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Talking Things Over

G. R. L.



The greater part of this issue is given to one theme: That God today is living and active, and that He is responsive to prayers that ascend in the name of Jesus. Incidentally, this theme is drawn from the experiences of many in connection with Portland Christian School which is now in its 41st year. This school is a monument to the faithfulness of God; we talk about it to call attention to Him. If you are caused to wonder at some of the things related here, simply consider how great is He who has performed them. "Let him that glorieth, glory in the Lord."

We thought it well at this time to present a few thoughts on "Christian Education" by different writers. My own views, which follow, may not represent the thinking of all Christian educators; they certainly do not represent the practices of all schools that are called "Christian." As a matter of fact, some "Christian" schools do exactly what I say Christian Education does not do. What do you think about it? What *should* be the function of a Christian school? What is necessary for it to be described by the word "Christian"?

WHAT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS NOT

A Christian school is not necessarily a Bible school, where the Bible and Bible-related studies (hermeneutics, Biblical languages, etc.) form the curriculum. Especially on the elementary level, such a curriculum is an impossibility. At this age, children are needing the three R's (*and the Word*); these basics can be presented in a Christian as well as a non-Christian frame of reference. This, I maintain, is just as necessary as the accumulation of Bible facts. At the secondary level, government regulations leave us little choice as to basic curriculum; in Kentucky, one-half of the credits required for graduation are prescribed by the state Department of Education. Attendance at an accredited school (that meets these requirements) is required by law, so a parent must send his children where they will be taught the "secular" subjects. But again, this teaching can be done in a distinctively Christian frame of reference, which makes the school worth while, even though it is not a Bible school.

A Christian school is not simply an ordinary school with a daily Bible class and chapel service added. Pope Pius XI very discerningly pointed this out (with reference to Catholic schools) in his encyclical *Rappresentanti in terra* (1929). He recognized what most Protestants have failed to see — that religion cannot be tacked on to education as an afterthought. Released-time Bible classes, in effect, gives

the usual schooling plus a Bible class (and this is far, far better than no Bible class); however, if this is all we have in a "Christian" school I would not consider justified the spending of the Lord's money to support it.

Christian education is not "secular" education *minus* some of the objectionable features — evolution, etc. Such a system would still be "secular." The change would be in the subject matter only, and Christianity is more than just a set of facts.

A Christian school is not a monastery with high walls that are intended to isolate the child from the contemporary world. It is not a greenhouse where life situations are artificial. In a boarding school, all this might be true, but children in a day school are amply exposed to the world around them in their off-hours. It would be a difficult thing for a school to act as a protective barrier against exposure to the seamy side of life. Besides, there is something better it can do.

WHAT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS

Since a Christian school is a private school, of course there is the freedom to teach as one pleases — just so the state requirements are met. So there should be daily Bible classes and chapel services (this is the way we begin the day at PCS). But the Bible is not just another subject to be studied; when Bible class is over, the Bible is not set aside until the next day. True, the Bible may not be specifically mentioned in every class, but yet its influence is present. Bible facts are in focus in the Bible class; the principles that emanate from these facts pervade the entire curriculum.

In such a simple thing as classroom routine — working together, taking tests, discussion, etc. — students learn to think of the Lord as being present and interested in their work. They learn that the basic rules of successful human relations have their roots in the spiritual life. They learn to look for God in every phase of life — not just in "religious activities." They expect to find order in the sciences, because of the intelligence of the Creator. Behind the scenes of history they see something that the textbook doesn't tell them — that God determines the "seasons and the bounds" of the nations. The Word of God is the framework in which all the various studies are set. The knowledge of the Word itself would be virtually useless, if it were not related to everyday life. Therefore education that is Christian must make the spiritual life practical in the classroom. The student must see life as an integrated whole — not broken up into disconnected pieces. Doing one's best on an English assignment can be service to the Lord that is just as pleasing to Him as the preaching of a sermon or the teaching of a Sunday school class.

We have said that there is something better than protection, or isolation, from the world. That something is preparation — not just a set of arguments, but an understanding of the dangers and the ability to cope with them. The answer to alcohol, for example, is investigation of its effects (physical, moral, social) and of the reasons why people resort to it. Against this background the wisdom of

the Word is readily appreciated, and doubly so when it is considered that God spoke before the day of modern scientific discovery. In some schools, evolution is met with ridicule and a few Bible verses; their graduates find they need more than this when they meet real opposition later on. What is the answer? A close-up look at what evolution *really* is, and an evaluation of the evidence for and against it. At PCS Earl Mullins has designed a course (and it has been approved for credit by the State Department of Education) that brings together information from various branches of science and relates it to the theory of evolution. The claims of the Bible are compared to the scientific evidences studied. Result: A Bible-believing student can meet the evolutionary teaching of higher educational institutions with the knowledge that there is another side to this matter.

THE TOTAL PICTURE

Someone has said that only the individual teacher can make education really Christian. There is a large measure of truth in that, and therefore it is possible even in a public school system for a teacher to impart a measure of "Christian education." Certainly this does point up the responsibility of the teacher; just being on the faculty of a Christian school will not make my teaching "Christian." However, the total picture is important, too. Education, of course you know, is more than "book learning." It is the sum total of habits and responses acquired in meeting and dealing with new situations in life. Children learn from each other and from the environment around them. The general atmosphere of the school, the standards of the student body as a whole, the composite impact of all of the teachers and classroom situations throughout the day—it takes all of this to make true Christian education. These factors are difficult—if not impossible—to control directly from the administrative office. That is why Christian schools are so dependent upon prayer. Just as God alone can make a person Christian, so He alone is able to make a real Christian school.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN OUR DAY

The perilous days in which we live have given rise to conflicting philosophies of education. There was a time when practically all college education in America was Christian and Biblical truth was the very core of the curriculum.

Although educational change has taken place all through the years, there was a noticeable shift of emphasis during the last half of the nineteenth century that resulted from the impact of German theology, the teachings of evolution and the social application of Christianity, a change that was felt in the church and especially in its theological seminaries.

During the last three or four decades, however, there has been a definite upsurge in evangelical, Christian education. This has been witnessed not only in some well-established schools and Bible colleges, but also in the founding of new schools with Bible-centered

curricula. Today these institutions, characterized by a sound faith in the inspired Word of God, are recognized for their true worth as institutions of higher learning, and they constitute the main arm of the evangelical church in its program of world-wide evangelization.

But today we live in a complex world of scientific and technological revolution. We are concerned with intricate biological processes, computers, the conquest of space and the laying hold of the ceaseless flow of knowledge coming from scores of research laboratories. By comparison, little attention is being paid to the humanities, as the government is "buying research and brains" and giving only slight consideration to the fundamentals of a sound liberal arts education. Our confused world is something of an indictment of our ignorance of the things that really count.

T. S. Eliot asked two questions:

"Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?
Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?
The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries
Bring us farther from God and nearer to the Dust."

Actually there are just two systems of thought which are striving for supremacy in modern civilization. The one is humanistic and focuses upon man; the other is theistic and is concerned primarily with God. It is Christian theism alone which can lead men out of the morass of sin and skepticism and into a vital experience of liberty and truth. If, as we believe, Christianity is the answer to the problems that face both society and the individual, then we need to direct our program of education to meet this need in all the aspects of life.

We hold to a Christian world view in which God has revealed Himself both in nature and through supernatural revelation, i.e., the Word of God. It is in the Bible that we behold Christ as the self-revelation of God, in whom the Creator and creature meet. He it is, God incarnate, who is sovereign in creation, history and redemption. Thus the task of Christian education is to make the goals of education compatible with this Christian world view. Basically this requires allegiance to a Christ-centered, Bible-based curriculum which has for its goal the training of the individual to live in harmony with the will of God. This is learning of the highest order, and as Milton S. Eisenhower declares, "We must view learning as a vital and continuing human process with emphasis on genuine understanding rather than mere knowledge."

Christian education is concerned with the whole man in his total environment. Therefore, historic and cultural backgrounds, the social sciences and the arts are included in the curriculum of Christian education, the Bible being the integrating factor. We must maintain this centrality of the Bible regardless of the new areas of knowledge which will come into focus from time to time. The Bible is the source of all spiritual wisdom and the only guide to successful living. It is relevant to every situation in life. The religious atmosphere in our schools is reflected in our graduates. Our colleges do not simply have departments of religion where Bible and

theology are taught; rather the entire system is permeated by Christian convictions that are demonstrated in every phase of school life. All of the activities in the college conform to this standard.

As Christian educators our task is not only to lead the student into spiritual maturity in order that he may emerge as a full-grown man in Christ Jesus, but also to develop in him a genuine love for learning. This should have been the reason that prompted him to attend college in the first place. But there is something more than learning facts. The facts must be made meaningful, viewed in the background of history, seen in relation to one's journey through life and applied, all in keeping with the divine purpose. This gives to Christian education a dimension which cannot be found in secular education.

