soda down in front of Cynthia and he heard himself saying, "Er—excuse me, but are you a Christian?"

"A Christian!" Cynthia gave

him a puzzled look. "Well, I guess so. I was born in America anyway."

John's heart sank. He had hoped that she at least knew what it meant to be a Christian. Well, he decided, she needed to come to the Y.P. meeting more than ever if she wasn't a Christian.

"My name's John Williams," he managed to say it quite evenly. "Yours is Cynthia, isn't it?"

Cynthia nodded, "Cynthia Saunders."

"Well, I've been wanting to invite you to the young people's meeting at our church. Would you like to go?"

"I'm not sure. I don't like to go to church. But I've been wanting to invite you to a party at my house. Not a big affair. Our crowd just gets together occasionally and we dance and have cokes. Tell you what. I'll compromise with you. I'll go to church with you, if you'll come to the party."

Ugh! What a disappointment! How could he tell her he didn't dance? She'd never understand. She didn't know anything about the Lord. What a spot! He could not think of a word to say.

Cynthia broke the awkward silence. "Well, okay, if you don't want to come," she said teasingly.

"Oh, it's not that I don't want to go," John said hastily. "It's just—I—er—"

"I thought for a moment that you weren't interested in going," Cynthia said, smiling her relief. "It's a date then! My party is next

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THE REASONS THE JUDGE GAVE FOR ATTENDING CHURCH

1. *Because* the stress of modern life demands a power other than our own, if we are to live victoriously.

2. *Because* we can't get away from the inner urge that calls for communion with God.

3. *Because*, even though God is everywhere, there is a special communion with Him in His holy house.

4. *Because* we want to enjoy Christian fellowship, contributing something of our time, talents and means to the spiritual support of others.

5. *Because* we want to seek forgiveness of our sins in an atmosphere that makes clear the reality of sin on the one hand and the loving forgiveness of God on the other.

6. *Because* we want to receive the benefits of the sacraments.

7. *Because* we believe that studying the Bible in company with others gives us a clearer and more perfect understanding of its meaning and helpfulness.

8. *Because* we want to work with and in an institution that makes our homes and our community better. We think that the

church is the natural hub of the community.

9. *Because* we believe that the organized efforts of Christian churches can bring peace and happiness to the world. Churches give themselves unselfishly without thought of gain. They take the Good News to the ends of the earth, and only that Good News can re-make the earth.

10. *Because* the church helps us grow spiritually, morally, mentally and socially, giving us an up-reach to God, a down-reach to ourselves and an outreach to our fellow men.—*Christian Advocate*.

IN WHAT BOOK?

(In what book of the Bible will you find these verses?)

..... 1. "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence."

..... 2. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

..... 3. "The lot causeth contention to cease, and parteth between the mighty."

..... 4. "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty



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hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.”

..... 5. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

..... 6. “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

..... 7. “They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”

..... 8. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

..... 9. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

..... 10. “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.”

NOTE: For your score, count ten points for every correct answer. Below 70 is failure. Key: 1. Psalm 115:17; 2. Luke 12:32; 3. Proverbs 18:18; 4. 1 Peter 5:6; 5. James 4:7; 6. John 14:15; 7. Psalm 22:18; 8. Galatians 6:7; 9. Romans 8:28; 10. Titus 2:11. (Your answers need name only the **book**, not chapter and verse.)—Mary Holbert.

LIVING A CLEAN CHRISTIAN LIFE

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14:3). There were foods to be eaten, and foods not to be eaten at the time of the flood. When Noah left the ark he “. . . builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar” (Genesis 8:20).

We read in Genesis that the men of God kept herds of cattle, sheep, and goats, and ate of these flocks; but we find no record of herds of swine being kept, or being dressed for food, or used for burnt offerings with God’s approval. God appointed certain beasts to be eaten and others not to be eaten (See Leviticus 11:1-23).

As Christians, we have the duty of keeping the commandments along with eating clean food. Let each one of us examine himself, and if he is guilty of having done anything wrong, then get right with God even as David did, as recorded in Psalm 51. And let us be clean vessels before God. Let us be on fire for Him, clean from all unclean worldly practices.

The small courtesies sweeten life; the greater ennoble it. *Bovee.*

JOHNNY ON THE SPOT

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Wednesday; when is this church meeting of yours?"

"It's Tuesday. I—"

"You'll need my address, I'll write it down for you."

