

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; And thy paths drop fatness." Psa. 65:11.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My Dear Readers,

A Happy And Prosperous New Year!

Wishing one a happy and prosperous New Year is not as effective as one having it already - the benediction of the Lord. I am speaking with reference to our Readers who have so liberally contributed to the Korean Christmas Relief that nine big boxes, containing 3,000 lbs of good clothing and articles for daily use are packed and stacked like a train at the foyer of the Bible College. Has not the Lord blessed you with peace and joy as you think the good these gifts will do to a thousand of our poor brethren in Korea? Besides this major load of blessing, we've also packed two suit cases for Jesus Saves Mission. As to the Korean Relief Boxes, these will soon be shipped through Mr. Cheung Won Sang of Han Seng Trading, Robinson Road, direct to Rev. Dwight Malsbury, missionary to Korea of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. The gifts will be distributed by him to Christian orphanages, Bible schools, leprosariums, etc.

Feeding of the Five Thousand

The feeding of the five thousand was a miracle of direct multiplying ten-thousand-fold. The main lesson of this miracle, however, is not in the super-scientific results but rather in the moral - that the little we give into God's hands for the good of other men can be of wonderful good. Ours is one of indirect multiplying - one good inducing another good. This joyous Christmas which has brought such a happy and prosperous New Year is only the beginning of more such projects. The feeding of five thousand is a "greater work" committed to our hands. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believed on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father." (Jn. 14:12).

Victory on Mt. Carmel

Five years ago the Lord moved Deacon Robert Ong of Life Church to start a Sunday School at his Redhill flat. With Bro. Eio Eng Hua as his co-worker this another new branch of the Lord's work was planted on Dec. 4, 1960. The Sunday School was given a Biblical name for the reason that it was the only Christian witness in a mammoth housing estate against the darkest heathenism and Chinese idolatry. Obliquely facing the Sunday School was a Chinese idol temple.

Today the Sunday School is shifted from its original site at 220B Redhill Close to 411-9 Jalan Rumah Tinggi, a mile nearer Queenstown where Bro. Robert is now shifted. But the Sunday School is not all. On Nov. 1, 1963, the Lord moved Bro. Eng Hua especially to start a Teen-Age Service with a regular panel of speakers every Lord's Day to minister to the growing up young people who otherwise were not attending any church. It is a matter of great satisfaction to report that after five years of tearful sowing the Lord has raised the Sunday School attendance to 50 and the Teen-Age Service to 30, so much so that 411-9 Rumah Tinggi is a veritable human sardine-box.

The Christian love and cooperation that characterises Mt. Carmel may be seen in the orderliness of Sunday School arrangement adjusted to every niche and corner of the flat. This gospel centre is further nurtured by a weekly prayer meeting and its influence extended by the constant distribution of Gospel tracts.

The culmination of five years hard work was witnessed by a special baptism at Life Church Watchnight Service of seven young men and one young woman, four of whom gave testimony of their salvation from heathenism. These are all about school-leaving age and should be a lively nucleus for the formation of a Mt. Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church. Their names are: 1. Richard Ang Kee Lin; 2. Tommy Woo Miao Sen; 3. George Tan Chong Hai; 4. Mary Lew Kim Foong; 5. Tom Lee Tiong Peng; 6. Patrick Chiang Hock Seng; 7. David Wong Wee Fatt; 8. Lim Meng Kin. May their names be written in Heaven (Luke 10:20).

The Sunday School Staff of Mt. Carmel consists of Robert Ong, Ang Beng Chong, Maureen Leong, Gan Sai Lin, Stephen Kwan, Victor Kam (organist). For the last few months a Bible class has been conducted at Carmel by Mr. Philip Heng. Speakers at the Teen-Age Service include Rev. Grauley, Dr. Andrew Heng, Mr. Philip Heng and Mr. Patrick Tan. The work is totally self-supporting. When in the Queenstown area why not take a lift to 411-9 Jalan Rumah Tinggi?

Far Eastern Bible College Reopens

The College reopens on Monday, Jan. 3, 9 a.m. with a chapel service at which Dr. Washington Wu of Manila will bring the message. Registration begins at 10 a.m. It is estimated that about seven new students, full and part-time, will be added to the student body.

Two evening courses are offered as usual on Mondays and Thursdays, one on Pauline Epistles by Rev. Grauley and the other on Revelation by Rev. Tow. Other subjects, offered in the daytime are: Greek, Romans, Church History, Homiletics, Advanced Exe-

genesis by Rev. Grauley; Music, English, Educational Psychology by Mrs. Grauley; Personal Evangelism, Church Music by Mr. Heng; Calvin's Institutes, Pentateuch, Isaiah by Rev. Tow.

It is hoped that our first graduation may be held on July 3, 1966. A comprehensive external examination given by Faith Theological Seminary, USA, should assure the high standard set for the granting of the B.Th. Degree to successful candidates. The comprehensive examination will cover the following five subjects:- Hebrew, Greek, Theology, Church History and Bible.

First Mandarin Gospel Campaign at Life Church, Gilstead Road

You have read and heard much about the first Gospel Campaign in Mandarin to be conducted at Life Church, Gilstead Road with Dr. Washington Wu of Manila. The campaign though advertised as running from Mon. Jan. 3 to Thurs. Jan. 6, 7.30 p.m. nightly, actually commences this Lord's Day, 4.30 p.m. at the regular worship hour. Please pray for the Lord's Messenger and for me as I chair the meetings. Equally important to prayer I believe is playing your part in personal attendance and in bringing your friend. Unless we all cooperate in this vital work of the Lord as hands and feet of Jesus Christ we will not go very far. Our earnest prayer is that God may through these meetings save some from the Chinese-educated that believe. Do you owe a gospel debt to your neighbour and unsaved friend? What about your unsaved parents, and loved ones?

PRAY FOR LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN GOSPEL CAMPAIGN, Jan. 3-6, 7.30 p.m. nightly at Gilstead Road!

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

WE BID GODSPEED to Deacon Koo Peng Kiat who leaves us this Lord's Day, Jan. 2, 5pm.

by air for Sydney on a one-year Columbo Plan Fellowship to study Nursing-tutoring. Mrs. Khoo is a member of the Mandarin Service.

DO YOU NEED TO BUY A MOTOR-BIKE? See Dn. Robert Ong.

DURING THE MANDARIN GOSPEL CAMPAIGN, Dr. Washington Wu would be staying at the FEBC phone 50617.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS at Life Church exceeded \$1,000 and carolling offerings \$300.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. David Thia Tian Swce on his marriage to Miss Ivy Tay Poh Swan at the True Light Church, Sat. Jan. 1, 1966.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for Bro. Nagapan that God may heal him from depressive spirits.

RESULTS of ZION Y.F. elections: Pres: Chia Chek Kwang; V. Pres: Irene Chua; Secretary Selene Kok; Treasurer: George Mohan;

Prayer and Evangelism ldr: Peggy Yeo;

Sports convenor: Charles Yeo; Librarian:

Eulian Heng; Reception Representative:

Irene Wee; Pianist: Patricia Chou;

Correspondence Sec: Cheng Shan Shan.

GALILEE CHURCH Y.F. ELECTION Results:

Pres: Seow Tiang Huat; V. Pres: Ambrose James

Sec: David Teo; Treasurer: Felicia Wong;

Committee Mbrs: Hoe Lai Kuen, Allan Ang, Wong Cheong Fo.

NEEDS BY THE BIBLE COLLEGE: For the furnishing of a permanent guest room, a prophet's chamber for the entertainment of missionaries, pastors, etc. we need bedsheets and more furniture, also the same for the furnishing of more rooms for an increasing number of students. The girls are asking for an electric iron. The policy of the College is that no new furniture be bought as far as possible - for strict economy.

WITH REGARD TO THE KOREAN RELIEF our thanks are due especially to Everfair Co. of N. Bridge Road in the supply of nine big boxes and also to Deacon Heng Yow Tong and his staff for expert packing.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Ps. 135, Psa. Hy. 298 (Creation)

Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;

All ye His servants, praise His Name,

Who in the Lord's house ever stand

And humbly serve at His command.

The Lord is good, His praise proclaim;

Since it is pleasant, praise His Name;

His people for His won He takes

And His peculiar treasure makes.

I know the Lord is high in state,

Above all gods our Lord is great;

The Lord performs what He decrees

In heaven and earth, in depths and seas.

He makes the vapours to ascend

In clouds from earth's remotest end;

The lightnings flash at His command,

He holds the tempest in His hand.

Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;

All ye His servants, praise His Name,

Who in the Lord's house ever stand

And humbly serve at His command.

Forever praise and bless His Name,

And in the church His praise proclaim;

In Zion is His dwelling place;

Praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

As there is but one God and Father of

us all, whose glory gives light and life

to everything that lives; whose presence

fills all places, whose power supports

all beings, whose providence ruleth all

events; so every thing that lives, whether

in heaven or earth, whether they be thrones

or principalities, men or angels, they

must all with one spirit, live wholly to

the praise and glory of this one God and

Father of them all. Angels as angels, in

their heavenly ministrations, but men as

men, women as women, bishops as bishops

priests as priests, and deacons as deacons;

some with things spiritual, and some with

things temporal, offering to God the daily

sacrifice of a reasonable life, wise act-

ions, purity of heart, and heavenly affect-

ions. - William Law

Revs. Tow and Quek will exchange pulpits

next week.

"They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

On the Offensive!

How was it that Christianity under the leadership of the twelve Apostles was able to invade and occupy the chief towns of the Roman Empire, all in one generation? Because Christianity then was on the offensive. Christ's command to go, to take possession for the gospel the uttermost parts of the earth, was carried out in earnest.

How is it that Christianity today is receded to one of defensive action? The philosophy of holding one's own, of conservation seems to prevail in the thinking of the church today. We are not exempt from this diagnosis.

The collection of 3,000 lbs of Relief Goods for Korea, with a windfall of 500lbs of soap worshipfully offered by a brother this week, (and I hear that Bethany Presbyterian Church is following suit with more) teaches us that we can be on the offensive! A little effort exerted by some of us can bring good to a thousand Korean brethren, though once a year. Let this offensive action for good be the beginning of many others. Let us do good in every way, and the best good is in the salvation of souls.

Mandarin Gospel Campaign

The Mandarin Gospel Campaign at Life Church, Jan. 3-6, turned out to be a Hokkien-English meeting. Had we known this we would have widely advertised it to our English speaking. The attendance of 60 to 120 could have been improved. Nevertheless, the gospel was preached through Dr. Washington Wu and the faith consolidated in the young believers of Hume Heights especially.

An interesting development at the close of the campaign was when six or seven of our young people were arrested by the Police on the last night when they were returning to Hume Heights. The reason was that one of them was a "wanted" man who of late has taken an interest in our Mandarin service. A sort of comedy of errors, all our young people, including the "wanted" brother, were released the next morning.

"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose" (Rom. 8:28). I believe this "comedy of errors" has worked a great good. The brothers and sisters of the "wanted" man are now given permission by their parents to attend Sunday School. The "wanted" man himself will give testimony of the Lord's grace at the Mandarin service this week.

The Wisdom of the Holy Spirit

One question the Police put to our fine young people arrested along with the "wanted" man was, "Why do you consort with a wanted man?" Reply: "Because, like Jesus befriending the publicans and sinners, we want to bring him to a knowledge of salvation. In this way we are helping to change an evil society, and thus be a help to the Police." The Police had to say "Amen!" Jesus says, "And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of the Father which speaketh in you." (Matt. 10:18, 19).

FEBC, a School for the Truth

The Far Eastern Bible College has two mottos: "For the Word of God and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). The other: "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). While this school is admittedly conservative upon the fundamentals of Faith and aggressive in the defence of the Gospel against unbelief, the spirit of inquiry into the Truth is liberal. Here is a school not devoted to teaching the traditions of men but to investigation of the Truth which once for all is given in the Holy Bible. Hence our stress on study of the original languages, Greek and Hebrew, our delight in the study of theology. This school is without apology Calvinist and one course that will benefit students is the reading of Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion". But Calvin is not our infallible guide. The Bible is. We shall pursue along the line of diligent theological studies in this school, the Bible being our Text Book.

The year 1966 has seen the school increase to a total enrolment of 15 full and part-time students. the basic qualification for entrance is Senior Cambridge, but those with H.S.C. or some years of post Senior Cambridge training are preferable. Foreign students without adequate English are requested to take intensive English courses before entrance.

Cast our Burden on the Lord

There is a story of a farmer who after boarding a train with his two baskets of vegetables still carries them on his carrying-stave. He thinks he can thereby lighten the load of the train.

There are not a few Christians who are minded not to cast their burdens of care

upon the Lord but rather to bear them on their heavy hearts, one-basket of daytime care, the other of night-time care. Can they change the situation a bit?

To cast our burden upon the Lord does not mean stoic resignation. It involves a constant trusting in prayerful submission that Jesus will work it out for us. Why not - if He is the living God and Lord, if God has a plan for my life?

Reader, what is your problem? Cast your burden on the Lord with many prayers!

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK (Psalm 107)

Psa. Hym. 230, Goshen

O praise the Lord, for He is good,
His mercies still endure;
Thus let His ransomed testify,
From all their foes secure.
He has Redeemed His captive saints
From adversaries' hands,
Has gathered them and brought them back
In peace from hostile lands.

They wandered in the wilderness,
By want and hunger pressed;
In trouble then they cried to God,
He saved their souls distressed.
He made the way before them plain,
Himself became their Guide;
He brought them to a city strong
Wherein they might abide.

O praise the Lord, ye sons of men,
For all His goodness shown;
O praise Him for the wondrous works
To you He has made known.
The longing soul that turns to Him
He fully satisfies;
He fills with good each hungering one
That for His mercy cries.

IN MEMORIAM : Mr. Lee Ah Soo, 79, of Kelapa Sawit passed away on Thurs. Jan. 6 and was interred at Bidadari the following day, the Rev. Tow officiating.

CONGRATULATIONS to Madam SIM SIEW NGO, sister of Mrs. Seow Chong Pin, on her daughter Lily's wedding to Mr. Abby Lim Aik Kow at Thomson Road Baptist Church today, Jan. 8.

OUR DEAF CARPENTER BRO. CHAI may be slow, but he gives guaranteed, good workmanship. He is at your convenient service. Specialises in built-in furniture!

CHINESE MANDARIN CLASS AT FEBC, every Monday 4.30 to 6.00 p.m. will resume this term under Mr. Charles Tsao, B.A.

LIFE CHURCH Y.F. Election Results: Pres. Edward Heng; V. Pres. Lieu Kok Kwong; Sec. Chew Siew Kiang; Treas. Lee Soon Ngee; Pub. Sec. Diana Wee; Com Members: Koh Kim Seng, Tsao San.

DO YOU HAVE spare furniture for the Bible College. We need tables, mattresses, bookshelves, etc. We thank Two Lifers families for two irons.

FRIDAY, Jan. 14, the whole day, will be Day of Prayer for the FEBC. The whole school leaves at 8 a.m. for Chin Lien Bible Seminary where the Prayer will be held. Rev. Wilhelmsen will bring the message.

UNCLE WIN IS COMING! He will be in S'pore Feb. 12 - 17 for special meetings.

FAITH FAMILY WORSHIP at home of Mr. and Mrs. Wang, Bridport Ave.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Life, Rev. John Grauley; Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Rev.

From the Heidelberg Catechism:

Lord's Day I

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.

Q. How many things are necessary for you to know, that you in this comfort may live and die happily?

A. Three; the first, how great my sins and misery are; the second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; the third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Lord's Day 2

Q.3. Whence do you know your misery?

A. Out of the law of God.

Q.4. What does the law of God require of us?

A. Christ teaches that in a summary, Matt. 22:37-40, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. One these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.

Q.5. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. In now wise; for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbour.

(The Heidelberg Catechism divides the whole course of theological instruction for the Church into 52 sections, so that the same may be given completely in one year. Do make a good start with us by reading one section every Lord's Day.)

Quek, Sr.; Galilee, Mr. Heng; Life Mandarin, Rev. Cheng. (Rev. Tow most probably at Muar and Temerloh.)

FORD PREFECT, 54 model, in running condition for \$300!

LATEST ADDITION to FEBC student body is Bro. Liew Hon Seng of K.L.

DEACON KHOO PENG KIAT sends loving greetings from Sydney to Life Church.

LIFE CHURCH SESSION MEETING on Tues. Jan 11, 8 p.m. at Church!

A FEW MORE LIFE CHURCH CALENDARS are available for the asking.

HAVE YOU GIVEN TO THE NEW BUILDING FUND of Life Church? This Fund stands just at about \$4,000.

BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THOU SHALT BE SAVED AND THY HOUSE.

"I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." Isaiah 42:8.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Theology, theology, theology!

Theology is a science. It is known as the queen of sciences. Rightly so! Nuclear physics gets you the H-Bomb. Theology gives you a power-contact with God. Whoever is called to the fulltime gospel ministry must study theology.

What we are stressing at the Far Eastern Bible College is none other than theology. Every subject taught, whether Greek or Hebrew, Bible or Church History, Apologetics or Homiletics, is to bring the student to a more intimate and heartwarming understanding of the Almighty. A student thus trained becomes a channel of God-power to a dying humanity around him. As he begins to speak the Word of God, preaching the message of the Bible, the saving power of God is released! It blasts away sin. It also heals up the wounds of sin. It saves the total being of a lost man or woman!

The greatness of this God-power can be seen in our young church movement. The stately edifices of our congregations are the concrete manifestations of the out-working of this spiritual power. The offerings and gifts that have been collected for Korea are a manifestation of this power.

Advice again to our young people in USA

My advice to Lawrence, Roy and John soon graduating from Shelton College is that they set their heart to theology! Swee Hwa and Leah have gone before them and are well on the right track. Let them decide to study the Word of God with all seriousness as Timothy was advised by Paul to give attention to reading. Philosophy, technology are all peripheral subjects. Theology is the subject.

At Faith Seminary the young college graduate will be integrated into a full three-year course of study of the Bible. Let them be thus convinced to the absolute necessity of being firmly imbedded in the rock of the Word of God. Let them study theology and obtain the secret of the power-contact with God. Theology, theology, theology!

Life Church's Budget

Every church has a budget and Life Church is no exception. What has amazed us weak stewards of God is that God has in past days sent through Lifers, especially, much more than the Session have asked to pay the bills.

One reason for this is your confidence in the Session. By God's wisdom the Lord's money has been wisely used and distributed. By God's commandments, the finance of our church has been managed on the strictest economy. If the apostles had to pick up crumbs after the feeding of the five thousand, what is it that all living on the church compound cannot do? Pastor is prince as well as peon.

I would like to remind Lifers of the New Building Fund however. It is in this area of the Lord's service that those who cannot preach or teach but who have the Lord's money can show their love. As you know the Lord has shown Himself mighty to work by moving a member to pledge five figures for the new Kindergarten-Sunday School Block. I understand however that this three-storey Block will cost \$150,000. There your budget. The Lord open your heart to give for the extension of His kingdom in the days in which you happily live. Don't give in the days you've left this transient earth, for then it will be too late.

THE MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN OF REV. 17 REVEALED!

The Church of God is figuratively called in the Old Testament the wife of Jehovah (Isa. 54:1-5) and in the New Testament the Bride of Christ (Rev. 21:9). When the Church departs from the Faith, she is said to have committed adultery (Hosea 1:1-6). In the light of this figure of speech the Mystery of the Woman of Rev. 17 is clearly revealed - it is the corrupt Church of the end-times.

What corrupt church in these last days of the world fits the prophecy of Rev. 17? Bible teachers are unanimous in identifying the Ecumenical Movement - the Church Movement now rolling on to unite Protestants and Roman Catholics.

At the Service of Prayer for Christian Unity held at the National Theatre today about 4,000 Roman Catholics and Protestants principally belonging to the Anglican Methodist and Presbyterian denominations met under the blind leadership of their Bishops, priests and pastors. (Trinity Theological students served as ushers.) But the faculty and students of the Far Eastern Bible College who attended as observers rather heard the Lord saying, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

* * * Reformation Rally at Gilstead Road, Sun. Feb. 6, 7.30 p.m.

Rev. Grauley and I have been greatly exercised in our consciences by this grave Romeward trend in the Protestant churches. We are proposing to the Committee of the Malaysia Council of Christian Churches and the ICY-Malaysia to issue a call to Reformation Rally at Gilstead Rd. as stated above. We'll show the Film, "Road to Rome".

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK (Psa. 68)
Psa. Hymn 32, Missionary Hymn

O Lord, Thou hast ascended
On high in might to reign;
Captivity Thou ledest
A captive in Thy train.
Rich gifts to Thee are offered
By men who did rebel,
Who pray that now Jehovah
Their God with them may dwell.
Blest be the Lord who daily Our heavy bur-
den bears,
The God of our salvation Who for His peo-
ple cares.
Our God is near to help us; Our God is
strong to save;
The Lord alone is able To ransom from the
grave.

Sing unto God, ye nations,
Ye kingdoms of the earth;
Sing unto God, all people,
And praise His matchless worth.
He rides in royal triumph
Upon the heavens abroad;
He speaks, the mountains tremble
Before the voice of God.
All glory, might, and honour
Ascribe to God on high;
His arm protects His epople
Who on His power rely.
Forth from Thy holy dwelling
Thy awful glories shine;
Thou strengthenest Thy people;
Unending praise be Thine.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day V
DELIVERANCE

- 12.Q. Since, then, by the righteous judg-
ment of God we deserve temporal and
eternal punishment, is there no way
by which we may escape that punishment
and be again received into favour?
A. God will have His justice satisfied;
therefore we must make full satisfac-
tion to the same, wither by ourselves,
or by another.
- 13.Q. But can we ourselves make this satis-
faction?
A. By no means; on the contrary, we dai-
ly increase our debt.
- 14.Q. Can there be found anywhere a mere
creature able to satisfy for us?
A. None; for, first, God will not punish
any other creature for the sin which
man has committed; and, further, no
mere creature can sustain the burden
of God's eternal wrath against sin,
and deliver others from it.
- 15.Q. What manner of mediator and deliver-
er; then, must we seek?
A. One who is a true and righteous man,
and yet more powerful than all crea-
tures; that is, one who is withal true
God.

PROFESSOR TOW SIANG HWA returns from the
USA with a delightful visit to our young
people at Cape May. He brings back loving
greetings from Swee Hwa, Lehia, John, Law-
rence, Roy, Dr.J. Philip Clark, Rev. Shaw,
Rev. Hsu Chiang Tai to our churches and
friends. Professor Tow will show colour
slides of this trip on a Friday night at
64 Andrew Road.
PRAY FOR DR. WASHINGTON WU'S gospel meetings
at Faith Church, Sun. Jan. 30 - Thurs. Feb. 3,
7.45 p.m. nightly.
FEBC HAS NEED OF ANOTHER PIANO to be in-
stalled for Mrs. Grauley our Music teacher.
This is a really worthwhile contribution
any Reader can make for the extension of
God's kingdom.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK
Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

Mon. 4.30 pm. FEBC Mandarin Class.
7.45 pm. Faith Church Gospel meetings
commences, every night to Thurs.
Tues. 8 pm. Life Church Session Meeting.
Life Prayer mtg., Mrs. William Seah.
Wed. 5 pm. FEBC Hebrew Class.
7 pm. Galilee Bible Study, etc.
Sat. 4 pm. Zion, Life YF's.
4 pm. ICY - Sembawang.
Lord's Day: Zion and Faith: Rev. Quek.
Life : Rev. Tow.
Life Mandarin: Rev. Tow.
Galilee: Mr. Heng.

THE 50 COPIES OF "PU TIEN SUNG CHAN", "Hymns
of Universal Praise" for Life Church Manda-
rin Service, ordered through Mr. Pang,
have arrived. Chinese worshippers are in-
vited to offer for the Chinese hymnbooks.

KOREAN RELIEF : The "Manoloeveritt" is not
sailing, so we have to wait for another
boat. The soap consignment is increased
to 660 lbs. to make up one box. Total of-
ferings as announced by the MCCC Treasurer
Rev. Grauley, are as follows:

1. Evangelistic League	\$537.00
2. Life Church	300.00
3. Life Church (Individuals)	150.00
4. Life Church (Mandarin)	90.00
5. Zion Church	93.60
6. Faith Church	50.00
7. Galilee Church	50.00
8. ICY-Malaysia	73.10
9. Anonymous	5.00
	<u>\$1348.70</u>

PRAY for a proposed MCCC-ICY Rally at
Gilstead Road, Sunday Feb. 6, 7.30 p.m.
to show the documentary film superbly
made by Dr. Philip Clark - "Road to Rome"
in which the hypocrisy of the so-called
Christian Unity of the Ecuemical Movement
is revealed. This meeting's decision must
be ratified by the leaders concerned. Watch
for announcements in Straits Times and in
next week's column. "And have no fellow-
ship with the unfruitful works of darkness
but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).
Offerings received for the Ligeron Family
total about \$200, and will be delivered
forthwith. Your further cooperation in
giving lift to their children coming to
Life Church Sunday School is much appre-
ciated. "And God is able to make all grace
abound toward you; that ye always having
all sufficiency in all things may abound.."

'UNCLE WIN' IS COMING AGAIN!! Feb. 14-16.
Children, you have heard his interesting
stories before. You came to the Rallies
in Dec. '64. Will you go from door-to-door
so that there will be children more.
ALSO: Calling members of the children's
choir in '64. Newcomers also welcome to
join. Serve the Lord with your voice. Prac-
tise Mon. Jan. 31, Fri. Feb. 4 at 3.00pm, Life Ch

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Is It my Duty to Protest?

During the last three days, an ad inserted by our Malaysia Council of Christian Churches in the Religious Announcements Column of Straits Times reads:-

"Martin Luther : 'The Just shall live by faith!' Attend Preservation of our Protestant Heritage Rally at Far Eastern Bible College, 9 Gilstead Road, Feb. 6, 7.30pm. See documentary film, 'Road to Rome', showing present Romeward Trend of Apostate Protestant churchmen."

Our Readers are hereby exhorted to attend this important Protest meeting against the hypocritical "Service of Prayer for Christian Unity" held at the National Theatre on Jan. 29.

At this Christian Unity Service we beheld a horrible spectacle of religious adultery and fornication. The bishops and ministers of reputable Protestant churches, Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian, sheepishly colluded with a Roman Catholic bishop and priests to entice the untaught masses of Christians to support their scheme of building a super world-church. What is being advanced in the name of Christian Unity is the very cause of Christian disunity. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). Are Protestant Bishops and pastors so soon to forget the blood, sweat and tears of their forefathers, Martin Luther and the rest of the Reformers, who broke away from the yoke of Rome to deliver us into the freedom of Christ - "the just shall live by faith"? Are they willing to celebrate the Mass, the most hideous form of idolatry perpetuated by the guile of man and Satan? Are they going to pray to Mary with rosaries in hand, take confessions, and practise every other form of priestcraft? Are they going to kneel down before a pantheon of images of Christ, Mary, Joseph and a hundred other saints, and gaze at miraculous pictures for blessing? If the Protestant bishops and pastors at the National Theatre could not sincerely go all the way of Romish practice they were, as a Chinese proverb goes, "United in face, but disunited in spirit."

The Chinese Church

The Chinese Christian Church (which has descended from the fruitful labours of sound Protestant English Presbyterian missionaries), which has always abhorred the darkness of Rome, is today led to the slaughter by modernist Presbyterian missionaries. Life Church, Prinsep Street, our mother church, and Newton Life Church, a sister church, are also counted in the Union with Rome.

For this reason (which we saw aforetime) the Life Church English congregation withdrew from the Chinese Synod to found our present Bible-Presbyterian Church movement. That is why we are called Bible-Presbyterian to show we are for obedience to the whole command of God's Word.

We pray that God may raise up leaders within the Chinese Christian Church who should speak up for the Faith. Is it my duty to protest?

I would exhort our brethren of Batu Pahat and Muar, who have fellowship with us in the Gospel, to bring up the matter of Union with Rome at the next Synod. It is your God-given duty to protest.

A Rally to show our Loyalty to Christ

Yes, we are duty-bound to protest, both by the command of God's Word and by the conviction of God's Spirit. Does not St. Paul remind the Ephesians and us today, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11). St. Jude says, "...earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3). St. Paul says again, "For do I now persuade men or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Gal. 1:10).

Our Preservation of Protestant Heritage Rally is none other than a rally to show our loyalty to Christ. Christ has saved us by His precious blood - salvation is freely given by His mercy alone. Then let us unite to reaffirm this Truth which has been dashed to the ground by the collusion of apostate Protestant Churchmen with their Roman Catholic partners. The prophet Isaiah, standing close in his evil day against a host of "makan-nasi" prophets and priests, declared, "For truth is fallen in the street.....Yea truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment. And He saw there was no man, and wondered there was no intercessor...." (Isa. 59:14-16). Shall the Lord look down from heaven today and see you do nothing for His Truth's sake? Who is on the Lord's side, let him come to the Rally!

A Special Clarion call to young Warriors !

Young people especially, are called today to battle! We thank God for ICY-Malaysia that has taken up arms for the Lord. The youth leaders have written to our various branches. May I personally call all our Youths of Life, Zion, Faith, Galilee,

Life (Mandarin) churches, of Jurong, Sembawang, Mt. Carmel, Hume Heights, Tekong and Kelapa Sawit to come to the Sunday night Preservation of our Protestant Heritage Rally! This is an act of devotion and worship to your God which obtains His favour indeed!

"Road to Rome" Film, English and Mandarin

The "Road to Rome" Film is made by Dr. J. Philip Clark, Gen.-Sec. of the Mission Board that sends the Grauleys. It is superbly made. It will be sub-translated into Mandarin.

Rev. Grauley will deliver the Message; Mr. Phil Heng, songleader, Rev. Ng Eng Hoe, chairman.

"They that be with us are more than they that be with them." (II Kings 6:16)

These words of the prophet Elisha to his young attendant are very true to the Church situation of our day insofar as the struggle for the faith is concerned.

What a trick the Salvation Army officer was playing when he declared the churches participating at the National Theatre were "the Churches of Singapore", as if all the churches were there! Listed on the programme were some 60 Protestant churches participating, but there are as many Protestant churches which are not listed. Then why did they try to create the impression that these were the churches? Absent from the list are churches of the Baptist, Brethren, Pentecostal, Bible-Presbyterian, Free Evangelical denominations and a host of independent Bible-believing churches. Trinity Theological College students were there to usher, but absent from participation in this hoax are the students of Chin Lien Seminary and Singapore and Far Eastern Bible Colleges. Our Bible-Presbyterian Churches are fast coming on to the thousand-membership and it is no boast to say this, "Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (Psa. 127:3-5)

N.B. Attend tonight's Rally at Life Church, see "Road to Rome" Film! Sincerely,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK (Psa. 83)

Psa. Hym. 168, Forest Green

"UNCLE WIN" IS COMING !!

You are cordially invited to

4 GRAND CHILDREN'S RALLIES

Monday Feb. 14, Tues. Feb. 15 at 3.00 pm.

Wed. 16th and Thurs. 17th at 9.00 am.

at

LIFE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 9 Gilstead Road, off 2½ miles Dunearn Road, S'pore.

Features: Interesting stories,

Children's choir, Instrumental Music.

PRIZES AND SURPRISES !

('Uncle Win' is Rev. Winfield Ruelke, internationally known children's Camp Director and evangelist from New York USA.)

? Can you offer your car for Children's Rally?
IN MEMORIAM: Sister Cheong Ah Cheng, baptised at Hume Heights several years ago, has been an inmate of T.T.S. Hospital for about two

years. She has gone home to Jesus and her sick body was interred at Bidadari last Wednesday. A widow with two young sons, it was deemed that her funeral expenses of only \$145 be paid from your charitable offerings. Please see Pastor Tow.

SPEAKERS NEXT LORD'S DAY: Zion, Mr. Heng; Faith, Miss Tay; Life & Life Mandarin, Rev. Tow; Galilee, Mr. Heng. FAMILY WORSHIP: Life at the Parsonage. Zion: home of Mr. and Mrs. Tay Chye Huat, 47 Braemar Drive.

(Heidelberg Catechism...)
man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

19Q. Whence do you know this?

A. From the holy gospel, which God Himself first revealed in Paradise; afterwards published by the holy patriarchs and prophets, and foreshadowed by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and lastly fulfilled by His only begotten Son.

O God, no longer hold Thy peace,
No longer silent be;
Thy enemies lift up their head
To fight Thy saints and Thee.
Against Thy own, whom Thou dost love,
Their craft Thy foes employ;
They think to cut Thy people off,
Thy Church they would destroy.
Thy ancient foes, conspiring still,
With one consent agree,
And they who with Thy people strive
Make war, O God, with Thee.
O God, who in our fathers' time
Didst smite our foes and Thine,
So smite Thy enemies today
Who in their pride combine.
Make them like dust and stubble blown
Before the whirlwind dire,
In terror driven before the storm
Of Thy consuming fire.
Confound them in their sin till they
To Thee for pardon fly,
Till in dismay they, trembling, own
That Thou art God Most High.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM : Lord's Day VI

16Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A. Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should make satisfaction for sin, and because one who himself is a sinner cannot satisfy for others.

17Q. Why must He withal be true God?

A. That by the power of His Godhead He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath; and that He might obtain for us, and restore to us, righteousness and life.

18Q. But who is that Mediator who is at once true God and a true, righteous

"...Our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Tit 2:14

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

20th Century Reformation

The horrible event of a Roman Catholic-Protestant Unity Prayer Service at the National Theatre a fortnight ago proved the divine necessity for a 20th Century Reformation Movement (which, by God's grace, has been set in worldwide motion by today's Luther - Dr. Carl McIntire.)

The calling together of sons of the Reformation at a special Rally last Lord's Day which was answered by 350 at Gilstead Road, eager to withstand the Ecumenical flood, proved God's favour upon this 20th Century Reformation standard.

Has not the Lord through Isaiah shown us His will - that in times of apostasy like this, He needs someone to stand up for the Truth? "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for the truth and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered there was no intercessor." (Isa. 59:4, 15, 16). Praise the Lord, Hallelujah, the Lord has moved a company to stand for the Truth against the lie of a false Christian Unity, and through the spontaneous, concerted effort of this company, the truth is going forth still. Two churches have requested the film "Road to Rome" while the book "God or Baal" is being sold upon request, and Rev. Grauley's commentary on the National Theatre Service is much sought for by zealous brethren within those Romeward Protestant denominations. There are 7,000 who have not bowed the knee to the Pope.

Protest at Westminster Abbey

A most heartening report on the 20th Century Reformation witness has come from London. When a Roman Catholic priest was invited to preach at the Westminster Abbey last fortnight, the first time since the Reformation, since Queen Elizabeth I, it was the ICCC in Great Britain that challenged the apostasy. A hundred Christians under the leadership of Dr. Ian Paisley, moderator of the Irish Free Presbyterian Church, registered their public protest by placards and by an open-air meeting at Trafalgar Square - praise the Lord, all in the spirit of Isaiah and Martin Luther! God needs witnesses even to the last day of this age! A reminder to Christian leaders of high position who keep discreet silence when they should have spoken! A plea to those who are still playing ball with Ecumenical leaders! Let them realise that the success of Christian endeavour depends not on cunning diplomacy but sole unconditioned obedience to the Word of God! "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty." (II Cor. 6:17-18).

Uncle Win Is Here!

Uncle Win is coming Uncle Win is here! - D.V., in a matter of hours as you read this paper.

Uncle Win is a windfall of blessing to your children, parents! The little trouble you take to bring your son, your daughter, to the Children's Rally at Gilstead Road, Mon. and Tues., Feb. 14, 15, 3.00 p.m.; Wed. and Thurs., Feb. 16, 17, 9.00 a.m. may save you perhaps hours and days of heartache and tears. The salvation of your children at the earliest opportunity is your highest family blessing. An education is important and you spare no pains to send them to kindergarten, etc. A new life and a new character is important by far.

So bring your children - and be sure bless other children by bringing them in.

Be Zealous Of Good Works

We're not saved by good works but saved to good works - "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). Sister Cheong of Hume Heights who died a consumptive widow was given a Church burial at only \$145. I am glad my note last week has resulted in \$125. Who's zealous to make up the sum - this is your opportunity to add up your account of service to God which is only reasonable (Rom. 12:1, 2) if indeed Christ has died to save you from eternal condemnation.

Now, how about the piano we mentioned? We're in urgent need of a good second-hand piano to train the FEBC students for future gospel work. The Life Church Grand Piano is not to be used for student practice, of course.

Yours Sincerely,
T.T.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psa.103

Psa.Hym.287, Sandon

*From out the depths I cry, O Lord, to Thee; Lord, hear my call.

I love Thee Lord, for Thou dost heed my plea, Forgiving all.

If Thou shouldst mark our sins who then could stand?

But grace and mercy dwell at Thy right hand.

*I wait for God, the Lord, and on His Word My hope relies.

My soul still waits and looks unto the Lord Till light arise.

I look for Him to drive away my night, Yea, more than watchmen look for morning light.

*Hope in the Lord, ye waiting saints, and He Will well provide;

For mercy and redemption full and free With Him abide.

From sin and evil, mighty though they seem, His arm almighty will His saints redeem.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day VII

20Q. Are all men, then, saved by Christ as they perished through Adam?

A. No; but those only who by a true faith are ingrafted into Him and receive all His benefits.

21Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word but also a firm confidence which the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the Gospel, that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace only for the sake of Christ's merits.

22Q. What, then, is necessary for a Christian to believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

23Q. What are these articles?

A. I. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

II. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

III. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;

IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;

V. The third day He rose again from the dead;

VI. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

VII. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

IX. I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;

X. The forgiveness of sins;

XI. The resurrection of the body;

XII. And the life everlasting.

"He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life"

I John 5:12

CALLING CHILDREN to Uncle Win's Rally!

Mon. and Tues. Feb. 14, 15, 3.00 p.m.

Wed. and Thurs. Feb. 16, 17, 9.00 a.m.

Bring your best friend!

CALLING CHILDREN'S WORKERS, Sunday School teachers of the Junior Departments, to a seminar on Children's work, Uncle Win lecturing! Come to Far Eastern Bible College, Gilstead Road, Mon. to Wed., Feb. 14-16, 8.00 p.m.

COMBINED FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE at FEBC, Friday Feb. 18, 8 p.m. in thanksgiving for the successes of five new doctors within our churches, Bros. Quek Swee Peng, Wee Joo Huat, Su Hong Zee, Sisters Marie Lee and Lee Moh Hoon, and for the double honors conferred upon Elder Tow Siang Hwa by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The young people will give testimonies while Professor Tow will bring a short exhortation and show colour slides of his recent U.S. trip (if the slides arrive on time). Congratulations also to other successes in medicine and other subjects in the recent final examinations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCES: Life 248, Hume Heights 46, Mt. Carmel 50, Jurong 30.