Trends and movements in education will come and go; methods and techniques will be modified from time to time; but the solid foundation in Christian education must remain unchanged. The unifying factor that gives meaning and stability to our educational system is the Word of God and the pre-eminence of Christ. —GILBERT H. JOHNSON in *The Alliance Witness*.

Our Front Cover

Front Row (L to R): Ragna Mullins, Alice Crowder, Lois McReynolds, Linda Offutt, Mona Belle Campbell, Ruth Linscott.

Second Rows Delmer Browning, Mary Lewter, Lloyd Addams, Jane Addams, Gordon Linscott.

Back Rows Dale Offutt, Stanley Myers, Earl Mullins, Nicolaas Wiese.

These in the picture are those who are most in the public eye, but behind the scenes is a host of others, whose help is essential to the successful operation of the school. Foremost among these are the Portland elders: George Albus, Walter Heid, Victor McKinley, and Carl Vogt Wilson. Besides acting as Board of Directors to the school, they have frequently and freely given themselves to even the most menial odd jobs around the school. They have now enlarged the board by inviting in three other men representing the faculty, the alumni, and the Louisville churches.

In addition to these, we have Robert and Jane Heid taking care of school funds; Pat Edens and Clay Green looking after building maintenance and cleaning; Catherine Troupe in charge of the cafeteria—and a *troop* of mothers who faithfully serve, without pay. There are some more mothers who meet weekly to fast and pray—with what results! And there are many other faithful prayers, both in the Portland congregation and elsewhere. A hard-working and ever-praying Alumni Association is another of the school's valuable assets (photos in this issue by Brent Hickman, President). But even with all of these, we would not have a school without our students and the homes they come from—with parents who strongly want their children to know Him who is the Life. For all of these—and for any others that we may have momentarily overlooked—we are deeply grateful to God.



Truth Advance *Section*

Stanford Chambers

REMINISCENCES OF PORTLAND CHRISTIAN

The Portland Christian School came into existence September 3, 1924. Its name, suggested by Brother Robert H. Boll, had been adopted by the overseers and leaders of the Portland Avenue Church of Christ some time previous. For a day school in which youth could be freely and fully taught the word of God had been conceived in consecrated Christians' hearts quite some time, even years, before. This writer was in gospel meetings with the Portland congregation in 1915 and heard expressions of desire for such a school even then. Returning in 1922 for another series of meetings, I found this desire greatly intensified, and I was called into some conferences held on behalf of inaugurating such a school. I was informed that the four large class rooms in the rear of the church building had been constructed upon the urgency of Brother Alonzo Ferguson, then an overseer of the Portland congregation, who said we may get to where we can start a day school for our children. The rooms were purposely so constructed that a second story could be built over the four rooms, thus affording eight large rooms. Before my departing for home (N.O., La.), I was asked to be present in a business meeting of the brethren, to consider the building of the said second story with the end in view of starting the school. The proposition was unanimously approved. Some little time after my arrival at home, I learned that the plan had been vetoed. I never inquired by whom nor why.

In 1923 I moved my family to Louisville. I came not to start a school. My mind was on protracted meeting work. I had calls for meetings in Indiana, in Tennessee and Louisiana. Louisville was a central point and not a bad place for our children; it would certainly be an improvement over Romanized New Orleans, where wrong associations threatened. It was not twelve months, however, until school interest revived. A Christian teacher of Tennessee (Miss Alice Waters) had been interviewed by Brother Boll and found available for just such a work as was being prayed for. (P.C.S. was conceived and brought forth through prayer. That fact should ever be kept in mind). I was asked if I could aid in the inauguration of the work. A school was wanted like unto the Christian High School for some years conducted by the Seventh and Camp Streets congregation of New Orleans, of which I had previously been principal. I expressed a willingness to aid as I might be able, though I should not set the

N. O. school up as a pattern. Some forty pupils were in prospect. That number increased by midsummer, and I was asked if I could not arrange my promised meetings so as to conclude them before school time and give my time between Sundays to directing the school. As to such a change of schedule, I would have to make it a subject of prayer . . . My promised meetings could be held in the time specified, others need not be promised before next summer. Wife preferred my being at home more; three children yet of school age voted for my entering the school. Brethren argued that my winter's work in the school, teaching the Bible daily, should be much more fruitful than protracted meetings in winter months. So I undertook the principalship of Portland Christian School. Nine would-be freshmen wanted in, so the school would be starting off with nine grades, fifty prospective pupils. Fifty desks were purchased. "The battle trembles to begin."

P. C. S. OPENS

On the morning of September 3, 1924, there appeared on the scene 65 pupils! What could we do? We had floor space, but only 50 desks. A father who came with three said, "My boy, I want him here, if he has to sit on the floor!" A mother urged, "Why could I not bring a goods box to serve as a desk for my girl?" Chapel over and instructions given as to text books, I asked the parents of the extra 15 to meet me at six o'clock, and I would have an answer for them, which I earnestly hoped would be favorable. "It would break my heart to have to turn even one away." Leading brethren were conferred with, and the unanimous decision was, "The Lord sent the extra fifteen and He will enable us to take care of them. Order 15 more desks!" And a third teacher was required. Miss Lois Chambers, engaged as a teacher in Jacksonville, Fla., had two weeks before her school was to open, and volunteered her services for that brief time. G. B. Dasher was available for another two weeks. In the meantime Miss Lura Jones (Bornwasser) was discovered as available; she then became a fixture as Intermediate teacher (which position she held for 38 years, then resigned).

By the end of the first year the enrollment had reached 85. How were desks procured for the 20 more? An applicant, to be admitted, would have to pay the price of a new desk. For every week we "licked the platter clean." The day school was a method of service adopted by the church as a "work of faith and labor of love." There was no tuition charge. Depending on free-will offerings, and always having to "scrape the bottom of the barrel," we were by the weight withal and continuous need, kept pressed to the Lord; we were kept with knees bended. Teachers and many parents (being Christians) found a joy in just that, and I need not say a blessing. There were some pupils of this same mind and spirit, and these made the school what it came to be. A "school spirit" unmistakably arose, a goodly portion of which rubbed off on parents, whereby their feet were raised to higher ground. This school spirit was of a kind not finding its source as "of the earth, earthy." The daily nourishing upon the inspired word proved its efficacy.

. . . AND EXPANDS

Our second year opened with 150 pupils. The cottage on the rear of the lot had been made the home of four widows cared for by the church. Two had died and provision was made for the other two, and the cottage was converted into one large schoolroom that would serve as a home room, also as an assembly room, chapel, etc. Portland's first Commencement was the graduation of our eighth grade. Not a failure in that class. The school became a ten-grade school September, 1925. In the main the public school selection of textbooks was used. Not all such texts were pleasing but the bookstores handled them, hence the convenience of adopting them. Our faculty was short on manpower, so some classes met at night, and thus we held to standards that compared quite favorably with the other schools. But we opened the third year with our enrollment slightly decreased, for which our faculty was a bit more adequate. Mrs. Claude Neal had been added to the faculty, and Claude Neal became a part-time teacher, the while he was in U of L working for his B.A. Preparatory to the opening in 1926, two class-rooms had been added to the rear of the large room. We now had three high school grades. The campus was expanded by renting the lot alongside to the west. All physical education, as to exercise, was entirely outdoors. Our library grew, chiefly through donations of books by friends of the school, some books rather antique. Each year thus far closed with an eighth grade commencement, and a closing program in which every pupil of every grade had a part. Overflow crowds attended. The school picnic at the park held annually near the close of school was an important event for pupils and parents and friends of P.C.S. Ball games, swings and big eats were the order of the day—and chartered streetcar!

With the opening of the fourth year we had four high school grades. Earl C. Smith had been added to the faculty as math teacher, and Mrs. Augusta Ritchie as grade teacher. Four years of math, four years of Latin, four years of English. So then it had to be. History, science, social studies, vocal music were not neglected. Bible, of course, for every pupil every day; every teacher taught Bible. June 1928 saw our first High School Commencement, and it provoked intense interest, not to say excitement. Most of the graduating class (six young men, four young ladies) had been with the school from its first year. Every one had made the grade from year to year, each had confessed Jesus as Lord, each one had taken to heart the success of the school and its maintaining the highest standard possible. One young lady, failing in health, had not been able to graduate with the class. This senior class, wonderfully backed by the juniors, et al, really made P.C.S. what it came to be. Since P.C.H.S. was unaccredited, the graduates purposing to go on to college stood a college entrance examination—and passed. Those who entered college began where they went to build up a reputation for P.C.S. Three became graduates of Harding College, each taking education; one the next year switched to journalism and got his degree in that at the University of Missouri. The class of '28 had started the publication of the *Broadcaster*, with the class of '29 cooperating. Also this class put out the first year book, the *Totem*.