What could he do? Someone else had come to the counter. Out of the corner of his eye he saw now that it was Rosemary. What would she say if she knew what he was about to do? Ha! He didn't have to think twice about that. She'd say it was wrong for him to compromise. But maybe she'd be just a little bit jealous of a smooth girl like Cynthia. John knew that wasn't fair though. Rosemary would say it was wrong for him to compromise because she'd have God's Word to back her up. Not once in God's Word were His people ever given permission to compromise.

Cynthia was handing him her address. He took it and just stood there looking at it for a long moment. He felt awkward and helpless. Then a simple question came to his rescue. Did the end justify the means?

Somehow he found his voice. "I'm sorry, Cynthia. I'd sure like to have you come to the Y.P. meeting with me but I can't go to your dance. You see, I'm a Christian and that would be compromising."

"Why, what's wrong with a little old dance? I think you're very narrow," Cynthia retorted.

"Perhaps so," John replied, "but I feel that my life belongs to the Lord and I want to please Him. So, I steer clear of things that I believe are contrary to principles taught in His Word. I

hope you'll understand—and the invitation to the Y.P. meeting still stands."

He could tell by Cynthia's face that she was mad clear through. But suddenly he did not feel flustered or awkward. He was able to look Cynthia right in the eye and smile.

Cynthia's eyes were flashing and her lips curled in contempt. As she crumpled the address and threw it to the floor there was a loud laugh from one of the booths. It was Tom Horton. Sauntering up, he sat down beside Cynthia.

"Well," he said, still laughing, "I guess you lost that time, Cleopatra."

Cynthia gave him a look that should have curled his hair and with one neat swirl of the stool left the scene.

Tom paid no attention to her. "Don't look so concerned, John, my boy. You just came through with flying colors, and that little egotist got what was coming to her, besides.

"Would you mind letting me in on this big joke?" John asked tersely.

"Sure! You see, I was telling Cynthia about you one day—how you are a Christian and how you toe the mark so well and stuff. She didn't believe it at first. Then she bet me she could have you at a dance within a month's time. That's when she started coming in here working on you. She happened to tell me that she hoped to break down your resistance today, so I came along to see if she could. Boy, you had me worried for a few minutes. It's funny, I guess I'd been wanting to see you let down. But just when I thought

you might, it made me feel terrible—as though there wouldn't be anything at all a guy could depend on. It must be swell to be so sure about what you believe. I almost—" Tom didn't finish.

"Tom, how about you coming to the service Tuesday night? There're lots of other kids there who know the Lord the way I do. You can know Him, too."

Tom thought it over a moment. "Okay, John, I'll come!" Tom's face said he meant it.

Suddenly John realized he had been neglecting his other customer. Maryrose, however, was waiting patiently. Somehow she looked better to John than she ever had before.

—Ellis Martin in HiCall.

Oregon Youth Rally

The rally for February was held at Elmira, Oregon. Brother Strunk opened the services leading the congregation in singing some hymns. Paul Jellison led in prayer. Brother Strunk read the Scripture reading—1 Cor. 3:9-15.

Poems were given by: Tommy Strunk and Brother Keady. Leroy and Romona Fauth sang a song and Dan Fauth sang a song accompanying himself on the guitar. Helen and Elden Knight sang a duet number.

An instrumental number was played by Dan, Romona and Leroy Fauth, and Opal and Arlene Jenness. A quartet number was sung, and then the Sprouse family sang for us.

Alma Strunk conducted a Bible quiz with Mary and Dale Lawson choosing sides. Dale's side won.

Merle and Opal Jenness sang a song and then Paul Jellison and Arnie Lawson took up the offering which goes to Brothner Weekes of Trinidad.

Vivian Long sang "Take My Hand, Precious Lord." Archie Lawson gave a sermonette entitled "A Firm Foundation."

We had a testimony meeting with prayer following and then were dismissed by Brother Strunk.

—Mildred Lawson.

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Idaho Y.P. Report

The young people's meeting was held on January 29. The opening song was led by Arnold Moldenhauer and accompanied by Alice Cory. The Scripture reading, Galatians 5:22-26, was read by Marvin Cory. Brother Meikle led in prayer.

Martha Cory gave a reading. Viola Moldenhauer and Alice Cory sang a duet, and then the Juniors gave a few thoughts on the Christian graces. Poems were read by Anita Crabtree and Alice Cory. Opal Williams conducted a quiz.

The offering taken was \$2.77. The services were turned over to Elder Reuben Moldenhauer. We sang a chorus and then had a season of prayer.