SPEAKERS NEXT LORD'S DAY: Life- Rev. Grauley, Zion- Rev. Quek, (2.30 p.m. Session Meeting); Faith- Rev. Tan Sia Yong, Life Mandarin- Rev. Cheng Sheng Chu, Galilee- Mr. Heng. (Rev. Tow in Muar).

WELCOME DINNER TO UNCLE WIN. This Sunday night at Chinese YMCA, three tables!

INVITATION TO ICY-SF meeting at FEBC every Friday, 2 p.m. Hear Rev. Grauley, Feb. 18, 2 p.m. on "You can have a place in Heaven." OUR DEAF CARPENTER makes superior art furniture. Furniture according to your personal specifications at competitive prices. Consult Rev. Tow.

LIGERON LETTER TO OUR READERS

On behalf of my whole family and myself I wish to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your kind help, support and deep understanding in our time of need and troubles. You did it for the Love of God and for the love of a neighbour.

If God has been very good to you and yours, this is only a sample of how good He would like to be and how good He intends to be. He showers upon us in this life as nothing to what He has in store for us.

"Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of any man to conceive what things God has in store for those who love Him."

With deep gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ for His infinite love and great mercy. Pray God bless you all and reward you openly in Jesus' Name.

Maurice Ligeron

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned but He that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

"All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee." Ps. 145:10.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

On to 1,000 members !

When the well-wishers from our various churches gathered at F.E.B.C. to participate in the Thanksgiving by our five newly-graduated doctors and Elder Tow Siang Hwa, our hearts were warmed by this brotherly love, our spirits were enlivened by this strength of numbers. It is gratifying to note that our Bible-Presbyterian Church is a growing standard for the Truth, standing strongly against the flood of the Ecumenical movement. Here is a Bible-believing body of churches loyal to the Reformation, to the Faith as it was handed down by our Saviour when He established His Church 2,000 years ago. Here is a Church growing in strength steadily with the years that the bosses of Ecumenism cannot easily brush aside. With many sons and arrows in the quiver we shall talk with the enemy in the gate! Let all our churches be built up with vigorous congregations. With an estimated membership of about 900 today there is no reason why we should not reach 1,000 by the end of 1966. On to 1,000 members!

Hume Heights Tabernacle

The Lord has done great things for Hume Heights during the last three years. The latest blessing was the conversion of the Lim Family of eight who turned from "Tua Pek Kong" to serve the true and living God.

The young people there are a vigorous group who have begun to publish their own paper, both in English and Chinese. They have also started a Building Fund.

In view of the coming first Gospel Campaign with Dr. Washington Wu, March 16-18, there is felt a need to enlarge the "tabernacle" with another wing of zinc roof. This extension will give covering accommodation for 50. It costs \$200. This will also help shelter a regular Sunday School attendance of 45. Hume Heights is no little congregation! The young people's meeting has a weekly attendance of 30-40. I commend this work to your prayerful support.

Pray for Dr. Wu that through his ministry we might have a reaping of at least 20 souls! In this connection I am heartened by a proposed Gospel Campaign at Zion this April. Pray for the Lord's messenger.

Uncle Win Rally Results

During the four days of Rally a total of 55 children between four and sixteen made public profession for the Saviour, 14 being boys and 41 girls. The bulk of these were between nine and 14. 43 were for salvation and ten for assurance. Their religious backgrounds were mainly Buddhist and Hindu. May God cause the Gospel seed in these young hearts to sprout into strong plants. We thank all who have cooperated in bringing in the children. The Lord bless the work of your hands. Uncle Win also held three seminars for children's workers at the FEBC besides lecturing twice in the daytime to students. We are grateful to him and to the Lord for these blessings. Uncle Win who is presently in Manila will also visit Formosa before returning to his headquarters in New York.

God's Will for My Life.

God's Will for my life - that is every Christian's wish! We can know God's will best through a prayerful, regular study of the Bible, a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Psa. 119:105). The application of Bible principles for my life might be guided by this logic: God is good - therefore doing the highest good is in the will of God. For example, it is stated by the Apostle Peter that God is not willing that any should perish. Conversely, we should save the greatest possible number of souls. It is stated that we should not abuse the world's goods - therefore the most economical administration of the church is in the will of God. Can you bear to see the lavish wasting of water and light on church premises, the rough handling of hymn books, the careless using of church property for one's gratification without consideration for the ultimate taxation on the Treasury? Doing the highest good is in God's will.

Another Tua Peh Kong for burning!

The tenant of the illegal two-storey house behind FEBC has been served with a final notice to demolish by Feb. 24. He went to see a Minister who kindly obliged to stay execution of the order if, as I'm told, the pastor of Gilstead Road would guarantee his future good behaviour. Please pray for us that when we appear before the authorities on Monday we might obtain favour from the officer and the Lord. Out of this upheaval, however, has come forth good. The wife of the old tenant meanwhile requested me to remove their idols once this case was settled. She said she had dreamed that she should become a Christian. Praise the Lord, another Tua Peh Kong is for burning another family is coming to Jesus Christ.

Sincerely, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalms 8

Psalms Hymn 14, Evening Praise

Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious Name
All Thy wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore Thy glory shines.
How great Thy Name!

Chorus: Lord, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great Thy Name!
Thine the Name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth;
How great Thy Name!

Infant lips Thou dost ordain
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;
Weakest means fulfil Thy will,
Mighty enemies to still.
How great Thy Name!

Moon and stars in shining height
Nightly tell their Maker's might;
When Thy wondrous heavens I scan,
Then I know how weak is man.
How great Thy Name!

What is man that he should be
Loved and visited by Thee,
Raised to an exalted height,
Crowned with honour in Thy sight!
How great Thy Name!

With dominion crowned he stands
O'er the creatures of Thy hands;
All to Him subjection yield
In the sea and air and field.
How great Thy Name!

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM : Lord's Day VIII

24Q. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts: the first is of God the Father and our creation; the second of God the Son and our redemption; the third of God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

25Q. Since there is but one divine Being, why do you speak of three, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

A. Because God has so revealed Himself in His Word that these three distinct persons are the one, true and eternal God.

MRS. J. PACKER has gone to Australia for a short visit and to bring back an adopted child. Pray for God's blessing and speedy return.

THE CHINESE LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN SERVICE has decided to hold regular monthly cottage meetings, the first Friday of the month. Mr. Yu Chung Min of Taiwan, a talented preacher of good standing has been seconded for ministry at the Mandarin Service.

WE WARMLY WELCOME THE VCF COMMITTEE to hold preparatory meetings at FEBC with a view to an Evangelistic Campaign with Rev. David Adeney in September.

NEW ADDRESS: Bro. Stephen Kwan, 177A Old Airport Road, Singapore 14.

A NEW CATECHISM CLASS is started this week for Lifers immediately after service!

Please meet the Pastor on the Balcony.

CHRISTIAN RELIEF : We feel we could give a bag of flour to a family in the Lord.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE : Who'll contribute

\$30 for repair of Mt. Carmel organ; \$80 for

two 4-foot collapsible round tables for Hume Heights Sunday School work?

S.S. ATTENDANCE : Life 231, Galilee 57, Hume Heights 45, Chia Heng 45; Zion 205; Faith 105; Sel. Hills 45; J. Aman 15; LK 20.

COME to ICYSF meeting at FEBC, Friday 2 p.m. Feb. 25. Rev. Grauley will speak on, "Why be different?"

LIFERS of the Sunday School, remember next Lord's Day's Dedication Service at the regular Church hour.

ZIONEWS: Bro. Tay Boon Shek returned to Adelaide U. last Thursday; Sis. Doris Tham to MBI, Australia last Friday night; Sis. Doreen Chia sends greetings from MBI; Deacon Wong Meng Koy is appointed Research Officer, Urban Renewal, Housing Development Board.

The "Road to Rome" Film by Dr. Philip Clark is available from Rev. John Grauley, FEBC; 9 Gilstead Rd., Tel. 50617.

Prof. Tow Siang Hwa is leaving us next week to lecture two months in Australia. During his absence, Mr. Chew Kia Song will teach his Sunday school class.

Tues. PRAYER MEETINGS: Life, Mr. Phil Heng; Zion, Sis. Peggy Yeo (Heb. 6).

FAITH prayer meeting on Wed. with Rev. Quek, Changi, Sat., Zion Y.F. also there.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. John Grauley; Faith, Rev. Quek; Life, Rev. Tow (Dedication of S.S. Staff, etc.) Life (Mandarin) Mr. Tsao; Galilee, Rev. Grauley.

HEAR "UNCLE JOHN" at Life Church Y.F., next Sat. 4 p.m. at the FEBC Hall - "One drink is all you need."

The Weasel and the Well

A young man, upon his journeys through the country, fell in with a young woman, and they became mutually attached. When the young man was obliged to leave the neighbourhood of the damsel's residence, they met to say "good-by". During the parting they pledged a mutual faith, and each promised to wait until, in the course of time, they might be able to marry. "Who will be the witness of our betrothal?" said the young man. Just then they saw a weasel run past them and disappear in the wood. "See," he continued, "this weasel and this well of water by which we are standing shall be the witnesses of our betrothal", and so they parted. Years passed, the maiden remained true, but the youth married. A son was born to him, and grew up the delight of his parents. One day while the child was playing he became tired, and lying upon the ground fell asleep. A weasel bit him in the neck, and he bled to death. The parents were consumed with grief by this calamity, and it was not until another son was given them that they forgot their sorrow. But when this second child was able to walk alone it wandered without the house, and bending over the well, lost its balance and was drowned. Then the father recollected his perjured vow, and his witnesses, the weasel and the well. He told his wife of the circumstance, and she agreed to a divorce. He then sought the maiden to whom he had promised marriage, and found her still waiting his return. He told her how, through God's agency, he had been punished for his wrongdoing, after which they married and lived in peace.

- from the Talmud.

"...And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them..." Ephesians 5:11.

An Open Letter to the Editor of
Newton Life Church Newsletter

My dear Brother-in-Christ,

I have received the March 1966 issue of your Newsletter in which you show apparent concern over the fact that I have stated in Vol. I, No. 35 of the Bible-Presbyterian Weekly that "Life Church Prinsep Street, our Mother Church, and Newton Life Church, a sister church, are also counted in the union with Rome." You say you would like to know in what way Newton Life Church is "counted in the union with Rome" and that "a statement of this nature without being supported by facts is misleading and dangerous."

If you will kindly refer to Vol. I, No. 35 of the B-P Weekly, you will see that my mentioning Newton Life Church as being "also counted in the Union with Rome" is in the context of our exposure of the hypocritical "Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at the National Theatre" on Jan. 29, 1966 at which the major Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church jointly participated.

The Chinese Christian Church (from which the Bible-Presbyterian Church withdrew on account of her membership in this Ecumenical movement) and of which Newton Life Church now is a member is counted in the list of churches participating at this Protestant-Rome Service of Prayer for Christian Unity. Call this Service of Prayer for Christian Unity or Union, the fact is it was a joint religious act the fellowship of which your Biblical knowledge will tell you is repugnant to the Lord. ("Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ... And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? ... Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty". 2 Cor. 14-18).

Now, if Newton Life Church which perhaps sent no representative at all to this Protestant-Rome Unity Service is surprised that she is thus involved, she is nevertheless also counted as one participating. The name of your church, "Newton Life Church, 200 Keng Less Road, 11, Tel. 54729" under the section, "Chinese Christian Church" appears on the Service booklet together with the names of some 80 other churches, of which the Roman Catholic claim 24.

Again if you will say, "But we gave no consent to this 'counting' or 'listing' in the Service booklet". That cannot help the protest because Newton Life Church is a member of the Chinese Christian Church, which is a member of the Malayan Christian Council, which is a member of the World Council of Churches which is now actively promoting union with Rome in practically every land under the sun.

We hope this clarification and reference to the evidence of the "counting" will satisfy you.

Dear Brother-in-Christ, we thank you for your concern in the stand of your church, and for your fine paper. May the Lord bless you in your labour of love, and may He lead you to see the awful apostasy into which our Chinese Presbyterian Churches are involved. For a further testimony on the evils of the Ecumenical Movement (Union movement of Protestants and Roman Catholics, etc.), let me quote you the words of Rev. Francis W. Dixon of Landsdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth, Great Britain. In an article, "Am I right or wrong?" published in the Reformation Link, Autumn 1965, he says:-

"Many of the most prominent advocates of the World Council of Churches, including denominational leaders, are very tolerant towards the Church of Rome, and they speak publicly and enthusiastically about a complete union of the Roman and Protestant communions in the not-too-far-distant future. Those who speak in this way include some of our ecclesiastical "heads", many Anglicans and some Free Church leaders.

The majority of men I know, who are thoroughly and emphatically evangelical and who exercise a Bible-based ministry, have very serious doubts about the World Council of Churches and most of them would definitely have nothing to do with it. I greatly respect them. They are men of scholarship and of spiritual maturity and they are men whom God is using, and the fact that such men feel they cannot support the World Council of Churches, influences me very much indeed.

As a leader in Christian work who has regular contact with very many Christians around the world through the spoken word or the printed page, I cannot accept the responsibility of taking any step that might well influence any of them in a wrong direction. I have prayerfully thought through this matter and have for a long while faced up to it, and I must declare what I believe God wants me to say with regard to the present situation. Many people are looking for a lead. They want to know how to act in regard to the

World Council of Churches. It would be a terrible thing to give them a wrong lead. Do you agree? And here I must say that though our denomination is in a general sense affiliated to the World Council of Churches, I openly and wholly dissociate myself from such an affiliation, and I also dissociate my church from such an affiliation. (Other leaders and pastors please take note!) "

Brother, here is the lead! If you do not want to be considered "also counted with the union with Rome" it will be good to take some action publicly as Rev. Dixon has done. The way to do this is to bring up this matter at the coming Synod soon to convene in Muar. Don't keep quiet for the sake of peace as one leading pastor has advocated. It is my duty to protest!

Yours sincerely,
Timothy Tow.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalms 34
Psalms Hymn 66, Germany

God guards the good with watchful eye,
His ear attentive to their cry;
Against the wicked sets His face,
From earth their memory to erase.
The righteous cry, Jehovah hears,
And rescues them from all their fears;
The Lord draws nigh to broken hearts,
To contrite spirits help imparts.
Afflictions on the good must fall,
But God will bring them safe through all;
From harmful stroke He will defend,
And sure and full deliverance send.
By evil are the evil slain,
The hope of sinful men is vain;
The wicked, who the righteous hate,
Their condemnation shall be great.
The Lord redemption will provide
For all who in His grace confide;
From condemnation they are clear
Who trust in Him with holy fear.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XII

31Q. Why is He called Christ, that is,
Anointed?

A. Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the salvation obtained for us.

32Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus a partaker of His anointing; that I may confess His Name, present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and with a free and good conscience fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter reign in the evening with Him eternally over all creatures.

date the Lord has given us six openings upcountry - a challenge to a wider missionary outreach to our churches. THE FEBC 2nd term ends today. College re-opens on April 25, 9 am for the final term. REPAIRS AT LAST! The FEBC block at the L-joint has been an eyesore for the last three years. It seems there has been a movement of foundations at this particular juncture. The floor has also sunken throughout, except for the kitchen, at some points as much as five inches. Our honorary architect, Mr. Ang Kheng Leng, has made a thorough study and recommends repairs forthwith. With the Grauleys leaving us for a vacation up the Highlands, it seems most advisable to start operations at this apartment next Monday. What a happy thought that this Easter will see a renovated FEBC to serve both College, and Church and Sunday School!

W.K. Tham, our original constructor, has sent in quotations for the repairs of the flooring (the pillars will be reinforced at a second stage) including the outside apron. This work will cost \$3,100, and the architect assures us this price is very reasonable. May I commend the work of repairing God's house to each one of you. Please earmark your gifts for "FEBC Repairs".

PROFESSOR TOW SIANG HWA sends loving greetings from Tasmania where he is presently lecturing. Greetings through him from Elder O.J. Tassicker, much appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ELDER TAN KIM PANG wishes to thank all those who sent condolence donations which to date amount to \$1950. This sum has been given to the Singapore Evangelistic League, the Charity Funds of Life, Zion and Faith churches, the Wesley Methodist Church, Newton Life Church, Prinsep Street Life Church and the Chinese Presbyterian Synod.

REV. QUEK KIOK CHIANG will be back in Singapore tomorrow for the Lord's Day services at Zion and Faith but will return to his government service assignment. He can be contacted at KL Tel. 51035, address: 21, Road 12-21A Petaling Jaya.

THE FEBC GOSPEL TEAM leaves today 1.30 pm for five days meetings at Temerloh, Penjom, Endau, speaking twice at each centre. The team is scheduled to arrive back, D.V., Thursday, Mar. 24, 1.30 pm. Please pray for journeying mercies and for the Lord's blessings upon this ministry. Meanwhile the Gawang Independent Church, four miles out of Muar, has requested Pastor Tow to be moderator on a bi-monthly visit. To

While in KL, he will be visiting the Serdang Old People's Home to distribute Easter gifts to the old folk. ZION CHURCH will hold a Gospel campaign with Rev. Frank C. Wuest as the Lord's messenger, from Sunday 3 - Wed. 6 April, at 7.45 each night. Please pray for the salvation of souls in this campaign. Speakers next Lord's Day to be announced from respective pulpits.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I Cor. 15:55.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Reader,

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8)

This verse shatters the erroneous doctrine of soul-sleep, a flimsy plank of the Seventh Day Adventist pulpit! This verse gives the Christian bereaved great comfort so that he or she will not sink in the quagmire of morose languor. If the Lord's Word has assured you that your beloved deceased is now with Him in Heaven, you should rejoice (I Thess. 4:13). But if your beloved went to a Christless eternity, especially through your neglect, you should mourn (Matt. 5:4).

Christian Remembrance at the Graveyard

While we rejoice in the salvation of our beloved in Heaven, we should not diminish our kind remembrance of them on earth. We should honour their bodies, as Abraham did to Sarah, for though corrupted by sin, they were God's creation, and God will redeem their bodies at Christ's Second Coming (I Thess. 4:13-18). Our beloved dead will arise with glorious bodies like the Risen Saviour, and they will go up just a little ahead of us who, if we should live till He comes, will be "caught up".

But "flowers" for the living than for the dead

The wise suggestion of doing away with wreaths and channelling the wreath money in the name of the beloved deceased to some charitable cause has caught on in our church! If this is right, then why waste further wreaths at the graveyard in after-visits? A visit made with a prayer of remembrance over our beloved dead with an offering in the Poor Box the Sunday following, to my mind, is a sweeter remembrance. (The fragrance of grave flowers fade with your departure, and not uncommonly, the sooner with the uninvited visits of graveyard poachers.)

A simple tombstone and two blue spruces

One of the greatest princes of Christendom, John Calvin, willed that his dead body be simply identified. Today, in Geneva, you may see a tiny slab only with the initials "J.C." His theology determined this simplicity, and what a rebuking contrast with the marble mausoleums built by kings and tycoons.

For our beloved deceased, the time has come to honour them with a more permanent remembrance. A simple marble cross with a salvation verse, at a cost of several hundred dollars, should be adequate. Two blue spruces, tended often by Mrs. Tow in our church garden, are transplanted to the narrow corridor joining the graves of the loving mother and daughter, who could not be separated even in death.

May I ask the 50 Cameron Highlands Campers to sing again the victorious anthem they had sung at my request at the Funeral Service a year ago?

I AM DWELLING ON THE MOUNTAIN where the golden Sunlight gleams,
O'er a land of wondrous beauty, far exceeds my fondest dreams;
Where the air is pure, ethereal, Laden with the breath of flowers,
They are blooming by the fountain, 'neath the amaranthine bowers.

Chorus: Is not this the land of Beulah, Blessed, blessed land of light,
Where the flowers bloom forever and the sun is always bright?

I am drinking at the fountain where I ever would abide,
For I've tasted life's pure river, and my soul is satisfied;
There's no thirsting for life's pleasures, Nor adorning rich and gay,
For I've found a richer treasure, One that fadeth not away.

Tell me not of heavy crosses nor the burdens hard to bear,
For I've found this great salvation makes each burden light appear;
And I love to follow Jesus, Gladly counting all but dross,
Worldly honors all forsaking for the glory of the cross.

This Mountain Camp Song lifted my poor soul from the valley of Death's shadow, for the scriptural words therein, borne on the wings of angelic harps, were the words my beloved were speaking. Have they not "found the great salvation" that "makes each burden light appear"? There is kept in our home for sweetest memory the handbag Mrs. Tow carried that day of tragedy, April 19, 1965, in which was taped these two most comforting words, "JESUS SAVES". Dear Reader, has Jesus saved you?

Indian Christian Relief

As you know a famine of continental proportions is sweeping India. In this situation 80,000 South Indian Anglicans have left the Ecumenical Church of South India to form an independent Bible-believing Anglican Church. This new church is joining hands with the Reformation movement led by the ICCF. But they are coming to us in poverty. They deserve our help!

The first congregation to respond to our appeal for Indian Christian Relief is

the Life Church Mandarin Service. We have voted \$50 plus one Sunday collection. We hope other groups will respond in no matter how small a way.

Bro. Chee Ah Chai of ICY-SM writes

"The news of the withdrawal of 80,000 believers from the Church of South India, an ecumenical movement, is indeed heartening and encouraging to all in the ICCC. We acknowledge the prompting of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the leaders of the Anglican diocese of South India in convicting them of truth and righteousness in God's Word. This has, however, involved our brethren in having to sacrifice not a little and taking a big step of faith in order that the faith and cause of our Lord Jesus Christ may be preserved in South India. They have given up quite a lot by way of material possessions. The difficulties have been further increased because of widespread famine conditions prevailing in India during this time. But we know that the Saints in India face up to all these with courage and trust, knowing that God, in the midst of their adversities, will take care of them if only they will continue to be faithful to Him in His Word.

Hence it will be our responsibility, as Scripture teaches, to help first by way of moral support, encouragement and prayer and financial and material help where we are enabled of the goodness of God to do so."

SMCCC - ICYSM Rally, May 1, 7.45 p.m.

As you have read previously, Dr. J. Philip Clark, author of "Road to Rome" film and Gen.-Sec. of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, is coming. He is en route with me to India to take part in the convocation of the reformed Anglican Church of South India. We have this rare opportunity of hearing him first-hand on the latest situation in Biblical Missions. The Council and the ICY-SM will jointly hold a Rally, May 1, 7.45 p.m. Let us tell the whole church about this our May Day Rally!

Yours Sincerely,

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PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 68
Psa. Hym. 132, Missionary Hymn.

C. LORD, THOU HAST ASCENDED

On high in might to reign;
Captivity Thou ledest
A captive in thy train.

Rich gifts to Thee are offered
By men who did rebel,
Who pray that now Jehovah
Their God with them may dwell.

BLEST BE THE LORD WHO DAILY

Our heavy burden bears,
The God of our salvation
Who for His people cares.
Our God is near to help us,
Our God is strong to save;
The Lord alone is able
To ransom from the grave.

SING UNTO GOD, YE NATIONS,

Ye kingdoms of the earth;
Sing unto God, all people,
And praise His matchless worth.
He rides in royal triumph
Upon the heavens abroad;
He speaks, the mountains tremble
Before the voice of God.

ALL GLORY, MIGHT AND HONOUR

Ascribe to God on high;
His arm protects His people
Who on His power rely.
Forth from Thy holy dwelling
Thy awful glories shine;
Thou strengthenest Thy people;
Unending praise be Thine.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XVII

45Q. What does the resurrection of Christ profit us?

A. First, by His resurrection He has overcome death, that He might make us partakers of the righteousness which He has obtained for us by His death; second, we also are raised up by His power to

a new life; and third, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCIENCE ENCYCLOPAEDIAS at special discount prices from Bro. Lim Teck Lee of Far Eastern Publishers, Tel. 25502.
WEDDING BELLS at Life Church, Gilstead Road:
May 14: Mr. Morris Wold and Miss Patty Cheng (of Baptist Church);
May 28: Bro. Benny Fang and Sister Alice Lim (of Zion Church).

FEBC REOPENS for Final Term, Mon. 25th April, 9 a.m. with Chapel.

READ the Chinese Malaysia Christian for more news on the Reformation in S. India
Theme of Dr. Clark's May Day Rally is: "Reformation vs. Ecumenism in the Mission Fields".

IN VIEW OF increasing attendance Life Ch. is ordering direct from US 50 copies of Inspiring Hymns. Who'll offer hymn books at \$21 for 4 copies?

The LIFE CHURCH S.S. EXHIBITION is still on display!

THE INVITATION LETTER to Mr. Yu Chung Min of Formosa to the Life Church Mandarin Pulpit will be sent on Monday.

MR. AND MRS. Y.C. CHEN have moved to Canada since early April.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Zion & Faith, Rev. Quek; Life, Rev. Tow; Life Mandarin, Miss Chang Ching Ho; Galilee, Mr. Heng.

REV. GRAULEY is now speaking to a Nurses Conference in Penang. He'll return by plane on

DR. TOW SIANG HWA has returned from Aust.

He brings greetings from the Tassickers and Inches who have also sent gifts to FEBC, etc. Thank you, our Australian friends for your kind regards.

YOUR INDIAN RELIEF OFFERING IS A SWEET SAVOUR OFFERING TO GOD.

"Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established." Prov. 16:3.

University Mission

No one need stay in Singapore very long to learn of the important place education has in the thinking of people here. The majority of the population is of student age. Many of these are toddlers getting their first taste of the disciplines of education in Kindergarten. At the other end of the spectrum are those who have run well and earned themselves a place in the University.

Soon the University of Singapore will be opening a new academic year. For the freshies who will, with fear and trembling, begin their University careers, it will be a special year indeed. However, there are a group of students who are more excited about the new year than the freshies. I am referring to the members of the Varsity Christian Fellowship who are anticipating great blessing in the forthcoming academic year. This year VCF will hold a mission at the University from August 30th to September 2nd, 1966. A great deal of planning and effort has already gone into this venture to reach the whole University population with the Gospel.

In preparation for the Mission there will be a Pre-Mission Conference beginning today and continuing through May 14th. The opening session of this Conference will be in Life Church Auditorium tonight at 7.45 p.m.

Let us all join in prayer for this effort to reach the leaders of tomorrow with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mr. Tan Kang Ping is the Chairman of the Mission Committee. Fellow-Lifers should certainly uphold him in prayer. The speakers for the Pre-Mission Conference and the Mission itself is Mr. David Adeney, General Secretary of the IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students). For a taste of the solid principles Mr. Adeney employs in his evangelistic ministry I quote from a recent article of his in HIS Magazine :

"People today are easily stirred emotionally. Countless conferences and missionary meetings lead to many decisions, but the results are often pitifully small. We appear about to bring forth an elephant, and then produce only a mouse. If our prayer meetings and Bible studies do not produce fruitful service which makes an impact on the non-Christian world, something is deparately wrong. We may be so engrossed with pious platitudes that we are indifferent to the needs of people around us. Even though involved in personal evangelism, we may fail to see that Christian witness involves far more than just leading people to make a decision. Christ is only glorified when men and women are built up into His image so that every part of their lives has an influence in their society."

Let us pray for Mr. Adeney and the VCFers as they seek to carry out this task at the University of Singapore.

Rev. John E. Grauley

The Lion and the Three Cows

Once three cows were grazing in a meadow. A hungry lion saw them and was tempted to make a meal off them. However, as he prowled around, he discovered that the three cows were grazing in tight formation so that he could not attack them with success.

Finally he hit on a plan to separate the cows. He spread a rumour to Cow A that Cow B had been gossiping about her. Then a rumour reached Cow C that Cow A was gossiping about her. These vicious rumours caused Cow A to become suspicious of Cow B and Cow C of Cow A. Their friendship was broken. Now they grazed separately in the meadow.

This was what the wily old lion was waiting for! One by one he ate the separated cows at his leisure.

-Aesop-

"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise." Proverbs 10:19.

"The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook." Prov. 18:4

run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS..." Heb. 12:1,2.

BUT WE SEE JESUS

by Annie Johnson Flint

I don't look back, God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regret
I leave them all with Him who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets
I don't look forward, God sees all the future,
The road that, short or long, will lead me home,
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear for me the burdens that may come.
But I look up - into the face of Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled,
And there is joy, and love, and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every hope fulfilled.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto JESUS..." Heb. 12:1,2.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 149
Psa.Hym.323, Hanover (Croft)

O PRAISE YE THE LORD and sing a new song,
Amid all His saints His praises prolong;
The praise of their Maker His people shall
sing,
And children of Zion rejoice in their King
With timbrel and harp and joyful acclaim,
With gladness and mirth, sing praise to
His name;
For God in His people His pleasure doth
seek,
With robes of salvation He clotheth the
week.

In glory exult, ye saints of the Lord;
With songs in the night high praises accord;
Go forth in His service, be strong in His
might
To conquer all evil and stand for the right.
For this is His word: His saints shall not
fail,
But over the earth their power shall pre-
vail;
All kingdoms and nations shall yield to
their sway. Pray for safety in travel.

To God give the glory and praise Him for aye.
HEIDELBERG CATECHISM : Lord's Day XIX

50Q. Why is it added, And sitteth at the
right hand of God?
A. Because Christ ascended into heaven
for this end, that He might there appear
as Head of His Church, by whom the Fa-
ther governs all things.

51Q. What profit unto us is this glory of
Christ, our Head?
A. First, that by His Holy Spirit He sheds
forth heavenly gifts in us, His members;
then, that by His power He defends and
preserves us against all enemies.

52Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ
shall come to judge the living and the
dead?

A. That in all my sorrows and persecutions
with uplifted head I look for the very
same Person who before has offered Him-
self for my sake to the tribunal of God,
and has removed all curse from me, to
come as Judge from heaven; who shall
cast all His and my enemies into ever-
lasting condemnation, but shall take me
with all His chosen ones to Himself in-
to heavenly joy and glory.

PRAY FOR ICY-SM Students' Fellowship meet-
ings on 13th, 20th, 27th May, 1966.

Special Gospel meetings, topic : *IXOUS*
Speaker : Mrs. K. Wilhemsen.
Place : FEBC hall, 9A Gilstead Road.
Time : 2.00 p.m. All students welcome!

PRAY FOR DR. REV. TIMOTHY TOW SIANG HUI as
he travels and preaches in India. He is with
the ICCC team comprising Dr. McIntire, Dr.
Clark, Dr. Maris, Bishops Dees and Ajuoga.

We regret that Dr. Tow's Letter to our Read-
ers has not been received in time for publi-
cation.

THE MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN is out this week!
Have you got YOUR copy?

PROF. DONALD CHAN, is the speaker at Zion
this Lord's Day.

WEDDING of Mr. Benny Fang and Miss Alice
Lim of Zion will take place on May 21 at
3.00 p.m. at Life Church, Gilstead Road.

ZION CHURCH SESSION will meet next Lord's
Day at 2.30 p.m.

CHARLES YEO of Zion Church is shortly
leaving for Adelaide, Australia, for
higher studies.

PRAY FOR LARRY DITZER, who left last week
for USA for theological training. He is
the son of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Ditzer of
the Malaysia Faith Mission at Batu Gajah.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (9-15 May)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. CLF, Heb.5.

Tues: Zion prayer mtg. Irene Chua (Jm.2)

Life prayer mtg. Rev. Grauley.

Wed: Faith family worship at Brighton

Crescent, home of Mr. and Mrs. T.S. Ang.

Sat.: Life, Zion, Y.F.'S, ICY-Sembawang.
2.00 p.m. Chin Lien graduation service.

Lord's Day: Life - Rev. Tow.

Zion - Rev. Quek (Holy Communion).

Faith- Rev. Kuo Chau Pin.

Galilee- Mr. Heng, also at Carmel.

PASTOR TOW is due home Tues., May 10, D.V.

MEMBERS of Life Church who have not
previously filled up a pink form - kindly
do so.

STUDY : Mandarin, Mon. 4.00 p.m. under Mr.
Tsao, B.A.

Hebrew, Wed. 5.00 p.m. under Mrs.
Ben-Asher, M.A.

at the Far Eastern Bible College.

PRAY for Miss Adeline Char as she returns
to Honolulu. Also for Miss Li as she re-
mains to carry on the work in Endau.

Miss Ruth Lien, just graduating from
Chin Lien Bible Seminary, will be going
to work in Jemualang after her graduation.

CHRIST ALONE

by Horatius Bonar

The one true goal or resting-place where
doubt and weariness, the stings of a prick-
ing conscience, and the longings of an
unsatisfied soul would all be quieted, is
CHRIST HIMSELF. Not the church, but
Christ. Not doctrine, but Christ. Not
forms, but Christ. Not ceremonies, but
Christ; Christ the God-man, giving His life
for ours; sealing the everlasting covenant,
and making peace for us through the blood
of His cross; Christ the divine storehouse
of all light and truth, "in whom are hid

all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge";
Christ the infinite vessel, filled with the
Holy Spirit, the Enlightener, the Teacher,
the Quickener, the Comforter, so that "out
of His fullness we may receive, and grace
for grace." This, this alone is the vexed
soul's refuge, its rock to build on, its
home to abide in till the great tempter

be bound and every conflict ended in
victory.

"If any man will come after me, let
him deny himself, and take up his cross,
and follow me. For whosoever will save
his life shall lose it: and whosoever will
lose his life for my sake shall find it.
For what is a man profited, if he shall
gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

"I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." Psalm 16:8.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Indiagram

Dr. Clark and I touched down at Cochin airport before noon, May 4, ten minutes after Dr. McIntire and Bishop Dees landed from Bombay. As we eagerly stepped onto the tarmac we could see two American clergymen, towering above their little Indian brethren, waving us welcome. Then came our turn to be greeted with flowers, their fragrance speaking the language of Ps. 133 - the pleasantness of brotherly love. How our hearts warmed to the handshakes with Rev. V.J. Stephen, leader of the Anglican reformation in the Church of South India, and with all the brethren.

Rev. Stephen is spokesman for 80,000 Anglicans of the Travancore-Cochin diocese who have been held in bondage under the union forced upon them since 1947, when the Church of South India, amalgamating Anglican, Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists, was formed. These have voted to secede from the CSI to return to their evangelical Anglican heritage. They are unhappy about the Romeward trend of the ecumenical church, and also about their subjugation under ecumenical taskmastership. Being "low caste" and "untouchable", many of them descendants of erstwhile slaves, they have been deprived of equal status with the rest of the church. The reason for secession is therefore two-fold - doctrinal and economic.

For years, like the Israelites in Egypt, these simple souls, have cried to the Lord for deliverance. Now deliverance has come through the International Council of Christian Churches! Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the ICC, with a team representing Reformation churches in four continents, is here for the convocation of the reformed church, now known as "CMS Anglican Church". We're here also for the consecration of Rev. Stephen, an Anglican priest since 1941, to be their Bishop.

And so, when the hour of the convocation came the next morning, there were gathered 30,000 at the headquarters of the St. Thomas Evangelical Church, Thiruvella, in the open field under a mammoth pandal. Multitudes upon multitudes overflowed onto the adjacent grounds and spilt over the road. These spiritual sons of faithful Anglican missionaries came mostly on foot, some trudging from the wee hours under the moonlit sky.

According to Anglican practice, Bishop Stephen was consecrated by the laying on of hand by Bishop James P. Dees of the Anglican Orthodox Church of North America. The newly consecrated bishop in turn lay hand on 24 Deacons, in white robes and black sash in order that they might be commissioned to oversee the widely scattered flocks. Felicitations were brought thereafter from representatives of the ICC, from the four continents of the earth.

We spent the next two days in an intensive visitation campaign. The ICC team, comprising Dr. and Mrs. McIntire, Dr. J. Philip Clark, Rev. J.C. Maris of Holland, Bishop Matthew Ajuoga of East Africa, Bishop J. Dees and myself were divided in two cars. These took us to villages both near and far that we might personally see their pligh and encourage them. Wherever we went we saw stately stone churches, many built by their own hands, padlocked against them. Being thrown outside the camp they were obliged to build thatched huts in substitution. Half a dozen of these we were privileged to dedicate with a simple service.

At one village about 800 believers turned out en masse, with drum and trumpet, cymbal and tambourine and a bedsheet awning to usher us in! These declared they were "CMS" and not "CSI" for they remember with tears to this day the salvation they have received under the benevolent labours of Godly Anglican missionaries of a previous generation. These declare in native song their faith in the open Bible, in the crucified Saviour and in the Second Coming of Christ to save this perishing world. These are the simple, believing little ones whose cries the Lord has heard from heaven, and now granted them deliverance. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Ps. 30:5). The days of our visits to these low caste Anglicans of Kerala, now delivered from Ecumenical bondage were days of great rejoicing.

Let our ICC brethren from around the world who have so lovingly responded to Dr. McIntire's appeal rejoice indeed that U.S. \$50,000 was handed to rehabilitate these outcaste CMS Indian brethren. This sum being collected after the example of the apostolic church goes not only to ease the famine as of old (Acts 11:28-30) but also to help them build new-sheds and huts for worship. What a privilege and blessing for me to have witnessed the joy of these low caste Christians as they found deliverance through your prayers and gifts! The fragrance of your sweet-savour offering for the poor in Jesus' Name has truly ascended to the throne of God.

Part of your gift is used for the procurement of a house standing on a quarter-acre of a hillside to serve as headquarters of the new church. This beautiful site we visited and consecrated before our homeward flight.

"A mighty fortress is our God,

A bulwark never failing,

Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.....

And though this world with devils filled;
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us." - Luther.

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psa.82
Psa.Hym.167, Meirionydd

Where'er His creatures gather
The unseen God is near;
Let rulers fear their Ruler,
Their Judge let judges fear.
How long, ye earthly judges,
Will ye pervert the right?
How long shall wicked persons
Have favour in your sight?

Do justice for the helpless,
The orphan's cause maintain.
Defend the poor and needy,
Oppressed and wronged for gain.
When rulers walk in darkness,
When judges truth forsake,
The cornerstones are crumbled,
The firm foundations shake.

The most High God has called you
And set you up on high,
But ye to Him must answer,
For ye like men must die.
Arise, O God eternal,
Thou Judge of all the earth,
Through all Thy ransomed nations
Send now Thy justice forth.

St.Thomas of India (A.D.52)

The St.Thomas Evangelical Church (1961)
is a reformed Church of the Mar Thoma Church.
Then there is the Jacobite Church, the de-
cadent parent body of the Mar Thoma. All
these trace their beginnings to the Apostle
Thomas, who is said to have brought the gos-
pel to India in A.D.52.