ACCREDITATION RECEIVED

At the opening of its fifth year, the school added Miss Allie Smith to its faculty, who became a great blessing to the school—our high school girls in particular. Because P.C.H.S. was as yet unaccredited, graduates wishing to enter college had to take college entrance exams. This was no pleasure, and there were good reasons for seeking accreditation. But the principal lacked his degree. Other teachers had degrees, Brother Neal had finished at U of L. I made a special trip to Frankfort to consult the State Superintendent of Education. He had no knowledge of P.C.S. but became interested at once; would see us at work. His plan: have the Board elect Claude Neal principal of the High School and make you president of the school as a whole. With this effected, P.C.H.S. became accredited and its graduates had no college entrance problems. It brings no displeasure to note that some have made good as ministers of the word, some in office work and other lines without a college education; it is a pleasure to note how many made the required preparation and are now teachers, some on mission fields, even. From a report by the Alumni some thirteen P.C.H.S. grads are teachers or have been teachers in their Alma Mater.

In 1933, resultant from a felt need and much praying, there came an expansion of the Portland educational program which took the form of the Louisville Christian Training School, some of the P.C.S. faculty with others donating their services to the undertaking. The President of P.C.S. was, by the same overseers of the Portland congregation, who were (and are) the school directors, made President of L.C.T.S. The principal, Claude Neal, lent his valuable aid. L.C.T.S. carried on at night, in the dayschool rooms. The Bolland Bible Classes were incorporated in L.C.T.S. This work was going quite well in its third year, when the Louisville flood of 1937 washed it out. It was revived in 1946 under the same supervision and was carried on until absorbed by K.B.C., Winston Allen, president.

From the fall of 1937 till October, 1941, the writer having been granted leave of absence, he returned to the Seventh and Camp Sts. congregation in New Orleans, where he had previously given 16 years. Recalled to P.C.S., he returned in 1941 and resumed his position as president, holding the same, Brother Neal continuing as principal, aided by new faculty members including the Campbell sisters, La Verne Houtz, et al. In 1950, when warranted by age he resigned, made thenceforth "President Emeritus," grateful for the honor conferred, thankful to our Lord for the privilege of thus working with the Portland Avenue Church of Christ in its enlarged and enlarging field of Christian education as enjoined by the Great Teacher, the Master Teacher in His Great Commission, later sponsoring K.B.C.

At this juncture I must leave it to some member of the present twelve-member faculty to supply the desired data pertaining to the recent years of P.C.S., the present principal Earl Mullins or another whom he may designate.

I have one passion; it is He, and He alone. —Count Zinzendorf.



"What Hath God Wrought!"

Carl Vogt Wilson

It is well that our country has set apart a day for thanksgiving such as is presently before us, but for those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, praise and giving of thanks will be spontaneous, and uninterrupted throughout the year. "In everything give thanks," Paul exhorted the Thessalonians; and when God has graciously wrought His marvelous works in our behalf, we should heed the exhortation, "Let the redeemed of Jehovah say so!"

For forty years now, God Himself has blessed and prospered the Portland Christian School in Louisville, Kentucky. Founded in 1924 by Christians who desired for their children the teaching of the Bible as well as of secular subjects, this little school has never charged tuition but has depended wholly on Him Who promised "Thy God shall supply thine every need," and Who, when put to the test, has proved faithful in a way that is simply breathtaking! I recount—for your information and the consequent strengthening of our faith and for the giving of glory to God—some few of the many instances of God's working for His people today as in the days of yesteryear. These are just a few of the blessings that have come under my personal observation since my association with this work in 1934.

I.

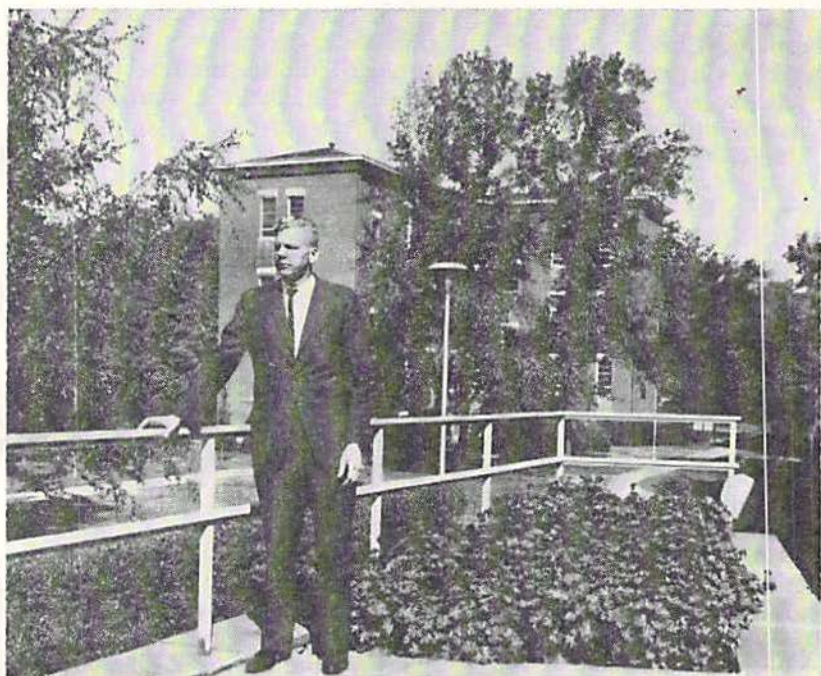
". . . Out of Season"

Toward the end of October, 1959, one of our PCS teaching staff, Robert L. Garrett, received word that his father, a missionary on the African field, had been subjected to a severe attack of gallstones and would have to undergo surgery, thus being removed from his mission work on that field. Under the circumstances, Robert felt very keenly that he should leave Portland Christian and speed with his family to Africa, to assume the work vacated by his father. But, as he told the Portland elders at the outset, he did not want to handicap the school, already some seven or eight weeks advanced into its fall teaching schedule. And where, pray, would one find a substitute for Robert, with the proper degree and professional qualifications, who would be available to take up the work on such short notice (not in the middle of the year—at the end of the semester—but in October, the *very middle of the term*)?

Furthermore, teachers qualified for Portland Christian School are very hard to find! Not only must the young man or woman be professionally qualified by possessing the right training, the proper degrees and teaching experience, but (first and foremost) candidates

for our faculty must be consecrated children of the heavenly king. Each one must not only be willing to work at a sacrificially low salary (approximately one half of that obtainable in the public schools!) but must know God's word and be able to teach it not only in words but in deeds. Even a teacher qualified only by worldly standards would be difficult to find on such short notice, let alone one with such additional spiritual qualifications. Yet the elders agreed with Robert that God was plainly calling him to the field and that he must be released for that emergency. What to do for PCS became a matter of pressing moment . . .

Believing that God never closes one door without opening another for us, our congregation and other interested persons went to God on their knees, confident that He would never disappoint faith but would provide the needed replacement. One of our elders recalled a casual remark made to him by Brother Frank Mullins, Sr., at the Christian Fellowship Week of 1959 just previously concluded, to the effect that, "I believe our son Earl is choosing Christian education as his field."



Our Principal — Earl C. Mullins, Sr.

Following this lead, we contacted Brother Mullins' son, Earl (our present principal), by long distance phone and asked him to pray about making himself available to fill this vacancy on our staff—and pronto! After due praying time had elapsed, God gave Earl the "green light" on this transfer and he quickly moved his family and furniture up to Louisville early in November, taking up Brother

Garrett's work where he had left off. Earl had the very courses and the very experience needed to fill the Garrett vacancy, and furthermore, he was available at just the very moment he was needed. "Who knowest whether thou art not come into the kingdom for such a time as this!" Most important of all, Brother Earl was willing to follow the Lord's guidance for his life and his family's, and to undertake this work at the financial sacrifice involved because of our "no tuition" policy. Could God's hand have been any plainer in this matter if He had written it upon the wall? We are rejoicing in such a consecrated and able principal as Brother Earl, and especially in the all-sufficient God Who raised him up so marvelously!

II.

"His Way is Perfect"

When Sister Lois Campbell, one of our faithful teachers of long standing, accepted the invitation to go to Dallas and help establish East Dallas Christian School, our little faculty was again depleted by God's will. We knew, however, that His substitute for her would appear in due time. We secured lists of Southeastern Christian College graduates, consulted preachers, wrote innumerable letters and conducted a quiet search for many months—but no teacher!

During the winter of 1961, at a presentation of the Senior Play of Portland Christian High School, one of our elders was struck with the realization that Sister Alice Crowder (who had recently moved with her family from Gallatin, Tennessee to the Sellersburg manse) was an experienced teacher, not only of music (her major) but of other subjects as well. She had been teaching in the public schools of Gallatin during their residence there.

The only trouble was that the two younger Crowder girls were very young and needed their mother's care, as Sister Crowder was quick to point out when approached on this subject. Karen was not yet two years old at this time and Cynthia barely four. Obviously a conscientious Christian mother doesn't hie herself off to school and leave such youngsters unattended. So it looked as though we had struck another snag.

