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## WHERE MY FRIEND, IS THAT CHURCH LETTER OF YOURS?

Well its safe enough in the dresser drawer, it has nestled there undisturbed for many years. I thought perhaps we might move back home some day, really you know we never felt serious about joining a church here. Mother has been dead for twelve years, I know she would not rest in her grave if she knew we had left the old home church. Did mother ever tell you that she would be broken hearted if you established a home and gathered about you little children? Did she ever tell you to warn the grandchildren to abide in grandfather's church and never forsake it. What strange alibis we have in religion. So our introduction to another church in the land where we find work, where our children attend school, where we make our home, remains dormant, dead and unused in the dresser drawer. Our usefulness in the church has never ripened, friendship among the good church folk has never deepened, the soul life has never come into its own. My friend you never gave your church letter serious thought, you never sought divine guidance, you walked the path of least resistance, you let the letter rest. Now friend just where is that church letter of yours? Is it in your pocket, your Bible; no. It has never been written, your name has faded a bit on the old roll book in the church across the

hills. It is never referred to only when a new minister inquires about his parishoners, then the secretary explains that they moved to Stow in the Ohio country, five, ten or fifteen years ago. No one knows just what should be done, the name implies inaction, absence, stagnation, not quite as faithful at either and as might be desired, however in charity and that no offense be given the name remains where it was written, a silent testimony of procrastination. Perhaps the great head of the church pays little heed to trifles such as church letters. However I am confident that High Heaven takes the measure of every human soul. I read that a life is weighed, weighed in the balance of eternal values. Come then my friend witness before your Sovereign Judge; is your life richer, fuller, happier and more useful because you leave the church letter far away in the town from which you departed?

I would to God that you might redeem the time, make up for the lost years, say to your community, your friends, your new found church, here Lord am I, not only my letter, but my mind, my heart, my life, for Christ and the church.

GEO. M. HULME

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

For the past two Sunday evenings we have had a sizeable crowd at C. E. Let us make another record this coming Sunday.

**Sunday A. M. Sermon "The Wonders of the Snow" Evening - Family Night.**



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Be there at 6:30 P. M. "Bill" Shaffer will lead. The topic, "Using The Bible."

In order that you may study your C. E. lesson ahead of time small booklets containing each

respective topic for each Sunday of the year, are now available. Get one for only a dime from the Secretary Dale Shaver.

The following "challenges to thot" on this week's topic appear in this little book, which is incidentally published by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

There are wrong ways of using the Bible,

When we use the Bible irreverently, perhaps with a weary sense of obligation or with an attitude of sophisticated superiority or with a spirit of antagonism, we can neither enjoy it nor benefit from it.

When we use the Bible unintelligently, with no regard for the historical setting of the passage we are scanning or for the context or for the accuracy of the translation or for the bearing of the parallel and complimentary passages, we are likely neither to

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which demands individual attention to every detail. That and a little more has always been our aim. Yet the cost is no more.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Bible School, Sunday . 9:30 A. M.  
 Morning Worship, Sun. 11 A. M.  
 C. E., Sunday ..... 6:30 P. M.  
 Evening Worship Sunday . 7:30 p. m.  
 Teachers Training Class and  
 Prayer Meet, Wed. 7:30 P. M.  
 Orchestra Practice, Wed.  
 Evening ..... 7:30 P. M.  
 Church Business Meeting, First  
 Friday Evening of Month  
 Choir Practice — Thursday,  
 7:30 P. M.

enjoy the reading nor to be blessed by it.

It is important, all the time, that we use the Bible both reverently and intelligently. It is only then that the Bible can be for us an infallible "rule of faith and life." It is only then that God can use the Bible as a means of speaking to our spirits.

Christian young people should cultivate the habit of reading the Bible every day—"for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," that they may be "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." Let them use the scriptures with a will to follow the Christ whom they show forth."

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

This Sunday's Bible School lesson is the fourth lesson of a series of twelve on the life and work of Peter. The specific topic "Peter Denies His Lord." The scripture Luke 22:31-34 and 54-62. The Golden Text: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." 1 Cor.: 10-12.

The lesson divides itself naturally into three parts.

I Peter is warned by Jesus that he will deny his Lord. II Peter shamefully denies the Lord. III Peter awakens to the sinfulness of what he has done when he meets the Lord.

**DEATH**

Taken sick with pneumonia on Sunday of last week Mrs. Albert Smoyer of Fish Creek Road died last Tuesday, January 10th. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 2:00 P. M. at McGowan's with Rev. Hulme officiating. Burial was in Stow Cemetery. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Smoyer in the loss of his wife.

**CHRISTIAN ACTION**

The C. A. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting will be held this week at the home of Mrs. Dunn, 180 Williamson Road. Time Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 P. M. You are invited.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

Prayer meeting this week on Wednesday, held in the church basement led by Rev. Hulme, next week Mrs. Dunn will lead, and the week following Mr. Chas. Buck is the leader. You are invited to attend.

