

# MACEDONIAN CALL

"Come Over into Macedonia and Help Us."—(Acts 16:9.)

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## REPORTS OF BRETHREN

Canada.—I am enclosing two dollars for you to use as you see fit. I hope to hear of much good work being done by those who aren't compromisers.—Paul Merritt.

Texas.—Please find enclosed one dollar for my sub to the M. C. for 1935. I want to help you in the good work you are doing to stay the apostasy that is in the brotherhood.—A Sister.

Missouri.—Find \$1 for my sub. I believe it is a good cause and want to see it go on.—John W. Swearingin.

Ohio.—We received the M. C. yesterday. We took the — for over 26 years, but it is not like it used to be. Our subscription ran out and we did not renew it. Am enclosing \$1.—Mrs. D. H. Howell.

Oklahoma.—I have been reading the M. C. for a year now and am well pleased with the work it is doing to protect the churches and give us a medium in place of the —. Am sending \$1 now and hope to send more later. May the Lord bless you in your work.—Geo. W. Eccles.

Lafontaine, Ind.—I am interested in keeping the Church pure. It is going to take some "sound" workers. Do your best. "Keep thyself pure." That's for all of Christ's followers. (1 Tim. 4:12.) Mission work is lagging. We need stirring up. I had a wonderful trip down through Illinois. I heard of you at Brookport. Like to meet those folks some time. If I can, am to go back to Equality directly. Hope to meet you some day. Am sending you some postage. Shall try to send you more after a little. "Workers together."—Hade Cuppy.

Coatesville, Pa.—I am enclosing you \$1 to help you with your paper. I enjoy reading it. We would not know that there were any colored disciples in the world by reading the papers published by the white brethren. Once in a great while we see something about Bro. Keeble. He seems to be a great man in the south, but he does not seem to reach the people up here. We had him in Washington, D. C., and he did not make a convert. They are not so easy up here. . . . We have not only converted our own people but quite a number of white folks. . . . Wish you much success in your efforts.—Wm. O. Jones (colored).

Missouri.—Was glad to get and read the M. C. I am sending you \$1 for my sub. Sorry it could not be more, but hope to send more to help you in your great and good work. May the Lord bless and be with you, is my prayer.—Mary E. Nighswonger.

Missouri.—Find enclosed one dollar for your paper, the M. C. For 45 years we have read the — but when the entanglement came we like many others turned it aside with grief. So many of the old writers had vanished from its pages, but now we are rejoiced to see so many brothers and sisters to take their stand to help Brother Sommer in this

much needed work. I am thankful to get paper once a month.—Mrs. J. P. Palmer.

Ohio.—Am sending \$1 for R. D.s and Defenses. . . . I like the spirit of the M. C. When it becomes as disloyal to the Word of God as the — you can count me to drop my subscription to it. But I am hoping and praying that you will ever stay in the narrow pathway.—A Sister.

Crystal Springs, Ark.—Brother W. C. Rice of Mountain Home just held us a meeting of ten days. Only one addition and had medium crowds and good attention. We have fifteen members here and most of them are women. We are looking forward to another meeting in July by Brother Rice or some other minister.—A. A. Land.

Colorado.—I have just been reading the Macedonian Call and a copy of the "Rough Draft" and the Defense. It certainly makes my heart ache to think that dear old brother — has let those two sons lead him from the true gospel faith . . . and I am so glad you stand for the true gospel that Christ committed to the apostles. . . . My father used to take the faithful old — many years ago when I was a child. It makes my heart bleed to think it has let the wicked ways step in and divert the truth. I will still pray for dear old brother — and others that they may see and repent of the errors of their ways. . . . Find enclosed \$1. From your sister in Christ who obeyed the true gospel at the age of 15 years, and has been a true believer ever since. Am almost 68. I pray God will help you to be faithful.—Mrs. Alice A. Bradley.

Riverside, Calif.—We received the M. C. all right, and I enjoyed its contents. Church getting along very well, holding our own. We don't have many jars in our little congregation, but we are not perfect. We try to keep the church clean, and I wish all our sister churches would do the same. I went to Compton 20th morning and evening. They seem to appreciate my visits. Maybe I can encourage them to live closer to God and do more spreading of the gospel by preaching, also by strengthening the hands of the M. C. publisher. Wish I could do more along that line. I do wish that — and all connected with them would see their mistake concerning the R. D. and correct it while they have the opportunity. Yet the Lord may turn it to good account. Who knows?—W. J. Stone.

Springfield, Mo.—We had a fine meeting today. There are some new members who lately came into the church, but they take a hold of the work fine. Brother Drove is doing fine. He can preach a good, interesting sermon. Carl K. is to hold our meeting in May and we are looking to the accomplishment of much in this city. Brother John Rhodes is doing some work here in these parts.—Edward Buttram.

Bee Branch, Ark.—Last Lord's day night I closed a short meeting for the little band that meets in Brother A. A. Land's house. I baptized four and called them together last May. They have not

missed a Lord's day. The boys I baptized then are taking public part. One lady was baptized in this meeting. Promised to be with them next July. I am to commence here in a school house near Bee Branch, Ark. I have held two little meetings here the past year and a half, baptizing and restoring and banding a fine little band together for worship. I shall preach at night and lead a reading in the day to build them up.—W. C. Rice.