There is a St.Thomas Cathedral Basilica
in Madras that is supposed to contain part
of the remains of St.Thomas, and the head
of a lance that is said to have pierced him.
On a hill near the airport is an old church
standing over where Thomas was wont to re-
tire to pray. Relics and legends galore
surround the name of Thomas and worshippers
by queues darken the St.Thomas Cathedral,
seeking the Saint's help. A red altar cloth
with "St.Thomas Pray for Us" keeps on turn-
ing lost souls from the light of Christ to
a deeper darkness. Instead of following
the example of the apostle in taking the
gospel to the ends of the earth, men and
women are led to a superstitious adoration
of his deceased person. Fortunately, the
reformation and revival resulting from the
St.Thomas Evangelical Church's breakaway
has given reins to a new evangelistic out-
reach.

WEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XIX

50Q. Why is it added, And sitteth at the
right hand of God?

A. Because Christ ascended into heaven
for this end, that He might there ap-
pear as Head of His Church, by Whom the
Father governs all things.

51Q. What profit unto us is this glory of
Christ our Head?

A. First, that by His Holy Spirit He
sheds forth heavenly gifts in us, His
members; then, that by His power He de-
fends and preserves us against all ene-
mies.

52Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ
shall come to judge the living and the
dead?

A. That in all my sorrows and persecu-
tions, with uplifted head I look for
the very same Person who before has of-
fered Himself for my sake to the tribu-
nal of God, and has removed all curse
from me, to come as Judge from heaven;
who shall cast all His and my enemies
into everlasting condemnation, but
shall take me with all His chosen ones
to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HIGHLIGHTS:

Zion 219; Life 264; Galilee 88!

PRAYER MEETINGS: Mon. Faith, Mr. Ang, Heb.

6; Tues. Zion, Dn. Heng, James 3; Life,

Tues. Bro. Ah Chai; Wed. Galilee.

THE HOLY MATRIMONY BETWEEN Bro. Benny

Tang and Sister Alice Lim will be solem-

So, we deplore "Thomalatry" who declare
we should evangelise in St.Thomas' steps.
Then let Singaporeans, the most privileged
in S.E.Asia, assume their responsibility of
going with the gospel to its hintermost
parts. Thank God for Rev.Ng and his Jesus
Saves Team as they visit Temerloh and Muar
this Sunday, May 15.

nised at Life Church by Rev. Quek, Sat.
May 21.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Zion & Galilee
Rev. Grauley; Life and Life Mandarin, Rev.
Tow; Faith, Rev. Quek Khee Swee.

This Lord's Day's speaker at Zion: Rev.
Edward Beatty.

CHIN LIEN BIBLE SCHOOL graduates nine
today, raising the total to 139. Miss
Ruth Lien goes to serve at Jemaluang.

THE TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR INDIAN RELIEF
which will be transmitted through the
ICCC is about \$750, full details later.

LIFE CHURCH GENERAL ELECTIONS will be
held on May 29. The final decision of
Session is to reelect or elect three
elders, 10 deacons, 2 deaconesses. Nom-
inations by Session - Candidates for
eldership: Heng Mui Kiah, Lim Khng Seng,
Tow Siang Hwa; Candidates for Diaconate:
Chia Hong Chek, Andrew Heng, Khoo Peng
Kiat, Joshua Lim, William Seah, Seow
Chong Pin, Edmund Tay, Cheng Wei Nien,
Chee Ah Chai, Henry Heng, Paul Phua, Phang
Chin Yen, Lim Kim Hee, Ang Beng Chong;
Deaconesses: Tow Soon Kiang, Ong Soc
Kheng, Lew Li Fah.

"I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever."

Psa. 145:1

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Galilee Celebrates 6th Anniversary Thanksgiving next week

On June 5, 1960 Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church was founded. The nucleus of the new church was a group of young Pasir Panjang Christians under the leadership of Session members sent from Life Church. With such good premises and surroundings as she has enjoyed, no congregation could be said to have had ~~more~~ favourable start. Galilee also has enjoyed the constant financial support from the Malaysia Pioneer Mission, the missionary agency of our church movement.

A strong link in our church movement, indeed, is Galilee Church. The latest good report from this young church is that the Sunday School is fast heading towards the 100 attendance mark. A better report yet is the baptism of 21 young adults next week, June 5, a firstfruits offering on the happy occasion of her 6th Thanksgiving.

With this young church growing into vigorous manhood, the day of its financial self-sufficiency must dawn very early! The matter of searching for some land to build a permanent sanctuary for the Galileans is also a priority. In this respect, let there be a steady contribution towards the Galilean Building Fund, now nearing the four-figure mark. Happy Birthday, Galileans!

Indiagrams

Your sending me to India with a gift of well over 1,000 Rupees for the relief of the Indian brethren who have come out of apostasy is a sweet savour offering to the Lord. "For the administration of this service not only supplied the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God." (II Cor. 9:12).

Here are two letters of appreciation of the ICCC visit, one from Mr. A. Zachariah a true son of the London Missionary Society, and the other from Rev. T. S. Sachai of the newly-formed CMS Anglican Church.

1. "How sweet and fresh are the events and experiences of May 5 at Tirunvella, even though a fortnight has passed since.

I have passed on the same to every one of our Church-leaders who came to ask about the Day. We are today only a small group to stand out of the apostate C.S.I. though we are the first people to raise our voice against this evil, that was triumphantly spreading the whole area, having in its possession all temporal advantages such as men, money and influence.....

....Our Council is to meet in the middle of June 1966.

Please write about your Churches and their problems, if any: we can pray together for help to our Lord and Master."

2. "It was a memorable and a remarkable time in my life when you were here. I hope you reached home safely under the divine care of our dear Saviour. I hope you have known even a little about the situations of our church problems. You have seen our former church buildings and the present sheds where we are worshipping.

Our greatest difficulty is that we have no cemetery to bury our dead. In our country each church denomination has cemeteries of its own. So there is not any public cemeteries. The Government does not allow burial of the dead in ordinary places. So all of our people are worried in the case of burying their dead. We are praying for the same.

Dear brother, I wish to be a witness of our dear Lord in the ^{utmost} part of the world. I do pray for the same.

I thank you with all my heart for the tin of milk powder which you have given me. In every of my prayers I am remembering and praying for you all. Please be kind enough to tell your church members that an unknown brother is praying for them. I hope that one day we will see one another face to face in the presence of our Lord."

Building for War!

We praise God for the approval of the Zion-Faith building plans. Let our Zionists and Faithfuls pursue with all diligence this holy work for the building of God's kingdom on earth.

So must Lifers begin to prepare hard for the construction of another L-annex to complete the quadrangle of the Gilstead Road complex. Latest improvements over the plan is the joining of the three-storey annex with the Church auditorium, the inclusion of a 1,000 sq.ft. parsonage and two married students quarters for the Bible College. One of the married quarters could serve as a permanent guest room for transient Christian workers, often coming in just for a night or a few days. (This ministry is presently being offered to Christian friends of all nationalities at Life Church's expense; in obedience to the Lord's command to take care of strangers.)

But the building of these extensions should not ground us to a peaceful coexistence with leisure. These buildings are headquarters for the training of warriors

to carry further the fight to the front lines against every dark force of evil. We must consider our workers' needs. While the stipends they receive are voluntarily modest, the church should not neglect to think of providing for their "quartering", and that at a good economy too. We are building for war!

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psa.105
Psa.Hym.222, Spohr

O praise the Lord, His deeds make known
And call upon His Name;
Sing ye to Him, His praises sing,
His wondrous works proclaim.
Let hearts rejoice that seek the Lord,
His holy Name adore;
Seek ye Jehovah and His strength,
See Him forevermore.
Ye children of God's covenant,
Who of His grace have heard,
Forget not all His wondrous deeds
And judgments of His Word.
The Lord our God is God alone,
All lands His judgments know;
His promise He remembers still,
While generations go.

While yet our fathers were but few,
Sojourners in the land,
He swore that Canaan should be theirs,
And made His covenant stand.
He suffered none to do them wrong
In all their pilgrim way;
Yea, for their sake were kings reprov'd
And cover'd with dismay.

His stern command restrained their foes
And filled them with alarm:
Touch not My own anointed ones,
Nor do My prophets harm.
He wholly broke the staff of bread
And called for famine sore;
And He prepared His people's way
By sending one before.

The lands and toil of wicked men
He gave them to possess,
That they might keep His holy laws;
Jehovah praise and bless.
Let hearts rejoice that seek the Lord,
His Holy Name adore;
Seek ye Jehovah and His strength,
Seek Him forevermore.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day XXI

54Q. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Church?

A. That the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a Church chosen to everlasting life; and that I am, and forever shall remain, a living member thereof.

55Q. What do you understand by the communion of saints?

A. First, that believers, all and every one, as members of Christ, are partakers of Him and of all His treasures and gifts; second, that every one must know himself bound to employ his gifts readily and cheerfully for the advantage and salvation of other members.

56Q. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

A. That God, for the sake of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins.

neither my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long; but will graciously grant unto me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK
May 30 - June 5

Mon.: 8.00 pm. Faith Prayer Mtg. Miss Tan Mooi Hean (Heb.8)
Tues: 8.00 pm. Prayer mtg. Zion: Rev. Quek (Jm.5), Life: Deaconess Ong.
Fri.: 8.00 pm. Zion S.S. Teachers' Mtg.
7.30 pm. Life Church Y.F. Gettogether at Dn. William Seah's, Rev. Tow speaking.
Lord's Day: Zion-Dr. G.D. James
Faith- Rev. Quek
Life- Rev. T. Tow.
Galilee- Rev. T. Tow
Life Mandarin- Rev. Chen Ping.

MRS. QUEK KHIOK MENG of Faith Church is returning to London, June 3. We send greetings through her to Elder Quek and the Chinese Church in London.

S.S. ATTENDANCE: Life 230, Zion 213, Faith 105, Galilee 89.

2,000 COPIES OF "Bible Tested and Triumphant" by Rev. Jackel of Australia, translated by Rev. Hsu Chiang Tai are published through Rev. Quek. Copies available.

LIFE CHURCH NEW BUILDING FUND has now \$4000 fixed deposit with Pan Malayan. \$400 was received last week from the mother of a member.

The W.K. Tham bill for repairs of the Grauley apartment is \$1,148.85 (after deducting a 10% donation).

The 50 Inspiring Hymns: Received \$100 and \$21 from two brothers. Who'll give at \$21 for four copies? And the 8 fans at \$80 per fan?

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE: Final exams for the 3rd term will be held June 27-July 1. External Examination by Faith Seminary of senior student: June 13-17.

MRS. LIEW (wife of our FEBC student) who is stationed at Penjom is presently serving a Baptist church at Kuala Lipis. Bro. Richard Tok of Batu Pahat, who is posted to Penggerang, S.E. tip of Johore, has started a Sunday School. Pray for these two new gospel outreaches.

THE LIFE CHURCH "CROCODILE" pick up, which has served for a year has just been repaired at a cost of \$107. In view of Mr. Heng having his own car, the "Crocodile" is looking for another user!

WE SINCERELY APOLOGISE for the omission from the list of Life Church Communicants the name of Sister Lee Kwai Teng, 59B Commonwealth Drive, Anderson Sec. School, Sec. III.

"BUT GOD commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

Romans 5:8.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:2

ZION BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The whole story of Zion Bible-Presbyterian Church, Tavistock Avenue, Serangoon Garden Estate is yet another marvellous evidence of God's infinite goodness to, and never-failing providence for His people who walk by faith, not by sight.

This Lord's Day, June 19, Zion B-P Church celebrates its ninth birthday with a Thanksgiving service and Annual General Meeting. It was on the 3rd Lord's Day of June 1957 when Zion held its first regular Lord's Day worship service in this Zion Kindergarten building. Earlier since April of the same year, Life B-P Church had started a Sunday School in the same premises with Deacon (now Elder) Chia Kim Chwee as Superintendent, and when the Christian Stewardship Foundation had its financial resources from Indonesia unexpectedly cut off because of the political turmoil in that country, the Foundation was forced to dispose of the Z.K. property in order to have their outstanding financial commitments met. In order not to see the Sunday School ousted from the property and in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be extended to this densely populated housing estate, Life B-P Church, together with the former Central Christian Church organised in the Chung Hwa Institution, Short Street and one or two other Church leaders, decided by faith to take over the property for God's use. An English-speaking congregation named the Zion Bible-Presbyterian Church was instituted with Rev. Quek Kioh Chiang as Hon. Pastor. Meanwhile the Sunday School and the Zion Kindergarten continued, with Rev. Timothy Tow Siang Fui, Pastor of the Life B-P Church as Hon. Principal. All liabilities of the property amounting to some \$90,000 were being met gradually by contribution and interest-free loans from members of Life, Central and Zion Churches, and by proceeds of the Kindergarten as well as overdraft from the Bank.

In June 1958, on her first Anniversary, Zion Church organised a Chinese speaking congregation. By February 1960, this congregation was joined by the former Central Christian Church to form a Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church, sharing the same Church Hall and Kindergarten premises as Zion Church.

In October 1961, Zion's "mother" church, the Life B-P Church which branched off from the Chinese Life Church in Prinsep Street and had just completed her own new Church building at Gilstead Road, gave up her right to the Z.K. property to Zion and Faith, and let the latter two congregations meet all the remaining outstanding debts. This was done out of brotherly love and in accordance with the principle that each local congregation of the Bible-Presbyterian family should be fully responsible for the stewardship of the property it is using.

Meanwhile, the legal transfer of the title deed from the Christian Stewardship Foundation to Zion and Faith took as long as seven years to complete because Rev. Jason Linn, principal founder of the Foundation and a faithful missionary of the Christian Missionary Alliance, was stranded in Indonesia and was not able to come and sign the title deed until March 1964 when he visited Hongkong and completed the transfer process before a lawyer there for us. The property is now vested in a Board of five trustees for the two congregations of Zion and Faith (Rev. Quek, Elders Lee Tsu-Hwai, Teo See Yak, Chia Kim Chwee and Deacon Heng Yow Tong). Though sadly and understandably disappointed with the setback to his original plan to use the Z.K. property as a Christian stewardship enterprise, Rev. Linn has since written to say that he is pleased and comforted to note that the Bible-Presbyterian Church is akin to the purpose of his Foundation's endeavour to revive and reform the Church of Jesus Christ in this age of increasing decadency and that the Z.K. property is being used for that purpose.

Then in June 1964, Zion Church had outgrown the present classroom-type Church Hall, and Faith Church graciously suggested and agreed that it was time to plan the building of a proper and more spacious Church Auditorium with a hall for Kindergarten and Sunday School use. A three-year building plan was immediately formulated and building funds started by both Churches with the wholehearted support of the two congregations, despite some \$25,000/- in interest-free loans still remaining unpaid. Exactly two years have gone by, and piling for the new 45' by 90' Church Auditorium (upstairs) and Kindergarten and Sunday School Hall (downstairs) next to the present building facing Tavistock Avenue, is due to begin before the end of this month. Our Hon. Architect Mr. Quek Kioh Boo and our Hon. Structural Engineer, Mr. George Beng are now putting finishing touches to the R.C. (reinforced concrete) and building plans. Tender is due to be called for early in July and the work should be completed by June 1967 when Zion Church hopes to celebrate her 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service in the new Church Auditorium. The total of Zion and Faith Building funds now stands at \$70,000/- of which \$20,000/- has been loaned interest-free to the Far Eastern Bible College for several years. At least some \$50,000/- would still be required. During this coming final year of the 3-year building programme, let both Zion and Faith congregations redouble their efforts, giving their whole heart to building God's house so as to be able to "rejoice with great joy" like King David

and his people who "with perfect heart offered willingly to the Lord for the building of His house" - I Chron.29:9.

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.....O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." - Psalm 118:23,29.

- Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang -

TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The original delineation of responsibilities-consider the administrative and financial ties and privileges between Life Church relationship between the Church and FEBC and FEBC, in the present circumstances has preliminary to the FEBC Board of Directors been discovered unfeasible. A new decision mtg. Wed. June 22. must be made including return of the \$20000 FEBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MTG is called loan to Zion and Faith Churches. The Session for Wed. June 22, 5pm at FEBC. Dinner will be served. sions of Life, Zion and Faith should meet on Tuesday before a solution can be made on REV.ORMEO is not able to come for the Wednesday by the FEBC Committee. So elders August meetings. and deacons, don't miss your respective Session meetings!

PRISON REPORT

It's been a long time since I reported on my work. Praise the Lord, in every circumstance the Lord has been blessing. One big shock came when the authorities drastically cut down our assemblage from 60 to 16. At first we groaned judging that more should be allowed to come and hear. But the Lord knows best. The outcome was that we had excellent attention and just as good singing!

About 2 months ago we asked the authorities for permission to interview PD's individually after regular meetings. The Supt. was reticent, intimating that the PD's problems were being cared for by social workers in the Prison employ. Finally he agreed on condition that we restrict ourselves to spiritual matters. Thus far the Lord has given many soul-winning opportunities besides revealing insight into PD's mentality. For instance after I had preached on Paul and Silas in prison, one interviewee told me that that night several sang in their cells.

Last Thursday one young man, S.C. holder from a mission school, antagonistically asked questions in class. I called him up for an interview. As we talked, I prayed and watched the resistance break down. He wanted to know the difference between us and the RC's. When everything was plain about Christ's position over Mary, he asked "What must I do?" Praise God, he received Christ that day.

- Miss Ong and Philip Heng

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Ps. 98

Psa. Hy. 199, Austrian Hymn

Sing a new song to Jehovah
For the wonders He has wrought,
His right hand and arm most holy
Triumph to His cause have brought.
In His love and tender mercy
He has made salvation known,
In the sight of every nation
His righteousness has shown.

Truth and mercy toward His people
He has ever kept in mind,
And His full and free salvation
He has shown to all mankind.
Sing O earth, sing to Jehovah,
Praises to Jehovah sing;
With the swelling notes of music
Shout before the Lord, the King.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE CHURCH SESSION MTG. is called to meet at FEBC, Tues. 8 pm. to

consider the administrative and financial relationship between the Church and FEBC. Preliminary to the FEBC Board of Directors meeting on Wed. June 22, 5pm at FEBC. Dinner will be served. REV.ORMEO is not able to come for the August meetings. FEBC FINAL EXAMS will be held from June 27 to July 1. The First Graduation Exercises will be held on Sun. July 10, 7.45pm. BRO. DAVID TSAO of Life Church is flying to US, June 21, on a travel scholarship to attend the Rising Sun Camp. We bid him Godspeed.

REV. TOW has gone to KL by train in connection with Mr. Yu Chung Min's entry from Formosa to take charge of Life Church Mandarin Service. On his return he will speak at Gawang and Muar.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 20-26)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mrs. Ang (Heb. 11)
Tues: Prayer mtg. Zion - Rev. Quek (I Pet. 2)
Life - Bro. Hung Choo.

Fri: Faith family worship, home of Elder and Mrs. Teo See Yak, Jurong

Lord's Day: Life - Rev. T. Tow, Zion - Rev. J. Grauley (Holy Communion); Faith - Rev. Tan Sia Yong; Galilee - Rev. Grauley (Baptism and Holy Communion).

ZIONEWS: Zion Church 13 new members at 9th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and AGM this Lord's Day:

7 by baptism: Chin Hoi Yin, Charlie Tan, Stephen Chee, Syddal Wee, Janet Chee,

Yap Si Si, Ee Gin Nyong;

3 by confirmation: Philip Chua, Jenny Yeo and John Chua;

3 by transfer of membership: Peter Ma Lin Hang, Tan Eng Bock, Mrs. Tan Eng Bock. Welcome to the Zion Church family.

Total membership of Zion now stands at 149, 14 of whom are abroad. Another 83 non-voting members and friends most of whom attend Zion Church worship service have been listed. A budget of \$8280/- for the coming year with 38% for missionary and other than the Church's own use, is presented to the congregation at the AGM.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM has been withheld this week owing to lack of space.

TO DISCUSS the FEBC Zion Church Session will meet at 10.30 am this Lord's Day after worship service, and Faith Church Session at 12.00 noon after worship service.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles O Lord!"

Seas and all your fulness, thunder,
All earth's peoples now rejoice;
Floods and hills, in praise uniting,
To the Lord lift up your voice.
For behold, Jehovah cometh,
Robed in justice and in might;
He alone will judge the nations,
And His judgments shall be right.

"For the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ." Rev. 1:9b.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Invitation to 1st Graduation Service of FEBC

July 10, 7.45 p.m.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Faculty and Students of FEBC, may I extend you a cordial invitation to the First Graduation Service which will be held at Life Church, Gilstead Road, next Lord's Day, July 10, 7.45 pm. At this service, glory and honour, thanksgiving and praises, will redound to the Father Almighty from the FEBC family and friends. The graduands will indeed be a firstfruits offering unto the Lord. That is why we cannot graduate without a worship service.

FEBC Anthem

At Rev. Grauley's suggestion, I have been moved to put our sentiments into verse which is presented as an offering of our lips to the Name of our Great God. The tune into which these words are woven is one that always stirs my cold heart to action. It is that which gives verve to Faith Seminary's Graduation anthem: "Give tongues of fire." I hope the singing of the FEBC anthem to "Give tongues of fire" will bless your heart too. The words are as follows:

O Father, Thou Almighty art,
Who made the heav'ns and earth and seas,
And deign to dwell in contrite hearts,
And visit with Thy grace and peace:
Today hear us who call on Thee,
And bless us still with Thine increase.
O Father, Thou Almighty art!
Forever bless with Thine increase!

O Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God,
Who came to save the world from sin,
And have redeemed us by Thy Blood;
That we may live and others win:
Today restore our love for Thee,
That we may serve Thee not in vain.
O Jesus Christ, Thou Son of God!
So help us serve Thee not in vain!

O Holy Spirit from on high,
Whom God the Father, Son, did send
To touch our lips and tongues with fire
That we might speak, and men repent:
Today descend, and breathe anew
A zeal to preach our Saviour's Name.
O Holy Spirit from on high!
Revive our zeal for Jesus' Name!

Ye sons and daughters of the East
Within these Halls have learned My Word.
In Christ's domain are not the least,
If you unflinching wield the Sword:
With loyal heart join in the fray,
And fight till dawning of the Day!
O Lord grant us Thy truth and grace,
And lead us on till break of Day!

- T. Tow.

A Colourful Service

We who are nonconformists do not like to see our pastors in ecclesiastical garb. However, on such an occasion as a College Graduation service, to use a big word: Baccalaureate Service, it is the tradition the world over that the faculty and graduands be properly clad in caps, gowns and hoods. Since this is the first time we're donning academic regalia, we had been rather at a loss until our Lord provided through the kindness of some Varsity folk. At the Graduation Service you will see eight faculty members with hoods red, white, blue and yellow - red for theology, white for arts (American and Chinese), blue for arts (H.K.), yellow for music (American). Then, only one degree-receiving graduand, viz., Sister Ivy Tan, and you wonder at the expense of energy to produce just this one fruit (Mrs. J.S. Packer, passing the First Course of Study with high distinction, will receive a Certificate). Well, here's the Chinese proverb for consolation, "It takes a decade to plant a tree; it takes a century to nurture a man."

Rev. Peter Ng, Th.M., Speaker

It is customary on such an occasion as the Graduation Service to have a guest speaker. We are honoured particularly to have Rev. Peter Ng come to us, with all his

Jesus Saves co-workers. Rev. Ng was with the College fulltime for one-and-a-half years from the beginning, and the College, as a bastion for Truth, has been most precious to his heart.

Make this Graduation Service a happy time of Reunion too. We shall serve you with light refreshments after the Convocation.

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

"SCRIPTURE UNION WEEK"

by Paul Phua.

This coming week (3rd-9th July) is the Scripture Union (S.U.) Week. The Scripture Union in Singapore is launching out a drive to promote DAILY Bible-reading.

Founded in England in 1879 the SU is a movement which guides people through the Bible by providing a plan for daily and consecutive reading of Bible passages. This is designed to lead in time to the reading of the whole Bible. Today there are almost 1 1/2 million members in the world who read the Bible in over 125 languages by this method. In Singapore, the membership now exceeds 3,000 in four languages.

The Ideals of the SU are: (i) MEDITATION. It is not enough that Scripture be read every day but that through meditation on the Scriptures the reader should, through the help of the Holy Spirit, be led to know God through Jesus Christ and to seek His Will. The questions on the cover page of the Notes help the reader to meditate.

(ii) FELLOWSHIP. Members of the SU share a common desire to read the Scriptures DAILY and are thus drawn together in a bond of Fellowship.

In a way, SU is a family movement, because it caters for all age groups, providing "Honeycomb Notes" for parents to read to the very youngest child, then "Junior Notes" for Primaries, "Key Notes" for teenagers, and "Daily Bread" and "Daily Notes" for young people and adults. For adults wanting more advanced study, "Bible Study Notes" are available, and for family reading, "Family Worship Notes". So they are all graded to suit the whole family. Parents who wish that their children read the Bible DAILY should find SU a helpful guide.

Membership is normally through the SU Branch which operates within the Church, and is managed by a church member acting as the Branch Secretary. Life Church, e.g. has a secretary in Mr. Edward Heng.

The Highlight of the Week is the S.U. Rally to be held at the Victoria Memorial Hall on Saturday, July 9, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

HEILDELBURG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXVI

99Q. How is it signified and sealed unto you in holy baptism that you have part in the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

A. Thus, that Christ has appointed this outward washing with water and added the promise that I am washed with His blood and Spirit from the pollution of my soul, that is, from all my sins, as certainly as I am washed outwardly with water, by which the filthiness of the body is commonly washed away.

100Q. What is it to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Ps. 32

Psa. Hym. 61, Rutherford.

How blest is he whose trespass
Has freely been forgiven,
Whose sin is wholly covered
Before the sight of heaven.
Blest he to whom Jehovah
Will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence
My strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me,
My soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass,
My sin hid not from Thee,
When I confessed transgression, then Thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek Thee
In times when Thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them,
Nor cause their hearts to fear.
In Thee, O Lord, I hide me,
Thou savest me from ill,
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee
The way that thou shalt go,
And with My eye upon thee
My counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly,
Or slow to understand,
Nor perverse, but willing to heed My wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked
In number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah,
His mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful,
In song lift up your voice;
Be glad in God ye righteous, Rejoice, ye saints, rejoice!

(HEILDELBURG CATECHISM - cont.)

70A. It is to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood, which He shed for us in His sacrifice on the cross; and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and sanctified to be members of Christ, that so we may more and more die unto sin and lead holy and unblamable lives.

71Q. Where has Christ assured us that we are washed with His blood and Spirit as certainly as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism which reads thus: Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matt. 28:19. And: He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned, Mark 16:16. This promise is also repeated where the Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins, Titus 3:5, Acts 22:16.

"O fear the Lord, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him." Ps. 34:9

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

A More Prosperous Principle

The Kingdom of the World's principle of prosperity is to get, to keep exclusively for one's own enjoyment. The Kingdom of Heaven's principle of prosperity is to give, to share extensively for the enjoyment of all. Does not Jesus confirm this principle in St. Paul's exhortation to the Ephesian elders, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35).

We have applied this principle in the administration of our churches. We have lovingly given, and we have seen God multiplying our giving sixty and a hundredfold. According to this more prosperous principle, we have solved a financial problem between the Far Eastern Bible College and Zion and Faith Churches.

When FEBC was built alongside Life Church at Gilstead, our initial understanding was that the College would own half of the L-Annex for which she should contribute \$75,000. Contributing towards this requirement was a sum of \$20,000 loaned by Zion and Faith. Now that Zion and Faith are going to build their new church, and are in need of funds, they have requested repayment from the FEBC. Since the FEBC is an independent body not belonging to any church, and the \$20,000 she received as a part of her contribution to the building of the L-Annex was a loan, it is in order that she returns the same in due course.

In view of the FEBC's inability to contribute very much beyond the said \$20,000 towards her obligation of \$75,000, it has been apparent for some time that a new agreement be made between Life Church and FEBC. This new agreement has been reached after the Sessions of Life, Zion and Faith have met, and their concurring decisions accepted by the FEBC Directors. This new agreement is that Life Church should hold the property in one ownership, and on behalf of the FEBC return the \$20,000 to Zion and Faith. It should pay for all physical expenses, such as quit rent, assessment, repairs and the P.U.B. bills. The College, on the other hand, must find its own support by the efforts of the independent College Board, pay for all academic expenses, including work scholarships. The FEBC is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and beauty of the whole compound. Such delineation of rights and responsibilities, yet unity in brotherly cooperation, will make better relationship as both Church and College live from day to day. By such arrangement the Life Church gives "tumpang" to the FEBC, but Lifers should regard the FEBC not as a burden but a blessing, and there should be a permanent cordiality between Church and College until Jesus comes!

Under this newest arrangement, the Building Fund debt of Gilstead Road rests solely on Life Church and amounts to a total of about \$55,000 (inclusive of the \$20,000 owing Zion and Faith.) But if Lifers will help Zion and Faith by returning this sum, I have no doubt the Lord will wipe out the remaining \$35,000 no later than that the \$20,000 is paid! "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In the Churchillian spirit, I have always tried to present all our church problems as lucidly honest as I can. I suggest that the above solution is the Scriptural solution, and being executed by the light of God's Word, and in brotherly love, I believe multiple blessings will result. Lifers could well succeed in wiping out the existing debt in a year if we earnestly seek to serve the Lord.

Stewards only!

It is important for us all to realise we are stewards only. If I am saying so to each Church Session, I am all the more saying it to our individual readers.

Dear Reader, you remember the story of the rich fool who planned to build up a bigger and more profitable business, not knowing that what he master-planned that morning was going to be snatched away by Death's hand that night! Let us all resume giving Lifers, especially, for not to talk of paying up for such beautiful houses we own at Gilstead Road, we have of late slipped badly in giving to the month-to-month support. Bills have to be paid, although Gilstead Road is maintained most economically.

A word again on clearing our building debts: We are not touching the \$50,000 pledged for the new three-storey Block. The first instalments of \$6,000 paid in are put in fixed deposit according to the giver's wish. Now, who of you who have much to spare would consider giving rather to wiping out the \$55,000 debt? Such giving is even more precious, because the Lord will take special note. Proverbs 19:17 says, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord...." Yes, the Lord doesn't mind at all becoming destitute for our sake, and the church His bride suffers likewise, even as the proverbial mouse will testify. But the Lord, paradoxically, is also rich, and the verse is not completed without this reward, "and that which he hath given will he pay him again." A brother who was moved recently to give \$1,000 to a school of prophets testified of the Lord's bountiful returns to him for his "hilarious" giving. I hope every Reader will encourage the Lord's heart with a spontaneous gift, however big or small!

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 130
Psa.Hym.288, Evening Prayer

From the depths do I invoke Thee,
Lord, to me incline Thy ear;
To my voice be Thou attentive,
And my supplication hear.
Lord, if Thou shouldst mark transgressions,
In Thy presence who shall stand?
But with Thee there is forgiveness,
That Thy Name may fear command.
For Jehovah I am waiting,
And my hope is in His word,
In His word of promise given;
Yea, my soul waits for the Lord.
For the Lord my soul is waiting
More than ~~watchers~~ in the night,
More than they for morning watching,
Watching for the morning light.
Hope in God, ye waiting people;
Mercies great with Him abound;
With the Lord a full redemption
From the guilt of sin is found.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXIV

62Q. But why cannot our good works be the whole or part of our righteousness before God?

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before the tribunal of God must be absolutely perfect and wholly conformable to the divine law, while even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

63Q. What? do our good works then merit nothing, while God will yet reward them in this and in the future life?

A. This reward is not of merit but of grace.

64Q. But does not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

A. By no means; for it is impossible that those who are implanted into Christ by a true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.

LORD'S DAY XXV

65Q. Since, then we are made partakers of Christ and all His benefits by faith only, whence comes this faith?

A. From the Holy Spirit, who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the holy gospel, and confirms it by the use of the holy sacraments.

66Q. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals, appointed of God for this end, that by the use thereof He may the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel; namely, that He of grace grants us the remission of sins and life eternal, for the sake of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.

67Q. Are, then, both the Word and the sacraments designed to direct our faith to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes, indeed; for the Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that the whole of our salvation stands in the one sacrifice of Christ made for us on the cross.

WEDDING BELLS at Life Church:

1) Holy matrimony between Bro.Charlie Chia Chan Kwang (Newton Life Church) and Miss Foo Soon Hwee will be solemnised by Rev. Tow on July 16, 2pm.

2) Holy matrimony between Rev.Tow and Sister Ivy Tan, by Rev.Querk, July 16, 4.00pm. with reception at FEBC Quadrangle thereafter. 1st FEBC GRADUATION is scheduled to be held at Life Church, July 10, 7.45 pm with Rev. Peter Ng Eng Hoe, B.D., Th.M. as speaker. Miss Ivy Tan will receive the B.Th degree, Mrs.J.Packer the Certificate of Religious Knowledge..

ICY-CAMP at Tanah Merah, Aug.15-20 is limited to first 60 only! The Muarites are coming! (Co-speakers are Rev.John Grauley and Rev.Tow.)

LIFE CHURCH FAMILY WORSHIP combined with FEBC, rehearsal of College Anthem thereafter in preparation for graduation.

FEBC 3rd Term FINAL EXAMS:June 27-July 1.

Mon: Calvin's Institutes; Romans.

Tue: Homiletics, Child Study.

Wed: Acts; Hebrew. Thu:Phonetics,Pastor.Theo.

Thu: Greek; Church Music; N.T.Exegesis;Paul.

Fri: Greek; Personal Evangelism;Minor Proph.

HUME HEIGHTS Y.F. celebrates 3rd Anniversary

Thanksgiving, Lord's Day, July 3, 7.30 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. Tow.

THE MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN, May-June Issue,

will be an all-Bible issue, time for the

Graduation, July 10. Who would like to

contribute to its printing, costing about

\$190?

APPOINTMENTS for June 27 -July 3

Mon.8 p.m. Faith Pray. Meet. YF, Hob.12.

Tues. 8 p.m. Life Prayer Meet.Bro.Kim Hiang

Fri. 8 p.m. Life Family Worship combined with FEBC at FEBC Hall.

Sion: Worship and Fellowship at 2, Gerald Crescent, home of Dr. and Mrs. Chou Sip King.

Lord's Day. Speakers: Zion and Faith: Rev.

Querk; Life and Life Mandarin: Rev.

Tow; Galilee: Mr. Heng.

ReQUEST for Incessant Prayers for restoration of failing eyesight of Mrs. Chen

Chia Thye of Faith YF, now at Ward 49, GH.

OF MERCY

If it be the earnest desire and longing of your heart to be merciful as He is merciful; to be full of His unwearied patience to dwell in His unalterable meekness; if you long to be like Him in universal, impartial love; if you desire to communicate every good to every creature that you are able; if you love and practise everything that is good, righteous and lovely for its own sake, because it is good, righteous, and lovely; and resist no evil but with goodness; then you have the utmost certainty that the Spirit of God lives, dwells, and governs you.

- William Law (1686-1761)

(Heidelberg Catechism - cont'd.)

68Q. How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant or testament?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

"Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalm.107:8.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Of what value is an FEBC Degree?

This Lord's Day evening, July 10, 7.45 pm. you will see at Life Church an FEBC faculty of eight conferring a Bachelor of Theology degree on Sister Ivy Tan the first graduate. This degree is granted an HSC candidate after four years' creditable study and to a School Certificate candidate after five. As for Sister Ivy, she has completed four years of study with a liberal excess of credits, plus one year of FEBC night classes prior to Sept. 1962.

To obtain the B.Th. Degree a candidate must not only complete the College curriculum but also pass an external examination in Hebrew, Greek, Bible, Theology and Church History, and write a research paper on some theological subject. The degree is a recognition of a graduand's attainment of such essential Biblical knowledge and theological principles as should equip him or her to a lifetime of further independent study. Thus, if the graduate is called to further study, the degree should commend him or her to higher theological institutions abroad.

The value of an FEBC degree, however, must be proven by the holder under further test of time. It is what the graduate will henceforth do with the knowledge academically and spiritually attained that will give it credence, and not merely what has been compressed into the student's mind in four or five brief years. An FEBC degree is of no value at all if it is merely of the theoretical. It must be fortified with the deeper spiritual understanding so constantly stressed in class and chapel, and translated into unconditional, humble service to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore we seek no glory of "square hats", but the donning of such once a year henceforth is only a reminder to raise fundamental theological education to an equality with the liberal (scholarship is a much neglected ministry), that henceforth Israelites need not go to the Philistines to sharpen their swords.

The provision of a degree course by the FEBC should also save our sons and daughters the expense of going abroad. Also the special instruction it offers to nationals in the study of Chinese should afford those with a working knowledge already to attain a higher proficiency, which provision cannot be found in any Western school. The FEBC programme is essentially to train national workers for the Far East and the Chinese language is indubitably a gateway to a wider horizon of service. Furthermore, the teaching of Hebrew by an Israeli lecturer from the Hebrew University has attracted graduates from Western schools to study Hebrew here next year. The prospects of entrants to the fifth academic year is going to be beyond our expectations so that it is time to consider building our three-storey extension block again!

Mt. Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church Building Fund

As one by one of our sons grow up the question of their marriage and setting up a new home cannot be avoided. So must another of our branches, Mt. Carmel, prepare to build a house of worship for its growing number of members.

In view of the tight congestion presently felt at Deacon Robert Ong's home at 411-9 Jalan Rumah Tinggi, Queenstown, our young people there have voted to start a Building Fund called "Mt. Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church Building Fund". There is a board of trustees formed with Mr. Ang Beng Chong, soon graduating in medicine, the treasurer.

I hear that they have started with more than \$100 by way of gifts from outside friends, and I commend Carmel to you for your prayerful support.

The name Mt. Carmel was chosen to show the testimony's lonely stand at Redhill against a host of Chinese idolaters and temples. Praise the Lord, after several years of faithful witness, we have baptised a dozen of the young converts, all from out of Buddhism and heathenism. Today forty to fifty young people crowd into Deacon Ong's flat to a regular Sunday Service after the Sunday School preceding it. Mt. Carmel not only needs a house of worship but a fulltime worker as well. Here is one instance of a harvest field with no fulltime reaper yet.

In this connection, may I mention several other areas of the harvest field calling for helpers: 1) Temerloh 2) Rawang (Muar) 3) Life Church Mandarin Service.

A Personal Note

In regard to my wedding to Sister Ivy next Saturday, July 16, 4 pm. at Life Church Gilstead Road, my parents have sent "a humble family letter" to inform each of our churches concerned. May I cordially invite you through this page to come to this occasion to seek God's blessing with us. After the service please adjourn to the College quadrangle for a piece of cake and some other light refreshments. Please also pray with me for good weather. Well, I have said enough, for as the Chinese saying goes, "It is hard for an axe to cut its own handle."