Weeks passed; spring vacation came; the Crowders prepared a junket to Florida, where Brother Hall had a meeting. Shortly before leaving, Sister Crowder dispatched a note to this Portland elder, assuring him of her continued sympathetic consideration of the Portland needs. She stated that her main objections to the acceptance of our offer had boiled down to two: (1) the children angle, and (2) the transportation problem (*viz.*, how to get back and forth from Sellersburg to Portland, some 14 miles apart).

Here again the Lord showed His hand! Shortly after this, Sister Crowder received a letter from *her husband's uncle*. Wrote he, "Alice, I have here a good car that I don't need any more and I want to give it to you. Can you come out to St. Louis and drive it home?" Sister Crowder, scarcely believing her eyes, was impressed by the fact that this letter was addressed to *her*—the car was offered

to her, not to his own nephew, Hall Crowder. She believed—and we most certainly did—that God had laid it on this uncle's heart to make this gift to his niece-by-marriage rather than to her husband (the natural recipient), at the very time when transportation difficulties stood as a barrier to her teaching at PCS. Surely, the gift itself and the very timing could only bespeak God's guidance in bringing to our faculty not only one who could fill the vacancy but who has carried the Portland music department to high attainments and statewide honors for His honor and glory.

With this major hurdle thus providentially removed, the other problem (the "children angle") was given short shrift. Cynthia was accepted for the first grade and little Karen was placed in the church nursery adjacent to her mother's class room. All its juvenile facilities were turned over to Karen, who played contentedly there every day for two years, at the conclusion of which time she herself joined our first grade as a regular member. The world may cry "luck," or "coincidence," at these circumstances, but we maintain that such happenings as these with such timing as this can only display the overruling hand of God in the need of His people!

III.

"He Maketh my Way Perfect"

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform," we sing in our hymn. Truly so! Several years ago, when Brother Albus, chairman of PCS school committee, asked each Portland teacher in the spring of the year whether he intended to return in the fall following, it developed that we should be needing a teacher of some scientific subjects plus a modern language. In the course of the annual search for qualified teachers, it occurred to me that Brother Gordon Linscott was "wasting his fragrance on the desert air"—he was at that time in charge of a radio station in South Carolina. I wrote to Brother Gordon to inquire whether he would consider teaching science and modern language on the PCS faculty. He evidently did not feel any immediate leading of the Lord, for he gave no answer to our letter at that time.

Several weeks later, at the monthly "preacher's breakfast" in the Louisville area, Brother J. R. Clark stated that the editorship of the *Word and Work* magazine was becoming too onerous for him, and asked for suggestions for an associate editor. I suggested that Gordon Linscott could not only teach at Portland Christian School but that this work might afford him time to edit the *Word and Work* as well. Brother Clark asked that I write Brother Linscott to lay before him this "double-barrelled" proposition for his prayerful consideration. I did so, but still there came no answer! Evidently God's time was not yet ripe.

July arrived; the opening date of school loomed dangerously near. One morning in South Carolina, brother Gordon was reading in Romans from a copy of *The New English Bible* that he had borrowed (it had not been long off the press and he was "just looking it over"). Romans 12:7 in this version struck him with new force: "A teacher should employ his gift in teaching." He was re-

minded (he told me later) of the suggested teacher opening at PCS and was definitely impressed that he should be teaching, although he was doubtful about qualifying for certification in Kentucky. But he made no move at the time. The Sunday morning following, the owner of the radio station drove into town and said, "I've just sold an interest in the station to a business associate of mine. (This was done in violation of FCC regulations.—Ed.) He bought with the understanding that he would be allowed to manage it." Obviously that meant, "You will be out of a job beginning next week!" The Lord had evidently decided to amplify His guidance to our brother and was not only pulling him from the Louisville end, but was pushing him from the South Carolina end!

Next morning, Gordon called me long distance asking me to check the Louisville stations for possible openings. I checked and called him back, reporting the openings available—but also reminding him, somewhat timidly, of the openings at Portland Christian School and the *Word and Work*. Gordon came on to Louisville that Thursday and was interviewed by WAVE-TV, but he also talked to brother Neal (then our PCS principal) about the PCS vacancy and discussed with brother Clark the editorial need at *Word and Work*. Result: after prayerful consideration, Gordon felt the call of the Lord to return to full-time Christian work; he accepted the teaching assignment at PCS plus the editorial position on the *Word and Work*. Shortly after, as though to assist in material support of the family and to assure him that it was God's will that he return to the Louisville area in Christian work, the congregation at Fishersville called him as their minister, so he is now happily and busily enconced in this "triple-edged" ministry for the Lord. Surely, only an all-wise God, who sees the end from the beginning and works out His plans in ways too marvelous for our understanding, could thus have simultaneously filled three vacancies and brought back into active Christian work one who so evidently belongs there!

IV.

"The silver and the gold are Mine"

"It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!" God supplies every need! One Saturday afternoon the phone rang in the Wilson household and the voice of an Indiana cousin spoke, "What time is your worship service tomorrow? Where is your church? We're just briefly in town to see a Denver cousin, and want to worship with you tomorrow." And sure enough, these two cousins, whom we rarely see because of geographical separation, were present at the Portland worship services the next morning.

The 37-minute sermon impressed the worthy couple with at least one thing—the hardness of the wooden seats at the Portland Avenue Church of Christ! Talking to us Monday morning, this cousin said, "C. V., I'd like to give you a little money for the purchase of seat cushions for your church." To which came my reply, "Albert, if you want to give money to Portland, there is a far greater need than that of seat cushions, hard as the seats undoubtedly are!" I then told him of the Portland Christian School—its long history and how

marvelously the Lord had upheld and prospered this work over the decades. Finally he interrupted, "Tell you what I'll do; I'll send you some shares of life insurance company stock. You can sell it and use the proceeds for this school of yours, in any way you see fit!"

Several weeks later, in a registered special delivery letter came a certificate for fifty shares of the stock of a prosperous life insurance company, made out to the Portland Christian School. The elders, somewhat taken aback at such wonderful provision for our temporal needs by a watchful Father, checked the stock market as of that day. This stock was selling at \$64 per share, so that our sale of these 50 shares netted PCS the sum of \$3200!

Nor was this all! About ten days later I received a letter from the brother of this cousin (whom I'd never seen, nor have until this day!), and in it he wrote, "Albert has told us of the wonderful sacrificial Christian work your people are doing for the Lord in Portland Christian School. I'd like to send along my gift of stock to be similarly sold and applied to the school's needs!" The Portland elders were not long in accepting this evidence of God's faithfulness and within a fortnight we had in our hands a stock certificate for 100 additional shares of the same insurance company. By this time, the market price per share had advanced from \$64 to \$76, so that our realization from the sale of this stock was \$7600!!

Thus, in a way which we can never understand until we stand before His throne, our wonderful God and Father, who ever watches over His own, had brought in to our little school the sum of nearly \$11,000 from two individuals who had never heard of its existence several weeks before and yet who were willing to give generously to the maintenance of a Christian work unknown to them personally. With some of these God-given gifts, our school board thankfully purchased school supplies we'd never been able to afford previously, such as lockers for student use, storage cabinets for each teacher's room, additional desks and chairs, needed duplicating equipment and an opaque projector for use in class rooms. So God raises up His consecrated servants in northern Indiana—and elsewhere—to meet the needs of faithful ones far away! Surely no one could deny that this was God Himself working for Portland Christian School. "Great is Thy faithfulness; morning by morning new mercies we see . . ."

V.

"By my God do I leap over a wall"

In February, 1963, when brother Albus inquired of our teachers whether they would be back for fall teaching, there were *four* who felt led elsewhere of the Lord and stated that they could not return for the fall. This meant that *over one-third of our faculty was leaving us!* Remembering how difficult it has always been to secure teachers of both the proper professional and spiritual qualifications, we immediately laid the matter before the Portland congregation and other interested groups in the Kentuckiana area for continued prayer. At the same time, we started an intensive search among our young

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Precious Reprints

R. H. Boll (1927)

ABOUT EDUCATION

We would call the attention of Christians everywhere, of parents and churches, to the necessity of some such educational work as that conducted by the Portland Avenue Church of Louisville, Ky. — a work now in its third year. If a church poor in this world's goods has been enabled by God's goodness (and practically without appeals to man) to build and equip schoolrooms, employ four excellent teachers, and carry on a regular school-work, embracing all grades from primary up to and including three years of high school (and we hope by God's good pleasure to add the fourth next year) — with above a hundred (125) pupils in attendance, making all free to all (though the work is voluntarily supported by some of the patrons, as well as by some who have no children of their own to educate), it would seem that a similar work could be established almost anywhere. In this school standard work is done, while all the time and every day the Word of God is taught and exalted, and the Christian influence of earnest and devoted teachers is impressed on the young hearts and lives. Many churches could do a similar work. Make no mistake — the time is here for just such a move; and it is more than high time that Christian parents everywhere cease sacrificing their children to the Moloch of modern education.