The closing song was "Blest Be the Tie" and Ben Riggs dismissed the meeting with prayer.

—Una Riggs.

"The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever."—Psalm 111:2, 3.

Let's Be Good Samaritans

By Richard S. Davis, S.V.A. Freshman



ONE DAY a certain man was going from Jerusalem to Jericho. Now the land between these two places is quite mountainous. While the man was traveling through the hills, some thieves came out from their hiding place and beat him. They left with the man's clothing and money. The man lay wounded and as if we were dead.

After a while a Jewish priest passed that way. He saw the man, but he passed by on the other side of the road and ignored him.

Later on a Levite passed by, and when he saw the man, he, like the priest, went by on the other side of the road.

Many hours passed and finally a Samaritan passed that way. When he saw the man he had compassion on him, even though at this time the Jews and the Samaritans did not get along well. The Samaritan, however, cast aside any such feelings and came to the rescue of the Jew. He bound up his wounds and took him upon his donkey to the city. When he reached the city he took him to an inn where the man could rest and recover.

This is a good example on which to study for us as Christian young people. It has a great meaning—if we only study and find it. There are two sides to every story, but we will study the spiritual side of it.

We profess to be children of God, so we *must* obey and live up to every Word of God. It is our duty to be good Samaritans to this lost and dying world.

There are many people today who are wounded by sin. We must go and doctor them by giving to them Jesus—the soul's physician.

The devil is out to beat and rob all of the people that he can. He doesn't want them to enter into the city paved with gold. Here again we must come to the rescue. Many people pass by like the priest and the Levite. They just say, "Oh, I don't have time now," or some similar excuse. These people are not true worshipers and servants of God, or they would not say these things.

We have few young people in the Church compared to some of the more popular churches, but if we wanted to and worked hard enough, we could have groups much larger than we have in all our churches. This would require faith, prayer and the actual getting out and doing. One way to get young people interested in the church is to hold Bible studies in your home. You could invite the neighbor children over and have your minister there once in a while. The next step is to get them to come to Sabbath school and young people's meetings with you. When they do come, we must remember that we cannot teach them the whole truth at one time. The lessons set forth in the *Herald and Call* are good lessons to study. These are merely suggestions for you, and you may be able to think of some ideas of your own.

May God help us as young people to get more young people in

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MIDWEST SIDELIGHTS

Hello again from *Midwest*.

In viewing *Midwest* I feel one of the most important phases is the feeling each student has toward one another. That feeling is love; Christian love that comes from the heart of a converted person.

This love is shown in many different ways. One is the way they respond when called upon to do something. Another is their co-operative spirit. They are quick to acknowledge wrong, and right the wrong that has been done.

Love is a wonderful thing when rightly used; and the most horrible thing when misused. True love never intentionally hurts. The best example we can find of this is Christ and His love toward His disciples. Christ gave His life for His disciples. He taught and rebuked them in love, so they would be better fitted to do the work He had for them.

It is similar love that the teachers at *Midwest* point out different factors that will better the lives of the students. For this the students are thankful. The students want to be better spiritually, scholastically and socially when they leave *Midwest*.

Midwest was founded with love and will continue to grow and prosper through the Christian love felt by those who live within her walls. We are sure that the coming years will find our college well on the way to becoming the institution we hold in our dreams. With the church recognizing the

need for such training and seeing the results going into the field, the needed funds will come in and *Midwest* will march forward.

Perhaps through these little writings in the *Herald and Call* our readers can understand the love and companionship felt between the students.

God bless you till we meet again next week. —Roberta Harris

An observer's note: One of the many good things about *Midwest* which I have noted is that Bible study and discussion are stimulated. Some from the college have come to me enthused over some subject that has been discussed, and I enjoy discussing it more with them.

The Church of God does not shy away from studying any doctrine or belief. We do not tell members not to read this or that literature from other churches. We are open for any added light that may be brought to us and believe that we have an open mind. Students who attend *Midwest* easily see how open and fair we are in this matter.

Often at regular prayer meetings we discuss some Bible subject, which, too, is educational and of spiritual benefit. —L.L.C.

The best evidence that the Bible is the inspired Word of God is to be found within its covers. It proves itself.—*Charles Hodge*.

Poetic Gems

BE NOT AFRAID

Above the storm
And the wind-tossed sea,
The disciples, anxious dismayed,
Heard the gentle voice
Of the Savior, dear
As He said, "Be not afraid."