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

O come before the Lord, our King,
And in His presence let us sing;
Let us in glad and joyful lays
The Rock of our salvation praise;
Before Him come with thankful song,
In joyful psalms His praise prolong.
Almighty power the Lord maintains,
Exalted over all He reigns;
He holds the valleys in His hand,
He makes the mighty mountains stand;
To Him belongs both land and sea,
Creator of the world is He.

O come and let us worship now,
Before our Maker let us bow;
We are His sheep and He is our God,
He feeds our souls in pastures broad;
He safely leads us in the way;
O come and heed His voice today.

Take heed and harden not your heart
As did your fathers, nor depart
From God to follow in their ways;
For with complaints instead of praise,
With doubt instead of faith confessed,
They put His mercy to the test.

Take heed that ye provoke Him not
As did your fathers, who forgot,
With erring heart, God's holy ways
And grieved Him all their sinful days;
To whom in wrath Jehovah swears,
My promised rest they shall not share.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXVII

72Q. Is then, the outward washing with water itself the washing away of sin?

A. No, for only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

73Q. Why then, does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins?

A. God speaks thus not without great cause: to wit, not only to teach us there by that as the filthiness of the body is taken away by water, so our sins are removed by the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ; but especially to assure us by this divine pledge and sign that we are spiritually cleansed from our sins as really as we are outwardly washed with water.

74Q. Are infants also to be baptised?

A. Yes; since they, as well as adults, are included in the covenant and Church of God, and since both redemption from sin and the Holy Spirit, the Author of faith are through the blood of Christ promised to them no less than to adults, they must also by baptism, as a sign of the covenant, be ingrafted into the Christian Church, and distinguished from the children of unbelievers, as was done in the old covenant or testament by circumcision, instead of which baptism was instituted in the new covenant.

APPOINTMENTS for July 11-17

Mon. 8 p.m. Faith Prayer meeting. CLF, James l.
Tues. 8 p.m. Life & Zion Prayer meeting.
Wed. 8 p.m. Galilee Prayer Meeting.
Lord's Day: Speakers: Zion, Rev. Quek,
Lord's Supper. Faith, Rev. Kuo C.P.

cordially invite

OUR READERS

to the

FIRST GRADUATION SERVICE

at

Life Church

Gilstead Road

Sunday Evening

July 10

7.45 p.m.

at which the

Life Church Choir will sing a Psalm
FEBC Faculty & Students the College Anthem

and

Rev. Peter Ng, Th.M. will deliver the Message

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Refreshments Fellowship

The Malaysia Christian, Vol.XIV, No.1 is a special 16-page FEBC Graduation Issue in which are published 18 photos on various phases of College life, many articles of value and interest by students, the FEBC Anthem and the souvenir Graduation Service Programme. Get your copy at the Service tonite! (Limited to one person per copy)

The FEBC in a way is a servant of all! Our faculty and students have been called constantly to speak at student Christian meetings and our faculty is often on call to minister to churches and gospel campaigns. We serve freely and gladly. May I recommend this servant-College to your prayerful support. There are quite a few bills to pay in connection with the Graduation and in respect of installation of office equipment there is another need. Your support to the College is made to multiply 60 and a hundredfold!

REPAIRS to the L-joint of the College Annex should be carried out the latter part of July.

The FEBC APPROPRIATES the installation of a reconditoned air-conditioning unit to the Dean's Office by Bro. Kam of Life Church.

THE FEBC will reopen on Sept. 19, 9 a.m. Meanwhile we've received good news of two of our boys at Shelton obtaining distinctions at the Shelton finals, one of them an "old boy" of FEBC - Roy Lim. The other is Bro. Lawrence Leong.

Life CHURCH MANDARIN SERVICE welcomes to its pulpit this Lord's Day afternoon Miss Ng Sang Chiew, Th.B. recently returned from Hong Kong after graduating from the Alliance Bible Seminary. Miss Ng studied at FEBC for a year amongst the first batch of three students.

A CORDIAL WELCOME to Rev. and Mrs. Bob Reuman, alumni of Faith Seminary and missionaries to Formosa who call at the FEBC tonight on their voyage back to the United States.

Speakers: Life, Mr. Heng, Life Mandarin, Rev. Cheng Sheng Chu; Galilee: Mr. Heng PRAY for coming Galilee Gospel Campaign ICY Camp, Gospel meetings at Kluang, Sembawang, and for coming VCF Mission (Bro. Patrick Tan, organising chairman)

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Proverbs 4:7.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

By what tradition?

The conferment of a degree by any reputable institution of learning is a matter to be considered very seriously. When the FEBC conferred its first degree at last week's convocation, the event was witnessed with colourful dignity and solemnity. The donning of caps and gowns and hoods by the faculty and graduand at this occasion recognised the importance of scholarship in the Christian ministry. The degree conferred gave witness to the fact that its holder has had a tertiary training in the science of theology, at a par with those who have the same in other branches of study. That is so far as the higher level of study reached by our graduate is concerned, and we would stress again the importance of the spiritual, without which the degree is like a brand new car without battery and petrol.

Perhaps there are some who look askance at such a function by a young institution like ours: "Who are these who usurp to gather honours to themselves? Who will care to recognise their degrees?" The worth of an FEBC degree must yet be proved, we have averred. But the act of conferment is no arrogant self-esteem. It was most interesting to hear the Dean tell the stories of the beginnings of Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard - how they grew out of such institutions of Biblical learning as this. Does not the Wise King Solomon say, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge"? (Prov.1:1). How scientifically true this statement is! To learn of the wonders of the person of the Creator Himself is basic to the study of the laws and things the Creator has made. To know Jesus Christ as Son of God is the highest knowledge, the knowledge that will take us beyond the moon, to the very abode of God. Alas, the great universities of today, while waxing strong in the arts and sciences, have cast away their Author, so that a new tradition of founding Theological Seminaries and Bible Colleges has arisen to restore the purity of the fountain of knowledge. This is our newer heritage and tradition. And more proudly so in that the FEBC is a national institution, given every encouragement by our progressive Government. The Government has taken cognizance of our training programme and sanctioned it. Foreign students admitted to the FEBC are given freedom of entry to Singapore as others admitted to other institutions of learning.

With many thanks

I must thank those of you who come to our wedding service and reception heartily, and for your loving gifts and services to make the occasion a success very appreciatively. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17). How can we give thanks for you unto the Lord? By re-consecrating our lives in His service and yours.

A happier holiday

As the custom today is, we shall be spending two weeks holiday in the Federation, and a happier one than if we were to just go and come. I do look forward to this time of rest, but I count it a greater happiness to be able to visit God's people en route and back and to preach to them. This by-the-way opportunity also helps me make up for a long-awaited visit to Kelapa Sawit and Serdang. Accordingly, I shall hold the Lord's Supper with the church at Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day and preach at Muar the same evening.

On our way to Frazer's Hill where we shall stay ten days, we look forward to preaching to the old people's church at Serdang where are forty baptised. On our way down from the Hill we shall visit Temerloh Gospel Centre and the Christians at Mentakab. We are further privileged that in making all these contacts we shall also represent ICY, and hope to get a good enrolment from Muar for the August Camp.

PRAY for August Campaigns

Let our Readers support with fervent prayers the coming Gospel campaigns in August : Rev. Grauley with Galileans, August 7-10; Mr. Philip Heng with Sembawangites, Aug.10-12; Rev. Beatty with Zion YF, Aug.6,13; Mr. Tan Kok Beng with Zion Sunday School, Aug.10-12; Mr. Philip Heng with church at Kluang, Aug. 15-19; Rev. Grauley and Rev. Tow with ICY Camp, Aug. 15-20; the Jesus Saves Mission 2nd Family Camp, Aug.15-20; Mr. David A deney with the VCF (Bro. Patrick Tan, organising chairman.)

O Holy Spirit from on high,
Whom God the Father, Son did send
To touch our lips and tongues with fire
That we might speak, and men repent,
Today descend and breathe anew
A zeal to preach our Saviour's Name!
O Holy Spirit from on high
Revive our zeal for Jesus' Name!

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

The Lord who has remembered us
His blessing will bestow;
All those who fear His holy Name,
His loving care shall know.

For small and great who fear His Name
The Lord has good in store;
Ye and your children, blest of God,
Shall prosper more and more.

The great Creator blesses you
With gifts of boundless worth;
The heavens He claims, but gives to man
Dominion in the earth.

The silent dead praise not the Lord,
The grave no song can raise;
But we will bless Him evermore,
Let all proclaim His praise.

TEILDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXVIII

75Q. How is it signified and sealed unto you in the holy supper that you partake of the one sacrifice of Christ, accomplished on the cross, and of all His benefits?

A. Thus, that Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and to drink of this cup in remembrance of Him, and has added these promises: first, that His body was offered and broken on the cross for me, and His blood shed for me, as certainly as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me, and the cup communicated to me; and further, that with His crucified body and shed blood He Himself feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life as assuredly as I receive from the hand of the minister, and taste with my mouth, the bread and cup of the Lord as sure signs of the body and blood of Christ.

76Q. What is it to eat the crucified body and drink the shed blood of Christ?

A. It is not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and the death of Christ, and thereby to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal, but further, also to become more and more united to His sacred body, by the Holy Spirit, who dwells both in Christ and in us, so that, though Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones, and live and are governed by one Spirit, as members of the same body are by one soul.

77Q. Where has Christ promised that He will as certainly feed and nourish believers with His body and blood as they eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup?

A. In the institution of the supper, which reads thus: The Lord Jesus in the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body which is for you; this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; this do as often as ye drink it in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye

BRO.LIGERON: Here comes an opening to Cold Storage, the post of "shipping supervisor". Please write your own application and send in by Monday morning. God bless!

Also, any reader interested to work with your hands, to operate machinery at the Cold Storage, please contact Pastor Tow. TO MRS.CHARLES TSAO, editing for Chinese Weekly: Please note, speaker for July 24 is Mr.Huang Ee How of Fisherman of Christ; speaker for July 31 is Miss Tay Swee Lan. (Please confirm with Mr.Huang beforehand.) LIFERS, our lawn mower is sold to Galileans for \$100 while we have bought a new one for \$285. Who will have part in mowing the Lord's fields by making up the difference?

WE EXPRESS CONDOLENCE to Bro.Chan Lay Seng of FEBC on the passing of his beloved father last Thursday.

THE MCCC has expressed by telegram deepest sympathy to Mrs.Harvey Springer on the sudden passing of her beloved husband, whose news reached us last Lord's Day. Evangelist Harvey Springer of Denver Colorado was famous as the Cowboy Evangelist and editor of Western Voice, a staunch leader of the ICCC.

THE MALAYSIA CHRISTIAN a 16-page special on the Bible College is out today. Get your copy!

ZION CHURCH SESSION meets this Lord's Day at 2.00 pm. Representatives of YF and CLF are invited to attend for discussion of the formation of an Adults' Fellowship.

PILING OPERATION for new Zion and Faith Church building has begun. All concerned please note that the street gate next to the bus stop is reserved exclusively for the Building project and that entry or exit into the building will be by the other gate near the Parsonage and the grilled iron door next to the Kindergarten office.

APPOINTMENTS: Mon.Faith prayer mtg.YF instead of Mrs.Ang. Tues.Life:Kim Seng, Zion Peggy. Fri.Faith family worship, Charlton Rd.Home of Dn.& Mrs.Tay Chin Kiat. Lord's Day speakers: Zion-Rev.Grauley, Faith-Rev.Quek, Life-Rev.Ng, Galilee-Mr.P Heng.

ZION CHURCH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

cordially invites all readers and friends to see

"THE LAND OF GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE"

A slide-show with commentary in English by MR. ARIEH LEVY

Youth Consultant to the People's Assoc. and Principal of National Youth Leaders' Training Institute, South Buona Vista Rd. on Sat., 23rd July 1966 at 7.45 pm. at the Zion Kindergarten Hall

5 Tavistock Ave. Serangoon Garden Estate The commentary will be interpreted into Mandarin. Questions about Israel answered.

(CATECHISM - contd.)

proclaim the Lord's death till he come, I Cor.11:23-26. This promise is repeated by St.Paul when he says: The cup of blessing which we bless, it is not a communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a communion of the body of Christ? seeing that we who are many, are one bread, one body; for we all partake of the one bread, I Cor.10:16,17.

"He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints." Prov.2:8

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

The major factor of our success

Richmond,
Fraser's Hill
Wed., July 20, '66

Before last Saturday's Reception, literally a hundred hands had worked ceaselessly for half a day to prepare for the entertainment of 500 guests. Since the FEBC Hall was too small to contain such a number, it was proposed to use the quadrangle and surrounding greens, including the garden furniture. This exposed us to the unpredictable weather which a couple of days before had poured drenching showers. In fact the sky was rather threatening the whole of Saturday. But many prayers were offered to Almighty God who graciously stayed the rainy clouds and turned them rather into a shady canopy over Gilstead Road. Had the monsoon descended, as it did at about reception time the next day (so we experienced at Johore Bahru), what a dampening reception it would have been. Thank God for the fine weather, for His bountiful grace. From the good weather let us learn the lesson: The major factor of our success is God! If God will not help us, vain will be our strivings and schemings. "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord." (Ps.107:43).

Kelapa Sawit, Muar

We left Johore Bahru on the Lord's Day afternoon at 2.45 and arrived at Kelapa Sawit, 3.30, in time for the Service under pouring rain. There were only 15 Communicants, owing to the inclement weather. Kelapa Sawit has a well-renovated church house and a deeper spiritual work could have been done here, but good workers are so few to find. The quality of the tree determines the quality of the fruit.

The attendance at Muar was similarly affected by the rain. Nevertheless, the old-timers were there and seemed to have assented to my sermon, "Redeeming the time" (Rom.13:1-14:7). After service we were settled for the night at the new house of Elder Lim Siew Guat. There we had time to discuss a gospel campaign to be held in Aug.1967, inviting Rev.Ormeo.

Malacca, Serdang

We left early Monday morning for Malacca where Dr. and Mrs. Siang Yeow were eagerly waiting our coming. We spent a holiday that day visiting some sights as well as some Christian homes. Dr. Siang Yeow is Treasurer of the Evangelical Free Church there, a newly founded mission from America. A staunch Bible-Presbyterian, he is faced by brethren who tell him that infant baptism is a legacy from Romanism. What an uncharitable and unscriptural attack on one doctrine sacredly held not only by Presbyterians but by the major Protestant denominations. Of course we do not believe as Romanists teach that infants sprinkled with holy water receive thereby the new birth. But we hold that infant baptism is taught in the Bible in the apostolic injunction: "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children...." (Acts 2:38,39).

Infant baptism, as Bishop J.C. Ryle has so clearly explained in his book, "Knots Untied", is a part of household baptism practised by the apostles (Acts 10; 16:15; 16:33; I Cor.1:16). Infant baptism is part and parcel of Christian baptism when we perceive the scriptural relation between circumcision and baptism. Paul in Colossians 2:11 calls baptism the circumcision of Christ, and in Rom.4:12 Paul relates our saved position in Christ to the circumcised position of Abraham. Children of the saved parents in the OT are circumcised, and children of the saved parents in the NT are baptised. This is our most Scriptural position as Presbyterians view it, and we are prepared for any debate. Yet we have charity to the Baptist brethren but let them not accuse maliciously our holy practice as being inherited from the Roman Catholics.

Alas, there is a denomination called Church of Christ which professes to be no denomination, but which also teaches the heresy of "baptismal regeneration". These men make baptism such an important issue that they say that unless a Christian is immersed he cannot be saved. Do they not sound like the Judaisers of Acts 15 who went about saying that unless new Christian converts were circumcised they could not be saved? But what does Paul say of Baptism? Is it equated with the doctrine of salvation in the death and resurrection of Christ? Does he go about dragging men and women into some deep sea or swimming pool? In I Cor.1:17 he declares, "For Christ sent me not to baptise, but to preach the gospel..." In I Cor.1:14 he says, "I thank God that I baptise none of you, but Crispus and Gaius..." Does he equate the doctrine of baptism with the doctrine of salvation? Let those who preach baptismal regeneration, a devilish heresy, be anathema!

At Serdang Old People's Home where forty baptised members of our church are housed three more through the recommendations of the Deacons were presented for baptism. How happy I was as I examined each one and found them intelligently believing. A glass of water was brought and the candidates were commanded to kneel down before the Lord as baptism, so holy and simple, was performed in the name of the Triune God. Suppose we have to stick to immersion, how impractical it would have been. Where was the deep pound or sea (by the way the Bible teaches no sea baptism) or river, and how to

lame limping, blind old men? The apostles in the Acts baptise anywhere, any time, and I would sincerely conclude they did not care two cents how much water was available with all charity to our baptistic brethren.

Fraser's Hill

Well, my waxing hot in the above paragraphs has been for the honesty and purity of the Faith, for lately there have been these cultists invading certain members of our churches, who inflate on the doctrine of baptism. But now I must cool off as I reach this hilltop, 4500 feet above the sea. The cold ethereal air is simply marvellous. How our spirits revive! My Singapore foot heals almost immediately.

We're staying at the Richmond Bungalow, an establishment of the Singapore Government. It is open to non-Government officers, but at a higher rate. Our room is especially quiet and is further augmented with a sun porch from which I am now writing. How good it will be to our church members for us to own such a bungalow up here. We'll see about it. With many prayers for your well-being and spiritual progress in the Lord.

Yours Sincerely,

T.T.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (25-31 July) ZION AND FAITH church Bldg. work has started in earnest. A new car-porch is being constructed on the other side of the building to replace the demolished one.

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mrs. Ang (James 3)

Tues: Zion prayer mtg. Dn. Heng (II Pet. 1)

Life-Koh Gim Seng.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Grauley, Zion-Rev. Arthur Mathews, Supt. OMF Language Center. Zion overseas have responded to the Church Bldg Fund. One sent A\$10; another, a student A\$4; another student is working for one week during the holidays to earn about A\$32 for the B.F. also. Another expresses delight in reading the progress of the church from the 9th Anniv. Report but wishes every one in the Membership List is in close communion with God and Zion. All are from Aust.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 73

Psa. Hym. 145, Sankey

GOD LOVETH the righteous, His goodness is sure,

He never forsaketh the good and the pure; Yet once my faith faltered, I envied the proud,

In doubt and disquiet my spirit was bowed. THE WICKED are prospered and firm in their strength,

No pangs do they suffer, tho' death come at length;

They are not in trouble as other men are, The plagues of their fellows they view from afar.

THE WICKED, grown wealthy, have comfort and peace,

While I, daily chastened, see troubles increase,

And wronging God's children, I cried in my pain,

That clean hands are worthless and pure hearts in vain.

I WENT to God's temple: my doubts were dispelled,

The end of life's journey I clearly beheld I saw in what peril ungodly men stand, With sudden destruction and ruin at hand.

AS WHEN one awaking forgetteth his dream, So God will despise them, tho' greath they may seem;

My envy was senseless, my grief was for nought,

Because I was faithless and foolish my thought.

Ordination of Deacons (LIFE CHURCH) will be held Aug. 14 at the morning worship.

PRAY FOR Bro. Koh Kim Hiang, slowly recovering from jaundice.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. and Mrs. Yee Keong Hui on God's gift of infant daughter,

Jacqueline Yee Lin, 7 lbs. of joy - arrived 18 July. Mother and daughter doing well.

Father too!

BRO. CHEE YAN PONG of Zion has been requested to speak on ICY-SM at an ICY rally in Adelaide.

the Holy Spirit, as we receive by the mouth of the body these holy tokens in remembrance of Him; and that all His sufferings and obedience are as certainly ours as if we ourselves had in our own persons suffered and made satisfaction to God for our sins.

DURING THE PAST WEEK several members of Zion overseas have responded to the Church Bldg Fund. One sent A\$10; another, a student A\$4; another student is working for one week during the holidays to earn about A\$32 for the B.F. also. Another expresses delight in reading the progress of the church from the 9th Anniv. Report but wishes every one in the Membership List is in close communion with God and Zion. All are from Aust. THE OCF ADELAIDE, led by Bro. Lee Sam Hong of Faith has started a "Project '66" to collect contributions for Korean Orphans through an ICCO local body and for Dr. Andrew Gih's orphanages.

ZION KINDERGARTEN is presenting an exhibit at a 2-day Kindergarten Exhibition sponsored by the Ministry of Educ. at the "Star of the Sea" Kindergarten, 49B Holland Rd. (beyond Botanical Gardens) on Sat. July 30, from 10.30am. REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM N. LENG and Miss Irene Hope of the OMF Malay Lang. House will be speakers at the Zion SS Retreat for teachers and Sen. Dept. pupils on Tues. Aug. 9 at 142 Pasir Panjang Rd, seaside bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Lim Eng Siang.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXIX

78Q. Do, then, the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No; but as the water in baptism neither is changed into the blood of Christ, nor is the washing away of sins itself, being only the divine token and confirmation thereof; so likewise the bread in the Lord's Supper does not become the real body of Christ, though agreeably to the nature and property of sacraments it is called the body of Christ Jesus.

79Q. Why, then, does Christ call the bread "His body", and the cup "His blood" or "the new covenant in His blood" and Paul, "a communion of the body and blood of Christ"?

A. Christ speaks thus not without great cause; namely, not only to teach us thereby that, as bread and wine sustain this temporal life, so also His crucified body and shed blood are the true food and drink of our souls unto eternal life; but much more, by these visible signs and pledges to assure us that we are as really partakers of His true body and blood, through the working of the Holy Spirit, as we receive by the mouth of the body these holy tokens in remembrance of Him; and that all His sufferings and obedience are as certainly ours as if we ourselves had in our own persons suffered and made satisfaction to God for our sins.

"...Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

John 4:35b.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Fraser's Hill

27th July 1966

Fraser's Hill

We thank God for a wonderful ten-day vacation on this mountain top, and we would like to tell you as much as possible about Fraser's Hill for any who might like to spend a vacation here also.

Fraser's Hill is only 63 miles north of K.L. or two hours' drive. It is 4250 feet high, so that the temperature here is about the same as Cameron Highlands'. Before you climb uphill you must come up first to the Gap, 2,800 feet, the top of the mountain pass between East and West. The uphill climb from the Gap to Fraser's Hill is about five miles and traffic is permissible only in daylight, between six and six. You come up by the odd hours and go down by the even. This one way traffic arrangement makes driving easier than going up Cameron Highlands, and even safer. There's no difficulty coming up at all. If you arrive at the Gap early, then go to the Rest House and take a drink or some makan, which makes the waiting very pleasant. Fraser's Hill is very limited in facilities in comparison with Cameron Highlands. There's a golf course, that is all.

We come here not for golf, but for the cool mountain air and beautiful scenery. The silent and serene hours I especially love, and I thank God heartily that these have at last started me to write the Story of our Church Movement, a mandate given by the Presbytery two or three years back which hitherto I have had no energy to fulfil. Praise the Lord, I've managed to pen through 26 pages by this morning or roughly 6,500 words. Please pray for me that the one passion of exalting God and giving Him glory should so possess me as to make the effort truly edifying to our Readers.

The Blessing of the Lord's Day

The Blessing of the Lord's Day is Jesus' special conferring of Peace upon His disciples, gathered in public worship. Attend a Church service and you return home happy and refreshed. Stay at home snorring till eleven, or go to the seaside, and find Monday black, Tuesday blue, Wednesday green, Thursday red, Friday well, misery and unrest, because you did not seek His promised peace (John 20:19-23).

Even if we worshipped the Lord both of us here in our private quarters (there's no church or Sunday School for the 800 dwellers of Fraser's Hill alas!) we would not have been blessed as when we joined with others in a church service. So we decided to go down to Penjom, 60 miles away, to worship with the Liews and Miss Quek at Malaysia Faith Mission.

Kuala Lipis Witness

How happy they were to see us arrive in time for worship! For the last several months, a backslidden independent congregation at Kuala Lipis, with a few decades of dreary history, has been inviting Mrs. Liew and Miss Quek (both Chin Lien graduates) to preach. They go faithfully from Penjom, only six miles away. After Bro. Liew our FEBC student returned for the College vacation, he has been preaching instead. Now that we had suddenly appeared, the lot automatically shifted to me.

In fact the Lord put a special burden on my heart to pay the gospel debt, so I gladly preached on "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). We thank God that this Lord's Day's attendance was especially good, with 40 present, and half of them newcomers. How thankful we are for this evangelistic opportunity in the most interior part of Malaya.

After Kuala Lipis we returned to Penjom. Bro. Foo whom I baptised last March came to see me about a Baptism Certificate. Then he also told me the good news of his sister also having believed in the Lord.

Temerloh

We shall be leaving here Saturday morning for Mentakab where we spend the night at my friend Mr. Teo's Chinese hotel. On Sunday we hope to witness before the Temerloh congregation. This work which was started three years ago is a flourishing gospel enterprise and every encouragement should be given to see to its firm consolidation and expansion.

Your share in Missions

Making all these upcountry contacts has sharpened my feelings for the cries of the under-privileged, the unfortunate ones indeed who have not even one chance of hearing the gospel. Oswald Smith has aptly said, "Why should you hear the gospel twice when others have not heard it once?" In other words, we in privileged Singapore are owing a gospel debt to the underprivileged in remote Federation townships and villagers.

Who says our FEBC graduates have no field of service? We are surveying the land, and you will be surprised in time to see them one by one sent to each of these corners of the Lord's vineyard. Who should support them in such pioneering labours? I say you, my dear Reader!

There are those of us with good banking accounts, and do we suppose to use the

Why God entrusted to our hands only for our own enrichment? One tenth for a start is the Lord's, and if members of our B-P churches will give back what is God's stipulated share of the profits He showered on us, we can support ten missionaries on the field right away! And the support we give to our worker is only a fraction of what must be given for someone coming from abroad. Supporting our national workers is no problem if you share in Missions. Now, I must close and hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
T.T.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXX

30Q. What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the popish mass?

A. The Lord's supper testifies to us that we have full pardon of all our sins by the only sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself has once accomplished on the cross; and that by the Holy Spirit we are ingrafted into Christ, who according to His human nature is now not on earth but

in heaven, at the right hand of God His Father, and wills there to be worshipped by us; but the mass teaches that the living and the dead have not the forgiveness of sins through the sufferings of Christ unless Christ is still daily offered for them by the priests; and that Christ is bodily present under the form of bread and wine and is therefore to be worshipped in them. And thus, the mass, at bottom, is nothing else than a denial of the one sacrifice and the passion of Jesus Christ and an accursed idolatry.

31Q. For whom is the Lord's supper instituted?

A. For those who are truly displeased with themselves for their sins and yet trust that these are forgiven them for the sake of Christ, and that their remaining infirmity is covered by His passion and death; who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life. But hypocrites and such as turn not to God with sincere hearts eat and drink judgment to themselves.

32Q. Are they also to be admitted to this supper who, by their confession and life, show themselves to be unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No; for in this way the covenant of God would be profaned and His wrath kindled against the whole congregation; wherefore the Christian Church is in duty bound, according to the ordinance of Christ and His apostles, to exclude such persons by the keys of the kingdom of heaven, until they show amendment of life.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 8

Psa.Hym.14, Evening Praise

Lord, our Lord, Thy glorious Name
All Thy wondrous works proclaim;
In the heavens with radiant signs
Evermore Thy glory shines.

How great Thy Name!

REF: Lord, our Lord, in all the earth,
How great Thy Name!
Thine the Name of matchless worth,
Excellent in all the earth;
How great Thy Name!

Infant lips Thou dost ordain
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;
Weakest means fulfil Thy will,
Mighty enemies to still. How great Thy Name!

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK - Aug.1-7

Mon.Faith prayer mtg. Elder Suru Chong.
Tues. Life prayer mtg. Siang Kwang, Session meeting (Life) at FEBC hall, 8.00 pm.
Fri. Zion and Faith Combined Family Worship at 4 Bloxhome Drive, home of Mr.and Mrs Goh Soon Liang.
Sat. 4.00 pm Zion YF Gospel meeting.
Lord's Day : Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-Rev.Quek Faith-Rev.Quek, Galilee-Rev.Grauley.

DEEPEST CONDOLENCE to Mr.SIM LIANG SENG for the sudden loss of his wife, SOH JOO HWA of the Faith Church at the GH this morning. Funeral this Lord's Day, July 31, at 4.30pm from S'pore Casket Ltd. Mrs.Sim leaves behind two very young children, a boy and a girl, whose grandmother is now helping to look after them.

MISS DOREEN CHIA KIA CHAY of Faith Church who will be graduating from the MBI, Aust. at the end of this year has accepted the invitation to serve the Lord together at Faith and Zion from next March particularly in child and rural evangelism.

ENROL EARLY for ICY Camp to be held at Tanah Merah Holiday camp, Aug.15-20.

WEDDING BELLS TO RING AGAIN at Life Church. This time for the Asst.Pastor and Dr(Miss) Lee Moh Hoon, DV Aug.27 at 4.00 pm. Rev.Dr. Timothy Tow will officiate.

GALILEE ANNUAL S.S.SPORTS heats- July 30. "Big Day" - August 9.

GALILEE GOSPEL CAMPAIGN : "Have YOU an ANCHOR for your soul?" will begin next Lord's Day, Aug.7, 5.00 pm and continue Aug.8-10 at 7.45 nightly. Pray for evangelist Rev. Grauley especially.

ISAM KHURI from Syria, presently attending the Navigators Conference in S'pore will give his testimony at Galilee this Lord's Day worship serve. He is currently evangelising Muslim students in Univ.of Beirut.

PRISON WORK: Thank God for one decision for Christ last Thursday.

ZION S.S.GOSPEL CAMPAIGN will be held Aug. 10-12, 3.00 pm daily with Mr.Tan Kok Beng of the MEF as speaker. Join us in prayer!

Moon and stars in shining height
Nightly tell their Maker's might;
When Thy wondrous heavens I scan,
Then I know how weak is man.

How great Thy Name! REF.

What is man that he should be
Loved and visited by Thee,
Raised to an exalted height,
Crowned with honour in Thy sight!

How great Thy name! REF.

With dominion crowned he stands
O'er the creatures of Thy hands;
All to Him subjection yield
In the sea and air and field.

How great Thy Name! REF

JESUS SAVES !

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

We returned from Fraser's Hill

We returned from Fraser's Hill on July 30 via Mentakab where we put up for the night at Mr.Teo Hup Seng's Capitol Hotel, 35 Main St. Mr.Teo similarly took care of me and Rev.Hsu Chiang Tai when we visited him on our missionary journey 14 years ago, and God has blessed him. Hospitality to strangers and itinerant Christians (Feb.13:2; I Tim.5:10) is a Scriptural commandment attended with God's blessing, so may we increase in this aspect of the Lord's service.

Temerloh

The next morning being the Lord's Day, we worshipped with the brethren at Temerloh Gospel Centre. We were privileged to speak both at the Sunday School and Church Service. We were privileged also to meet the Dahlbergs of New Zealand, brethren missionaries now moved from Kuantan to work with the Gospel Centre, and staying at a corner house rented both for holding meetings and for the missionaries' quartering.

Temerloh Gospel Centre was inaugurated on July 7, 1963 at Dr.Tow Siang Yeow's house, at the instance of Rev.Tow and Rev.Ng who felt such a new work separated from Ecumenical entanglements would better advance the Kingdom of God. After Dr. Tow shifted to Malacca two years ago, the work was carried on mainly by Dr.and Mrs. Ng Eng Kee and Dr.Hooi. Today, a PWD engineer, Mr.Chong Kong Hai adds further to the testimony. The latest development is the starting of a Youth Fellowship and a Sunday evening Gospel service. Temerloh Tidings, the Centre's Newsletter, just made debut upon our visit. As to the building project, \$9,500 has been paid for a half-acre plot of land centrally situated in a housing estate one mile from Town. The next step is to see the architect!

Malacca

We took leave of our Temerloh brethren after lunch, arriving at Dr.Siang Yeow's at Malacca in the evening. My brother's family are an integral part of the Evangelical Free Church, though strong Bible-Presbyterians at heart. As they were used of the Lord to spearhead the Temerloh work, so are they now in helping at the newly established EFC witness. In this connection it is interesting to recall that when Life Church English Service was founded in 1950 Dr.Siang Yeow was its first treasurer. For his faithfulness, God has blessed our brother from year to year. After Malacca we went to Batu Pahat to visit my Mother-in-law Mrs.Loh, but she was out. We returned in time for Session Meeting on Aug.2, thanking God for His bountiful mercies, and for the cordiality of the Session meeting.

Time for Action

Again may I request your earnest prayers for the Lord's servants as they go into action at various gospel campaigns this holiday season: Grauley at Galilee, Aug. 7-10, Tan Kok Beng at Zion, Aug.10-12, Philip Heng at Sembawang, Aug.11-13 and at Kluang, 15-19, Grauley and Tow at ICY-camp, Aug.15-20.

4th National ICY Camp

I am writing a little on behalf of our International Christian Youth whose 4th National Camp, reserved for 60 only, is going to be held Aug.15-20. Dr.Quek Swee Peng is Camp-Master and co-speakers are Rev.Grauley and myself. The site is Tanah Merah Government Holiday Bungalow, and the charge only \$12 for the six days.

Under the theme, "Separated Unto Christ" Rev.Grauley will speak along the line of personal sanctification while Rev.Tow will enlarge on its application to the corporate, to Christians as a body. A camp for deeper Christian Indoctrination!

Then there are the usual physical attractions - the sea, the swim, games, a bookstore, etc., but most important all apart from the messages is the opportunity for Christian fellowship. "Make friends with God's children, help those who are weak", as the song goes, should result in further strengthening to God's Kingdom.

"To Make Her Known" (?)

This is the big slogan over entrance to the Novena, Thomson Road. But though Mary is the mother of our Lord, she is not given the place of a co-mediator as the R.C's would, for Jesus says in Matt.12:50, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." St.Paul declares the same, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (I Tim.2:5). The subject of the Christian message therefore is Jesus Christ and not the virgin Mary. How sad it is that many Asians are led astray to worship a European-invented goddess, but we worship only the true living God through His only Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sister Betty Tay, who is seeking baptism at Life Church this Lord's Day, testifies how she underwent almost a year of Roman Catholic indoctrination, but could not find the peace in this man-made religion. Upon coming to Life Church two months ago she readily obeyed the Truth. She sees in the verse, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6) the true light of the

Gospel. To seek God through prayers made to Mary is a violation of Jesus' absolute Saviourhood. Roman Catholicism is clearly exposed by the light of God's Word to be a counterfeit religion.

Let us thank God for the Reformers of the 16th Century, for Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, Knox who contested with the powers of darkness and brought us back to the Apostolic faith. Let us stand firmly against the intrigues of the Ecumenical Movement which is working for the re-union of Protestants and Roman Catholics. Let us stand with the 20th Century Reformation Movement from which has resulted this impetus for the gospel extension through our association of churches. Let us make Christ known and let the cult of Mary be engulfed in its own darkness.

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 57

Psa.Hym.112, Sweet Hour of Prayer

O God, be merciful to me,
My soul for refuge comes to Thee;
Beneath Thy wings I safe will stay
Until these troubles pass away.
To God Most High shall rise my prayer,
To God who makes my wants His care;
From heaven He will salvation send,
And me from every foe defend.

Great foes and fierce my soul alarm,
Inflamed with rage and strong to harm,
But God, from heaven His dwelling-place,
Will rescue me with truth and grace.

Be Thou, O God, exalted high,
Yea, far above the starry sky,
And let Thy glory be displayed
O'er all the earth Thy hands have made.

My soul is grieved because my foes
With treacherous plans my way inclose;
But from the snares that they devise
Their own undoing shall arise.

My heart is steadfast, O my King,
My heart is tuned Thy praise to sing;
Awake, my soul, and swell the song,
Let vibrant harp the notes prolong.

Yea, I will early wake and sing,
A thankful hymn to Thee will bring,
For unto heaven Thy mercies rise,
Thy truth is lofty as the skies.
Be Thou, O God, exalted high,
Yea, far above the starry sky,
And let Thy glory be displayed
O'er all the earth Thy hands have made.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXI

83Q. What are they keys of the kingdom of heaven?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel, and church discipline or excommunication out of the Christian Church. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and shut against unbelievers.

84Q. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and shut by the preaching of the holy gospel?

A. By proclaiming and openly witnessing, according to the command of Christ, to all believers, one and all, that whenever they receive the promise of the gospel by a true faith, all their sins are really forgiven them of God for the sake of Christ's merits and on the contrary, by proclaiming and witnessing to all unbelievers and such as do not sincerely repent that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation abide on them so long as they are not converted. According to this witness of the gospel God will judge, both in this life and in that which is to come.

85Q. How is the kingdom of heaven shut and opened by church discipline?

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug.8-14)

Mon. Faith prayer mtg. CLF (James 5).

Tues. 8 am-5 pm. Zion S.S.Teachers and Sen. Dept.Retreat at Mr.Lim Eng Siang's sea-side bungalow. Speakers-Mr.and Mrs.W.N. Leng and Miss Irene Hope.

Life prayer mtg.Mrs.Tow,

8.00 pm Life Mandarin Session meeting at Elder Tow Keng Kee's home.

Wed.-Fri. 3.00 pm Zion S.S.Gospel meetings
Speaker- Tan Kok Beng.

Thurs-Fri. 5 pm ICY-Sembawang Gospel mtgs.
Speaker- Philip Heng.

Thurs. 8.00 pm Presbytery mtg at Zion K.

Fri.8.00 pm Faith family worship at Dn.&Mrs. Chen Chia Thye's, 182D Tanglin Halt, Block 31.

Sat.8.30 am Zion S.S.Intermediate Dept. picnic at Galilee.

4.00 pm Zion YF Gospel mtg.- Rev.Beatty.

7.00 pm ICY Sembawang Gospel mtg.

Lord's Day: Faith- Miss Tay, Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-

Life Mandarin- Mr.Chas.Tsao, Gal-Mr.Heng.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr.Quek Swee Kwang of Faith Church for his wedding in London to Miss Ong May Lan. The newly-wedded are due in S'pore next Saturday,Aug.13, for a visit. SISTER FLORENCE SNG of Life Church and ICY Sembawang is leaving Aug.9 for England to study Nursing at St.Alban's. We wish her God speed and recommend her to fellowship with the Chinese church in London, contact through Elder Quek Khiok Meng, 26 Buckingham Palace Rd. CALLING THE PRESBYTERY to meet at Zion Kind. Thur.Aug 11,8pm to examine Mr.Phil Heng for ordination. MPM Treasurer, please have accounts audited as well.