The universities, barring a few laudable exceptions, seem to be so evil that anyone entering them practically places himself whether consciously or not, under the subtle tutelage of Satan and the cunning craftiness of men who lie in wait to deceive. The educational conditions in the country at large suggest the beginning of a divine retribution, the wrath of God upon a people who have loved darkness rather than the light. May God help our children.

A MODERN MOLOCH (1923)

Speaking of the almost incredible degradation of the children of Israel in sacrificing their children to the idols of Canaan, a noted writer has some serious and pertinent words to say concerning a more modern Moloch-service:

"Is there not a sense in which the sons and daughters of believing parents are being similarly sacrificed in our day to the modern idol Education, by being subjected in their innocence and ignorance to educational processes designed to prepare godless people for careers in a godless world? Has there not been much innocent blood spilled in this way? This should be seriously pondered by people of God to whom He has entrusted little ones to be taught — not heathen philosophy, nor science falsely so-called — not worldly accomplishments, but *His* ways and precepts . . . Among things which believers' children learn at school, those which are useful in

the true sense of the word, are very few and are easily taught them at home. On the other hand, the things which they learn which are harmful, and destructive to truth and godliness, are many, and the influence of these in most cases abides."

I fear there has never been a more vicious Moloch than that modern idol of Education. To slaughter a child in the gruesome way of old, to cast it alive into the red-hot furnace, a burnt-offering to those monstrous gods, was a smaller evil, comparatively, and a slighter injury to the little one than the modern way of destroying its soul and ruining it for all eternity in order to procure a degree from some godless infidel college, and thus to fit it for a career in the world. Our Christian youth is rapidly being ruined. This problem is becoming daily more serious. I appreciate the bold utterance of Brother J. E. Dunn to the effect that we ought to turn our backs upon the whole world and all its educational demands and teach our children after God's standards of a useful and godly life. Will Christian parents have the courage to renounce the devouring world-moloch of modern education? Our Bible schools are in the right direction. What further or better steps that are feasible, practical and scriptural are being (or can be) taken to meet the serious educational situation?

What Hath God Wrought?

(Continued)

men and women for teachers who would be willing to undertake for the Lord on the prevailing sacrificial basis. March passed into April—and June into July—and still the four vacancies stared us in the face! Was it all a mockery? Was God going to walk away from His work and leave us stranded after 38 years? Is He the kind of God who will begin a good work through us and not perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ? Surely, surely our experience with Him had clearly and unquestionably demonstrated otherwise! Yet, here school was to open in less than a month, and over one-third of our faculty had yet to be supplied! Should we rearrange our courses, dropping some? Should we close the school? Should we lower our standards for Christian teachers? We seemed to be at "the Red Sea place" of our school's life.

It was suggested that August 20th be appointed a day of prayer and fasting in the Kentuckiana area for those interested enough to become participants with us. The news of our need had been conveyed to the Southeastern Christian College group at Winchester and to the East Dallas group and these were to join in our supplications before God's throne. At the appointed time some 35-40 gathered in the Portland auditorium for a protracted season of prayer, Scripture reading, admonition and exhortation — and still more prayer! We became the Lord's "remembrancers" that this was His school conducted for His purposes and for His glory and that we didn't want His name dishonored before the unbelieving world.

We began to see the lesson from God's hand, that "the God of Elijah" is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that He could and would work through faithful servants. We had it impressed on our hearts that God's school could not exist on the faith of its founders, but that it must be kept alive on the faith of us today, by sacrificial and persistent prayer and giving and complete dependence on His resources. The truth of the old adage was amply demonstrated, "Man's extremity is God's opportunity!" Shortly after this meeting, things started happening.

First, we were able to offer brother Dale Offutt the fifth and sixth grade classes which were his specialty. We had previously asked him to teach the seventh grade, to which he had not been accustomed. This very month, however, the Lord called to Himself brother Phil Bornwasser, and his widow, sister Lura, who had taught in PCS from its very beginning in 1924 felt led of the Lord to move from Louisville to the mountains to care for her invalid parents. This necessitated her giving up the fifth and sixth grades, which we were thus enabled to offer to brother Dale. This was much more in line with his experience and preparation and he promised to pray anew about our opening. After a few days, he called long distance from Dallas to say that his Lord had given him peace in considering the move and that he was ready to assume the teaching of our fifth and sixth grades. Thus God had moved to fill the first of our four vacancies!

Earlier in the summer, brother Linscott and I had stopped in at an interior decorating establishment where our sister Jane Addams held the important position of decorator-consultant. Her mother, sister Lloyd (daughter of brother Chambers, long-time president of PCS,) was one of our most faithful and effective teachers. We knew that Jane was qualified to teach courses in home economics and art, plus Bible and had asked her to seek God's guidance for her life in the matter of filling one of our vacancies. Though she had to relinquish a much higher-paid position, and one in which she was happy, to come to Portland, she decided after much soul-searching to accept the challenge as God's will. So, on Monday morning just one week before school started, she telephoned and signified her gladness to serve as one of our PCS teachers. Our hearts leaped for joy!

As our third teacher, we decided to ask brother Delmer Browning who was then preaching at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was a graduate of Harding College. God arranged it so that, when we called brother Delmer about this work, brother Billy Wells and his wife, Louise (both PCS alumni and members of the Portland congregation), were at that very moment visiting the Brownings in Florida. Thus they were able to "underscore the emergency" with Delmer and to pray with him about the matter. At the same time, thinking to close our teacher gap completely, we had invited Delmer's wife, Sara Jean (who had had teaching experience in the Indiana schools), to consider teaching our seventh grade classes.

When we telephoned back after four days to receive answers from the Brownings, Delmer told us that he felt led of the Lord to give up his preaching ministry in Fort Lauderdale and turn his talents over to teaching in PCS. He asked that we rush books to him for preliminary study and preparation. Sara Jean felt a strong urge to accept our 7th grade assignment, but realized that their little son, Derek, needed her care, so was obliged to decline.



Jane Addams in her Home Ec II Sewing Class, Delores McCormick at the machine.

On Thursday night of Fellowship Week in 1963, after the evening services at the Sellersburg church, several of us connected with the school gathered in a back room at the church to take counsel together about the current picture at PCHS, whose fall term would begin within five days! Since our day of prayer and fasting on August 20th, God had graciously filled three of our four vacancies, a marvelous display of His power and grace! There still remained, however, one place to be filled — that of seventh grade teacher. After discussion and prayer, it was suggested that we telephone Sara Jean Browning at Fort Lauderdale once more to determine whether the Lord had spoken to her more clearly. A call was placed from the church late that evening—each one of us hanging on brother Mullins' every word as he spoke to her again. Great was our rejoicing when we heard him say, smiling broadly, "Then you will reconsider and accept our offer. Praise the Lord!" Sara Jean's sister had offered to "baby sit" with Derek and the Lord had thus wonderfully—above all that we could ask or even dare to think—supplied our needs with teachers of the calibre we have always had at His school!

VI.

"Forbid them not to come unto Me"

One day last August brother Mullins, our principal, remarked to several of us, "It's a shame that our facilities are so limited; I have applications for quite a few more little "starters" in first grade than we have desks for. I sure hate to have to turn down requests from parents who want their children to have good Bible teaching!" And we all sorrowfully agreed.

About a week or so later, brother Kenneth Lawson called one of our elders with the news that a school supply house nearby was about to close its doors, selling out its assets under the auctioneer's hammer. He reasoned that "we might be able to pick up at a low price" any school supplies we needed if we had the required cash. At this time several of us recalled brother Mullins' remarks about "keeping children who wanted the Bible" away from our school; we thought brother Lawson's call might possibly be the Lord's telling us, "Go to that auction and buy—with some of the cash gifts given for 'seat pads'—enough desks to enlarge the beginners' class taught by sister Mary Lewter." So several of us attended the auction—and sure enough, the very desks we needed to match the type we already had were put up for sale. They were made available in any quantity desired. And thus we were able to bid in for \$6.25 desks regularly bringing \$19.50, and \$13.45 desks for around \$5 apiece. In this way, we considerably enlarged our first grade, were able to accept more little Bible-learners and feel definitely that we have been given this equipment by the Lord for the expansion of His work.

The implication is clear; if grade one is enlarged this year, next year this group will constitute grade two and the next year the third. Thus this step signifies that we are recognizing the necessity of enlarging the school premises within the near future and are accordingly looking to Him who is our Sufficiency to supply as the need arises. And we know from past experience that "He is faithful that promised."

VII.

". . . enlarge my border." And God granted it.

With the passage of the years, the academic requirements of the state Board of Education (under whose authority we operate) have become higher and harder to meet. It has been made imperative for us, if we desire to maintain our accreditation, to add more courses. This automatically adds to our teaching staff, calls for more rooms, more equipment, a larger payroll—in short, more looking to God to meet our increasing need.