**TOBOGGANING**

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### EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Workers in the Every Member Canvass should hand in their reports to either Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Osman or Mr. Buck by Sunday morning, January 22.

### SUNDAY EVENING

It will be Family Night at Community Church this next Sunday evening. The minister says that a fine Bible will be given to the family with the largest number of members present. According to Rev. Hulme a family may consist of you and all your relatives, such

as grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, uncles, aunts, in-laws, etc. Come out and win the prize.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cumpson and son James who united with the church last Sunday evening on profession of faith.

### ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Our last week's paper contained several errors which, while not unusual, calls for a correction in one particular instance, namely, Mrs. Simison is the assistant teacher in Bible Class Number Five and Mr. M. A. Mantle is the assistant teacher in Bible Class Number Six.

Furthermore there were exactly sixteen different personal items left out of last week's paper, while the week before, and the

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week before there were still other items omitted. This we regret, and, it is our hope that those who handed in the same will not be discouraged and will continue to contribute. Just remember please that this paper is a spare time proposition, at least as far as the editor is concerned, and not always is it possible to make the pages comes out in even; columns; or, is it possible to never, never, overlook a single item. On the contrary it is most always the case that something is omitted, or something in the way of an old ad or an ancient news item has to be included to fill up space.

#### **NOTICE**

The Stow Citizens and Taxpay-

ers League will meet in the Town Hall Friday, Jan. 27th to 8:00 P. M. Future meetings of this organization will be held on the fourth Friday evening of each month.

#### **THE BREAD OF LIFE THE VACANT CHAIR**

The story of Christ feeding the five thousand is symbolic of the way he feeds those of spiritual discernment and understanding. For Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

Always in the midst of those of the second birth who gather to study the word of God and hear the story of salvation there is an unseen table. And each one present may help set that table, and each one present feeds their soul as the bread is placed before them. A word from the Bible here, a word from the Bible there, an explanation of this passage or that chapter, a personal testimony concerning your walk with Christ in the past week, the story of your conversion, all these

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things pointing toward one great goal, Christ and full salvation, are as bread of the very finest quality, food that keeps alive within you that child of the second birth, your immortal soul.

Last Friday evening, including children and young folks, for Christ said "suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven,"—twenty one persons gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mantle and for nearly three hours partook of the "Bread of Life." Such meetings are outstanding. They renew a "right spirit within" and in this day of high pressure living, one should often take time to "renew a right spirit within."

Along the same line of thought last Sunday morning Rev. Hulme read the "Parable of the Great Supper" Luke 14:15-24. The invitations to the supper were given

and declined. The chairs were vacant. The excuses offered sounded much like those of modern days; "one had bought a piece of ground and must needs go and see it," another said "I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come." Accordingly new invitations were issued, and, still there was room. Finally, some were compelled to attend, so all the chairs might be filled.

That the church service here on earth may be made a great banquet for those of spiritual discernment is a fact in truth. And be it known that those who offer excuses and leave their chairs vacant, here, at these spiritual feasts, shall not in that great day enter into the feast of the kingdom in the next world,—“For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper (Luke 14:24).

Therefore, your attendance at church, Bible School and prayer meeting, gathering places where saints and repentant sinners partake of the bread of life, is of great importance.

We would add this one thought,

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namely, mere attendance is not sufficient. One must be partakers of the bread. Some there are, who attend, and do not eat. If the bread is there, either they are spiritually dead, or, they have not experienced the second birth and therefore are unable to see and appreciate spiritual food. Ask yourself, do "I receive satisfaction for spiritual hunger" when present in such gatherings. If not, possibly being dead or dying you lack an appetite, or, at least there is something wrong and it is of first importance that you correct that something. Do not delay.

H. J. S.

### PERSONALS

Taken sick last Friday A. F. Stein was still confined to his bed Sunday.

Miss Adale Boston, age seven months, of Echo Road, is the proud possessor of two, shiny new teeth.

Last Sunday evening the dea-

cons of our church held their first meeting. Mr. Geo. P. DeWitt was elected president.

After visiting for some time with her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Dunn, Mrs. Smith returned to her home in Cleveland last Sunday.

There are not enough red covered song books at Bible School on Sunday mornings. Either we need to recover some of those that have been lost, strayed or stolen, or purchase some new ones.

Mr. Moseley of Marcella has a fine little puppy that he would like to give to some one who will give it a good home.

Attendance at Bible School last Sunday was one hundred eighty-four. The banner was won by the boys of Bible Class number six.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wyatt of Baumberger road spent last Sunday in Cleveland visiting Mrs. Wyatt's mother who is seriously ill.

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Maybe you haven't heard it, but Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Evans of Echo Road have been grandparents ever since last August. Their grandson, Larry Morgan, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Morgan of Preston, Idaho.