WE WELCOME Mrs.M.D.Ross, mother of Mrs.John Grauley, who is arriving next Wed.to visit out of the Christian Church. By these two with her loved ones.

ORDINATION OF NEW DEACONS of Life Church is scheduled for Aug.14 at which service the whole Session will join in Re-consecration. 4th NATIONAL ICY-CAMP at Tabah Merah, Aug.15-20. About 50 registering. Only 10 places left.

A. By forbidding, according to the command of Christ, the use of the sacraments by those who under the Christian name maintain unchristian doctrines or practices; who will not, after repeated brotherly admonitions, renounce their error and wicked course of life; and who, having been complained of to the church, or to those who are thereunto appointed by the church, despise their admonishments - by which censure they are excluded from the Christian Church, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ; and by again receiving such as members of Christ and His Church when they promise and show real amendment.

A man shall not be established by wickedness: but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. Proverbs 12:3.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers, "He who drinks the water must remember its source"

This Chinese proverb should remind us, as we celebrate Singapore's Independence how it is that this City of many races living in harmony is our happy heritage. We are grateful to God for giving us the best Government in Southeast Asia, but we must not forget the man who laid the foundations for such good government. These foundations were essentially imbedded in high Christian principles, for whatever was Raffles' doctrinal position, his political philosophy was illuminated by the gospel light.

In 1823, four years after the founding of Singapore, Raffles convened a meeting to establish a Malay College which he named "Singapore Institution". Reading from the minute originally written in 1819, he said, "It is the peculiar characteristic of Great Britain that wherever her influence has been extended it has carried civilisation and improvement in its train. To whatever quarter of the world her arms or policy have her, it has been her object to extend those blessings of freedom and justice for which she herself stands so pre-eminent...." (Raffles of the Eastern Seas, C.E. Wurtzburg, p. 627).

Himself an apostle for education and enlightenment, Raffles was a friend to missionaries. He even founded the Bible Society at Bencoolen, and formed the Penang District Committee of the SPCK (Society for Promoting Religious Knowledge). Raffles granted permission to William Milne, co-missionary with Dr. Robert Morrison, first missionary to China, to found a college at Singapore for the study of the Chinese language and the extension of Christianity. This college which Milne and Morrison desired to be established in Singapore however was fused with the Singapore Institution founded by Raffles in 1823.

With such high principles in the founding of Singapore, no wonder the Colony was blessed of God and flourished from the beginning. In a letter to the Duchess of Somerset Raffles wrote, "My new Colony thrives most rapidly. We have not been established four months, and it has received an acquisition of population exceeding five thousand, principally Chinese, and their number is daily increasing...." By 1823 the population had risen to ten thousand. Today Singapore is just under two millions and become the fifth port of the world!

But the Church of Jesus Christ today must play her part to contribute to the peace and prosperity of Singapore. Our contribution is the building of the moral ramparts of our little nation.

We owe a gospel debt to our Malaysian brothers

In this connection, let us remember the Bible injunction that to whom much is given much will be required (Luke 12:48). We have received a good education in Singapore. We have many opportunities to earning a good livelihood and prosperity. We have received the gospel from the early days of the founding of this City. Do we not owe it to the less fortunate living in faraway kampongs and ulus of Malaysia to give them the life everlasting through our Lord Jesus Christ? (God bless a brother who has given liberally to the Dusun work in Sabah.)

But how can we best do it? The sending of monetary support is good, but the sending of missionaries is better. This we are doing by training our sons and daughters at the Far Eastern Bible College whom we hope to send into the field. Or we can train those sent to Singapore from the neighbouring countries who will return to work in their own fields. Yea, we owe a gospel debt not only to our Malaysian brothers, but to the whole of Southeast Asia!

Training at a Minimum

The cost of training a student at FEBC should cost as much as anywhere else in terms of a thousand dollars per student per year. But we have reduced this expenditure to a minimum because much of the teaching service is given gratis. An institution that administers a strict economy while turning out useful workers for the Lord's vineyard should commend itself to your prayerful support. The FEBC has a special need this fortnight in that there is a considerable item of expenditure in the repairs presently carried out at its foundations and over the sunken flooring. This second phase of repairs (the first was to the missionaries' apartment) will cost \$3,800. So far we've received \$500 donation from the Hon. Architect and another \$500 from the Life Church Mandarin Service. We still need \$2,800.

Galilee to pay \$50 for 28 months = \$1,400

Thanks be to God, the back-rent question at Galilee is now resolved at \$50 per month for the last 28 months. Galileans, we need \$1,400 in a week's time to pay to Government. We have only \$800. Let the Y.F. and S.S. chip in and every individual member should give a donation to clear this debt immediately! From September onwards we shall be granted a T.O.L. at \$333 per month.

4th National ICY CAMP at Tanah Merah

God has used the Bible Camp to win many young souls to Christ, not only for salvation but also for fulltime service. In the beginning the elders and deacons of our church planned and ran these camps. Now the young people are doing this good work on their own. The camps run by the ICY since its inception have been particularly well-managed and now with such a beautiful site as Tanah Merah we should truly have a profitable time. But salvation is from the Lord and we must pray that His servants Revs. Grauley and Tow will be enabled to bring forth the Word that God wants them to speak.

There are some who are especially interested in Youth work. You want to see young people brought unto the Lord, kept away from sin. Here's your chance to serve Him: There are ten subsidies at \$12 each. Would you like to send one, two or three boys or girls to camp? The Camp site this time will cost us \$135 (our efficient Government charges appropriately, but someone must pay!). Donations for lorry transport, etc. as the Lord lays upon your heart, are also welcome.

Am I talking about money all the time? That's bad or good? It's good because as Paul says, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." (Phil. 4:17.) "Every gift for the Lord's work blesses the hand that brings it."

Yours faithfully,

T.T.

PSALM for this Week Psalter 280/103

Tune: Autumn

O my soul, bless thou Jehovah,
All within me bless His Name;
Bless Jehovah and forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.
He forgives all thy transgressions,
Heals thy sicknesses and pains;
He redeems thee from destruction,
And His love thy life sustains.

He with tender mercies crowns thee,
Satisfies thy full request,
So that like the tireless eagle
Thou with youth renewed art blessed.
Righteous is the Lord in judgment
Unto all that are oppressed;
To His people He has ever
Made His goodness manifest.

Yea, the Lord is full of mercy
And compassion for distress,
Slow to anger and abundant
In His grace and tenderness.
He will not be angry always,
Nor will He forever chide;
Tho' we oft have sinned against Him
Still His love and grace abide.

As the heav'ns are high above us,
Great His love to us has proved;
Far as east from west is distant,
He has all our sins removed.
As a father loves his children,
Feeling pity for their woes,
So the Lord to those who fear Him
Mercy and compassion shows.

Sis. BELINDA TAY BOON LEEN of Zion Church will be engaged to Mr. Ng Tock Sinn, son of Elder Ng Swee Koon, in London tomorrow. Miss Tay has also graduated with an honours degree in Pharmacy. Many congratulations. A CORDIAL WELCOME to Mrs. Helen Ross, mother of Mrs. Grauley who arrived safely this afternoon. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Quek Swee Kwang on their honeymoon trip from London.

The Zion S.S. "Gospel" train will leave next Saturday morning 7 a.m. for J.B., toot, toot!

WELCOME to VCFers holding three days' conference at the FEBC! Please continue to pray for the VCF Gospel Campaign to be held Aug. 30 - Sept. 2 with David Adeney

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Lord's Day XXXII

Q. 86. Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we still do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by his blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit, after his own image; that so we may testify, by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude a) to God for his blessings, and that he may be b) praised by us; also that every one may be c) assured in himself of his faith, by the fruits thereof; and that, by our godly conversation, others may be d) gained to Christ.

Q. 87. Cannot they then be saved, who, continuing in their wicked and ungrateful lives, are not converted to God?

A. By no means; for the holy scripture declares e) that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous man, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or any such like, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

PRAISE THE LORD for 20 decisions for Christ at the Galilean Campaign (Rev. Grauley) and 22 decisions at the Zion Children's Campaign (Mr. Tan Kok Beng).

AT THE INSTANCE of Life Church Session Mr. Philip Heng has been examined for ordination by the Presbytery. Subject to a further Congregational Meeting of Galilee Church to call Mr. Heng to the full pastorate (Galileans, meet this Lord's Day after service) the Presbytery will proceed to ordain Mr. Heng at a special service to be convoked at Life Church, Gilstead Road, Lord's Day, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. with all elders and ministers taking part. We extend a hearty welcome to all members of our Church to attend this ordination service and thank God for the addition of another minister to our Church movement. PROF. TOW SIANG HWA returned last Lord's Day from his lecturing ministry abroad. He brings greetings from the Marvin Dunns of Hongkong to our respective Churches. PRAY for Bro. Chou Siew King, at Ward 23. Thank God for his recovering health. READ the NEWSPAPER of the VCF put out by Bro. Patrick Tan. Good work, brother!

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

4th ICY National Camp

Since the organisation of ICY in Singapore some years ago, the holding of Bible camps for the youth of our affiliated churches has been one of its chief functions. This 4th National Camp would not have been pitched had Dr. Lyra, professor at Shelton, not intimated his desire to come. Although he has not been able to come, the Camp is held all the same, with Grauley and myself as speakers.

Advertised for sixty, the Camp finally registered 48. With visitors coming for a day or a night, the figure has been attained, and more than exceeded, especially in the night sessions. We thank God that with the support of the elders this most beautiful Camp-site has been obtained (though Government now charges \$135 for six days.) We thank God also for this further opportunity of edifying many young people's faith, and particularly of bringing twelve young people to an open confession of their trust in the Saviour. The Lord brought them in one each on the first two nights, eight on the third day and two on the fourth. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10).

A Word from Bro. Kim Hiang, Asst. Camp Master

"We are thankful to the Lord for providing us such a wonderful place to hold our Camp. There were a number of organisations which applied for the use of the camp-site but the Lord saw it fit that we should get first priority.

From the first day it was evident that the Lord was going to work a mighty work. There was a decision on the first night when the Gospel message was presented by Mr. Don Webb. There were about seven more decisions when our Camp speaker Rev. Tow, incorporated Gospel invitations in his morning messages. Our other Camp speaker, Rev. Grauley, expounded the doctrine of sanctification. In his message he convincingly showed from the Word of God that Christianity is NOT escapism, but rather it is Escape from Hell.

We had lively "Knock-it-out" sessions in the afternoons, during which campers actively participated and were carefully advised on Christian living by Miss Ann Judge and Rev. Tow respectively on two separate sessions.

On the barbeque night we were very happy to have many visitors. During that meeting Rev. Quek spoke on the purpose of ICY....."

On the last night of Consecration a further dozen of young people surrendered their lives to live for the Lord and stayed behind for counselling with Rev. Grauley.

What's right with Presbyterianism?

Members of our church should be thankful to the Lord for the glorious tradition of this present heritage of salvation they are receiving through the witness of the Bible-Presbyterian Church. We have prefixed "Bible" to Presbyterian however to witness against Presbyterians who have apostatised from the faith. But Presbyterian is a good Bible word meaning "elder" and we are called Presbyterians because of our form of Church government by elders. Presbyterian distinctives include our stress on the Covenant of salvation between God and the family, the baptism of infants in keeping with the covenant, the doctrine of predestination, the keeping of the Lord's Day holy, a trained pastoral ministry, the stress on the study of theology.

This last item has led Presbyterians to the forefront in the establishing of Seminaries, Bible Colleges and schools. What's wrong, yea, what's right rather, with Presbyterianism? Dr. Robert Morrison, first missionary to China (1807) was an English Presbyterian. So was his co-worker Dr. William Milne who set up press and College at Malacca to further Morrison's translation work. William Burns, who first brought the gospel to our ancestors in Swatow in the eighteen fifties was another English Presbyterian. Presbyterians' contribution to the cause of saving souls around the world stands at the forefront of Christian endeavour. Let not a few ultra-Baptist missionaries of the "Church of Christ" denomination come in to spoil your faith. Let them not disrupt you through their attack on our infant baptism doctrine. We baptise infants because our children are covenanted with the Lord as Abraham's (who were circumcised) and because infants are included in Peter's Baptismal command to the 3,000 at Pentecost, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...for the promise is unto you and to your children." (Acts 2:38,39). We baptise infants because they are included in the household and Paul baptised households - the Philippian jailor's (him and all his), the household of Lydia and the household of Stephanas (Acts 16:15; I Cor. 1:15). Infant baptism is included in household baptism. This is our wholesome understanding of the Scripture, so let not any Anabaptist trouble you who have already been baptised to get baptised (immersed) again.

Mr. Phil Heng's Ordinations, postponed to Tuesday Aug. 23, 8 pm.

Our young brother is the first of some fifteen of our young people entering the fulltime gospel ministry. Having been saved at Life Church and given his heart to the Lord's service, Philip was sent to USA for training. He studied a year at Shelton College, three years at Moody where he graduated, and finished up with a BA at Columbia Bible College. Being fully at one with the separated stand of our church

In the 20th Century Reformation Movement and in the assembly of the Chinese Presbyterian Church our brother will be ordained a minister and pastor of Galilee Church. In view of the fact that I have to preach at Rawang and Muar this Lord's Day our original schedule of this Sunday evening is deferred to Tuesday night, Aug 23, 8 pm. All hands of the presbytery will be present for this solemn convocation and it is hoped all of our church members will be at Gilstead Road.

Pray for Mr. Heng and for all who are entering the ministry. In this connection we request you to pray for Swee Hwa, Lehia, Lawrence, John, Roy in USA; Doreen Chia, Doris Tham, John Yeo in Australia; Lay Seng, Peggy, Siang Kwang, Liew Hong Seng, Suvana at FEBC. As for Ivy she is entering upon her new duties at both Life Church and FEBC in keeping with her original yieldedness "to scrub floors for the Lord".

Yours sincerely,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 141

Psalter 386, Hesperus

O Lord, make haste to hear my cry,
To Thee I call, on Thee reply;
Incline to me a gracious ear,
And, when I call, in mercy hear.

When in the morning unto Thee
I lift my voice and bring my plea,
Then let my prayer as incense rise
To God enthroned above the skies.

Guard Thou my thoughts, I Thee implore,
And of my lips keep Thou the door;
Nor leave my sinful heart to stray
Where evil footsteps lead the way.

O righteous God, Thy chastisement,
Though sent thro' foes, in love is sent;
Though grievous, it will profit me,
A healing ointment it shall be.

When wickedness my foes devise,
To Thee my constant prayer shall rise;
When their injustice is o'erthrown
My gentleness shall still be shown.

Themselves entangled in their snare,
Their own defeat my foes prepare;
O keep me, Lord, nor let me fall,
Protect and lead me safe through all.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK-Aug.22-28
Mon: Faith prayer mtg. YF (I Pet.2)
Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-Rev.Grauley
Faith-Rev.Tan Sia Yong, Mt.Carmel
Galilee- Rev.Tow.

But as many as received him, to them gave
the power to become the sons of God...
to them that believe in his name...
If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord
will not hear me. Psalms 66:18

OFFERINGS FOR PAYMENT of Galilee back rent
by Galileans totalled about \$480, praise
the Lord.

\$40 received this week for FEBC repairs
raises total to \$1,040 - our need is \$3800.
ICY CAMP CONCLUDES with a deficit of \$100.
Please give your offering to either Dr. Quek
Swee Peng of Dn.Chee Ah Chai.

ZION CHURCH CATECHISM CLASS begins from
next Lord's Day, 8.30 a.m.

THE ENGAGEMENT is announced between Sister
Loo Keng Eng of Life Church and Mr. Jacob
W. Huang of Formosa, now studying at John
Hopkins University, Baltimore.

LIFERS can get their new Identity Cards by
special arrangement with the FPA, our next
door neighbour. Please register on the
notice board early to avoid disappointment.

"In these days when the ecumenical move-
ment gives large prominence to the so-called
"world church" and sometimes talks more about
IT than about HIM, it is well to remember
that the Church was never put into the world
to witness to itself. It can only give light
as it forgets itself in reflecting Christ."

J.S.Baxter

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXIII.

88Q. Of how many parts doth the true con-
version of man consist?

A. Of two parts; of the mortification of
the old, and the quickening of the new
man.

89Q. What is the mortification of the old man?

A. It is a sincere sorrow of heart, that
we have provoked God by our sins; and
more and more to hate and flee from them.

90Q. What is the quickening of the new man?

A. It is a sincere joy of heart in God,
through Christ, and with love and de-
light to live according to the will of God
in all good works.

91Q. But what are good works?

A. Only those which proceed from a true
faith, are performed according to the
law of God and to his glory; and not such
as are founded on our imaginations, or the
institutions of men.

HOW ENGLISH PRESBYTERIANISM FIRST CAME
TO SWATOW - William Burns (1856).

But the Shanghai field was comparative-
ly well served by missionaries. So when Cap-
tain Bowers, the Christian master of the Ge-
Lord's Day: Life-Rev.Tow, Zion-Rev.Grauley
Faith-Rev.Tan Sia Yong, Mt.Carmel and commercial centre to the east of Canton pro-
vince, and offered a free passage thither,
Burns felt a clear call from God to pio-
neer a new field. Taylor accompanied him,
and after "a favourable passage of six days"
they reached their destination on March 12.
Burns adds, 'We were very averse to the thought
of being located even temporarily on the is-
land, on which some of our countrymen have,
by compact with the local magistrates, taken
up their headquarters, but were anxious, if
possible, to find a location in the Chinese
town on Swatow which is on a promontory of
the mainland, five English miles further up,
at the mouth of the river Han. We were appre-
hensive lest we should not be permitted thus
to locate ourselves; but...two days after
our arrival we were, to our surprise and joy,
enabled to take possession of the lodging
which we have since been occupying unmoles-
ted. Our lodging is not indeed large, being
only a small upper flat of a house occupied
below as a shop; but it is sufficient for
our present wants, and we are the more thank-
ful for it as of vacant houses here there
are almost none.'

-from FIVE PIONEER

MISSIONARIES

"William Burns" by R.S. Miller.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless
I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in
me...." Gal.2:20a.

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried with every wind of doctrine." Ephesians 4:14.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"That we henceforth be no more children...."

When certain members of our churches become shaken in the faith of their fathers (mothers) by certain sects and cults and blame us for not giving them as much Bible teaching as they now seem to receive, I for one am taken completely aback! I admit I have not the time to deal with each member or family personally as certain Jehovah Witnesses have (one "witness" concentrating on one or two families week after week), but I have endeavoured to make good by this Weekly Letter. This is a personal visit to each one of you, and while it informs you of the trend of our church movement, its chief aim is to make plain the Word of God touching every aspect of our salvation. The weekly dispensing of salvation truths through the publication of the Heidelberg Catechism is a case in point. My statement on our Presbyterian distinctives last week is another. Looking back from last week's issue I note that Mariolatry was exposed the week previous, and in the one before this I showed how Raffles' Christian principles gave us a free port and a good education.

We have tried our level best to declare to you "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27), from the doctrine of creation to that of hellfire condemnation, from the doctrine of Christ's virgin birth to His glorious, personal, visible, second coming to judge this earth. Our church members, with further systematic Bible reading, should be of the best indoctrinated "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried with every word of doctrine." (Eph. 4:14).

Not "New Testament" Christianity but rather
"Bible" Christianity

Those who pride themselves with being "New Testament" Christians, or that they present a "New Testament" Christianity, may sound strikingly apostolic, but behind this statement they might secretly be taking the Old Testament below par with the New. Indeed they do, for I have met those who have spoken rather disparagingly against the Old Testament. For example, they say much of the Old Testament is "law" which is done away today because we in New Testament times are under "Grace". We admit those C.T. ceremonies that prefigured Christ are done away (now that Christ has come), but other than those, the Word of God given in O.T. times stands. Jesus says, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets (i.e. the O.T.): I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17). Hence the Christian Church is based both on the N.T. as well as on the O.T. The Scriptural view of our faith should rather be: "Bible" Christianity, not "New Testament" Christianity. The Presbyterian system of doctrine is truly "Bible" Christianity because we interpret the N.T. by the Old and the Old by the New. We have a balanced faith which produces balanced Christians and balanced results. We say this without apology. The strength of the Bible-Presbyterian Church movement and the quality of her sons and daughters, even of the 15 called to fulltime service, are evidence of the soundness of our doctrine.

The Doctrine of Christian Giving

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "God so loved that He gave...." The proof of loving is giving. We say the great Christian virtue is "love", but do we back it with "give"?

Lifers, you say that you love God, and you love the Church, but do you rally to give to pay for the repairs bill of the FEBC Hall, which is also used week after week by our Sunday School and Y.F.? Thank God for those elders and deacons who have rallied to give! Thank God for Galileans who rallied to pay the back rent. As to Zionists and Faithfuls, your Church auditorium is far from complete, but have you been systematically tithing?

As there is a standard for our Christian conduct - Christians should be monogamous (Matt. 18:1-9), should attend Church every Lord's Day (Heb. 10:25), should be baptised (Matt. 28:19-20), etc. so there is a standard to govern our giving.

Of course the standard is God's perfection, and if we give Him all our banking account it is still nothing is comparison. Yet God is reasonable and practical in dealing with us, and He does not impose ascending scale of taxation as the Income Tax Controller does. He sets us, both rich and poor, the standard of the tithe, i.e. one tenth of all that He gives us, much or little.

Tithing is far from being a legal requirement. It is a moral requirement. Before the Law of tithing was given by Moses, Abraham and Jacob tithes. Our Lord, while stressing to the Jews the greater virtues of justice and the love of God nevertheless commands tithing as a thing not to be left undone (Luke 11:42). Therefore if we earn \$500 a month, we should set aside \$50 for the Lord's use, especially for the support of the work of the local church at which we worship. "Those who know" the blessing of tithing give not only one tenth but really more! "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings! Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." (Mal. 3:8,9.)

Giving is a sacred relationship between you and your God. I can exhort, and I as Malachi is moved of God to speak to his congregation. The system of issuing pledge letter to members is based on Malachi's action and is necessarily executed when members become tardy in their otherwise systematic giving.

An efficient, economical administration inspires giving

It is important that the Session whom the congregation elects to administer the business of the church be efficient and economical in the administration of funds. Nothing that borders on luxury should be purchased or spent. At Life Church we have even dispensed with a regular (paid) caretaker. Although the Church and College buildings and the surrounding 60,000 sq.ft. of land are being maintained with some scholarships, the Lord knows what loving extra service has been put in to keep the premises in shape. The tithes Lifers bring to the Lord will be made to bring in the highest dividends, but if you withhold giving you are retarding the forward move of the church.

Yours faithfully,
T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 130
Psalter 363, Evening Prayer

From the depths do I invoke Thee,
Lord, to me incline Thy ear;
To my voice be Thou attentive,
And my supplication hear.
Lord, if Thou shouldst mark transgressions,
In Thy presence who shall stand?
But with Thee there is forgiveness,
That Thy Name may fear command.
For Jehovah I am waiting,
And my hope is in His Word,
In His word of promise given;
Yea, my soul waits for the Lord.
For the Lord my soul is waiting
More than watchers in the night,
More than they for morning watching,
Watching for the morning light.
Hope in God, ye waiting people;
Mercies great with Him abound;
With the Lord a full redemption
From the guilt of sin is found.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXIV

92Q. What is the law of God?

A. God spake all these words, Exodus 20,
Deut.5, saying: I am the Lord thy God, which hath brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

(Instead of the full text, the following is a summary of the Ten Commandments in verse)

1. Thou no gods shalt have but ME,
2. Before no idol bow the knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain,
4. Nor dare the Sabbath day profane;
5. Give to thy parents honour due,
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean;
8. Steal not, for thou of God art seen,
9. Tell not a wilful lie, nor love it;
10. What is thy neighbour's, do not covet.

93Q. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables; the first of which teaches us how we must behave towards God; the second, what duties we owe to our neighbour.

94Q. What doth God enjoin in the first commandment?

A. That I, as sincerely as I desire the salvation of my own soul, avoid and flee from all idolatry, sorcery, soothsaying, superstition, invocation of saints, or any other creatures; and learn rightly to know the only true God; trust in him alone, with humility and patience submit to him; expect all good things from him only; love, fear, and glorify him with all my whole heart; so that I renounce and forsake all

WEDDING BELLS at Life Church again, Sept.24, booked by Mr. Marcus Lim of the Bible Church. CONGRATULATIONS to Deacon and Mrs. William Seah for the birth of a son, Allister Seah Chek Lim, Aug.7, 1966. Also to Deacon and Mrs. Gan Pheng Chye, for a daughter, Melanie Gan Hwee Ling, on the same day.

THE GALILEE T.O.L. is still pending.

FEBC REPAIRS are 95% completed. We thank God for the rally by certain elders and deacons in bringing in their pledges, totalling about \$2000. The foundation repairs of \$800 is taken care of by the architect, whilst a \$50 reduction is made on the general repair bill so that our net obligation is \$2950.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

August 29-Sept.4

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mr. Leong Kuo Sing (I Pet.3)

Fri: Family worship- Life, 127 Emerald Hill Road, home of Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee. Zion, 47 Braemar Drive, home of Mr. and Mrs. Tay Chye Huat. (All YF members also invited.)

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Tow. Zion and Faith-Rev. Quek.

MISS CHAR is due to return to Singapore by the Ruys this coming Lord's Day.

ZK COMMITTEE meets this Lord's Day at 2.00pm. MISS BELINDA TAY BOON LEEN of Zion returned to Singapore yesterday from UK. She will be here for some time. Welcome back!

DR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER FONES: new home at 12 Toronto Road, 20 (6 m.s. Thompson Road, Tel: 511087.)

Eunice, Eulian, Eugene Heng: Tel-882533.

Ling Kwang Sunday School starts from this Lord's Day giving free tuition after S.S. hour. Time: 2.45-3.30 pm. Any volunteers for English subjects?

LOVE - GOD'S

Love ever gives, forgives, outlives;
And ever stands with open hands;
And while it lives, it gives,
For this is love's prerogative
To give, and give, and give.

(John 3:16; II Cor.9:15)

creatures, rather than commit even the least thing contrary to his will.

95Q. What is idolatry?

A. Idolatry is, instead of, or besides that one true God, who has manifested himself in his word, to contrive, or have any other object, in which men place their trust.

"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matthew 24:42.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

If Jesus Christ should come in ten years?

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is a major doctrine of the Christian faith. As He has ascended in bodily form to Heaven forty days after the Resurrection; so will He come visibly in great power and glory to earth (Acts 1:11, Zech.14:4, Mark 14:62, Rev.1:7) - at the end of this age to put down human rebellion and give forth righteous judgment.

There seems to be two dramatic events at Christ's Second Coming. First His Coming to outer space to receive His saints, born again Christians who will be resurrected and those alive will be transformed and all "caught up" to the skies (I Thess. 4:13-18). Then, after the period of great Tribulation on earth has run its course, Christ will come down and establish God's Kingdom on earth, setting up His Government in Jerusalem. Beloved, do you have a place in the Kingdom of God, saved from the terror of hell, even from an earthly holocaust soon coming!?

At the rate events are moving, can we, little earthly beings even hope for another ten years' phoney peace? If a Third World War should break out within our next fast moving decade of a transient life, is it not imperative that Christ should come to save a lost humanity?

It is important that Christians view world events with a prophetic telescope so that we be not carried away with the present tide of worldliness. How our hearts are engrossed in money making, in position seeking, in prestige building! Christians may not be enticed by fleshly lusts, but how about the spiritual and intellectual? "If Jesus Christ should come in ten years?" is a sane question to ask and a sober one each of us should answer - for He might come sooner, if not a little later.. Then all our banking accounts, all our houses, estates, all our degrees, titles, ambitions, jewelry, stocks and shares, will be consigned to fire in the twinkling of an eye! If our Lord should come to put to an end all things, what should I then decide to do about myself and my fortunes?

1. I should want to make sure I am saved, first and foremost! "For what shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

2. I should consider giving my young life to preaching the gospel of His Kingdom.

3. If I am not called to preach, what can I do best to help the work of God before He comes? I want to use all my resources - time, influence, money, service. In this last respect may I say a word to the moneyed that your gifts to the Church will expedite so much the work of the gospel. Why should you see your pastor sometimes stuck in his work for lack of funds to pay a queue of bill collectors - see him run around for funds which are used not by him but by the various departments of church work? Your ready gift saves him time and that is a good contribution on your part to the gospel effort. If we all take a proper perspective of our present precarious situation we will seek more the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel is the source of Science and prosperity

The reason why the West has for centuries been superior to the East is observed by Dr. Vaughan Rees in "The Jesus Family in Communist China" to be the West's enlightenment through the gospel. Without the gospel, look at Tibet, look at India under the spell of heathenism! With the gospel's influence, under the enlightened founding of Sir Stamford Raffles, look at the prosperity today enjoyed by Singapore.

I'd like our readers who hail from South China especially to read Pioneer William Burns' description of the barbarity I'd heard recounted by my grandfather in his preaching. William Burns wrote in 1856 as follows:

"The people in this district are, I think, if possible, more blind and hardened in idolatry and sin than in any place (if we except Canton) where I have formerly laboured. Although society presents here the usual features of Chinese civilization, it is coupled with a barbarity in certain circumstances which I have seen, or heard of nowhere else in China. The fishermen, boatmen, and people working in the fields, pursue their work in summer in a state of savage nudity; and within the last twenty years I am credibly informed, persons taken prisoners in the clan feuds have not only been cut to pieces, but their hearts boiled and eaten by their enemies. Such is heathenism in this part of civilized China. The ravages of opium we meet with here on every hand, and the deterioration of the morals of the people generally I cannot but ascribe, in great part, to the use of this ensnaring and destructive drug. When will measures be taken by those in power to lay an arrest on the opium traffic, which is inflicting such an indescribable injury on this people....? How blinded by the love of money are they who seek to enrich themselves by the gains of such a traffic!"

In a postscript Burns adds: "About 2 o'clock am, or past midnight, July 18th 1856. We have just been visited by robbers, who have taken all but the clothes we wear, without however doing us any injury. This is a new call to pity, and to pray for this poor people, sunk so low in darkness and sin ... We are preserved in much peace, and have just been joining in praise and prayer for this poor people."

Yours sincerely, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 69
Psalter 186, Balerma.

Though I am poor and sorrowful,
Hear Thou, O God, my cry;
Let Thy salvation come to me
And lift me up on high.
Then will I praise my God with song,
To Him my thanks shall rise,
And this shall please Jehovah more
Than offered sacrifice.
The meek shall see it and rejoice,
Ye saints, no more be sad;
For lo, Jehovah hears the poor
And makes His pris'ners glad.
Let heav'n and earth and seas rejoice,
Let all therein give praise,
For Zion God will surely save,
Her broken walls will raise.
In Zion they that love His Name
Shall dwell from age to age;
Yea, there shall be their lasting rest
Their children's heritage.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXV

96Q. What doth God require in the second commandment?

A. That we in no wise represent God by images, nor worship Him in any other way than he has commanded in His Word.

97Q. Are images then not at all to be made?

A. God neither can, nor may be represented by any means: but as to creatures; though they may be represented, yet God forbids to make, or have any resemblance of them, either in order to worship them or to serve God by them.

98Q. But may not images be tolerated in the churches, as books to the laity?

A. No: for we must not pretend to be wiser than God, who will have his people taught, not by dumb images, but by the lively preaching of His word.

FIRST WEDDING BELLS at Hume Heights Gospel Centre: The holy matrimony between Bro. David Amir bin Jelani and Sister Ai Eng will be solemnised by Rev. Tow, Saturday, Sept. 24.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE reopens on Monday, Sept. 19, 10 am. Applications for admission should be addressed to Rev. John E. Grauley, Dean, 9A Gilstead Rd., S'pore 11. PRAY FOR BRO. CHUA KIM SOO as he recuperates from a serious eye-operation.

MISS ALICE DOO (TOW) LIANG KWANG, a John Sung old-timer who gave up nursing for fulltime gospel ministry in China 31 years ago is returning to Singapore on social visit. Converted through John Sung's preaching she studied with Dr. Chia Yu Ming in Hanking, 1935-37. Since then she has been faithfully serving the Lord both on the China mainland and in Formosa. She ministers to a congregation in Tainan and holds a spiritual training school at the Kuan Tzu Ling mountain. She will speak at Life Church family worship next Friday at 23 Angullia Park, home of her brother, Elder Tow Keng Hee and at the Life Church Mandarin Service.

SIS. NG SANG CHIEW, former student at FEBC and recently graduated from the Alliance Seminary, Hong Kong is now posted to the Chinese Christian Church, Jn. Kayu, Seletar.

JURONG SUNDAY SCHOOL scholars! Rally to the starting of a Saturday Bible Class and children's fellowship with Mrs. Ivy Tow as your teacher! Watch for opening date. FEBC REPAIRS are fully completed and the bill of \$2970 paid. Thank you elders and deacons for your rally to meet the situation. MT. CARMEL BUILDING FUND is nearing \$300! INSPIRING HYMNS newly arrived, sold at cost, \$5.25 per copy. Get yours from Mrs. Ivy Tow. Also John Sung Chorus music notation, at \$2.25 per copy. (10% discount.) ICY CAMP ECHO, to be held at FEBC Hall, Saturday night, Sept. 17. Campers ahoy! PILING FOR NEW 2-STORY BUILDING for Zion and Faith churches and Z.K. costs \$5000. 1507 pieces of 20-foot bakau piles were used. Endau Community church holds 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving Service next Saturday, Sept. 11 at 7 pm. Rev. Quek will be the speaker.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK - Sept. 4-11

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Elder Lee (I. Pet. 4)

Tues: Zion prayer mtg. Mrs. Quek

Life prayer mtg, Session meeting.

Fri: Life family worship at home of Elder and Mrs. Tow Keng Hee, 23 Angullia Park. Miss Alice Doo speaking.

Faith family worship at home of Mr. and Mrs. Low Woon Siang, 139 Paya Lebar Rd.

Lord's Day: Life - Rev. T. Tow. Zion-

Faith- Miss Tay S.L. (CLF mtg at noon.)

Galilee-Rev. Heng. Life Mandarin- Miss Doo.

VIRTUE ABOVE LEARNING -

Thomas A Kempis (1379-1471)

All perfection in this life hath some imperfection mixed with it, and no knowledge of ours is clear of darkness. An humble knowledge of thyself is a surer way to God than a deep search after learning. Yet learning is not to be blamed nor the mere knowledge of anything whatsoever to be disliked, it being good in itself; but a good conscience and a virtuous life is always to be preferred before it. But because many endeavour rather to get knowledge than to live well; therefore they are often deceived, and reap either none, or very slender profit of their labours.

WHY WORRY? - from "Workers Together"

"Worry", we are told, is from an Anglo-Saxon word which means 'harm' and is another form of 'wolf'. There are times, no doubt, when we must feel anxious because of harm suffered or anticipated by ourselves or others, and this may be beneficial because it rouses to necessary activity; but often worry has the opposite effect, paralyses us and unfits us for duty, and also distracts our thoughts and obscures our vision.

An old story tells of an angel who met a man carrying a heavy sack and enquired what was in it. "My worries," said the man.

"Let me see them," said the angel. When the sack was opened, it was empty. The man was astonished and said he had two great worries. One was of yesterday which he now saw was past; the other of tomorrow which had not yet arrived. The angel told him he needed no sack, and the man gladly threw it away.

"Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Matt. 6:34.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 1966

"I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Psalm 37:25.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My Dear Readers,

"Give us this day our daily bread"

This part of the Lord's Prayer teaches us, both poor and rich, that we owe to God the day-to-day supply of the four fundamentals (according to Chinese idiom) of our livelihood, viz; "clothing, makan, housing and transport." "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Therefore, we should not forget to thank God at mealtime, to say grace, for giving us the food we eat. And we, who are living securely on a well-paid job, should repeat "Give us this day our daily bread" with humble dependence upon the mercies of God. For, should God withdraw the breath in our nostrils, or send us even such small ailment as a cold, we have no life or appetite to enjoy the good things of life.

As this injunction incites within us the gratitude we owe to God, it should also kindle us to remember the poor, especially those who are deprived of the means of daily subsistence. The apostles decreed to the church that it should "remember the poor" (Gal. 2:10) while the Wise King has observed that "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he repay again." (Prov. 19:17). King David sees the children of the merciful blessed, an earthly reward from the Lord. He declares, "I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed." (Psalm 37:25,26.)

Bro. Ligeron, a test from the Lord

Our members have been so blessed of God that there are few destitute ones amongst us, though the deaf carpenter, Bro. Chai, was a first case. You rallied splendidly (including a handsome gift from Australia) and now he is on his own feet, almost. Life Church has managed to get the carpenter an income of \$200 per month for the last eight months.

But Bro. Ligeron who lost his job at KPM when Singapore was hit by the Confrontation is still in dry straits (he was a shipping clerk). He has twelve children and is owing three months' rent. We have done our best to get him some position, but without avail. Yet the Ligeron family is bravely enduring these trials without complaint.

That the Ligerons should be still in great want I take to be the Lord's test upon our Christian conscience, especially upon us who have much to spare. Let us start a campaign to pluck our brother and his family out of the financial quagmire in which they are presently sunken. I propose we aim at a \$500 pre-Christmas gift, and one to his relief in time is worth nine! As I write, here comes a gift of oats, flour, and milk powder - not from the rich, but from a present day widow of Zarepheth. (Can the rich do less?)

"The King's Business required haste"

These words of David to Abimelech, when fleeing from Saul's persecution, might aptly be applied to the Lord's business. Now that Zion and Faith have piled the foundations of their new church, let them quickly start construction operations. Now that Life Church Session has agreed in general to the first plans of a 135x30 three-storey extension block, let us pursue with all speed the completion of the drawings and the building accordingly. Let us begin to bring our tithes and offerings to the Lord's House in earnest.

The King's Business at the FEBC Block has been pursued with speed. Praise God that repairs and renovations at a cost of \$2970 (not including the Grauley apartment) has now been completed. The interior walls have been painted over at a minimal cost of less than \$200 by loving hands. We invite you for an inspection of the new FEBC all set for the re-opening on Sept. 19.

What is "Enthusiasm" ?

(from Children's Harvest, Uncle Win)

"No thing of lasting value was ever done in the work of God without zeal or enthusiasm. Christian zeal is the dynamic by which His work moves forward. Christ was "clothed with zeal as with a garment," and "God has purified us," as followers of Christ to be "a peculiar people, zealous of good works." May we, with the season of opportunity before us, enter this ministry with enthusiasm? What is "enthusiasm"? It simply means en "with" plus theos (as in "theology") "God." "Filled with God!" What a wonderful meaning. It is interesting to note that this definition is also given in other context, in the June issue of the "Readers Digest". To be enthusiastic means to be "filled with God". Is it possible to be a Christian and not be enthusiastic? - for he who loves God should be daily filled with Him. In a lifeless, empty world, that does not know God, and where the need for knowing Him is a desperate need, let us be diligent, zealous, warm-hearted, and fervent with earnest "enthusiasm"! "

I might add to the above exposition on "enthusiasm" Paul's reason for Christian enthusiasm. In Titus 2:11-14 he says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 85
Psalter 232, Melita.