School architects and real estate men whom we have consulted over the years about our expansion program have been unanimous in agreeing that our most logical direction for expansion would be

rearward toward Bank Street. The properties that back up onto ours have very long back yards and it was argued that we could buy a strip from the rear yard of each of our neighbors as unimproved land, on which we could erect the new school building to accommodate "our growing pains." For several years the treasurer of the PCS Alumni Association has been receiving funds marked for such expansion. The total so ear-marked after some five years accumulation was around \$16,000. Unfortunately, for some time, owing to our lack of faith, this expansion project had been allowed to drag and little energy had been expended on it. But increasingly we have been made aware through many of the incidents here reported and others like them that God was ready and able to "step out" with us and would lead the way if only we had the faith to ask Him for His help and guidance.

One Tuesday evening in May, 1964, the elders held a special meeting with representatives of the faculty and alumni present. After a season of prayer and mutual exhortation, it seemed unmistakably God's will that we should inaugurate a program of acquiring such property as was needed for expansion of the school. The Alumni Association was given the "green light" by the school board to take whatever steps were necessary to put this program into effect.

The very next day, early in the morning (without knowing a single thing concerning our meeting the night before) the one neighbor whose property we had decided to acquire all the way through to Bank Street (house and lot together) called on brother Robert Heid, school treasurer, and stated, "We've been thinking of selling our property and moving to Indiana. Would the Portland Christian School be interested in buying our place?" (Would they?!)

What makes this all the more evidently from God's hand was this: some three or four years before, when the expansion program was in its inception, we had made a careful but unpublicized survey of the five houses behind us and had decided that this particular house was the very one we should want if we ever got around to buying! But the owner knew nothing of this then nor could he have had any inkling of our Tuesday night decision when he asked brother Heid on Wednesday morning whether we wanted his house. Responding to this wonderful example of God's continuing guidance the school board accepted this offer. The deal was closed and, as matters now stand, Portland Avenue Church has acquired through the tireless efforts of certain consecrated PCS alumni the rearmost two-thirds of our neighbors' backyards plus the one complete house and land we had set our hearts on long ago. One of our faculty families is now residing in this attractive home.

Doesn't it appear to you that this pattern of events reflects God's hand in His working, just as "the fiery, cloudy pillar" of long ago led His people forward then?

VIII.

"My God shall supply every need"

Those of us in close touch with the week-to-week operations of PCS have had our faith wonderfully strengthened by contemplating such continuous instances of His everyday sufficiency! During the spring of 1964, two of our brethren — not officially connected with the school but greatly concerned for its welfare — were used of God to open the eyes of us Portland elders. These brethren, both teachers themselves and thoroughly conversant with the sacrifice of the Portland teachers, challenged us either to increase the teachers' meagre pay for the third time in two years or else to step out in faith and undertake to pay the teachers their regular salaries throughout the summer. In the latter event, these two brethren pointed out, at least our teaching staff (pictured on our front cover this month) would be partially recompensed for the low salary scale at Portland Christian.

After several sessions of prayer and soul-searching on this matter, we elders decided to launch out into the deep and let down our nets, looking to the promise of the God Who said, "Prove Me now, herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room to receive it."

Newsletters were sent out to all PCS alumni and to other parties known to be interested in the school. These outlined the proposed summer-pay plan (called a "vacation allowance"), and asked for prayer from all and financial support from those willing and able to give as God prospered them. How wonderfully faithful stewards responded is now a matter of record! As the summer of 1964 has come to a close, we look back thankfully on 7 weekly payrolls accumulated and mailed out to our teachers. In other words, summer giving in 1964 under this new "faith-program" totalled about \$6600 as against a customary summer income of around \$3000-\$3500. When our people looked in faith to God and trusted Him for these extra weeks, He sent us approximately double the amount we had been saving for a "fall nest egg" over the past years! Another proof that "a faithful God never fails faith!"

IX.

"All His work is done in faithfulness"

Portland Christian School has not one single penny of endowment; no thick portfolio of stock and bonds contributes its dividends to the upkeep of our little school. Only the continuing care of Him who possesses all the silver and the gold has been our sustaining strength over these forty years! Reader, do you realize that a weekly payroll of around \$950 amounts to \$49,400 in one year — for payroll alone, exclusive of such expenses as light, heat, maintenance, janitor, etc. In other words, it requires for PCS payroll alone right at \$50,000 annually and \$50,000 would represent a 5% interest on a million dollar investment! If we had one million

dollars in securities and could by any superhuman cleverness invest it so as to bring in a 5% return, we should have the equivalent of the total amounts continually being donated to this work of the Lord by faithful stewards!

During the first five or six weeks of the current school year, our voluntary giving to the school consistently fell below the gross amount required for the payroll. We were able to pay each teacher his full "take-home pay" but did not receive in any week except one the full amount necessary to accumulate the withholding taxes which must be paid to Uncle Sam each quarter. We were happy that the teachers were paid in full, but Uncle Sam still had his hand out! The day of reckoning must inevitably arrive. Then we should be compelled to pay the government the total amount of taxes withheld. This is a considerable sum; where is it to come from? The teachers (with full "take-home" pay) and the general body of givers (rejoicing in six consecutive net payrolls met) did not even know of this shortcoming in our funds.

But brother Robert Heid and his wife, sister Jane (who spend many long hours of cheerfully-donated time each week as joint treasurers of the school), and a few members of the school board knew of this condition and the impending "show-down" and were much in prayer to God for His continuing gracious supply.

Did you ever feel so happy — so thankful to God for His many benefactions — that you just sort of "choked up" with emotion? Did you ever burst into that grand old song "Great is Thy Faithfulness" as you contemplated the contrast between God's faithfulness and your own unbelief? How often I have had to look in the mirror and say, "Good morning, Mr. 'Little-Faith.'" And despite all our unworthiness, God's blessings have continued in their abundant outpouring into our lives. Praise His name forever!

Why this paean of praise and thanksgiving? Because even on the very day that this article is being penned, God has showed anew that "His compassions they fail not; they are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness." As brother Robert opened the mail today, with the very shadow of the large tax-payment hanging over him, there fell into his hands a check to PCS for \$2000 — sufficient to meet the debt on the accumulated taxes! Only our loving Father can be so timely and so sufficient in all things!

And so I bring this presentation to a close. It must have seemed long to you, but to me, as I write — recalling each separate instance of blessing — it brings home fully, as nothing else could, the truth of Romans 8:32: "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things."



A Christian Views The News

Ernest E. Lyon

By the time this reaches our readers, we will have elected (so far as the voting is concerned, even though the electors will not have met) a new president. Regardless of which one is elected, let us not forget that God has laid upon us the responsibility of praying for all that are in high places. The privilege of prayer is a great one and God has intrusted it to us; are we living up to His trust?

MORE ATHEISM IN TEXT BOOKS. The American Institute of Biological Sciences has recently published new textbooks financed through grants totalling over \$4,000,000 from the National Science Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, according to a story in the *PRESBYTERIAN JOURNAL*, which someone recently sent me. The books are the Green Version entitled *High School Biology*; the Yellow Version, entitled *Biological Science: An Inquiry Into Life*; and the Blue Version, entitled *Biological Science: Molecules to Man*. If your children get these texts look at them thoroughly and protest to your schools. A newspaper editor in Texas on reviewing the books called these "the most vicious attack we have ever seen on the Christian religion." That editor rates the books from moderately bad to very bad in the order listed above.

"HATE AMERICA" CAMPAIGN. The "Go Home, Yankee" signs in many foreign countries that are living off of our tax money now have their counterpart in the attitude of many in this country. Rep. Edwin Willis, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, is reported to have visited an American college campus where about 350 persons, mostly students, gathered to watch a Communist propaganda film. There was "loud applause," according to the press coverage, when Red Chinese Mao Tse-tung embraced a Viet Cong leader. But when a student rose and shouted, "Let's have a round of applause for the Americans fighting and dying in Viet Nam," only some 15 of the 350 present responded. In a recent magazine article, authoress Taylor Caldwell tells of being cheered when she made a speech on a Mid-Western college campus urging support of and love for our country and then being booed when she made the identical speech on an Eastern college campus. We are living in strange times, times that demand a great deal of prayer. We are sojourners and pilgrims here, but we owe support and love for the

country that has protected us and made it possible for us to have the physical blessings we have. If our country goes farther away from God then God will take away these blessings that He has entrusted to us.

L to R: Naomi Proctor, Rhoda Edens, Marvin Ball, Dennis Schrader, John Wilson.