Last Sunday, January fifteenth, little Joan Pipes celebrated her third birthday at the home of her grandmother Mrs. Beatrice D. Dierke, 195 East Kent Road. Her birthday cake, of course, had three candles.

Miss Clara Boston of Maple Road is progressing rapidly with the knitting of that sweater of hers. After numerous preliminary "raveling outs" she is coming along quite rapidly and friends

are hoping she'll have it done for Easter.

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Did anyone find Mrs. Hulme's black kid gloves lost two weeks ago either in the ladies class room or in the church auditorium?

As a matter of historic interest it is here recorded that on Monday of last week a petition for incorporating a certain limited section of Stow township was filed by members of the Civic Association with the Township trustees. It is also reported that the petition is being held pending the posting of a bond guaranteeing the cost of a special election.

**Mothers—Leave your children with Elizabeth Cowles any time during the day, 112 Williamson Road, Stow., Phone WA-9171—(Adv.)**

One item that the printer left out of last week's paper was that about Mrs. V. J. Henderson having returned to her home from the

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hospital in Perrysburg, O. She is recovering. Mr. Henderson came home a week earlier and is reported as now being able to get about on crutches.

At the last Church Nite busi-

ness meeting the minister stated that he expected to wriggle out of all financial worries with the church and he expected the church Board of Trustees to assume more responsibility. He also told those present not to be backward in making suggestions to the Trustees. Therefore not being a trustee anymore we feel free to make suggestions. (1) The trustees should meet in regular session at least once each month. (2) Repair the tile on the church building roof. (3) Fix up the furnace room. (4) Fix up the plaster in the basement. (5) Repair basement floor. (6) Hand in a written report at the next church business meeting. (7) Don't ask us how to do all these things.

## BABSON SPEAKS AGAIN

Excerpts from a recent address over a nation-wide radio hook-up, by Roger W. Babson, eminent business statistician and Christian layman.

Business travels in cycles. When these cycles are charted, they look like hills above and valleys below a normal trend line. Whether this trend line is going up or down, business and employ-

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ment continue to oscillate above and below this trend or normal line. The hills and valleys make cycles of only a few years; but the long trends continue for periods of about two generations. Each long cycle consists of an upward and downward trend line.

Starting with 1636, America has been through five of these long trend cycles and is now in the sixth. The first extended from 1636-1680; the second from 1680 to 1730; the third from 1730 to 1795; the fourth from 1795 to 1858; the fifth from 1858 to 1899; while the sixth started with the upward trend in 1899, reached a peak in 1930 and since 1930 it seems this trend line has stopped going upward.

I am dealing only with the long trends of which the average prevailing standard of living is probably the best barometer. General business should be much better in 1939 than in 1938; there should be more employment; better prices and greater stock market activity in 1939 than in 1938. I am "bullish" on 1939 and perhaps on 1940 and longer.

I, however, am very fearful of the present trend line. This may slacken its pace for some time. In fact, I say it will not go up again until this nation and the world is awakened by a spiritual revival. Only a spiritual revival has turned the trend line upward heretofore when it was faltering. It is only reasonable that history should again repeat itself.

One of many reasons why the long trend line may now be changing slope is—The terrible waste of character, self-control and money due to commercial vice, harmful drugs, popular gambling, indecent literature, cheap movies and especially liquor.

I wish to emphasize the evils of liquor. Of course, the great curse is the social use which is undermining the religious life of homes, churches and colleges. As bad money drives out good money, so the social use of liquor drives out family prayers, church attendance, Sunday observance, charity and kindness. This thereby retards the spiritual forces of life.

The American people are spending over five billion a year on intoxicating drink. Of course, a large portion of this goes to labor. Perhaps this represents the employment of one million persons. If, however, this five billion dollars were spent on building and furnishing homes instead of on liquor, it would put two and one-half million persons back to work.

When a dollar is spent to develop a waterfall, the materials and labor employed performs an almost everlasting service. This service would extend over 100 years as a minimum.

When a dollar is spent to build the average house, the material and labor serves a useful purpose for 50 years.

When a dollar is spent to buy an automobile the product of the materials and labor lasts 10 years or more.

When the dollar is used to buy an overcoat, it may last 5 years, or if used to buy an undergarment it may last only one year. When used to buy a fire cracker it lasts only a few seconds.

When, however, the dollar is spent for something harmful, like liquor, the result is minus. It not only serves no useful purpose, but it actually pulls down and destroys both the individual and the nation as a whole.

Recently Secretary of Commerce Roper announced gleefully that the United States national income should reach 65 billion for the year 1938. This, he stated, is the highest since 1930 with the exception of last year, when it reached 69 billion. When one realizes that liquor alone uses up nearly 8 per cent of this amount, and excessive governmental and personal waste use up about 20 per cent additional, it is easily understood why our long trend line may now be going downward.

All this may result in revolution or a change in our form of government. In the past only a spiritual revival has checked this slowing up of the long trend line. Let us, therefore, today quit playing with fire longer and instead work for a spiritual revival.