O Lord, to us Thy mercy show,
And Thy salvation now bestow;
We wait to hear what God will say;
Peace to His people He will speak,
And to His saints, but let them seek
No more in folly's path to stray.
His saving help is surely near
To those His holy Name that fear;
Thus glory dwells in all our land.
Now heav'nly truth unites with grace,
And righteousness and peace embrace,
In full accord they ever stand.

Truth springing forth the earth shall crown
And righteousness from heav'n look down,
And God on us His goodness shed;
Our land shall then with plenty flow,
Before Him righteousness shall go,
And cause us in His steps to tread.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXVI

99Q. What is required in the third commandment?

A. That we, not only by cursing or perjury, but also by rash swearing, must not profane or abuse the name of God; nor by silence or connivance be partakers of these horrible sins in others; and, briefly, that we use the holy name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence; so that he may be rightly confessed and worshipped by us, and be glorified in all our words and works.

100Q. Is then the profaning of God's name, by swearing and cursing, so heinous a sin, that his wrath is kindled against those who do not endeavour, as much as in them lies, to prevent and forbid such cursing and swearing?

A. It undoubtedly is, for there is no sin greater or more provoking to God, than the profaning of his name; and therefore he has commanded this sin to be punished with death.

DR. G. D. JAMES's new address: 21 Pang Seng Road (off Wan Tho Ave., Sennett Estate).

THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD at Mt. Carmel Sunday School. Do you know that last Lord's Day's attendance was 106? Nearly half that of Life Church S.S. crammed into a little flat? Give to Mt. Carmel Bible Presbyterian Church Building Fund!

LIFE CHURCH FINANCE. With every dollar used up for the FEBC repairs, we are in need of \$1,500 right away to pay other bills (including salaries). Please send your pledges to Deacon Seow.

PRAISE THE LORD for Bro. Chua Kim Soo's successful eye-operation. Please continue to pray for him.

REV. GRAULEY will preach at Trinity Church, Muar, next Lord's Day, Sept. 18, in lieu of Rev. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH CATECHISM CLASS preparing candidates for Baptism at October Anniversary, begins this Lord's Day immediately after service at the Church Balcony.

A THANKSGIVING CHINESE DINNER will be held on Eve of 16th Anniversary of Life Church, Sat. Oct. 15 at FEBC Hall, 7 pm. Charge, \$5 per person.

THE ENGAGEMENT between Bro. Roland Wong of Life Church and Sister Maureen Low will be solemnised by Rev. Tow at Fume Heights, Sat. Sept. 17, 4 p.m.

THE HOLY MATRIMONY between Mr. Marcus Lim Khok Tee and Miss Ng Lai Feng of the Bible Church will be solemnised at Life Church, Gilstead Rd., Sat. Sept. 24, 4 p.m.

JURONG SUNDAY SCHOOL children, your Saturday Bible Class with Mrs. Ivy Tow will henceforth be held at 3 p.m.

FEBC FACULTY will meet Monday Sept. 12, 9 a.m. at the Dean's Office. FEBC reopens Sept. 19, 10 a.m. with a worship service.

DR. CHENG WEI NIEN has returned from Australia.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sept. 12-18)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg., CLF (I Pet. 5)

Tues: Prayer mtgs- Life: Koh Kim Seng,

Zion- Dn Gan Pheng Chye (II Pet. 3)

Fri: Life family worship, Jurong.

Lord's Day : Life: Rev. Tow. Zion-Rev. Quek

Faith-Rev. Kuo Chau Pin. Life Mandarin-

Rev. Cheng. Galilee : Rev. Heng.

ANOTHER ZION MEMBER abroad has sent an offering for the Building Fund.

MISS ALICE DOO is staying at 111A Amber Road, phone 495580.

THE FEBC INTERIOR has been painted with materials bought from Bro. Tan Tong Han of Faith Church. If you need paints get them from Hoe Guan, 171 Tanjong Pagar Road, phone 78846.

INSPIRING HYMNS at cost, \$5.25 per copy.

Get yours today from Mrs. Tow.

THE CONTRACTOR FOR FEBC REPAIRS is Mr. Soh Tong Bee whose job is highly recommended.

ICY CAMP ECHO will be held at FEBC Hall.

Sept. 17, 7.30 p.m. All welcome!

THE POWER OF PRAYER - Wm. Law (1686-1761)

All outward power that we exercise in the things about us is but as a shadow in comparison of that inward power that resides in our will, imagination, and desires: these communicate with eternity and kindle a life which always reaches either heaven or hell.. here lies the ground of the great efficacy of prayer, which when it is the prayer of the heart, the prayer of faith, has a kindling and creating power, and forms and transforms the soul into everything that its desires reach after: it has the key to the Kingdom of Heaven and unlocks all its treasures, it opens, extends and moves that in us which has its being and motion in and with the divine nature, and so brings us into real union and communion with God.

"He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he."
Proverbs 14:21.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

It is a fact....

It is a fact that some poor members cannot go to Church more than once a month (these make their every cent count by going to the monthly Lord's Supper Service) because they simply cannot afford to go oftener! I've known of a poor old grandma attending our mother church, Prinsep Street, who, being lame of feet, must go by taxi. This costs her \$3.00 on a round trip which is all she could pay. To go every Sunday would cost \$12.00 or \$15.00 when there's a fifth.

The Ligerons, seven or eight of them, have been coming to Sunday School and Church regularly until I observe, these last two Lord's Days. The reason is obvious. To a jobless man with twelve children, you know how every dollar is stretched. The Lord would not blame them for not coming, but us for not being concerned enough. Is it not time that we did something more concretely to bring our brothers and sisters to the Lord's House? Why, for example, Birthday offerings for distant Missions, when our poor are a needy mission field? Does not charity begin at home?

Then there are three months' rent not paid. I wonder if we who enjoy luxurious homes have no obligation to the Lord to help Bro. Ligeron out? Last week I suggested a pre-Christmas \$500 gift offered now would be in time, worth nine to come. Praise the Lord, a lady responded with a \$50 angpow, and now a brother \$10. Well, this is a start at least.

Helping the Lord is serving Jesus Christ

A word to experts on the doctrine of Christ's Second Coming: Whilst it is time we should look earnestly for His appearance and be prepared to be caught up in the twinkling of an eye, Christ will not be happy to meet us who do not attend to His needs today. In the parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25 Christ warns, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat; I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." But of those who have helped the down and out in a practical way, Christ commends, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Faith without works is dead

While it is true that we are saved by grace through faith, that is, by trusting in the favour of God which we don't deserve (Eph. 2:8,9), it is important to check up on our faith whether it is genuine. Genuine faith in God is proved by acts of lovingkindness to our fellowmen. The apostle James asks, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give him not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so, faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:14-17.)

Two-prong advance in Jurong

Jurong, to become a city of half million in ten years (according to Government planning) has now built a 100-block town of multi-storey flats ranging from five to twelve storeys, and scores of new ones are mushrooming in this ever-growing industrial complex.

By God's grace we're one of the first to begin a work in Jurong by starting a Saturday Children's Bible Class in October 1960. This Saturday Class has grown to a regular Sunday School with an average attendance of 35 at the Chandra home. The Chandra home is at the Broadcasting quarters 14½ m. Jurong Road, about three miles from the Jurong Housing Estate (Taman Jurong).

In order that the gospel might be brought to the strategic centre of Taman Jurong, we've been praying for some time about a second Children's Bible Class at the home of the Yows. A discussion with the Yows this week has resulted in the decision of this second witness. This ushers a two-prong advance in Jurong, which should spurt up more thrusts in the future. The only piece of land reserved for a church site (we're told) is already occupied by the modernistic Lutherans with reservoirs of American funds. We're behind schedule!

The Jurong work is headed by Mrs. Ivy Tow, assisted by the older Chandra children, Meng Luan from Galilee, Ong Lan from Life Church Sunday School. We need more hands to go up every Saturday to hold one morning session at 25 Block 3, Taman Jurong, the Yow home, and thereafter one afternoon session at the Chandra Home. We need a portable Japanese organ for the new work (cost \$180). Pray for this latest gospel outreach to Taman Jurong.

Support Life Church Mandarin Service

This Mandarin Service was founded on the 15th Anniversary of the English Church, 11 months ago. During this brief period we've held a gospel campaign and baptised eight. The service has catered specially to some two dozen Chinese high school students apart from our Chinese-speaking members. Our average attendance today is between forty and fifty. There is no doubt that this Chinese work will grow into a mighty witness in another few years. But we need your support in personal attendance, in bringing friends. The Mandarin Service will run Mandarin Bible-reading classes one hour before service time for those interested.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 135.

Psalter 375, Creation.

Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;
All ye His servants, praise His Name,
Who in the Lord's house ever stand
And humbly serve at His command.
The Lord is good, His praise proclaim;
Since it is pleasant, praise His Name;
His people for His own He takes
And His peculiar treasure makes.
I know the Lord is high in state,
Above all gods our Lord is great;
The Lord performs what He decrees,
In heav'n and earth, in depths and seas.
He makes the vapors to ascend
In clouds from earth's remotest end;
The lightnings flash at His command,
He holds the tempest in His hand.

Forever praise and bless His Name,
And in the Church His praise proclaim;
In Zion is His dwelling place;
Praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.

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101Q. May we then swear religiously by the name of God?

A. Yes: either when the magistrates demand it of the subjects; or when necessity requires us thereby to confirm fidelity and truth to the glory of God, and the safety of our neighbour: for such an oath is founded on God's Word, and therefore was justly used by the saints, both in the Old and New Testament.

102Q. May we also swear by saints or any creatures?

A. No; for a lawful oath is calling upon God, as the only one who knows the heart, that he will bear witness to the truth, and punish me if I swear falsely; which honour is due to no creature.

THE HOLY MATRIMONY between David Amir bin Jelani and Sister Ai Eng will be solemnised at Hume Heights Gospel Centre, Saturday, Sept. 24 2 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bro. and Mrs. Phang Chin, Yen on the birth of a son, Jonathan, on Sept. 13. Also to Dr. and Mrs. Clive Beng in the U.S.A., a son, on Sept. 8.

BY SPECIAL REQUEST Pong Ah Eng, mother of Sister Kathleen Tan of Life Church was baptised last Lord's Day, Sept. 11 at her home, 300A Kheam Hock Road.

"MOUNTAIN MOVERS" PRAYER MEETING: Sept. 19, 7.30 p.m. at 331 Pasir Panjang Road, home of Mr. Lim Eng Siang. Welcome!

CORRECTION: Sister Ng Sang Chiew's new station of service is not at Jalan Kayu as previously reported, but at 3-7 Ching Pang Road, (Ching Pang Village, 13th m. Sembawang Road.)

READ THE EASTERN SUN which has kindly promised to advertise without charge our church services in the Religious Announcements column.

LIFERS: Distribute prayerfully gospel tracts supplied at the church vestibule by Bro. Stephen Kwan.

REV. PHILIP HENG'S new residence: c/o House-ten's Qrs., General Hospital.

ATTEND LIFE CHURCH Y.F. every Saturday, 4 pm. Games of Ping-pong, Badminton, Netball, Volley ball are played under the auspices of the Sunday School, 5 to 6.30 p.m. Welcome young readers!

LAWRENCE LEONG sends greetings on behalf of our young Sheltonians now entering Faith Seminary. A reunion of Singaporeans including Swee Hwa and Bobby Chua was held recently before Swee Hwa sailed for Manchester. Starry Tsao visited, and is arriving back Singapore shortly.

VISIT TO THE EAST COAST

Rev. and Mrs. Quek and Deaconess Tan Mooi Hean of Faith Church, Miss Char, Miss Ruth Lian and several friends from Jemaluang attended the First Anniversary Thanksgiving Service last Saturday evening of the Endau Community Church (established on 31.8.65 by the Malaysian Mission of the Kaimuki Community Church, Honolulu with the help of the Singapore Christian Evangelistic League). It was a time of rejoicing. Some 150 were present, but mostly children. Work among the adults there is slow but making steady progress.

Next day after Sunday School the party from Singapore with Miss Char crossed the river and went north to Rompin, Pahang; then back to Singapore visiting Mersing, Jemaluang and Kota Tinggi Church.

Pray for extension of the gospel north to Rompin, 16 miles from Endau. Thank God for the faithful ministry of Miss Char and her co-labourers, Miss Li Sau Lan at Endau and Miss Ruth Lian at Jemaluang. There is an even greater need for the gospel on the east coast than on the west. More evangelistic trips are desired.

- Rev. Quek -

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (19-25 Sept.)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mr. Ang (2 Pet. 1).

Tues: Zion prayer mtg. Bro. Chia Chek Kwang (1 John 1). Life -

Fri: Faith family worship, 41 Conway Grove, home of Dn. and Mrs. Chiang Ching Lee.

Sat: 7.45 p.m. Zion KF Film-nite.

Lord's Day: Life- Rev. D.M.A. McDonald of Scotland. Zion- Rev. Grauley. Faith- Miss Doo (Rev. Tow's aunt from Taiwan). Galilee- Rev. Heng.

WE CONVEY OUR CONDOLENCES to Mr. and Mrs. Chew Kia Song on the home-going of Mrs. Chew's mother, Madam Lau, 80, Funeral was officiated by Revs. Lau Un Hui and Tow at Rawang, Muar, this morning, (Sept. 17).

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE reopens Monday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. at which chapel hour Mrs. Ross, mother of Mrs. Grauley will bring the message. Courses offered are: Beginning Hebrew and Greek, Advanced Greek, Exegesis, Homiletics, Biblical Introd., General Epistles, Pastoral Epistles, Paul. Epistles, Old Testament History, Calvin, Mandarin, Modern Hebrew, Apologetics and Evidences, Music, English. Registration begins immediately after chapel at the Main Hall.

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" I Cor. 9:16.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"For a great door and effectual is opened...."

(I Cor. 16:9)

Such a favourable situation as opened before the Apostle Paul in his gospel outreach is opening up before our Church movement again!

Since Life Church's moving to Gilstead Road and the FEBC's founding in 1962, we have rather been consolidating than expanding, with the exception of starting the Life Church Mandarin Service, October 1965. Today we see the Church and College at Gilstead solidly consolidated. But what of the expansion?

FEBC has enrolled four new part-time students, all in full-time service in other churches, and seeking deeper knowledge of the Word. (The FEBC's total enrolment of full and part-time students is fifteen.) One of these students is director of a Bible Correspondence Course with six thousand young people doing the lessons leading them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Do pray that the FEBC, whilst labouring unobtrusively day by day, may contribute qualitatively to the quantitative work of her graduates.

I have always felt that the quickest way of extending God's Kingdom is through the theological training programme. I am beginning to see this vision fulfilled as the trained and trainees enter every door of service. The FEBC which has put an emphasis on Chinese is also fielding students to Chinese-speaking congregations. One of these will make debut at the Life Church Mandarin Service on October 2.

Please support Bro. Liew Hon Seng of Kuala Lipis in prayer.

FEBC Gospel Team for Gawang.

Since our ministering to the Independent Teochew Church across Muar River some months ago, there has been felt a need for a series of special meetings. Through Mr. Chew Kia Song, whose mother-in-law went home to Jesus last week, we have received a call to conduct three services next weekend - two evening meetings on Friday and Saturday, one morning service on the Lord's Day. The nature of these services will be revivalistic. Pray for us that our FEBC may minister in the strength of the Lord. Pray for me as I speak, for Ivy as she plays the organ, for Lay Seng as he leads singing, for Mr. Chew as he makes further contacts. Pray for a hundred souls to hear for a score to turn to the Lord. "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." (I Sam. 14:6). During the weekend revival campaign we should put up at Dr. and Mrs. Siang Yeow's, Malacca.

The Importance of the Local Church

Wherever the Lord's people are, let them be assembled in regular worship every Lord's Day. The injunction from the Lord for this spiritual exercise is Hebrews 10:25: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Over forty years ago, a number of Christian families were settled across the Muar River. These came to Church (the Living Water Church) on this side of the river by sampan and kolek. What hazards, for you know how wide the Muar estuary is! To facilitate the believers an organised service was started by the elders at Gawang (four miles from Muar), the central point of meeting for the settlers. One of the founders and a ready shepherd was Rev. Chiam Seng Por. Today, after forty years, we see the faith of the descendants, though tottering, yet propped up by the Gawang Church. Had there been no weekly gatherings through the years at Gawang, would we find such a remnant today, according to the election of grace (Rom. 11:5)?

The importance of the local church cannot be overemphasised. Ours is a church movement. We have a scriptural aim in every Sunday School or Youth Fellowship started. We want to see each grow up into a self-supporting, self-governing local church.

Share our worldly goods with poorer brethren

This is true love for God and of our brethren (I John 3:17,18). We appreciate very much your response last week in gifts of money and kind to the Ligerons. The Lord says that such giving does not make the giver poorer, but richer. St. Paul says, "...for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever" (II Cor. 9:7-8). Let us remember that we cannot exert to a more successful life by our efforts. Success and honour come to the humble, the kindhearted, the God-fearing, those who respond to the Lord's call such as in this matter of giving relief to a brother in Christ.

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Philippians 3:7,8.

Psalter 139. Boylston

The mighty God, the Lord,
Has spoken unto all;
From rising to the setting sun
The nations hear His call.
From Zion His abode, where perfect beauty dwells,
The Lord His glory has displayed in brightness that excels.
Our God shall surely come,
Nor silence shall He keep;
Devouring fire shall herald Him,
About Him storms shall sweep.
Then to the heav'ns above He from His throne shall call,
The earth His kingly voice shall hear, He is the Judge of all.
Let all My chosen saints
Before Me gathered be,
Those that by sacrifice have sealed
Their promise unto Me.
Then shall the heavens declare His righteousness abroad,
Because the Lord Himself is Judge, Yea,
none is Judge but God.

WEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXVIII

103Q. What doth God require in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools be maintained; and that I, especially on the sabbath, that is, on the day of rest, diligently frequent the church of God, to hear his word, to use the sacraments, publicly to call upon the Lord, and contribute to the relief of the poor, as becomes a Christian. Secondly, that all the days of my life I cease from my evil works, and yield myself to the Lord, to work by his Holy Spirit in me: and thus begin in this life the eternal sabbath.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sept.26-Oct2)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg, YF Mr.Lai Sin Kuo (II Pet.2).

Tues: Prayer mtgs: Life- Koh Kim Hiang, Zion: Dn.Heng Yeow Tong (I John 2).

Sat: Zion YF : "Personality Clashes" by Miss Irene Hope of the OMF.

Lord's Day: Life- Rev.Grauley, Zion- Rev. Percy Bromley (OMF), Faith- Rev Quek (Holy Communion).

ZION AND FAITH BUILDING PROGRAMME: Tender closes Oct.8. Building committee meets the next day at 2 p.m. to decide.

NEW ZION ADDRESSES:

Quek Swee Hwa -Grove House, 338-348 Oxford Street, Manchester 13, England.

Chow Shaw Lan -Methodist Ladies' College, 45 Park Road, Burwood, N.S.W., Australia.

Teo Tiong Kheng - 7-Gisbourne Road, Ecclestone, Sheffield 11, England.

PLEASE DIRECT mail for Philip Heng to 9A Gilstead Road, S'pore 11. Phone him at 50617 Mon, Wed-Fri, 8.30-12.00 a.m.

FEBC GRATEFULLY RECEIVES a re-conditioned piano from Bro.and Mrs.Benny Fang.

MAN JURONG CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS will be inaugurated on Sat. Oct.8, the 6th anniversary of founding of Jurong Sunday School at the Chandra home. Who will offer a portable Chinese organ (\$180) for our new Saturday Children's Bible Class at the Yow home, Man Jurong?

REV.JOHN GRAULEY will be speaker at Life Church next Lord's Day and administer the Lord's Supper. Rev.Tow will be at Gawang and Muar.

WE BID FAREWELL to Mrs.M.D.Ross who will be leaving us on Oct.4.

WE REGRET TO RECORD the passing away of Rev.Auyong How at Muar, funeral taking place yesterday.

WELCOME to young Lifers at the Gilstead Road "Sportsdrome", every Saturday, 5 to 6.30 p.m.

WE EXPRESS THANKS TO IPPF for the availability of their car park to Lifers on the Lord's Day and on Saturday afternoon (welcome, wedding guests!)

MRS. BEN-ASHER'S Hebrew Class re-opens at FEBC every Wednesday, 5-6.30 p.m.

MR.CHARLES TSAO'S Chinese Class, every Monday, 4.30-6.00 p.m.

FEBC extends best wishes to Bro.Douglas Tan as he is united to Sister Ivy Leong in holy matrimony this Saturday at Faith Assembly of God, Kim Keat Road. Bro. Douglas Tan, Director of the Living Word Correspondence School, is a new student at the College.

FOR OUR CONVENIENCE the IPPF (Family Planning) our Gilstead Road neighbour will take in our members for Identity Card Registration. Come Monday, Sept.26, 9.30 am for photo-taking and Oct.1 (9.00-1.00 pm) for registration.

LIFE CHURCH BUILDING DEBT is reduced by another \$4,000 through a brother's writing off the same.

HAVE YOU GOT your Inspiring Hymns, \$5.25 per copy (cost price)?

REV.KENNETH DITZER of the Malaysia Faith Mission is being succeeded by Mr.Andrew Bo of Norway.

HUME HEIGHTS GOSPEL CENTRE has started a monthly gospel service at the home of a member living at Clementi Road. Pray for this Chinese work. We need a dozen chairs for Hume Heights work.
GET YOUR PAINTING MATERIALS from Hoe Guan (Bro.Tan Tong Han of Faith Church). Reliable and honest.

"How easy is pen and paper piety, for one to write religiously? I will not say it costeth nothing, but it is far cheaper to work one's head than one's heart to goodness. Some, perchance, may guess me to be good by my writings, and so I shall deceive my reader. But if I do not desire to be good, I most of all deceive myself. I can make an hundred meditations sooner than subdue the least sin in my soul."

- Thomas Fuller
(1608-61)

"Knowledge is proud that he has learned so much;
Wisdom is humble that he knows no more."
-William Cowper -
(1731 - 1800)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:7.

Children's Bible Class at the Yow home,

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him."

(Hebrews 11:6)

A young lady at our Catechism Class was honest enough to voice her doubts about "religion" - especially about "believing" this and "believing" that which the Christian Faith requires. "Believing" to her mind was something out of fashion, unscientific, and perhaps superstitious.

Now to believe in someone is to have faith in that person. And to have faith in that person you must know enough of the person. A husband has faith in his wife, a son his father, a student his teacher. Why? Because each one concerned knows the person he trusts well enough. In other words, faith is based on competent knowledge. Faith is scientific!

If we must manifest faith to our loved ones, our friends, our teachers, how much more must we have faith in God. The apostle to the Hebrews declares, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebs.11:6). Thus, "Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (Rom.4:3). Reader, it is vain for you to argue that there is no God, no heaven, no hell, no resurrection of Jesus Christ because you say you have not seen these with your eyes. The Word of God requires that you humbly submit and sincerely believe them because God has said so, and that they are facts which vitally affect you. God has also declared you a lost sinner, (your righteousnesses are as filthy rags - Isa.64:6) and there is hope for you only when you come in repentance of your sins to the Lord Jesus Christ. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one" (Rom.3:10). "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23). "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom.6:23). But Jesus says, "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Whether you are saved or lost depends on how you receive Jesus' invitation. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

Thank God for a bright Autumn Moon;
but another Korean Icy Winter is coming!

This year's autumn-moon shines unusually bright, with moon cakes and lanterns overflowing every kedai in China Town. The end of confrontation with Indonesia is easing the economic situation not a little. God is gracious to us in Singapore beyond measure! As you enjoy your moon cakes, however, do not forget to share some of your surplus joys with the poorest of the poor in icy Korea.

Beloved, God has well-accepted the 4,000 lbs of gifts you brought through our respective churches to relieve the poor Korean Christians last year. The three tons of goods sent around Chinese New Year were distributed by Dr. Dwight R. Malbary, missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, to Christian lepers and their children around the port of Pusan and to 12 other churches of lepers. The report on the results of your acceptable offering is contained in Dr. Malbary's recent letter to Rev. Grauley as follows:

"The goods arrived here safely, and I distributed them in the Pusan area - much of which goods went to leper Christians. There is a group of Koreans there that have applied to ICCC for membership. Included in this group is an orphanage, rather, a home to keep the untainted children from the parents, for it has been found out that contamination will surely occur eventually if the children continue living with the parents who are lepers. But in addition to these children there are twelve churches of Christian lepers, and much of the wonderful supply of relief you sent, went to these very pitiful creatures.

The Koreans are grateful, and I especially am thankful to see folks of the ICCC in Asia helping other ICCC believers, rather, members, who also reside in Asia, even as you indicated in your letter.

Please tell Dr. Timothy Tow that I deeply appreciate his efforts in this shipment, and that I was more than glad to take care of this for him. And anything I can do for him, if it is in my power, I shall do..... Tell him and the other Christians there who had a part in this gift - a true evidence of Christian love - that we thank them, that we rejoice in the fact of their salvation, and we thank God for them. The Koreans were MOST grateful for this loving kindness extended to them."

Beloved, what greater joy is there in the world than doing the will of God, such as in clothing and cheering the hundreds of Korean lepers and their children mentioned in this Korean letter of thanks? I humbly present this report of your good works, and pray that God will move you to bless the Korean brethren again. Meantime, enjoy your moon cakes with best Chinese tea, and may His countenance shine upon you, to bless you with peace. Bible greeting from Dr. Malbary : Malachi 3:16 -

"Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name."

The Lord is directing our footsteps to Muar

In last week's letter I told you we're planning on staying in Malacca during the Gawang campaign. The Lord however is directing us to put up at Muar. During the week word has been received from Dr. Siang Yeow that they are visiting Singapore to see my Aunt recently come from Formosa. So we are channelled by the Lord Muarwards for a higher purpose. How often "man proposes, but God disposes". St. Paul's experience in being "forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia", (Acts 16:6), and led rather to Troas, resulted in opening up Europe for the gospel advance. Please pray for us that this Gawang Campaign may be the beginning of a new chapter in the spread of the gospel in this sleepy valley, even as Sungei Mati (Dead River) the town of the Gawangites testifies. Now Rev. Cheng Sheng Chu who has helped us a year at the Life Church Mandarin Service is posted back to Jasin, Malacca, about 20 miles from Gawang. The Lord willing, we hope to visit him as we promised.

Yours faithfully,

T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 51

Psalter 142, Refuge.

God be merciful to me, on Thy grace I rest my plea;

Plenteous in compassion Thou,

Blot out my transgressions now;

Wash me, make me pure within, (2 times)

Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

I am evil, born in sin;

Thou desirest truth within.

Thou alone my Saviour art,

Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;

Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, (2)

Wash me whiter than the snow.

Gracious God, my heart renew,

Make my spirit right and true;

Cast me not away from Thee,

Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;

Thy salvation's joy impart, (2)

Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me

And return, O God, to Thee;

Saviour, all my guilt remove,

And my tongue shall sing Thy love;

Touch my silent lips, O Lord, (2)

And my mouth shall praise accord.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XXXIX

104Q. What doth God require in the fifth commandment?

- A. That I show all honour, love and fidelity, to my father and mother, and all authority over me, and submit myself to their good instruction and correction, with due obedience; and also patiently bear with their weaknesses and infirmities, since it pleases God to govern us by their hand.

UPON HEARING THE GOOD NEWS of the distribution of our Korean Relief goods to 13 churches of lepers and an "orphanage" of lepers' children, an Australian sister is sending a parcel of woollens. Pray that we may be enabled to give joyously to another Korean Christmas.

WE ARE STILL WAITING on the Lord for a portable Japanese organ to inaugurate a new Children's Bible Class at Taman Jurong, Oct. 8.

WELCOME TO THE EVANGELISTIC LEAGUE meeting at the Gilstead Road Manse, Sat. Oct. 8, 2 p.m.

PRAY FOR DEACONESS ONG SOO KHENG's recovery from her recent illness.

REMEMBER THE DAILY NEEDS OF THE FEBC. We thank God for four new part-time students and one full-time at the beginning of this 5th academic year.

SECOND CALL TO LIFERS: 16th Anniversary Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat. Oct. 15, 7.30 p.m., \$5 per head.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(October 3 - 9)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Dn. Tay Chin Kiat (2 Pet 3)

Tues: Life prayer mtg.

Fri: Zion Family worship and fellowship at the Zion Parsonage.

Sat: Life, Zion YF's, ICY-Sembawang.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Tow, Zion- Rev. Quek, Faith- Miss Tay Swee Lan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Foong for the birth of their first child, Kevin, on Sept. 18.

Two Zion members in Australia have sent a tape-recording of Gospel music for the church.

MISS DOREEN CHIA sends greetings to Zion and Faith churches and to the YF.

ZION AND FAITH BUILDING COMMITTEE meeting is postponed to Wed. Oct. 12, 8.00 p.m.

WHAT EXCUSE WILL YOU GIVE?

WHAT excuse will you give to the Lord :

- when He asks for an accounting of your work, and it is found that you have only "hay, wood and stubble?" (I Cor. 3:11-15).
- when He asks for an accounting of your stewardship, and it is found that you have robbed Him in tithes and offerings? (Mal. 3:8-10).
- when He asks for an accounting of your time, and it is found that you have cheated Him? (Rom. 13:11).
- when He asks for an accounting of your soul-winning, and it is found that you are "empty handed"? (John 4:35, 36).
- when He asks for an accounting of your talent and it is found that you "hid them"? (Matt. 25:14-30).
- when He asks for an accounting of your deportment, and it is found that you have disobeyed Him? (I John 5:2, 3).
- when He asks for an accounting of your will, and it is found that you have not yielded to Him? (Rom. 12:1, 2).

IS THERE REALLY ANY EXCUSE YOU WOULD GIVE HIM? Why not yield completely now?

- Fundamental Evang. Assoc. -

"I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew He moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me; It was not I that found, O Savior true; No, I was found of Thee.

Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;

I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold, As Thou, dear Lord, on me."

"For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8, 9.

that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

Mission to Gawang Church, Muar

by Chew Kia Song

On Friday, 30th September, Rev. Tow led a mission consisting of Sister Ivy and two students of the FEBC, Messrs. James Chan and Chew to Muar to hold a short series of revival meetings at the Gawang Chinese Church. The party arrived at 6.30 p.m. at Gawang where they were entertained to dinner by a Deacon of the Church, Mr. Lau Lock Ann.

At 7.30 p.m. we came to the Church where a congregation consisting mainly of young people were waiting. The meeting began with chorus singing with the "Bok Su Neo" at the organ. As the singing continued, more people arrived. Our Pastor then called on the two Bible College students to give their testimonies. After some more singing of the choruses, Rev Tow then addressed the gathering. He spoke on Israel's falling from the Faith in spite of God's care and mercy for them and applied it to the Gawang congregation.

The next night, the people turned up early at the Church. There were more adults and the Church was packed to the doorstep. Many had to be content with standing room. As usual the meeting started with chorus singing with the pastor's wife at the organ. At this meeting Mr Mok, the husband of a member of the Church gave his testimony. Mrs Tow then told of her conversion which impressed the congregation very deeply.

Our Pastor then preached on a rich man living in luxury and a beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, lying at his gate. The rich man spared no cost to make his life comfortable and pleasant on earth, whereas the beggar at his gate had nothing more than the crumbs from the rich man's table. The rich man died, but because he did not make preparation for his future life, he found himself in hell, surrounded by flames. Lazarus also died, and he was taken to Abraham's bosom. The rich man asked if Lazarus could drop some water on his tongue to quench his thirst. He also requested that Lazarus be sent back to earth to warn his five brothers. Rev Tow concluded that salvation must be decided in this life, or it will be forever too late. He appealed to the people to surrender themselves to God, and about twenty decided to receive Christ as their Saviour.

On Sunday, 3rd October, the service started at 10 a.m. with chorus singing. At 10.30 a.m. the Pastor mounted the pulpit and the regular service began. The church was full, but not as the previous night. The Pastor preached on Bartemaeus the blind beggar who called on Jesus for help. When the Lord asked him what he wanted, he said, "Lord that I may receive my sight." He did not ask for money as beggars would, nor seek to enter an old people's home. He asked for eyesight that money cannot buy. The congregation was urged to seek for the spiritual, even life everlasting which the Lord Himself could give. "...What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

Directly opposite the Church across the road there is the house of a devout idol-worshipper. The children of this house wanted to attend the Church service, but their parents would not allow them, for they might bring back with them the Christian God who, they acknowledge, is more powerful than their idols. Now during the revival meetings the door and windows of the idol-worshipper were tightly shut from fear of the Christian God. Praise God for the Gawang campaign, for many both inside & outside of the Church have heard of the saving power of Jesus.

The National Church Must Do It!

The news of missionary service in Malaysia being limited to two terms or ten years (including furlough) is reported in the Straits Times as a "shock". It is a shock to missionaries and to the native church still depending on them. It is no shock to God.

From the beginning we have seen clearly that the Great Commission is given to the whole Christian Church, not limited to the traditional West. Therefore, if we have been preparing our own missionaries to fill in the gap henceforth to be made by retreating missionaries, there will be no loss. The National Church in Singapore and Malaysia must send workers to replace the missionaries. The National Church must do it!

But how can the National Church do it? We can see no other way except through an effective training programme. The FEBC is endeavouring to implement this ideal with 15 full and part-time students today under instruction. While imparting to the students the knowledge of the Word is our main task, making them bi- or tri-lingual so that they might fit into this multi-racial society is a duty not to be neglected. In this connection, the running of a Mandarin class perennially seems to bear some fruit. And though Hebrew and Greek are also taught for the students' own sake, we might have to add Malay to the curriculum next term if "the national church is to do it."

NOTE: Of 15 full and part-time students training at FEBC 11 are devoted totally to the gospel ministry. Pray that the Lord will enable us to train many more.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

95Q. What doth God require in the sixth commandment?

A. That neither in thoughts, nor words, nor gestures, much less in deeds, I dishonour, hate, wound, or kill my neighbour, by myself or by another; but that I lay aside all desire of revenge: also that I hurt not myself, nor wilfully expose myself to any danger. Wherefore also the magistrate is armed with the sword, to prevent murder.

106Q. But this commandment seems only to speak of murder?

A. In forbidding murder, God teaches us that He abhors the causes thereof, such as envy, hatred, and anger, and desire of revenge; and that he accounts all these as murder.

107Q. But is it enough that we do not kill any man in the manner mentioned above?

A. No: for when God forbids hatred, envy and anger, he commands us to love our neighbour as ourselves; to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy and all kindness, towards him, and prevent his hurt as much as in us lies; and that we do good, even to our enemies.

GREETINGS from Brother Lawrence Leong:

"...Classes began about two weeks ago but I could not find the convenient moment to write you till now. Presently I am having an interesting time trying to learn Hebrew and Greek simultaneously! My study load is heavy. I request that you folks uphold me with your fervent prayers. Fall is here and it is 68°F! I "saw" our church last Saturday through a slide-show by Dr. Clarke at Collingswood. The palm trees are growing! Please send greetings to all your loving wives on my behalf. My sincere congratulations to Rev Phil Heng on his ordination. The Lord be with you all always."

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. George Beng for the birth of their first child, a son Sui-Hsiang, on Tuesday, October 4.

OF SELF-DENIAL

My son, thou canst not possess perfect liberty unless thou wholly renounce thyself. They are but in fetters, all who merely seek their own interest, and are lovers of themselves; covetous are they, inquisitive, gossiping, always seeking what is soft and delicate, not the things of Jesus Christ, but oftentimes devising and framing that which will not endure. For all that is not of God shall perish. Keep this short and complete saying, "Forsake all and thou shalt find all." Weigh this thoroughly in thy mind, and when thou hast fulfilled it thou shalt understand all things.

This is not the work of a day, nor children's sport; yea rather in this short word is included all the perfection of the holiest men.

My child, thou oughtest not to turn away, nor at once to be cast down, when thou hearst of the way of the perfect; but shouldst rather be stirred up to higher things, at least in desire to sigh after them. I would it were so with thee, and that thou art arrived at this, to be no longer a lover of thyself.

Though I am poor and sorrowful,
Hear Thou, O God, my cry;
Let Thy salvation come to me
And lift me up on high.

Then will I praise my God with song,
To Him my thanks shall rise,
And this shall please Jehovah more
Than offered sacrifice.

The meek shall see it and rejoice,
Ye saints, no more be sad;
For lo, Jehovah hears the poor
And makes His prisoners glad.

Let heav'n and earth and seas rejoice
Let all therein give praise,
For Zion God will surely save,
Her broken walls will raise.

In Zion they that love His Name
Shall dwell from age to age;
Yea, there shall be their lasting rest,
Their children's heritage.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct. 10-16)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. CLF (I John 1)
Tues: Prayer mtgs: Life- Liew Hon Sen;
Zion- Mrs. Quek (I John 3).
Wed: 8.00 pm, Zion and Faith Church Bldg.
Com.Mtg (to decide on tender.)
Fri: Faith family worship at the home of
Mdm. Lo Kai, 26 Brockhampton Drive.
Sat: 7.00 pm Life 16th Anniversary Dinner.
Lord's Day: Life- 16th Anniversary Thanks-
giving Service. Zion- Rev. Quek (Holy
Communion). Faith- Rev. Quek Khee Swee.

TAMAN JURONG CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS was
launched today with 13 small and big at
25 Block 3, home of Bro. and Mrs. Yow Yew
Seng. Praise the Lord for \$50 from a Dea-
con for the much needed Japanese organ.
We still need \$137.50 (price gone up!)

APPLICATION FOR MR. YU CHUNG MIN of Formo-
sa to "do missionary work with Life Bible
Presbyterian Church for a year" has been
approved. Mr. Yu will work under the di-
rection of Life Church Mandarin Service.
LIFE CHURCH will be 16 years old next
Lord's Day. According to tradition, a
Thanksgiving Dinner (Lai Wah, caterer) will
be held on Sat. Oct. 16, 7 pm at the FEBC
Hall, \$5 per head for Session members,
and \$4 for congregation. Please register
early with Deacon William Seah. The ses-
sions of Zion, Faith, Galilee and Life
(Mandarin) are cordially invited to attend
this Birthday Dinner. Revs. Quek, Tow and
Prof. Tow will give short messages.
LIFE CHURCH MANDARIN SESSION will meet at
Elder Tow Keng Hee's home, 23 Angullia
Park, Tuesday 8 pm to consider the appro-
val of Mr. Yu's entry and her 1st Anniver-
sary Thanksgiving next Lord's Day (in the
afternoon).