One of the members of this science class spent the past summer doing advanced work for college credit at Western Kentucky State College (Bowling Green) under the sponsorship of the National Science Foundation. She was one of 87 students in the state to qualify for this honor. In a separate competition, Rhoda received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a result of placing among the top 2% of all high school seniors in the U.S. on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The thing which I was greatly afraid of all this time, and which I resolved to use every possible method of preventing, was a narrowness of spirit, a party zeal; that miserable bigotry which makes many so unready to believe that there is any work of God but among themselves. I thought it might be a help against this, frequently to read to all who were willing to hear the accounts I received from time to time of the work which God is carrying on in the earth, both in our own and other countries—not among us alone, but among those of various opinions and denominations. For this I allotted one evening in every month; and I find no cause to repent my labor. It is generally a time of strong consolation to those who love God and all mankind for His sake; as well as of breaking down the partition-walls which either the craft of the devil or the folly of men has built up; and of encouraging every child of God to say, (O when shall it once be!) "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." —John Wesley.

This Grace Also

J. R. Clark



Brother R. H. Boll used to tell of an experience he had in his younger days while holding a meeting. He stood up to preach, announcing "Giving" as his subject. Some of the brethren up front hung their heads, cleaned their glasses, or turned the leaves of their song books. They were embarrassed. Sensing the situation Brother Boll said, "Now, brethren, put your song books aside and look at me. 'Giving' is a Bible subject, even as the other lessons I have been bringing." Thus addressed the brethren relaxed and gave attention and the meeting went on with success.

I remember a cartoon strip in a Sunday school paper in which a deacon was reacting to a sermon on the latter chapters in I Corinthians. When the preacher came to the love chapter the deacon had a happy countenance. Then as from chapter 15 he spoke of the resurrection, new bodies, matters concerning the kingdom and victory over death the deacon was lifted higher and higher in ecstasy until he was, so to speak, floating on a cloud. Continuing to chapter 16 the preacher said, "now concerning the collection for the saints." This caught the deacon off guard. By his expression we could see that his cloud burst and that he hit the earth with a thud. To him the preacher's message had dropped from its high spiritual tone. But not so.

In 2 Corinthians 8 giving is portrayed as a grace, not a whit behind other Christian graces. "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia," says Paul. Then follows an account of sacrificial giving seldom matched. Their afflictions, joy, and deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality; they gave beyond their power; they had to beseech the preacher to accept their gifts, so sacrificial they were; and to cap it all, "first they gave their own selves to the Lord." Verse 4 again speaks of their gifts as "this grace." And verses 6 and 7 refer to their gifts as "this grace also," listing them with faith, utterance, knowledge, earnestness and love. Thus giving is in the category of the best. This train of thought is climaxed with an exalted statement concerning God's unspeakable gift, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich" (v. 9). Here the riches of His glory give way to the poverty

of the cross, which, in turn, imparts to us the riches of salvation and hope.

Thus, giving is a grace that scales the highest heights. Jacob, after God appeared to him in the vision of the ladder, pledged to give to Him a tenth of all he received. Again, Jonah anticipating deliverance from the belly of the sea monster, said, "I will pay that which I have vowed." The grace of giving is here a fitting response to man's highest experiences. Let no man despise this grace.

Peter said to the beggar at the temple door, "Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee . . ." He gave him healing. At another time a tax collector asked Peter about the temple tax. The Lord had Peter cast a hook into the sea, telling him that the first fish he caught would have a shekel in its mouth, with which he could pay the tax. It seems that Peter was often without money. Giving is not limited to money. What Peter had was more valuable than money. We can give a cheery word, a helping hand, a prayer, the Gospel message. The best gifts are free: air, water, beauties of the earth, the singing of birds, the church, Christ, salvation, hope, etc.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said the Lord. In Malachi those who give the whole tithe are promised a blessing from heaven which they shall not be able to receive. Or the words of Jesus in Luke 6:38, "give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." To this agrees Paul in 2 Cor. 9:10. To liberal givers he says, "And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing; and increase the fruits of your righteousness." But on the other hand the Lord can blow upon what we receive so that it will be inadequate to our needs, or, as He says, "he that earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes" (Hag. 1:6, 9). It's gone, but where?

How much are we supposed to give? The Jews of the Old Testament were required to give a tithe (one-tenth). And besides they could give offerings. We are blessed above the Jew of the Old Testament and should do even better than they. At least, we should give no less than they. In 2 Cor. 9 we are admonished to give as we have purposed in our hearts: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And according to 1 Cor. 16, we are to give as we have been prospered. The love in our hearts measures the size of our gifts. Let us take note and remember that "Unless one gives of himself, he gives nothing."

When he is out of fellowship with the Lord, a mature Christian is less effective than a babe in Christ who is in touch with Jesus (John 15:1-11). —Corrie ten Boom

NEWS AND NOTES

Glenmora, La.: God continues His marvelous blessings upon the work here. Please pray for us. —A. J. Istre

Orlando, Fla.: The Carrington Drive congregation continues by the grace of God. Sept. 20 Bob Pinson and Darrell Scott were baptized into Christ. We have been praying for Bob for five years. He has cancer and already has had one leg removed. It will be wonderful when the saints go marching in to see Bob there perfectly whole.

We need prayer as not many folks come out for Sunday school and the night services, and they need to learn more of God's word in order to combat the evil one. —Bill Spears

Neosho, Mo.: I enjoy your paper very much, and have learned so much from it. —Mrs. Homer Walden

Independence, La.: The ladies here at Pine Grove have started a Wednesday morning Bible class. My sister, Mrs. S. H. Bennett, is the instigator. —Odis O. Ford

Jacksonville, Fla.: It's a joy to know you had a great meeting at the conference. Wish I could have been there, but circumstances ruled otherwise. I will be glad when I can attend those meetings, but as long as I teach school, it seems as though I cannot.

The work here (Southside) needs a preacher to work full time, free from the necessity of working to make a living. There is so much to do and so little time to do it. The need is so great for more workers—laborers. We need to pray more the Lord of the harvest, that He will "send forth laborers into the harvest."

Brother Henry Gatlin died Sept. 18. Bro. Bill Neetles and I preached his funeral. He had been sick a long time. Henry's wife plans to live with her mother, Sister Wilson. —John H. Adams.

Winchester, Ky.: It seems hard to get going as I should since my Florida sojourn and the Louisville lectureship. But I hope to get something ready for Word & Work again soon. I haven't been feeling so well—guess I need a tonic!

I think all of us were well pleased with Brother Bartanen's messages during the recent meeting at Belmont. There were a number of responses for

rededication. His chapel talks to our student body were superb. —J. Edward Boyd

Austin, Texas: Yes, "God is good, and He has all our afflictions measured out in perfect wisdom, love and power." I suffer but little. If all goes well, it will be a long wait—waiting until I can regain my normal activities. If all does not go well, it will be a much longer wait. I long to be in the evangelistic field, but God knows best.

I was so sorry to see that Brother Jorgenson was not as well as he usually is, when that issue went to press. His work has been a blessing to many. The Church is under an everlasting debt of gratitude to him for his work on Great Songs of the Church. What a blessing it has been! God used him to do a work never before equaled—at least not in modern times, I am sure. —J. D. Phillips

Winchester, Ky.: Our meeting came to a close last Sunday night with Bro. Ronald Bartanen doing the preaching and Ray Canant, director of the S.C.C. chorus, leading the singing. The attendance and interest were good; there were nine to rededicate their lives and one placed membership. Immediately before the meeting, one came forward for rededication and one cast her lot with us. Prospects for growth at Belmont are good. —Howard Sawyer

Jacksonville, Fla.: Hurricane Dora called for 6½ hours of continuous broadcasting. Ninety-two per cent of Jacksonville was thrown into a state of darkness electrically, and even sometime later only half the town had lights. TV was useless to the people and there were only four radio stations on the air whereas normally there are 13 in the area. During all this time, the Lord kept us on the air with only a few short minutes of interruption to electrical power. When you consider that those receiving power from the same source were in total darkness, it was nothing less than a Divine miracle. We had prayed that the Lord would keep the broadcast equipment from damage and give us electrical power to continue on the air. Though the eye of the hurricane passed within five or six miles south of the station, we were completely kept through it all. We be-

lieve God watched over His own and so directed that He would have a witness during this time. Substantial reports have been received that prove to us we made many new acquaintances and reached people who would never listen otherwise. To God be the praise and the glory for it all. —Dan Richardson

Dugger, Ind.: As we look back over the summer months we remember 3 high peaks here at the Dugger church of Christ. In June we finished a two week Vacation Bible School which everyone felt was one of the best. Our attendance was not as high as in some years, but we had a fine group of boys and girls. The closing exercises were well attended and appreciated by the parents and friends. In July we had a revival meeting with Bro. Antoine Valdetero. The Lord used him to stir up the congregation with forceful and spiritual messages. We had a well-filled house every night. Eleven responded to the invitations. We have had two responses since the meeting.