Through all the cares
And the toils of the days,
Though my life by trials is frayed,
I can hear His voice
As He whispers to me,
" 'Tis I. Be not afraid."

So above the storms
Of life's wind-tossed sea,
I can walk with confidence stayed
By the voice of my Lord,
Through prayer and the word.
Christ lives. Be not afraid.

—Mrs. A. R. Howell in Gospel Herald

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WE CARE

We care when someone hurts us by an
understanding word,
We care when loved ones turn away
dismayed that we have erred;
We care for loss of friendship, as true
friends we cannot spare—
Should someone doubt our faithful-
ness, we're saddened and we care.

We care when someone near and dear
is traveling down the road
That's sprinkled with a rosy mist but
lacks the moral code;
And when another strays away from
circles that we share

Are we so derelict at heart we really
do not care?

We flinched, when we were tiny tots,
at royal reprimand,
Our gay bravado was a sham to bol-
ster up a stand.

So when we say, "I do not care!" it's
such an empty lay,
We've cared a lot, we know we have—
we care as much today!

The good will of our fellowmen in
music, sweet, to all—
We rise upon its flowing note, but
when it ebbs we fall!

—Adolf Hotlen (Sel.)

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TAKE TIME TO PRAY

Take time to pray,
When fears and foes distress you,
And tiresome toils oppress you;
Then the Master waits to bless you—
If you'll take time to pray.

Take time to pray,
When cares of life surround you,
And Satan would confound you
Christ will throw His arms around you
If you take time to pray.

Take time to pray,
When emotions have subsided
And the enemy derided
If in God you have confided
Always take time to pray.—Sel.

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"Trust in him at all times; ye
people, pour out your heart be-
fore him: God is a refuge for us."
—David.

Bible Home Study Course

For

Faithful Youth Changers

LESSON 7.

Subject: **THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR (Part II)**
(Prophecies Relating to His First Advent)

- 1—What do you think Isaiah 53:1 means? (Does John 12:37, 38 help you understand it?) (a) Consider Isaiah 53:2—explain “a root out of a dry ground.” (Does the question in John 1:46 help explain it?) Also note Luke 2:7; (b) Was Jesus a handsome man? What would you say about His appearance.
- 2—Read Isaiah 53:3, (also Psalm 22:6). Give verses from the New Scriptures showing Jesus was (1) “despised and rejected,” (2) a man of sorrow and grief, (3) and faces were hid from Him, or He was not esteemed.
- 3—Explain Isaiah 53:7 from the New Scriptures—give verses. (a) Why did He open not His mouth? (b) With what sacrificial animal was He compared? What verses in 1 Peter 1, and St. John 1 are related thereto?
- 4—Read Isaiah 53:5, 6, 8, and last part of 12, and give all the phrases which reveal the purpose of Jesus’ death. (a) Explain “with his stripes we are healed.” (1 Peter 2:24; Matt. 8:16-17). (b) With whom was He numbered? Isaiah 53:12? Explain. (c) Can you explain the question found in Isaiah 53:8?
- 5—What event was prophesied of Jesus’ first advent in Zechariah 9:9? Where in the New Scriptures is the record of this being fulfilled? (a) What was the house of His friend—as it is called—and what did He receive there? Zech. 13:6 (John 1:11). (b) Briefly explain Zech. 13:7 as related to Christ. (See also John 10:11 and 30).
- 6—What was prophesied of Jesus in Psalm 16:10 (also John 20:9). (a) Read Psalm 22:1, 6, 8, 16, 18 and for each verse give the New Scripture verse which corresponds in each case.
- 7—In Psalm 34:20 what was prophesied of Jesus? What verse in John 19 proves this?
- 8—How do you think the Jews expected Jesus to come the first time? Wherein do you think they failed to rightly divide the word (prophecies in this case) relating to Jesus’ first coming? (a) With what was Jesus anointed (Isaiah 61:1), and to whom does it seem He came to help the most? (b) What was to rest upon Him, and how does Isaiah 11:2, 3, and first part of verse 3 show He would deal justly?

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IT IS NOT EASY

To apologize
To begin over
To be unselfish
To take advice
To admit error
To face a sneer
To be charitable
To keep on trying
To be considerate
To avoid mistakes
To endure success
To profit by mistakes

To subdue an unruly temper
To maintain a high standard
To recognize the silver lining.

—The Cuyler Tide.

LET'S BE GOOD SAMARITANS

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