BE YOUNG! Join Lifers at games every Sat-
urday, 5 to 6.30 p.m. Lifers and FEBCers
played basket-ball with Singapore Bible
College at the Green villa next to the
Church. We lost 40-48. More recruits
needed!

"Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great..." Ps.111:1,2

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

No thanksgiving, no worship!

The custom in our churches of presenting offerings through the Deacons' collection bags with the singing of the Doxology, we believe, is a very Scriptural method of worship-giving. That a weekly collection be taken is commanded by the Apostle (I Cor.16:1,2) and that such giving is a vital part of worship is taught in Exodus 23:15. Far from it as suggested by some who use the after-service-doorbox method that this is pious begging! Giving is a part of worship, and he who gives the Lord as one tipping an inferior had better repent!

Once a year each one of our churches has followed the example of Life Church to declare its Anniversary a special Day of Thanksgiving. Life Church saw the necessity of doing this for the sake of the spiritual wellbeing of her members, no doubt, from the teachings of Scripture, particularly from the Old Testament. And we are not ashamed also of following the fine pattern set by the Pilgrim Fathers whereby the last Thursday of November is declared National Thanksgiving in the United States.

As Lifers offer their Thanksgiving envelopes at Church this Lord's Day, let them bring them before the Lord with earnest worship, and let those who have worshipped without thoughtful thanksgiving awaken from their souls' empty poverty.

The Bible Presbyterian Church Movement

It is said that God's work begins with a man that He calls. From the call and devotion of such a man a movement is started. But such a movement without the burning zeal of its beginning soon grinds, like a machine, to a halt. Thereafter it becomes a monument! How true it is with many great works by mighty men of God now crumbling to dust. The bombed-out Tabernacle of Spurgeon which we saw in London, 1950, is symbolic of this pithy saying: "A man, a movement, a machine, a monument." Spurgeon's great work was not destroyed by the Nazi dive-bombers of the last War. It was more fearfully eaten away by the unseen termites of liberal theology.

Let our Readers be reminded that the Bible-Presbyterian Church is a Movement born of controversy with the unbelief of our day. Had we not in the beginning taken a stand against the inroads of modernism and ecumenism, the Lord would not have given us such a glorious following as it is today. We would not have inherited the fine properties both at Serangoon Gardens and Gilstead Road, nor would we have this present number of established churches, Sunday Schools, Youth Centres, mission churches, etc., etc. Let us pray that the Lord will keep us faithful and zealous to the Cause of a 20th Century Reformation, that we may be on the move to extend the Faith to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We are prepared to go where the need is greatest.

The parable of the vineyard (Matt.20:1-16) which reveals also a great many vacancies for the unemployed should teach the carefree Singapore Church to consider the crying needs up-country. The experience of the Gawang Campaign has convinced us of the priority of the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matt.10:6). A revival campaign for a slumbering congregation is far more needful than a gospel campaign for the unevangelised. We are prepared to go where the need is greatest, no matter how remote the place and how poor the circumstances. We have standing invitation from Muar and Gawang, and now has come a recurring one from Temerloh. But alas! How limited are one's days!

"Repent and be baptised....." (Acts 2:38,39)

We thank God for another batch of twenty confessing Christ in baptism at Life Church's 16th Anniversary Thanksgiving. Among this is Dr.Khew Khon Shin, a specialist at the K.K.Hospital who will testify for the Lord at the Thanksgiving Service.

Every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ must be baptised according to the Lord's command. Baptism confirms the believer's faith.

According to the words of the Apostle Peter, baptism is a sign also of repentance. It signifies the turning point in a person's life. Whereas before I was living in ignorance and sin, without purpose in life, listless and drifting, now I have received the light of life, of the knowledge of sins forgiven and assurance of salvation. In fulfilment of this knowledge there must be a continuous state of change from my old ways. This is repentance. Repentance is an experience, as Calvin says, not only in the flash of a moment on the day of my receiving Jesus Christ as my Saviour - it is a daily process! Let the young people who are going to be baptised turn away from their evil ways everyday.

May the following have their names also written in the Book of Life in Heaven:

1.Loo Ee Chuan	2.Han Pong Hua	3.Daisy Koh	4.Ong Siew Geok	5.Tan Swee Hua
6.Albert See Sin Chong	7.Lucy Koh	8.Richard Koh	9.Jimmy Koh	10.Jane Koh
11.Koh Chin Nam	12.David Lee Foh Fatt	13.Alfred Tan Kah Aik	14.Sim Ngian Seng	
15.Tay Cheng Tee	16.Alfred Leong	17.Suzanna Lim Siu Pin	18.Chan Sow Peng	
19.Khew Khon Shin	20.William Koh Gin Seng (Confirmation).			

Yours sincerely, T.T.

On Thee, my Saviour, and my God!

Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

REFRAIN: Happy day, happy day,

When Jesus washed my sins away!

He taught me how to watch and pray

And live rejoicing every day;

Happy day, happy day,

When Jesus washed my sins away!

O happy bond that seals my vows

To Him who merits all my love!

Let cheerful anthems fill His house,

While to that sacred shrine I move.

'Tis done: the great transaction's done

I am my Lord's and He is mine;

He drew me and I followed on,

Charmed to confess the voice divine.

ZION AND FAITH CHURCHES BUILDING PROJECT,

a two-storey building for church and kindergarten, 85'X55' together with a 70' bell-tower, has been tendered for by Philop and Co. (Contractor Mr. Seow). The total cost including furnishings is expected to come to about \$175,000, besides \$5,000 already paid for piling. Work will commence immediately and be completed within nine months. The Building Funds of the two congregations now stand at over \$80,000 (\$19,000 of which is with the FEBC as an interest-free loan). May the Lord move all members and friends of the two congregations to rise to the occasion and step up their prayer and offerings efforts immediately.

- Rev. Quek K.C. -

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct. 17-23)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mr. Ang Thian Seng
(I John 2)

Tues: Prayer mtgs- Life: Suvana Ngarmisiti-choke. Zion: Dn. Gan Pheng Chye (I Jn. 4)

Sat: Zion Y.F. Rev. Quek speaking.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Heng, Zion-Rev. Grauley
Faith-Rev. Tan Sia Yong,
Galilee and Carmel - Rev. Tow.

JESUS SAVES MISSION will establish its headquarters in the new housing estate at Macpherson, 39 Block 71, Fesiaran Keliling 13. The inaugural service will be held on Nov. 6, 5 p.m.

IN RESPONSE TO THE PASTOR'S THANKSGIVING LETTER \$10,000 of the \$50,000 pledge to build the new block at Gilstead Road is sent in. Praise the Lord!

THE TAMAN JURONG Japanese organ still needs \$87.50 to pay off.

AFTER FULL CONSULTATION with the architect it is decided that the three-storey extension at Gilstead Road should take the form of a T-annes, the trunk of the T joining with the side door of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS to Prof. Tow Siang Hwa for being made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

THE MANDARIN SERVICE, LIFE CHURCH cordially invites all Mandarin-speaking Readers to its First Thanksgiving Service this Lord's Day, 4.30 p.m. Two from Hume Heights, Bro. Pang Chew Loo and Sis. Lam Ah May will be baptised. THE LIFE CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER was held tonight at the FEBC Hall with over 170 present. The occasion was further blessed by the recorded singing of Fague Springman.

What doth the seventh commandment teach us?

A. That all uncleanness is accursed of

God: and that therefore we must with all our hearts detest the same, and live chastely and temperately, whether in holy wedlock, or in single life.

109Q. Doth God forbid in this commandment, only adultery and such like gross sins?

A. Since both our body and soul are temples of the Holy Ghost, he commands us to preserve them pure and holy: therefore he forbids all unchaste actions, gestures, words, thoughts, desires, and whatever can entice men thereto.

HYMNS for THANKSGIVING SERVICE :

1. WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

The good seed on the land,

But it is fed and watered

By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes and the sunshine,

And soft refreshing rain.

REFRAIN : All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,

O thank the Lord for all His love.

He only is the Maker

Of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower,

He lights the evening star;

The winds and waves obey Him,

By Him the birds are fed;

Much more to us, His children,

He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,

For all things bright and good,

The seedtime and the harvest,

Our life, our health, our food;

No gifts have we to offer,

For all Thy love imparts,

But that which Thou desirest,

Our humble, thankful hearts.

2. NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

With heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things hath done,

In whom His world rejoices;

Who, from our mothers' arms,

Hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love,

And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God

Through all our life be near us

With ever joyful hearts

And blessed peace to cheer us;

And keep us in His grace,

And guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills

In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God

The Father now be given,

The Son, and Him who reigns

With Them in highest heaven,

The one eternal God,

Whom earth and heaven adore;

For thus it was, is now,

And shall be evermore.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to shew forth thy lovingkindness, ... and thy faithfulness..." Psa. 92:1, 2

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord"

(Psalm 92:1)

The thankofferings of Life Church's 16th Anniversary so far have amounted to \$12,220! This sum includes a \$10,000 pledge as announced paid in last week. Without these concrete expressions, the singing of "Nun Danket" would be a mockery. But year after year Lifers have delighted in giving thanks. It is expected therefore that more envelopes with the offerer's prayer, "Lord, accept this offering true From my loving heart to You", will be presented to the Treasury this week and the next. Now since the Lord had commanded that "none shall appear before Me empty" (Ex. 23:15) may I exhort every Lifer not to lightly disregard this injunction of His Word. And why should I be thus mindful? It is out of a concern for your spiritual welfare. As Paul has desired of the Philippian Christians to offer to the Lord "that fruit may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17), so am I urging you to offer your heartfelt gifts to the Lord that a portion of His blessings might be yours. In this respect I am like a mother nagging her children to put a portion of their Birthday angpows in the Savings Bank. Such a saving is theirs, and it increases with interest too. Your cheerful thanksgiving to God works primarily to your own benefit. Nevertheless our constraining motive in giving is still the love of Christ who gave Himself a ransom for us (Mark 10:45).

".... let them relieve them, and let not the Church be charged"

(I Timothy 5:16)

Relief of the poor is an important part of the Christian ministry and in this work our Churches have not neglected. The raising of Bro. Chai, deaf carpenter, to his feet is a case in point. The loving response from Readers to the aid of Bro. Ligeron is another. Last year's Korean Relief went to the blessing of 13 Leper Churches and one Leper Orphanage.

Speaking about relief, it is interesting to note that Paul has specific instruction to Timothy on the care of widows. Let only those who are over 60 years, with a good report, be "taken into the number" of the aided. Otherwise, the relatives should care for them so that they might not become an overburden to the church. Here we derive a principle for the care of the needy members of the church. Their relatives should bear the first responsibility, and they themselves should work out their salvation too. This Chinese saying is a good maxim: "Heaven helping me, I must help myself."

The time has come to establish a gospel witness in K.L.

The talk of establishing a gospel witness in K.L. has been on for several years. The first reason for going to the metropolis is for the sake of its inhabitants. The city itself, which has been growing by leaps and bounds the last two decades, has practically no increase in the gospel witness. With liberal theology and ecumenism darkening the established churches, the need of the true light is all the more acute.

The second reason for the K.L. witness is for the sake of our own members. More and more will migrate to the Federal Capital for a livelihood. We should form them into a lively group that their faith might continue to flourish.

The third reason is that a Gospel witness there will aid tremendously the work of God upcountry, north, south, east, west. After Paul had established a firm witness in Ephesus, the capital city of Western Asia Minor, Luke the historian tells us, "all they which dwelt in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (Acts 19:10). The founding of a church at such a strategic centre is bound to have far reaching results.

Pray for us that if it be according to His will a witness might be established not at Petaling Jaya which several missions have occupied, but in the city central. Rarely does a visitor to K.L. see more than one or two church spires!

2 X \$170,000

The new Church and Kindergarten at Zion will cost \$170,000 approximately and the new three-storey T-Annex at Gilstead Road will cost about the same, according to the architect. The Zion-Faith Auditorium project has over \$80,000 and lacks another \$90,000. The Life T-Annex project has only 17,000, about one-tenth of the total costs. The Zion-Faith Auditorium is expected to be completed on Zion's 10th anniversary, i.e. June, 1967. The Life T-Annex should begin operations, we hope, by this time next year.

The Zion-Faith Auditorium is a 45x85 building of two storeys connected to the old Kindergarten building by a 10-ft. corridor. It has the church hall upstairs and a Kindergarten hall downstairs. There is also a 70-foot tower with an electric bell.

The Life T-Annex will be (110x30x3)+(60x22x2) providing 4 kindergarten classrooms, semi-open assembly hall, tuckshop, principal's room, social hall joined to Church balcony, 3 Sunday school rooms, 2 married quarters for Church workers, a six-room latrine for FEBC and roof garden.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

My soul, bless the Lord! the Lord is
most great;
With glory arrayed, majestic His state;
The light is His garment, the skies are
His shade,
And over the waters His courts He has laid.
He rides on the clouds, the wings of
the storm,
The lightning and wind His mission perform.
The earth He has founded her station to
keep,
And wrapped as a vesture about her the deep.
O'er mountain and plain the dark waters
raged;
His voice they obeyed, the floods were
assuaged;
Uplifting the mountains He ordered a bound,
Forbidding the waters to cover the ground.
He causes the springs of water to flow
In streams 'mid the hills and valleys
below;
Beside them with singing the birds greet
the day,
And there the beasts gather their thirst
to allay.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XLII

110Q. What doth God forbid in the eighth commandment?

A. God forbids not only those thefts, and robberies, which are punishable by the magistrate; but he comprehends under the name of theft all wicked tricks and devices, whereby we design to appropriate to ourselves the goods which belong to our neighbour: whether it be by force, or under the appearance of right, as by unjust weights, measures, fraudulent merchandise, false coins, usury, or by any other way forbidden by God; as also all covetousness, all abuse and waste of his gifts.

111Q. But what doth God require in this commandment?

A. That I promote the advantage of my neighbour in every instance I can or may; and deal with him as I desire to be dealt with by others: further also that I faithfully labour, so that I may be able to relieve the needy.

S.U. NOTES! Please order yours for 1967 through Edward Heng (Life Church), Oi Chun (Sembawang), Seng Tian (Galilee) and Mrs. Ho (Zion).

TAMAN JURONG is the new town of Jurong with over 100 blocks ranging between five and twelve storeys. The Baptists and Lutherans have established themselves in the shop-houses. We have begun in the Yow home. Last week our attendance rose from 13 to 20. The Japanese mini-organ is a great attraction to children, but we still need \$77.50 to pay up.

LIFE CHURCH REMINDER: All pink forms and blue forms to new members to be completed and handed in please.

GALILEE: God willing, Galileans plan Dis-
cipleship Camp for Dec. 5-10; need mattress-
Army-type Camp cots; or suitable sub-
stitutes. If you can help, please contact
Heng, 50617, Mon-Fri mornings.

As I sit outside the Yow flat surveying the industrial complex mushrooming beyond Taman Jurong, I can see the millions presently spent by Government and developers before the day of happy profit will come. No outlay, no returns! The law of spending before earning operates just as inexorably in the business of God's Kingdom. The Lord's parable of the vineyard in Matt. 21:33-44 tells not merely of His demand for profit; but also of his capital expenditure: "There was a certain householder which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower..." Reader, you must agree with our elders in their present development programmes both at Serangoon Garden and Gilstead Road. Consider, e.g., the good that a kindergarten will do in the work of winning young children and their parents to Christ, with the attendant blessings of providing effectual stations of service to our young people. Then the legitimate profits that should be channelled to every worthy cause of God's work. Isn't it time to start the ball rolling and chalk up the scores of your giving? -T.T.

CORRIGENDA: Of 20 baptised last week at Life Church, for Khew Khon Shin read Khew Khon Shin and for Chan...read Ng Gek Choo. BOOKINGS OF FEBC for December camps: ISCF Dec. 5-10; CNEC Dec. 12-17, Fishermen of Christ Dec. 27-31.

FRIENDSHIP.....

Friendship.....is a union of spirits, a marriage of hearts, and the bond thereof virtue.

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom.

Friendship loves a free air, and will not be penned up in straight and narrow inclosures. It will speak freely and act so too; and take nothing ill where no ill is meant, nay, where it is, it will easily forgive, and forget too, upon small acknowledgments.

Friends are true twins in soul; they sympathise in everything, and have the same love and aversion. One is not happy without the other, nor can either of them be miserable alone. As if they could change bodies, they take their turns in pain as well as in pleasure; relieving one another in their most adverse conditions. What one enjoys the other cannot want.

A true friend unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adventures boldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously, and continues a friend unchangeably.

- W. Penn (1644-1718)

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Elder Lee Tsu Huai; Life, Rev. Tow; Galilee, Rev. Heng; Life Mandarin, Rev. Tow. ZK COMMITTEE EMERGENCY meeting this Lord's Day, 2 p.m.! In response to the good news that Zion-Faith new building is commenced \$4,500 added pledges and gifts have been promised during this week!

"...if any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." James 3:2.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

What is deadlier than the Atom Bomb? (My tongue!)

The Apostle James says, "...the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth. And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hellBut the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing... But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual and devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom from above is first pure, the peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." (James 3:5-18)

We owe Sabah a special gospel debt!

A British brother in Sabah sent us a substantial gift some years back specifying that we use it for gospel extension to Sabah. We therefore owe Sabah a special gospel debt. For this reason Bro. Philip Heng and I were sent by the Church in March 1965 to Sabah on a first missionary trip. But one who has been consistently paying the gospel debt on our behalf is Mr. Lim Eng Siang. Having earned his money from Sabah Mr. Lim says he is naturally mindful of the spiritual needs of the Sabahans. Here's a letter from Mr. Lim to you:

Dear Weekly Reader,

On my last trip to Sabah, I met and had a short fellowship with some Australian missionaries and one Mr. Lee Syn Leong at Jesselton. Mr. Lee works for a bank but has a burden for both the physical and spiritual needs of a group of Dusuns who gather together each Lord's Day at a small town called Mengottal several miles out of Jesselton. Mr. Lee told me that his congregation needs some old clothing.

My own supply is very negligible indeed and the purpose of this letter is to appeal to my various church friends in Singapore and Malaysia for a supply of usable old clothing which I shall be very pleased to collect, pack and ship to Sabah at my own expense as far as Singapore is concerned.

In the case of Malaya, it may be sent to me at 331 Pasir Panajng Road, 6½ m.s. either in 22-lb. parcels through the Post Office or by rail to Singapore Station in gunny sacks and my office clerk and driver will collect from the Station.

As regards Sabah, please send by parcel post if the weight of a parcel does not exceed 22-lbs or ship in gunny sacks if the weight is over 22 lbs, direct to Mr. Lee Syn Leong c/o Chartered Bank, Jesselton.

In all cases, I shall be pleased to reimburse the church group with a remittance upon my knowing the stamps bought or freight paid.

Thanking you very much indeed.

"Feeding a hungry man is better than making offering to Buddha" - Korean proverb

In connection with the Sabah appeal, I feel it is timely to mention Korea again for our Christmas giving this year. I'm grateful for the Korean proverb above to show there is a milk of human kindness outside Christ. How about us? Thank God for three paper bags of clothing received in advance for Korea. Against such there is no law! (Gal. 5:23).

Last year a Korean Community leader in Singapore, kindly paid for the freight for sending three tons of relief goods. If there is an uncle in our Church who would contribute \$250 freight-money right away, we should take it as a sign of the Lord's blessing. "A good man sheweth favour and lendeth....He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever" (Ps. 112:5,9).

Tongues aflame for God.

O Holy Spirit from on high
Whom God the Father, Son did send
To touch our lips and tongues with fire
That we might speak and men repent
Today descend, and breath anew
A zeal to preach our Saviour's Name.
O Holy Spirit from on high!
Revive our zeal for Jesus' Name!

This prayer of the Far Eastern Bible College Anthem expresses the desire of our hearts for the raising of prophets and prophetesses from among our students. We believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit predicted by Joel and applied by Peter

to Pentecost is even more needed these very last days (Acts 2:17,18; Joel 2:28-32).

In the first paragraph of this Weekly we have seen how the evil tongue becomes a fire to destruction. But just as atomic power can be harnessed for good so we see what Godly power can be released by consecrated preachers. What the Church needs today is not financial power, the least political power, but most urgently the Pentecostal power. Not so much the babbling in an unknown tongue, but rather the intelligent Bible-saturated preaching by hearts on fire for God.

Apart from the FEBC faculty which is always on call to preach near and far, the following from the student body are severally available to speak at Y.F.'s, Bible clubs, women's meetings, children's meetings and at worship services:

Mrs. Ivy Tow, B.Th., Miss Ng Sang Chiew, B.Th., Miss Then Hian Mee, L.Th., Mr. Chew Kia Song, B.A., Mrs. J.S. Packer, Miss Peggy Yeo, Messrs. Chan Lay Seng, Liew Hon Seng, Tow Siang Kwang, Goh Seng Fong. (Misses Ng and Then are special students of Hebrew at FEBC. Miss Ng is lady-preacher at the Chinese Christian Church, Chong Pang Village; Miss Then is on the staff of the Scripture Union. Mr. Liew Hon Seng preaches fluently in Hakka and Mandarin). If you need them please give me a ring.

Life Church "Sportsdrome"

Bro. Eio Eng Hua our manager is to be congratulated for exploiting our spacious church grounds for the cultivation of good physique and closer fellowship among our young people (we included sometimes in volley ball). But please support this good work with your "cake money" dropped into his big white tin. Now the Chairman of I.C.S.S. Sports Section issues a challenge to all sister and branch Sunday Schools to come for a showdown on the bristling Sportsdrome - Volley Ball, Netball, Badminton, Table-tennis. (Lifers beat Jubileers in Basketball last week.)

Yours faithfully, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 84
Psalter 227, St. Edith.

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely
Thy tabernacles are;
For them my heart is yearning
In banishment afar.
My soul is longing, fainting,
Thy sacred courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying,
O living God, for Thee.

Beneath Thy care the sparrow
Finds place for peaceful rest;
To keep her young is safety
The swallow finds a nest;
Then, Lord, my King Almighty,
Thy love will shelter me;
Beside Thy holy altar
My dwelling-place shall be.

Blest they who dwell in Zion,
Whose joy and strength Thou art;
Forever they will praise Thee,
Thy ways are in their heart.
Tho' tried, their tears like showers
Shall fill the springs of peace,
And all the way to Zion
Their strength shall still increase.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XLIII

112Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. That I bear false witness against no man, nor falsify any man's words; that I be no backbiter nor slanderer; that I do not judge, nor join in condemning any man rashly or unheard; but that I avoid all sorts of lies and deceit, as the proper works of the devil, unless I would bring down upon me the heavy wrath of God; like wise, that in judgment and all other dealings I love the truth, speak it uprightly and confess it; also that I defend and promote, as much as I am able, the honour and good character of my neighbour.

TAMAN JURONG CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS: Praise God for over 20 attending and for a sister offering to pay up the remainder of the Japanese organ.

THE LOVE OF GOD

What am I?
To the Lord
I'm His well-loved child;
But - am I so
To all whom I know?
The nearest friend seems so far from me
To know what true love can really be,
Yet do I find solace
To think of that loving Face;
Which mine eyes have not seen,
But whose love has always been
A source of happiness over misery
And still will be till eternity.

- Laura Loo -

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Oct. 31-Nov. 6)

Mon: Faith prayer mtg. Mr. Tay Keng Lam.
Tues: Life prayer mtg. Rev. Grauley.
Friday: Family worship: Life at Dn. and Mrs. Seow's, Sembawang; Zion at Elder and Mrs. Chia Kim Chwee, Portchester Ave.
Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Tow, Zion-Rev. Heng, Faith-Rev. Quek (Holy Communion); Life Mandarin- Rev. Tow.

MT. CARMEL has overflowed twice over both at the Sunday School and Teen-age Service. To solve the problem of having an adequate place for worship the Carmelites have launched a Building Fund with 29 young people regularly pledging their pocket money. The Building Fund has now exceeded \$300. As for Sembawang has reached \$3,000.

BRO. AND MRS. LIM KIM HEE of Life Church have transferred to Galilee and are helping on the Sunday School Staff.

MRS. ONG, FEBC cook, leaves the College Dining Club after 3½ years' service. We pray God's blessing upon her future work.

DEACONESS ONG has recovered from her recent illness and is to be discharged next Monday. ZION BIBLE CAMP - please get camp-forms from Camp-Master Gan Pheng Chye, or Bro. Chia Chek Kwang, to register for camp.

LIFE CHURCH SESSION MEETING, Tuesday 8.00 p.m. at FEBC Hall!

IN VIEW ON INCREASE OF RATES on water, light and power, users at our churches are requested to economise. Remember switch it off!

"He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." Proverbs 28:27.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Korean and Dusun Christmas Relief

With the concurrence of all our churches - Life, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Life (Mandarin) and branch Gospel Centres and Sunday Schools - Sembawang, Mt. Carmel, Jurong, Hume Heights, Seletar Hills, Jalan Aman, Ling Kwang, Taman Jurong, we are launching another Korean Christmas Relief! But there's a greater mission this year in that it is suggested this Relief include the Dusuns of Sabah. (You have read from Mr. Lim Eng Siang's letter last week of the Dusuns' plight.) And why not give liberally again this year when we know how usefully our unused clothing and other articles were distributed to 13 leper churches and one orphanage in Korea last year! Also, our appeal for \$250 to pay for freight has been met by a granduncle of Life Church, wherewith we are assured of more good things to come.

We would therefore request you to go through your wardrobes, cupboards, lockers, suitcases and gather whatever clothing you could spare and whatever articles you think would be a blessing to our needy brethren. Bring them to the FEBC or, if not convenient, to your respective churches and Sunday Schools. Last year a department store gave us several boxes of unsold winter wear. What surprises are in store for us this year? Let us aim at sending another three tons of Relief goods to Korea and one ton to Sabah. (Mr. Lim will take care of the Sabah shipment.)

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Prov.19:17). As this Christmas Relief Appeal is sounded we have received 50 lbs. of clothing and lingerie.

To give is gain

What do you think of Jesus' parable of the rich towkay who kept on building up his business, planning to make more and more money, but did not realise he might die any day - and then whose money was all that he had hoarded? The fact is that on the day he got his building plans passed for the construction of a million-dollar business house, the same day death snatched him away. God pronounced this man a fool. (Luke 12:20). So Bible students have identified this man as "the rich fool". And the rich fool, while being rich with his selfish foolishness, has been declared "not rich toward God". His foolishness lay in his not giving what he could not keep. To keep in this instance is to lose. To give is gain.

It is not wrong to make money by honest hard work, whether with one's brawn or brains. Investing profitably is sound economics taught in the Word of God. But to keep on investing and making profit without using such profit for the promotion of God's work, without giving back at least a tenth as humble acknowledgment of His blessing is to lose it all in the sight of God. To give is gain when the giving is to a good cause - to God's cause. It is gain because God is pleased with it. He blesses every cheerful giver.

Has God prospered you this year in your business? It is gain to give back a portion to Him before the year's account is closed. Who knows He might not prosper you the more next year? To give is gain!

"And seekest thou great things for thyself?Seek them not" (Jer.45:5)

These words of wisdom from the prophet Jeremiah to his secretary Baruch are for the over-ambitious among our Readers. Whatever greatness you're now seeking for yourself will one day become "grief to your sorrow", for as the Lord was going to "break down" and "pluck up" in Baruch's time, so is He going to do the same in our time. Do not be deluded by the present lull in the world situation. When an explosion comes, whether near or far, all who dwell on this tiny terrestrial ball will be embroiled.

But it is right to seek great things for the Lord! The Church is great business. The gospel is the atom bomb of God. Where are our leaders who will sit in council to deliberate what greater soul-winning ventures might be attempted in this eleventh hour of our dying age? And what's wrong in giving up your career, your profession, your business, to carry the Cross of Christ if the Lord should call you to fulltime service? In this connection it is our joy to welcome to the Bible College just one such person who surrenders his all to Him. Please pray for a brother in Malacca now taking the HSC exam and preparing to join the College in January 1967. Please pray that God might show us His plan for 1967 before the old year runs out.

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

Madam Poh Ah Eng, 55, mother of Sister Catharine Tan of Life Church, went home to be with Jesus, Nov. 1st. Funeral was conducted on Nov.3rd. by Rev. Tow. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25).

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job.19:25,26.

PRISON REPORT :

As Christmas rapidly approaches, the P.D.'s excitedly recall the parties of Christmases gone by. The numbers have picked up to near 20 and remained consistent. Carol-singing has begun (thanks to Hume Heights for their carol-compilation). More recently I had switched to lectures in Theology after having done the Gospels of Mark and John over the past three years. I ever see my sin.

The personal interviews that we conduct after the lectures have given us good insight into their thinking. Invariably, each one begins by telling us of his "innocency" that his arrest was all a mistake that he had been "framed". They even suggest names of those who they think had framed them. Some admit they had previously been involved in gangsterism but that was "so long ago". A few sadly admit that they would never have gotten involved had the Gospel come to them earlier.

REHABILITATION CENTRE REPORT:

Work here has been quite discouraging lately. I returned after my honeymoon to find for three successive weeks no one in attendance at my class. I decided to give it one more try before seriously considering going over to the Medium Security Prison. Then the Lord broke through! Once again they came - 4, then 6, then a dozen, and 5 last Thursday. Why are they so vacillating in attendance? For one thing, some of them do not get back from their labours till 4 or 5 o'clock. And they are tired!! Dinner is from 6-7 pm. They suggest that I go there at 6.15. I do, but still they don't come. Another reason for non-attendance is possibly they are simply enjoying their freedom. After having been cooped up in Changi, they now take to the open-air to enjoy sports and "doing nothing" freely. Some have pointedly questioned me regarding the sincerity of these P.D.'s in seeking the Lord originally. Friends I cannot answer you. But allow me to share with you what it costs some of them to follow the Lord. For example, here comes the dinner-hall line. Everyone else gets three fishes but you, one or two. Everyone else gets 2 bananas or some manner of fruit, but some how your portion is smaller or inferior deliberately. Not once, not twice. What will you do?

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Do pray for Miss Ong's recovery.
2. We need a dozen men to run two Christmas parties on Thurs. Dec.22nd:
1.45 pm - 4.00 pm for the Prison,
4.45 pm - 7.00 pm for the Rehab.Centre.
A man to teach Bible-reading in Chinese - Rev.Phil Heng -

WELCOMING OF NEW LIFERS AND giving of Baptism Certificates: the twenty recently baptised at Life Church Thanksgiving Service are cordially invited to a special welcome service to be held next Friday Nov.11 at the FEBC Hall. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with old Lifers over Townsuan and Yuchakway.

LORD'S DAY SPEAKERS: Life-Rev Tow, Zion-Quek, Faith-Miss Tay Swee Lan, Galilee-Heng, Life Mandarin-Rev Tow.

O God, according to Thy grace,
Be merciful to me,
In Thy abounding love blot out
All my iniquity;
O wash me wholly from my guilt
And make me clean within,
For my transgressions I confess,
Against Thee only have I sinned,
Done evil in Thy sight;
Lord, in Thy judgment Thou art just,
And in Thy sentence right.
Behold, in evil I was formed,
And I was born in sin,
But Thou wilt make me wise in heart,
Thou seekest truth within.
From all pollution make me clean,
Yea, whiter than the snow;
O let my broken heart rejoice
And gladness make me know;
Blot out all my iniquities,
And hide my sins from view;
Create in me a spirit right,
O God, my heart renew.

From out Thy presence cast me not,
Thy face no more to see;
Thy Holy Spirit and His grace
Take not away from me.
Restore me Thy salvation's joy,
My willing heart uphold;
Then sinners shall be turned to Thee
When I Thy ways unfold.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM: Lord's Day XLIV

113Q. What doth the tenth commandment require of us?

A. That even the smallest inclination or thought, contrary to any of God's commandments, never rise in our hearts; but that at all times we hate all sin with our whole heart, and delight in all righteousness.

114Q. But can those who are converted to God perfectly keep these commandments?

A. No: but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of this obedience; yet so, that with a sincere resolution they begin to live, not only according to some, but all the commandments of God.

115Q. Why will God then have the ten commandments so strictly preached, since no man in this life can keep them?

A. First, that all our lifetime we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature and thus become the more earnest in seeking the remission of sin and righteousness in Christ; likewise, that we constantly endeavour and pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we may become more and more conformable to the image of God, till we arrive at the perfection proposed to us, in a life to come.

EEBC 1st term EXAMS will be held Nov.28-Dec2 The music students under Mrs Grauley will present a Christmas Recital on Dec 9 at the College Hall. You're cordially invited to this College function. The 2nd term reopens Jan 2, 1967.

This Lord's Day at 39 Block 71, Pesiaran Keliling, inaugural service for new Jesus Saves Mission outreach, 5.00 pm. Tel:88-2878 "Go ye...and preach the gospel to every nation...."

"We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"....a peculiar people, zealous of good works"
(Titus 2:14)

Christians, exhorts St. Paul, should be "a peculiar people, zealous of good works". We are saved for a purpose, and we should always be grateful for our salvation, so that whenever we have opportunity to serve our Saviour, we should zealously respond.

We have reported how your giving to Korean Relief last year found efficient administration through Dr. Malsbary, whereby 13 leper churches and one orphanage were blessed. We are repeating this year the collection for Korean Relief, and for the Dusuns of Sabah as well. What has been your reaction? Are you zealous about it? Already a granduncle has contributed \$250 to pay for the freight. Deacon Heng Yow Tong will provide more than 10 big boxes to receive your parcels. What is your response to such evident invitation from the Lord - to do good works?

The Monsoon - a reminder!

As the monsoon blows south in earnest and sends you curling under your woollen blanket again, may it remind you of the plight of our poor Korean Christian brothers. A country of which one third are refugees from the Communist North, you can imagine the hazards under which they scramble for existence. When the inclement winter descends upon them ten times colder than our rainy nights, no wonder the five-foot-way beggars who seek shelter in cardboard and tin-can hovels perish like flies. For, without heating, they are like living in the freezer of your refrigerator! It is a wonder that many still survive - but this is where our warm clothing comes in.

God has raised up many Christian orphanages and Relief stations to save precious lives. It is our privilege to have a part in the good work these are doing. Our Lord is well pleased with every economic aid you are giving, and here is His commendation, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). It is when your loving gift goes to someone despised and forgotten, and you do it for Jesus' sake, that your reward is greatest. Thank God this Christmas that God has given each of us such a comfortable home, no fear of the wintry blast. Think of the crying Korean orphans when you go shopping for some Christmas gifts for your children. How about bringing home an extra one for Korea? Let me close with another Korean proverb: "If you love your own children, love also those of others!" And let's recall the other I mentioned last week, "Feeding a hungry man is better than making offerings to Buddha."

Finally, a request to our Sunday School Superintendents. You can help out effectively by asking your Sunday School children to bring a Christmas gift for Korea as you did last year.

Fill to overflowing!

The trend of Church attendance is up, up, up as the year draws to a close. This is my observation at Life Church. Speaking of Church attendance I am reminded by Heb. 10:25 that we are exhorted not only to attend regularly, but also to encourage others to come along. Will we not resolve from this Lord's Day onwards to attend church without fail, as well as to bring every family member, plus one friend? If every member will do this, Lifers will have to sit up the balcony!

"Double our Church Membership in five years" is the slogan and aim of the Chinese Presbyterian Synod. Our total membership after 16 years is just under a thousand. I wonder if we, with every concerted effort, could not increase this membership to 2,000 by 1970, i.e. after 20 years? This means we should add to the church an average of 250 per year for the next four years. Considering the fact that we have a dozen churches and Sunday Schools in Singapore, on Tekong Island and in Johore, such attainment is not impossible. But let us make sure the baptised are soundly converted before they are admitted to Church membership.

"A famine - of hearing the words of the Lord"
(Amos 8:11)

The prophet Amos declares to a prosperous people under the rule of Jeroboam II, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the words of the Lord, and shall not find it." (Amos 8:11,12). The acuteness of this spiritual famine is being felt in our day as modernist theology tries up more preachers in training, as fundamentalism degenerates into a professional orthodoxy, as the Christian home is exposed to the soul-scorching rays of the T.V. The only way of saving this situation is to train and send forth preachers of the Word with a warm heart towards God and man. Let these declare the words of the Lord with the fervency and understanding of the prophets of old.

The famine of hearing the words of the Lord is felt in many upcountry churches. Often calls have come to us which we are not able to answer. But if we can help these churches earnestly requesting, we should do so gladly.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

JEHOVAH reigns in majesty;
Let all the nations quake.
He dwells between the cherubim;
Let earth's foundations shake.
Supreme in Zion is the Lord,
Exalted gloriously;
To nations, praise His name with awe,
The Holy One is He.
THE MIGHTY KING loves justice well,
And equity ordains;
He rules His people righteously
And faithfulness maintains.
Magnify the Lord our God,
Let Him exalted be;
In worship at His footstool bow,
The Holy One is He.
WHEN PRIESTS and prophets called on God,
He their petitions heard;
His cloudy pillar led them on,
And they obeyed His word,
Tho' sending judgments for their sins,
He pardoned graciously;
Exalt the Lord and worship Him,
The Holy One is He.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XLV

116Q. Why is prayer necessary for christians?

A. Because it is the chief part of thankfulness which God requires of us: and also, because God will give his grace and Holy Spirit to those only, who, with sincere desires continually ask them of him, and are thankful for them.

117Q. What are the requisites of that prayer, which is acceptable to God, and which he will hear?

A. First, that we from the heart pray to the one true God only, who hath manifested himself in his word, for all things he hath commanded us to ask of him; secondly, that we rightly and thoroughly know our need and misery, that so we may deeply humble ourselves in the presence of his divine majesty; thirdly, that we be fully persuaded that he, notwithstanding that we are unworthy of it, will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer, as he has promised us in his word.

118Q. What hath God commanded us to ask of him?

A. All things necessary for soul and body: which Christ our Lord has comprised in that prayer he himself has taught us.

119Q. What are the words of that prayer?

A. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

WEDDING BELLS: The holy matrimony between your past sins blotted out at once and for ever! God pardons freely and at once. He does not inculcate any preparation in order to pardon. One who knew the blessedness of enjoying His pardoning mercy testifies thus: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I Jn. 1:9)

Bro. Chua Hua Meng and Miss Ellen Low will be solemnised at Life Church, Gilstead Rd. Sat. Nov. 19, 2.30 p.m.
EV. TOW AND GOSPEL TEAM will preach at Ga-ong and Muar next Lord's Day. He is called to preach this Lord's Day at Holy Light Church, J.B. Rev. Grauley ministers in his

Mon: Faith prayer mtg., CLF, (II John).