In August the Dugger congregation joined the other congregations of this area in a week's camp work. We had an enrollment of 147. Our camp site is about four miles southeast of Dugger and about the same distance west of Linton. State requirements for sewage disposal kept us from having overnight camping, but this did not keep us from having an exceptionally fine week. Thirteen young people confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus and were baptized. One young girl rededicated her life to the Lord's service. Bro. Eugene Pound was camp director and did his work well. Already work is being done to meet the State's requirements for next year. Our camp site is ideal for other church gatherings.

Last week we had our annual membership meeting and selected three men to be on the board of directors. There are nine members on the board; three are elected each year. Brother John Bridges of the Bryantsville congregation was reelected for three full years, and Brother Elmer Ringer of the Borden congregation and James Reintjes of the Linton congregation were elected to fill the two other vacancies. —Maurice Clymore.

Churches of Christ Filmstrip Library

Nine congregations in the Louisville area have participated in the filmstrip library in 1964, using 115 filmstrips as of October 11, 1964. We have been

pleased with this response, and wish to encourage others in the area to take advantage of this fine library. Additional filmstrips will soon be added. If you would wish to preview any of the films with the view of possibly being a participant in 1965, please write or call us soon. —Ronald Bartanen.

Frankfort, Ky.: The Lord is sustaining. I am rejoicing in God . . . the God of my salvation. I'm not without grief or sorrow; I've never known such pressure—that is the only way I can describe it—but His presence and grace sustain me. Praise Him. I will trust Him. "He that keepeth (His own) doth not slumber nor sleep . . . He will not suffer thy foot to be moved."

I wish to thank you for the gracious manner you have been used of the Lord to help me and bring a sense of His love and care to me in the "hour of trial." May God reward you for it.

The little girls and Earl are getting along quite well. The girls are in school ever" day, and Earl will be leaving for Germany Sunday.

It is my deep feeling that the Lord intends to enlarge my ministry as an outgrowth of this now grievous event. I am adding another radio station to the "Beams of Blessings" broadcast. Your prayers are requested. —Jack Blaes.

UNITY MEETING

The meeting yesterday was profitable for all who attended in spite of the attendance being cut down due to a conflict in meetings among the Christian Churches that were involved. Principal speakers were M. F. Cottrell and Frank Buck of the Louisville Bible College. Dr. Cottrell, a native of Kentucky, is now located in Denver, Colorado. — Ernest E. Lyon.

Abilene, Texas: We are thankful to the Lord that we are now "in business" on the classroom addition. The Board of Adjustment last Wednesday approved our request for a variance from the ordinance on off-street parking. The contractor, Mr. Carroll Goldsmith, has made a performance and payment bond, and the contract has been signed. His part of the work is to be finished within 90 working days. Of course there will be some "do-it-yourself" completion before the building can be occupied, but each week should show progress toward our goal. —Carl Kitzmiller.

Louisville, Ky.: We are thankful unto God for a very fine meeting at the

Ormsby Avenue Church of Christ last week. The meeting was characterized by very fine attendance, excellent interest, and there were four public responses when the invitation was extended. Not only were the Ormsby people cooperative, but night after night we had good delegations of people from sister congregations. Some of these came every weekday night! — Robert B. Boyd.

Louisville, Ky.: We were greatly strengthened and encouraged by last week's revival meetings. The messages brought by our beloved evangelist, Bro. Ronald Bartanen, were all challenging and helpful. The attendance and interest throughout the week was encouraging. There have as yet been no baptisms, but we hope that seed sown in the hearts of truth seekers will yet show fruit in the yielding of hearts and lives to Christ. Two fine young ladies came forward for re-dedication of their lives to the Lord—Donna Ice, of the Kentucky Avenue congregation, and our own Darlene Willis. May the Lord bless both of these Christian girls as they seek to live more yielded lives to Christ. —Willis Allen.

Louisville, Ky.: The revival meeting at Kentucky Avenue September 20-30, with Bro. M. F. Cottrell of Denver, Colorado, was truly a time of real soul-refreshment. At the evening sessions we were challenged to live victoriously in Christ, and in the morning sessions the first week we were led in a study of a Christian approach to emotional problems which at times plague even the most devout Christians. I believe I can safely say that the preachers who attended the classes so faithfully came away seeing a great need for learning how to better come to grips with the emotional problems besetting people today. A good number attended both morning and evening from other congregations and from the community, averaging 68 in the classes and 103 in the evening services. We believe we are now better prepared to meet the challenges of today in the power of the Spirit of Christ. One placed membership with us and rededicated her life to the Lord. —Ronald Bartanen.

MISSIONARY BRIEFS

Searcy, Ark.: Lord willing, we shall be sailing from New Orleans on the 27th of November. Our papers are not all completed as yet; however, the Lord

can work all of this out should this be His schedule for us. Pray about this please. Also, that we might go forth under the possession of the Holy Spirit, and not in the flesh, which cannot please God. —David Brown.

Manila, Philippines: Please pray about property decisions here. Two weeks ago we thought the Lord wanted us to go ahead and make a down payment on a building which suddenly came to our attention and seemed ideal for us. Though expensive, it was about one-half the price of any other suitable property in the general vicinity of where we are located now. But at the last minute the Lord closed the door. Possibly the new buyer, who seems to have bought merely to resell at a profit, will put it up for sale even cheaper than he bought it if at the last minute a big loan he needs doesn't come through. (Economics here is something to behold!) Anyway, we want only His highest desire for us. —Alex Wilson.

Simalundu, Zambia, Africa: A cause for great rejoicing was the arrival of the first shipment in June of the Tonga Bible. It is one of the finest. We know that God will bless the Hobbys, late Sister Scott, Mr. Hoppood and the many others who have worked so diligently to make it the fine book it is. Our prayer is, that, now these people have the whole of God's word in their own language, that they will make much more rapid strides towards spiritual maturity . . .

We especially request your prayers for the spiritual phase of the work. Education and social changes can give these people a better standard of living in a short time but only Christ can change their hearts and inspire them to leave the ways and customs of their ancestors and give their lives in unselfish service for the saving of Africa's millions still lost and perishing. —O. D. Brittle.

Sellersburg, Ind.: The S. D. Garretts, missionaries in Africa for 34 years, are now ready to return to the field after a year's furlough in the States. They are badly needed in Africa. Funds are now on hand to pay for transportation for Brother and Sister Garrett, but there is one vital need which must be met. In the African work Brother Garrett covers regularly an area of approximately 2,500 square miles. It is obvious that he must have a car to continue this

work. Brother Garrett has suggested that a Volkswagen would be the cheapest to buy and operate. One will cost approximately \$3,000 delivered in Africa. Send all contributions for this purpose to Sellersburg Church of Christ, 211 S. New Albany St., Sellersburg, Ind. —Elbert V. Goss, Treasurer.

Mindoro, Philippines: I hope that all of the subscribers to the Word and Work are not as slow as I am about writing to express appreciation for W & W. It continues to be full of spiritually rich food each month. We enjoy the news items, too, because this is one of the few sources we have to keep us in touch with what is going on "back home."

I had hoped upon returning to the mission field this time that I could send in a news item or short article each month, but I haven't been able to catch up on my work enough to do any writing. —Harold Preston.

Livingstone, Zambia, Africa: June 27 marked our 18th year from our own native homeland, and the 25th was our 48th wedding anniversary . . . The opportunities for harvesting is fast closing in because we have waited so long that the "enemy" has infested the field with "tares." His compassion and healing power is still here as it was for the one who had been waiting 38 years for someone to lead him to the cleansing pool. Hundreds are still waiting to be led to the cleansing pool. Will they answer our Master as did that sick

man, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool"? The conditions here are critical and the outlook even darker. —The J. A. Brittells.

Sellersburg, Ind.: As to our future plans—they are not completely clear yet. We would like to be used of the Lord in some way to stir our brethren up unto greater zeal for things of first importance. Already we have been to several churches to speak and would like to visit your congregation if you so desire. We feel the Lord has given us a message and we also have slides of Japan to show if so desired. If interested, please write Box 26, Sellersburg, Indiana 47172, for an appointment or call CHerry 6-2018. —Tom Marsh.

"Spotlight on Missions"

The Fisherville church has scheduled a missionary program for Thanksgiving weekend. Dennis Allen and Tom Marsh will be speaking alternately at meetings planned for Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of this missionary rally is to kick off a new plan for missionary giving in the church, with a view to increasing offerings for missions. Offerings have already quadrupled since missionary giving was placed on a free-will basis three years ago (instead of making it part of the "church budget"). It is hoped that the new method—widely known as the "faith-promise plan"—will encourage even greater liberality.

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True wisdom is in leaning on Jesus Christ, our Lord;
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True wisdom is in walking where He shall lead the way.

—Author Unknown.



This *monster of self* . . . can hide himself under all forms of goodness; he can watch and fast, write and instruct, pray much and preach long, give alms to the poor, visit the sick, and yet often gets more life and strength . . . in these forms of virtue, than he has in publicans and sinners. —William Law, 1754

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