Tues: Prayer mtgs: Life-Peter Tow, Zion-Peggy Yeo (III John).

Sat: 2.30 pm. Chua-Low wedding at Life Ch.

4.00 pm. Zion YF tape-recorded message.

Lord's Day: Life-Rev. Grauley, Zion-Rev. Quak (Holy Communion), Faith-Rev. Percy Bromley, Galilee-Rev. Heng.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. Chia Hong Kuan and Miss Mary Chua, both of Zion Church, whose engagement will be solemnised by Rev. Quak on Saturday, Nov. 19.

DURING THE PAST WEEK Faith Church has received several contributions from friends: one of \$500 from a "prayer-partner" and two of \$50 each from two other friends worshipping with Faith.

ZION CHURCH has also received several contributions, including one of \$100 from a friend of a Session member and another £5 from a "prayer-partner" in England.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS -Rev. Wm. Reid.

The God of Love, dear reader, in His written Word, which gives an account of the rich mercy He has provided for the guilty, tells you that you may be saved. His Word assures you that you may be saved from guilt, sin, and wrath. And that Word also informs you that your salvation depends not on anything you may do, but on what God has already done. Good news about God have reached our world, and in believing these glad tidings you shall be saved. This is the good news, "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"Rom. v. 8). "For God so loved the world that He gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). "Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. v. 6). "He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Cor. v. 21). If, by simply believing the good news about what God through Christ hath done for sinners, we become "partakers of Christ" (Heb. 3:14), and are "accepted in the Beloved" (Eph. 1:6), it will become matter of personal consciousness and spiritual joy that "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). "Be it known unto you therefore, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by him all that believe are justified from all things" (Acts 13:38). I beseech you to settle it in your mind that "forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38) lies at the very threshold of the Christian life. It is a blessing needed and obtainable now. You must have forgiveness, or perish forever; you must have it now, or you cannot have peace. It is surely a most delightful thought that you may have the guilt of all

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"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Jm. 1:27.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"... lay down our lives for the brethren"

(I John 3:16)

The apostle John says, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:16,17). Here is a practical test of our Christianity. If we indeed are grateful to God for sending His Son Jesus Christ to die for us and grant us everlasting life, then for the Lord's sake we will do something for our poor brethren - if need be even laying down our lives!

Dear Reader, we have discovered one most practicable and profitable method of relieving the suffering of the poorest of the poor by an annual collection of clothing and other articles of daily use for Korea. (This year we'll divide a portion to the Dusuns of Sabah). Let us not do this good work merely on a Church basis, but on an individual basis. If you do not have a parcel of surplus goods to bring to your respective church or Sunday School, you can buy some from the cheap sale counter, or more conveniently bring an envelope (with five, ten, twenty, fifty or a hundred dollars) and we will, with all your envelopes collected, buy wholesale the most suitable Singapore-made goods for Korea. (This works also to promote our industrial development in Jurong!)

Another way of promoting this Christmas Relief

May I suggest yet another way of promoting this Relief for the Koreans and Dusuns: You can contribute with your service. Perhaps you know some merchant, some department store, some factory, some big company. Bring along this Church Weekly and show the towkay our Appeal. There are many, non-Christians even, who are ever ready to give to Charity. These might have shop-soiled goods, unsold goods, surplus manufacture. Where better to dispose of them? What better ideal than giving in the Name of Jesus Christ, or as they would, for the cause of Charity? Tinned food surely is another item. Elder Heng, how about your getting 20 cases of Lee Pineapples or ten cases of Ho Hong Soap?

Beloved, for the greatest good to be done just this once for Korea, perhaps, we need to think big, do big! We cannot send less than the 10 big boxes we sent to Korea last year. It is a happy thought that these went to bless 13 leper churches and one orphanage. It will be greater joy to see this year's blessing upon them and us doubled (in which case our granduncle will surely want to pay for the extra freight!) Now, here's good news for you: Rev. Quek just phoned to report the Evangelistic League has voted to join in this Relief Programme!

A more meaningful Christmas.

Giving relief to the poor and suffering in this manner has made Christmas more meaningful to our members. The custom of exchanging gifts at Christmas is rather like eating sweets. The giving of our goods and money with the knowledge that these go to relieve those for whom Christ died is like enjoying a ten-course Chinese dinner. The coming of Jesus Christ into this world is a Gift from the Father above - "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." Christmas time is giving time. Without giving our Christmas cannot be a happy Christmas. So if you have not thought of giving, or thought of not giving, decide now with bowed head before the Lord: "I will give, Lord, to the least of one of these, For in so doing, I'm giving back to Thee." Superintendents of our respective Churches and Sunday Schools, please urge your children to bring each a gift for the Orphans. The reason why only one orphanage received last year's gifts was that most of those brought were for adults. It is an edifying experience for the young to bring gifts to those of their age.

Further request: Who has a weighing machine to lend for weighing the Relief goods?

Korea, most Christianised Country in Asia

Did you know that Korea is the most Christianised country in Asia? Although it is one of the last in Asia to open its doors to the Gospel, it has become the first in embracing it. According to a book published by the Korea Information Service, 1963, Roman Catholicism entered Korea in 1831. Protestantism did not come until 1883 (the very year Life Church, Prinsep Street was established.) But the gospel vine in Korea has struck root on good soil. In 1963 the census revealed a population of 1½ million Christians, over a million of whom were Protestants worshipping in 5,366 churches.

But modernism has made inroads into Korea as it has here in Singapore and Malaysia. It is imperative therefore that Reformation and Revival should visit Korea so that the faithful might be saved for a pure witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. After the War most of the Protestant Churches in Korea were led to join the Ecumenical Movement through membership in the World Council of Churches. Reformation came upon Korea suddenly, however, in 1959 when a Pastor Park published in his native language the truth of his research on the Ecumenical movement. This caused a great debate in the Korean Presbyterian Church which resulted in a great separation movement from the ecumenical apostasy. Today 700

churches, and these have found fellowship and encouragement with the International Council of Christian Churches. Dr. Dwight Malsbary, missionary of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, is a modern Moses to those who have come out of Egypt.

It is to the poor within these 700 separated churches that our Korean Relief will go. This being the case, those of us who are zealous for the preservation of the Faith should find greater joy and delight to give to Korea. Such zeal is well commended in God's Word. We're giving not only to Charity but also for a Cause. Phinehas, Aaron's grandson was "zealous for his God" and the Lord said, "Behold I give him my covenant of peace: and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood..." (Numbers 25:13). So is an old man called Barzillai who fed King David in his exile from Absalom's rebellion, how he "brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and beans and lentils, and parched pulse, and honey and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him to eat..." (II Sam.17:28,29). In David's royal will he charged Solomon, "But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy (the King's) table, for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother" (I Kings 2:7).

God bless you, anonymous Reader, who has shown kindness to our Lord who today is disguised as the poor Korean Christians and also the ragged Dusun Christians of Sabah - be your gift clothing, blankets, shirts, towels, woollen-wear, soap, toys, combs, tooth-brushes, or a plain Christmas angpaw.

Yours sincerely, T.T.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 103
Psalter 280, Autumn.

O my soul, bless thou Jehovah,
All within me bless His Name;
Bless Jehovah and forget not
All His mercies to proclaim.
He forgives all thy transgressions,
Heals thy sicknesses and pains;
He redeems thee from destruction,
And His love thy life sustains.

He with tender mercies crowns thee,
Satisfies thy full request,
So that like the tireless eagle
Thou with youth renewed art blessed.
Righteous is the Lord in judgment,
Unto all that are oppressed;
To His people He has ever
Made His goodness manifest.

Yea, the Lord is full of mercy
And compassion for distress,
Slow to anger and abundant
In His grace and tenderness.
He will not be angry alway,
Nor will He forever chide;
Tho' we oft have sinned against Him
Still His love and grace abide.

As the heav'ns are high above us,
Great His love to us has proved;
Far as east from west is distant,
He has all our sins removed.
As a father loves his children,
Feeling pity for their woes,
So the Lord to those who fear Him
Mercy and compassion shows.

FAITH CHURCH CHOIR and salvation message will be broadcast by Radio Singapura (Chinese Programme) this Lord's Day, 3.30 to 4.00 p.m.

ZION KINDERGARTEN ANNUAL CONCERT last Wednesday afternoon was very well attended.

MRS. QUEK KHEE SWEE of Faith Church returned to Singapore from Communist China last Thursday night. Rev. Quek and family thank all for their prayers.

MR. YU CHUNG MIN, preacher-designate to Life Church Mandarin Service, is scheduled to arrive from Formosa, Nov. 24, evening. He will be settled at the FEBC.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XLVI.

120Q. Why hath Christ commanded us to address God thus:
"Our Father"?

A. That immediately, in the very beginning of our prayer, he might excite in us a childlike reverence for, and confidence in God, which are the foundation of our prayer: namely, that God is become our Father in Christ, and will much less deny us what we ask of him in true faith, than our parents will refuse us earthly things.

121Q. Why is it here added, "Which art in heaven"?

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"like the old ranger losing his horse"

This Chinese proverb means "blessing in disguise". The story is told of an old ranger whose horse ran away. What a loss it was to an old frontier guard, as a runaway car to you and me who live in this mechanised age! But the horse came back to his master, bringing another, a younger and faster with him. The story does not stop here. The old ranger's son took the new horse for a ride and broke his arm! This saved him from a call up in which all who went to battle were slain. A double blessing in disguise indeed, is the story of the old ranger and his horse.

This Chinese proverb reminds us of the episode of Saul's father (I Sam. 9) losing his asses. How precious are asses to an agricultural people as cars to an urban people, like us. This loss entailed Saul and a servant to go out hunting for the asses. And the story turns out to a happy ending in that the asses' running away led to Saul's anointing as King of Israel. Now, was the loss of the asses a matter of bad luck (as non-Christians would say) as viewed from the beginning, or good luck, as viewed from the end? It was a blessing in disguise, all right. What we should understand from the teaching of God's Word is that this whole complex of events was from the hand of the Lord. Note I Sam. 9:15-19:

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This Biblical account should make us wise to those events in our lives that bring disappointment, heartache, tears, impatience, despair! In our day we have neither horse nor ass to lose, but we often suffer damage caused to our cars, traffic accidents, loss of loved ones, loss of personal health, of the health of some family member, loss of position, profits, etc. These have not come upon a turn of bad luck. These all come of God for our admonition, chastisement, but finally brings us good.

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The relationship we have with all true believers has even more broadened out, in that our mission has - through you who stand back of the work here, been privileged to assist orphanages and their orphans. Not only have gifts of money come for these unfortunate children, but relief has come again and again in the form of bundles, boxes, crates and drums of clothing for the poor and the orphan. Many lovely new articles come, also, for these children, and the squeals of delight from those to whom we give them testify to their appreciation.

We both want to thank you everyone who has had such compassion on the poor and the destitute. Never forget that "he that hath pity upon the poor, lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Prov. 19:17.

Call to Prayer

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Psalter 342, Ernan.

O let my supplicating cry
By Thee, my gracious Lord, be heard;
Give wisdom and deliver me
According to Thy faithful word.
Instructed in Thy holy law,
To praise Thy word I lift my voice;
O Lord, be Thou my present help,
For Thy commandments are my choice.
For Thy salvation I have longed,
And in Thy law is my delight;
Enrich my soul with life divine,
And help me by Thy judgments right.
Thy servant like a wand'ring sheep
Has lost the path and gone astray;
Restore my soul and lead me home,
For Thy commands I would obey.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day XLVIII

123Q. Which is the second petition?

A. "Thy kingdom come"; that is, rule us so by thy word and Spirit, that we may submit ourselves more and more to thee; preserve and increase thy church; destroy the works of the devil, and all violence which would exalt itself against thee; and also, all wicked counsels devised against thy holy word, till

THE GOSPEL TRAIN

(from The Blood of Jesus by Wm. Reid)
While standing one day on the platform of the Aberdeen Station of the N.E. Railway, I observed a carriage with a board on it intimating that it ran all the way from Aberdeen to London. The doors of it were open, the porters were putting passengers' luggage on the top of it, and a few individuals were entering, or about to enter, its different compartments. They look for this particular carriage as soon as they had passed through the ticket-office, and on seeing London on it, they threw in their travelling rugs, entered, and seating themselves, prepared for the journey.

Having furnished themselves with tickets and railway guides, and satisfied themselves that they were in the right carriage, they felt the utmost confidence, and I did not observe any one of them coming out of the carriage, and running about in a state of excitement, calling to those around them, "Am I right? Am I right?"

Nor did I see anyone refusing to enter, because the carriage provided for only a limited number to proceed by that train. There might be 80,000 inhabitants in and around the city; but still there was not one who talked of it as absurd to provide accommodation for only about twenty persons, for practically it was found to be perfectly sufficient.... The carriage is for the whole city and neighbourhood, but carries only such of the inhabitants as come and seat themselves in it from day to day (contd.)

"For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth" II Cor. 13:8.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers, From what age should young people begin to take the Lord's Supper?

It is the ideal practice of the main stream of Protestant Churches - Anglican, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc. to bring their infant-baptised young people into the Communion of the Lord's Table as soon as they attain "the age of discretion". Young people from non-Christian homes who believe at "the age of discretion" and are baptised are also admitted to the Lord's Table.

Although it is not specified by the Anglican Confession nor by our Bible-Presbyterian Confession what "the age of discretion" is, the example of our Lord Jesus partaking at the age of twelve the Passover (whose counterpart now is the Lord's Supper) has been universally followed. Lest there be some who take a low view of Old Testament precepts arising from some erroneous theological notion and will say Jesus' partaking the Passover at twelve does not apply to us, let them heed our Lord's warning: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. . . . Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 5:17, 19) God's appointment of the age of twelve as the age of beginning to come to the Lord's Table is not a matter to be lightly dismissed by the whimsical arguments of man.

Thus, the practice of devout missionaries and ministers in bringing infant-baptised young people or the newly-baptised who have attained twelve years of age to the Lord's Table has, in days of missionary zeal and revival, been honoured and treasured. Such was my understanding from an early age under the nurture of my devout Grandfather and mother. At the age of twelve with my elder sister I was received at the Lord's Table at the English Presbyterian Mission Church, Upper Serangoon, through the Confirmation of the late Rev. Tan Leng Tian.

Dr. Ellicott in his commentary on the Whole Bible (Zondervan Pub. House, Grand Rapids, Mich.) says in regard to Jesus' partaking the Passover at "the age of discretion" "At twelve he became more directly responsible for his obedience to the Law, and on the day when he attained the age of thirteen, put on for the first time the phylacteries which were worn at the recital of his daily prayer. It was accordingly an epoch of transition analogous to that which obtains among us at Confirmation." Dr. Ellicott observes that our baptised young people who reach twelve to thirteen years are confirmed, similar to Jesus' attaining the same age of discretion and partaking the Passover.

As space will not suffice more quotations from the luminaries of the Church, I need briefly introduce to you Calvin's exposition. Discussing "Confirmation" on p. 632 of Beveridge's Translation of his "Institutes of the Christian Religion" (James Clarke & Co. Ltd., London) Calvin idealises on the preparation of young people the Lord's Table as follows:

"And the best method of catechising would be, if a form were drawn up for this purpose, containing, and briefly explaining, the substance of almost all the heads of our religion, in which the whole body of the faithful ought to concur without controversy. A boy of ten years of age would present himself to the Church to make a profession of faith, would be questioned on each head, and give answers to each. If he was ignorant of any point, or did not well understand it, he would be taught. Thus while the whole Church looked on and witnessed, he would profess the one true sincere faith with which the body of the faithful with one true accord, worship one God. Were this discipline in force in the present day, it would undoubtedly whet the sluggishness of certain parents, who carelessly neglect the instruction of their children, as if it did not at all belong to them, but who could not then omit it without public disgrace; there would be greater agreement in faith among the Christian people, and not so much ignorance and rudeness."

There is a desire these days of parents to send their young children to kindergarten to equip them early in life with a good education, a desire to see that they will not be left behind in the struggle for success in this short life. Were our spirits just as warm for the religious advancement of our children that they might be joined to the Lord through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we should desire to exhort our children to this end at their earliest attainment of "the age of discretion" and not at a later age.

The paragraphs above are presented for the consideration of the Presbytery and to one and all for edification.

A Lifer Sunday School Pupil Collects \$8 for Korean Orphans

What a noble example! Is he not a modern lad bringing five loaves and three fishes to the Lord? Meanwhile more parcels of clothing and other good things have come in from Mt. Carmel, Galilee, Chin Lien Bible Seminary, Hume Heights, friends of Deacon Lee Tang, raising our total to over 400 pounds. Remember our target is 4,000 pounds! "Loveth a cheerful giver" II Cor. 9:7. T.T.

SOUTH INDIA CALLING AGAIN!

There are two big churches associated with us through the International Council of Christian Churches - the St. Thomas Evangelical Church, 30,000 strong and the Church Missionary Society Anglican Church, 80,000 strong. Both these churches are concentrated in Kerala, South India.

It is said that St. Thomas brought the Gospel here in A.D. 52. In our century God has sent Dr. Carl McIntire of USA to help these two churches come out of the ecumenical apostasy. But to separate from modernism and ecumenism and all the entanglements with Romanism is not enough. These churches need the pure milk of the Word that they may grow anew thereby. Hence the invitation in the past to go and minister to the needs of the hungry people. From South India a call has come again. Dr. McIntire has telegraphed to request if I could join him to speak at the Annual General Conference of the St. Thomas Evangelical (with Session's concurrence I'll go). At this conference as many as several thousand will come to the meetings. Please pray for me that I might have the right Word to speak, that souls might be brought into the Kingdom, that the Church in South India be edified. Please remember that you are the ones sending me in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Yours in His service, T.I.

PSALM for the WEEK
(St. Petersburg)

Blue Psalter 137
Psalm 50

The mighty God, Jehovah, speaks
And calls the earth from sea to sea;
From beauteous Zion God shines forth,
He comes and will not silent be;
Devouring flame before Him goes,
And dark the tempest round Him grows.

He calls aloud to heav'n and earth
That He may justly judge His own;
My chosen saints together bring
Who sacrifice to Me alone;
The heav'ns His righteousness declare,
For God Himself as Judge is there.

He, O my people, I will speak,
Against thee I will testify;
Give ear to me, O Israel,
For God, thy covenant God, am I;
I do not spurn thy sacrifice,
Thy off'rings are before My eyes.

I will receive from out thy fold
No off'ring for my holy shrine;
The cattle on a thousand hills
And all the forest beasts are Mine;
Each mountain bird to Me is known,
Whatever roams the field I own.

Behold, if I should hungry grow,
I would not tell My need to thee,
For all the world itself is Mine,
And all its wealth belongs to Me;
Why should I aught of thee receive,
My thirst or hunger to relieve?

Bring thou to God the gift of thanks,
And pay thy vows to God Most High;
Call ye upon My holy Name
In days when sore distress is nigh;
Deliverance I will send to thee,
And praises thou shalt give to Me.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM Lord's Day XLIX

Q.124 Which is the third petition?

A. a. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; that is, grant that we and all men may renounce b. our own will, and without murmuring c. obey thy will, which is only good; that so every one may attend to, and d. perform the duties of his station and calling, as willingly and faithfully as the e. angels in heaven.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass." Isa. 32:20. JESUS SAVES

LIFE CHURCH: The Lifers will be at Bible Camp during the whole of next week at the Loyang Bungalow of Dr. Chou (turn left at Tampenis Road, 12½ m.s. Rev. Phil Heng will be the main speaker. There will be no prayer meeting at the Parsonage. The pastor will be away during the weekend to preach at Temerloh, Serdang Old People's Home to distribute Xmas gifts on behalf of Faith Church. During his absence, Mr. Yu Chung Min will be on duty as caretaker. Users of Church and FEBC premises kindly cooperate to keep the place clean, rooms locked, everything in order. The Committee of the Life Church Mandarin Service will meet with Mr. Yu at the home of Elder Tow Keng Hee.

SPEAKERS next Lord's Day: Zion, Rev. Quek; Faith, Rev. Kwo Chau Pin; Life, Dr. G.D. James, Mandarin Service, Mr. Yu Chung Min, Galilee, Rev. Phil Heng. Hume Heights, Tow. DURING THE WEEK the Galileans, 40 strong, have held a Discipleship Camp at the Church Lawns, the main purpose being to paint up the Church interior. Come and see the new dress! At Jurong, a 4-day DVBS attended by 30 children, daily 9 a.m. to 12 noon, was happily concluded with a curry tiffin.

THE HINGWHA METHODIST Y.F. will hold Bible Camp at the FEBC; Dec. 12 to 16.

THE TEMERLOH CHURCH which was founded three and-a-half years ago at the home of Dr. Tow Siang Yeow and afterwards transferred to the home of Dr. Ng Eng Kee is now planning a \$30,000 auditorium with kindergarten. The land (one acre, costing \$9,500-) has been paid for and the Building Fund has a sum of \$3,000. Please pray for the good work in the heart of Malaya at the centre of a new agricultural centre where more and more settlers are moving in. Encouragement to Life Church S.S.: Your offering of a new Japanese organ is humming praises to the Lord at every meeting!

TWO NEW STUDENTS are applying to study at the FEBC. One is Bro. Wong Wai Min of Malacca, recently completing his HSC; the other is Samuel Ang, Burmese born and English-educated young Chinese now sojourning in Formosa. Please pray for the latter that his visa might be speedily granted, and for old students now witnessing (Liew and Lay Seng are holding gospel campaign in the Kuala Lipis sector.

EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields!"

(John 4:35)

Jesus said to the Disciples of old and to us today to take our eyes off our immediate environs, our needs and problems, and see farther afield - there's a harvest of souls that if we do not go and reap now, that will certainly perish through our default! To this end let me take you on our gospel trip to the Federation that you might more intelligently pray for our church's future endeavours for the Lord.

The FEBC Gospel Team consisting of Ivy, Chan Lay Seng, Liew Hon Seng and myself took off in the "Jesus Saves" VW Station Wagon on Sat. Dec. 10, 2 p.m. Our destination was Malacca where we were to spend the night at Dr. Siang Yeow's before making the second leg of the journey to Temerloh, Pahang next morning.

At the Muar Ferry, however, a long queue of traffic held us up for an hour and forty minutes, but compensation will soon come early 1967 when the Muar and Batu Pahat Bridges open for service.

The trip from Malacca to Temerloh (120 miles) via Bahau and Triang usually took three hours. On this trip we were slowed down by 25 minutes owing to a deterioration of this highway. There's a stretch of 15 miles of laterite churned up at several points by lumber trucks, which caused our car to bump into some unwelcome hole. This almost knocked us out of action. Life's journey is like that. We must be prepared to enter the kingdom of God through much tribulation (Acts 14:22).

The Temerloh Gospel Centre which was founded three-and-a-half years ago at Dr. Siang Yeow's home is today housed at a new estate one mile from town. It had a Senior Sunday School of 30 to hear us speak. Immediately after Sunday School followed the Church Service. About the same number attended.

In the evening our Team came back to the Centre to take charge of the gospel service. A salvation message was preached and invitation given, to which one hand was raised in response. Lay Seng counselled an Indian boy after service.

We spent our night at Mr. Teo Hup Seng's lodging house at Mentakab (six miles from Temerloh). Mr. Teo being a Christian and an old friend, he did not charge us, but rather fed us a good breakfast the next day. After breakfast we sent Lay Seng and Hon Seng to the railway station where they took the daily express northward to Kuala Lipis. Lay Seng has joined Hon Seng (who is going back to his wife at Penjom) to hold a week's IVBS and nightly gospel meetings for the people of Penjom.

We arrived in K.L. Monday noon. At the Railway Station Hotel Mr. Andrew Bo, (American-Norwegian missionary succeeding Revs. Aflsen and Ditzer of the Malaysia Faith Mission) ate lunch with us. We discussed how our students working with the mission might be better deployed in the Lord's work. As a result Mr. Bo decided to leave Batu Gajah for a little season, and join Liew and Lay Seng at their week's Gospel campaign.

We put up for the night at Brother-in-law Ma Lo Kah's, Belfield Road. The next morning we went to town to buy gifts for the Christian converts at the Serdang Old People's Home. We were entrusted with \$100 by Faith Church to do this charitable work. With only \$46 odd we bought one gross of Malaysia-made toilet soap, 40 face towels and 40 angpow envelopes. In each angpow envelope we inserted \$1.00. We had made up 40 shares of gifts to dispense to about as many baptised Christians. At the Serdang Old People's Home we told the inmates the meaning of Christmas to which there was the usual hearty response and clapping of hands. Thereafter the gifts were distributed. A bigger crowd than ever gathered, but those who came for some material blessing were given the toilet soap and not the towels and angpows. We had still a dozen odd pieces of soap left over, and \$13 odd remaining.

We halted at Malacca for the night again. An interview with a prospective student to FEBC was arranged at my brother's home. We returned the next day at 1.00 p.m. and then there was a message to be given at Life Church Youth Camp at Loyang.

"Receiving a command unto Silas and Timotheus
to come to him with all speed" (Acts 17:15)

The Christians who conducted Paul from Berea to Athens were told to go back to bring Silas and Timothy whom Paul left behind to join the Apostle's company. In Acts 18:5 we find Silas and Timothy joined up with Paul at Corinth and how the reinforcement by their presence strengthened Paul to preach Christ.

Mr. Eicher of Beirut and I have been requested by Dr. McIntire to go to South India. A team of speakers is needed to meet the preaching requirements of the Annual Conference of the St. Thomas Evangelical Church. If our going there could strengthen the hands of the Lord's servant and be a contribution to the extension of God's Kingdom in Kerala, we will go. The team work from Silas and Timothy, and from a dozen other co-workers with St. Paul is a secret of the success of the apostle's achievements. How many other co-workers of St. Paul's can you name?

Encouraging Response to Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas Appeal to send relief to Korea, Sabah, etc., has met with favourable response again this year. Relief goods received at FEBC have totalled about 700 pounds.

and much more are on the way I'm sure.

A brother-in-Christ in Sabah has sent a cheque and assures us of further contributions in 1967. We shall dispense this gift according to his instructions.

Both Life Church English and Mandarin Congregations have voted to give part of the Christmas offerings for Korea. A good response is received from Mt. Carmel. What about our other Churches and branches?

Yours sincerely,

T.T.

IN MEMORIAM: Madam Chua Kui Huang, Bible woman at Kalapa Sawit who was to retire end of this year went home suddenly to the Lord after a motor accident last Thursday afternoon. Funeral takes place this Lord's Day afternoon with Rev. Fang Tsao Hsi of Telok Ayer Church and Rev. Tow officiating.

THE GAWANG CHURCH is requesting Rev. and Mrs. Tow to hold a series of four nights of Revival Meetings, Dec. 27 to 30. Please pray for souls, and that the Lord might grant the preacher power from above.

CAROL SERVICE AT LIFE CHURCH is held on Dec 24, 7.30 p.m. after which refreshments will be served at the FEBC Hall. Apart from the following branches, viz., Mandarin Service, Sembawang, Hume Heights, Jurong, Galilee, Mt. Carmel contributing items of praise, solos will be sung by Kelvin Lim, and Loo Keng Eng, a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Grauley, a quartet of male voices, guitar solo by Anthony Thio, musical saw solo by Elder Tow. The Choir will sing excerpts from the Cantata, etc. A special rehearsal will be held on Friday Dec. 23, 7.30 p.m. It is requested by Elder Tow, Programme Chairman, that participants come en bloc for this practice.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISM of Infants at Life Church. Parents who wish to claim the Lord's Salvation Blessing for their children should register now with the pastor.

THE FISHERMEN OF CHRIST FELLOWSHIP will hold Conference at FEBC, Dec. 27-31.

THE EVANGELISTIC LEAGUE will hold Christmas Service at Life Church, Gilstead Road, Sat. Dec. 24, 2 pm, Rev. Tow preaching. Every Leaguer will bring a gift for the Korean Orphans.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN CASH AND IN KIND have been distributed to the brethren and other inmates of the Home for the Aged at Serdang Selangor through Rev. and Mrs. Tow, and to those at the Home of the Aged at Kota Bahru through the Chinese Christian Church there. Faith Church has received \$400 from a charitable-minded brother in the Lord for these destitute brethren. Further gifts will be distributed at Chinese New Year and Easter. REINFORCED CONCRETING OF FOUNDATION for new Zion and Faith Church building has been completed.

ZION YF CHRISTMAS CONCERTS will be held on Thurs. Dec. 22 and Fri. Dec. 23 at 7.45 pm on each night. All friends are welcomed. Items on the programme include a 45-min play, piano and violin solos, special YF choirs, etc. An offering will be taken for the Building Fund each night.

LIFE CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL will hold Christmas party on Dec. 26

WITH THE HOMEGOING of Madam Chua Kui Huang Bible woman at Kalapa Sawit, the weekly preaching there will be shared by students of Chin Lien Bible Seminary and the FEBC. Bro. Liew Hon Seng is scheduled to preach next other week.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK - Psalm 40
Psalter 111, Dunstan

I waited for the Lord Most High,
And He inclined to hear my cry;
He took me from destruction's pit
And from the miry clay;
Upon a rock He set my feet,
And steadfast made my way.

A new and joyful song of praise
He taught my thankful heart to raise;
And many, seeing me restored,
Shall fear the Lord and trust;
And blest are they that trust the Lord.
The humble and the just.

O Lord my God, how manifold
Thy wondrous works which I behold.
And all Thy loving, gracious thought
Thou hast bestowed on man;
To count Thy mercies I have sought,
But boundless is their span.

Not sacrifice delights the Lord,
But he who hears and keeps His word;
Thou gavest me to hear Thy will,
Thy law is in my heart;
I come the Scripture to fulfill,
Glad tidings to impart.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM - Lord's Day L.

125Q. Which is the fourth petition?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread";
that is, be pleased to provide us with
all things necessary for the body, that
we may thereby acknowledge thee to be
the only fountain of all good, and that
neither our care nor industry, nor even
thy gifts, can profit us without thy
blessing; and therefore that we may
withdraw our trust from all creatures,
and place it alone in thee.

ON COMING TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

We shall have profited admirably in the sacrament, if the thought shall have been impressed and engraven on our minds, that none of our brethren is hurt, despised, rejected, injured, or in any way offended, without our, at the same time, hurting, despising and injuring Christ; that we cannot have dissension with our brethren, without at the same time dissenting from Christ; that we cannot love Christ without loving our brethren; that the same care that we take of our own body we ought to take of that of our brethren, who are members of our body; that as no part of our body suffers pain without extending to the other parts, so every evil which our brother suffers ought to excite our compassion. Wherefore Augustine not inappropriately often terms this sacrament the bond of charity. What stronger stimulus could be employed to excite mutual charity, than when Christ, presenting himself to us, not only invites us by his example to give and devote ourselves mutually to each other, but inasmuch as he makes himself common to all, also makes us all to be one in him.

-John Calvin.

teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps. 90:12.

LETTER TO OUR READERS

My dear Readers,

Revival Meetings at Gawang Church.

Five miles from the Muar Ferry on the Segamat Road, in the shadows of Mount Ophir, there is a little colony of Teochew Christians, the descendents of a little band from South China who found a settlement here half a century ago. An old, tumbling-down Malay bungalow, the original Church House, bearing the sign "Church of Christ, 1925" is symbolic of the persevering faith of their fathers. Now, there is no pastor, nor the flourishing day school which this Christian community maintained in its heyday. A handful of them, fifteen to twenty perhaps, gather on the Lord's Day to keep up the flickering witness. One good sign of this little Church at Gawang (corrupted Chinese pronunciation for Rawang), however, is the keen spirit in some young people (of the third generation) - these get together to run a Youth Fellowship and to teach Sunday School to the very young.

To Gawang Church we were called to minister on a bi-monthly basis about a year ago. Then a series of three special meetings was held three months back. The people enjoyed them so much that they requested a second campaign. This resulted in our going there to hold four Revival Meetings, Dec. 27 to 30. As the Church had not even an organist, the coming of Ivy with me to Gawang to minister in music was quite essential if not indispensable. Following the John Sung technique we taught the congregation one John Sung chorus each night, with an extra the first night. Each chorus was the singing of the theme of the message of the night. From the five choruses taught and easily learnt by heart, you can have a glimpse of the emphasis of the messages. These five choruses are: 1. The Lord gives me Peace; 2. Will you follow the Lord? 3. Ye must be born again; 4. Come and dine; 5. On Christ the solid rock I stand.

The average attendance every night was about 120. A census taken by hand revealed that 90 per cent were members of the Gawang Church. There was a preponderance of young men and teenagers over the young ladies and older folks. We made two appeals to receive Christ publicly and on each night over a dozen responded. On the last night we spoke from the Book of Haggai on building God's House in order to encourage the congregation to get started on their long-delayed plan. They have about \$5000 pledged.

Here are Two Poems for 1967
as we wish you a Happy New Year in Jesus Christ.

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

- Frances R. Havergal -

Another year is dawning! Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting, Another year with Thee.

Another year of progress, Another year of praise;
Another year of proving Thy presence "all the days".

Another year of service, Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training For holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven, Another year for Thee!

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW

- Alfred Tennyson -

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells across the snow:
The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narr'wing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

AMEN.

Korean Relief Parcels

As the monsoon winds blow colder each night may you be reminded of the needs of the shivering and suffering under northern snows. The Korean parcels have come in (with a part for Sabah) but we are short of the target of 4,000 lbs. We have reached the half way mark. Relief for Korea need not be surplus clothing. Any useful article in your house lying fallow can be brought in!

Let me suggest that you hold another Boxing Day, i.e. go over the bountiful list of gifts you've received during Christmas. Generously put in a box all those articles quite unwanted to you or your children and bring them to Church. We hear several hundred parcels are coming from Zion and Faith.

Yours sincerely,

DELBURG CATECHISM

- Lord's Day LI

6Q. Which is the fifth petition?

A. "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"; that is, be pleased for the sake of Christ's blood, not to impute to us poor sinners, our transgressions, nor that depravity, which always cleaves to us; even as we feel this evidence of thy grace in us, that it is our firm resolution from the heart to forgive our neighbour.

- Lord's Day LII

127Q. Which is the sixth petition?

A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"; that is, since we are so weak in ourselves, that we cannot stand a moment; and besides this, since our mortal enemies, the devil, the world, and our own flesh, cease not to assault us, do thou therefore preserve and strengthen us by the power of thy Holy Spirit, that we may not be overcome in this spiritual warfare, but constantly and strenuously may resist our foes, till at last we obtain a complete victory.

128Q. How dost thou conclude thy prayer?

A. "For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, for ever"; that is all these we ask of thee, because thou being our King and almighty, art willing and able to give us all good; and all this we pray for, that thereby not we, but thy holy name, may be glorified for ever.

129Q. What doth the word "Amen" signify?

A. "Amen" signifies, it shall truly and certainly be: for my prayer is more assuredly heard of God, than I feel in my heart that I desire these things of him. (CONCLUDED)

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Jan.2-8)

Tues: 8 p.m. Life Church Session meeting and prayer meeting.

Fri.: 8 p.m. Zion Church Family Worship at 28 Conway Grove, home of newly baptised Mr.Kok Ah Kan.

Sat.: 4.p.m. Zion YF AGM and election of 1967 Committee.

Lord's Day : Life - Rev. Grauley,
Zion - Dr.Tow, Faith- Miss Tay.

Life Mand.- Mr Yu, Galilee - RevHong.

ZICNEWS : Christmas brought in a total of \$1700 to the Church Building Fund including an envelope offering of \$400 and A\$20 from a member in Australia who worked one week for the Building Fund. More offerings are expected. May God bless every cheerful giver. Meanwhile, the pillars for the ground floor of the new Church building are coming up. The Treasurer is waiting for more pledge forms to come in.

FAITH NEWS:

This Lord's Day, 3.30 p.m. SPECIAL HOUSE-WARMING FAMILY WORSHIP at 57 Hythe Road, new home of Mr. and Mrs. Ng Keng Hwai.

Christmas brought in some \$700 for the General and Mission Fund, including a cheque of \$105 from a member being his "first fruit" offering of extra part-time teaching for the month of December. The Church had a very profitable one-day fellowship get-together last Monday at Somapah Road. The

TO BE BAPTISED at the Watchnight Service, Life Church, today are Sisters Minny Mok Fong Peng and Jenny Tsang Yoke Sim, both of Mt. Carmel.

FEBC REOPENS on Tuesday, Jan.3, 9 a.m. with Chapel.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY OFFERINGS at Life Church totalled \$2,023.88 which sum will be distributed to Korean Orphans, Jesus Saves Mission, needy Lifers, theological students of Life Church abroad and FEBC students. God bless every one who has given cheerfully. THE HUME HEIGHTS GOSPEL CENTRE has lately added an office to the "Tabernacle" costing about \$500. They are still short of about \$200. Your help to this vigorous group of young Christians will pay rich dividends! CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Teo Hup Seng of Capitol Hotel, Mentakab (hosts to our Temerloh trips) on the occasion of the marriage of their son Dr. Teo Ah Chew to Miss Lai Siew Ching, Sat. Dec. 31, 1966 at Wesley Church.

KOREAN RELIEF : Latest score - 2,500 lbs.

MOUNTAIN MOVERS Prayer meeting, Mon. Jan. 2 2.30 p.m. at home of the Grauleys.

REV. ANTONIO ORMEO has sent word through Dr. Tow Siang Yeow who lately visited him in Manila that he is available for campaigns with our Church next August.

His address : First Baptist Church of Manila, 1301 Leon Guinto Sr., Manila, P.I.

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YE THAT HAVE SPENT THE SILENT NIGHT

Ye that have spent the silent night
In sleep and quiet rest,
And joy to see the cheerful light
That riseth in the east;
Now lift your hearts, your voices raise,
Your morning tribute bring,
And pay a grateful song of praise
To Heaven's almighty King.

And as this gloomy night did last
But for a little space;
As heavenly day, now night is past,
Doth shew his pleasant face;
So let us hope, when faith and love
Their work on earth have done,
God's blessed face to see above,
Heaven's better, brighter sun.

God grant us grace that height to gain,
That glorious sight to see,
And send us, after worldly pain,
A life from trouble free;
Where cheerful day shall ever shine,
And sorrow never come;
Lord, be a place, a portion mine,
In that bright blissful home.

A PRAYER OF MOSES, the man of God

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God....For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. ...O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." Ps. 90
activities of the Church during the past year were reviewed and plans discussed for the coming year.