Later.—The man of God and faithful friend among men, J. N. Curlee, died while I was at Bee Branch, and I was called home to preach the funeral. I had known him more than 40 years. He stood firm for what he believed was right, and if one differed with him it was a friendly difference. From the time I obeyed the gospel over thirty years ago, as my father had passed the Great Divide and my mother had married again and moved away, and I was a poor orphan boy, I felt the need of some one to guide my young life in the way of peace. Brother Curlee became a father to me, and very often would I sit under his protecting influence while he patiently read and talked to me. In spite of my weakness and failures, he never seemed to grow weary but urged me on to greater work in the name of the Master. Yes, it was he who said to me with a kind smile, "Brother, we must be soldiers." That moved me to read the first chapter in public service. Yes, and it was he who led in the ordination meeting that meant that W. C. Rice was to be recommended and sent out by the church to preach the Word. Yes, a strong man has fallen.—W. C. R.

Carrollton, Mo.—The weather and road conditions here are the worst we have had for several years. Owing to this, I have had a meeting postponed, and also had to miss several Lord's day appointments this winter. There have been several deaths in this locality and many of our brethren and friends are sick, some in the hospital. Being at home much the past month, wife and I had opportunity to assist, encourage and comfort them. We surely have enjoyed meetings with the home Church. The Wednesday evening and Lord's day evening services are conducted almost entirely by our splendid class of young people. Our young brethren are doing excellent in reading and prayer, also other work assigned them. Besides the consideration of a chapter, the class is permitted to ask and answer Bible questions. Have just finished alphabetical memory verses, and are now taking up memory verses with important words, as Faith, Obedience, Salvation, etc. They have become interested in this study, and even the zero weather last Wednesday night didn't keep them at home. Appreciated the last M. C. and the good reports from brethren. Rejoice that so many, like the early Christians, have determined to be loyal to the Truth at what ever cost.—Ben F. Huddleston.

Des Moines, Ia.—I believe that the Defense that you and Carl put out and the answer that Brother Zerr made to

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the Rough Draft will do good where ever the honest hearted get to read them. The many good reports from brethren in the M. C. do me good. I think that it is encouraging to see them set for a more lively and clean membership, and a tendency to more Bible study and mission work. Your efforts through the trying years have not been in vain. I hope that the brethren will rally to your support so that you can get the M. C. to where it will be more useful as the years go by.—Eugene Suddeth.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Since I have written to you I have held a two weeks' effort at Center Point, Ia. The weather was doing all in its power to get us to close, but nevertheless, we held on and although without any visible result I trust that some good was done. We had only three nights in which there was neither rain nor snow and these three nights we had very excellent crowds, and one night we had 100 out. The people call it the Jacobite Church and ride it down quite fluently, but in the face of all that the brethren are forging along with all the power God has given them and I am very glad to see it. I am going there again tomorrow to give them another talk.—Bruce A. Pryor.

New Castle, Ind.—Glad to report the Bible reading work at Kokomo started with good interest. It is a hopeful sign to observe brethren in various places taking on more interest in the study of the Book. It is the divine safe guard against heresy. Let us not become discouraged over activities of false brethren. History repeats itself. The Church of Rome flourished largely by "chaining" the Bible from the people. Now, others are succeeding in their selfishness and covetousness by declaring that we cannot be united on the New Testament and need the use of a human creed in its stead. Paul said, "There must be heresies that they that are approved may be made manifest." And Jesus said that offenses must come, but woe to them by whom they come. So let the faithful press on remembering, the battle is not ours but the Lord's and He will give the crown to the FAITHFUL, not to the "successful."—E. M. Zerr.

Neosho, Mo.—I am here in a few days meeting. The weather is warmer down here. My health is still improving, except my left arm. It has given me a lot of trouble since I got up. My lower limbs are getting much stronger. I had a meeting in Iowa for the last of this month but we had to call it off. I will stay close to home this winter. I hope to be able to do more work this year. I like your Defense fine. All can see they are going toward the college. If it is wrong for us to refuse to endorse those folks, Brother — was a long while finding it out. He spent more than fifty years fighting them as we are, and then

his two wise sons taught him he was wrong and got him to see it in such short time. My humble pray for him is that he may see his great mistake and come back to the truth. I am sending two names for the M. C. and I think my time is out, so am sending my renewal.—W. E. Ballenger.

Kentucky.—I received the R. D. and Defense and M. C. some time ago. I took my time and read with care and consideration. Am so glad to have the information and know the truth in regard to these things. In the light of the truth I consider you a brave soldier of the cross, fearless in your dealings with man; kind, regardless of what man might think. I hope many may appreciate your efforts in behalf of the truth. The all-seeing Eye rewards the faithful.—L. H.

Brookport, Ill.—The M. C. reached me and it was very interesting reading. I see in the — this week they are not going to say any bad things against their critics. I imagine they had you in mind. I wrote — that if the last fight they made "Important Information" failed to kill you, he had as well quit trying. I am enclosing \$2 to be applied on the M. C. and I do hope the brethren will see the importance of standing behind you in this worthy cause of getting out a paper we are not ashamed of.—A. T. Kerr.

Missouri.—I feel sure that the Bible study at our place did much good. (He refers to a week of Bible study and drill early in the winter.—Ed.) It has long since been settled in my mind that people must get back to the Bible, and the only way seems to be to read and ponder over its teachings, and come to the simplicity of God's plan. In our young people's class (which I handle) since you were here I suggested they memorize one or more verses from Proverbs. This has proven quite interesting. This they have done with much interest. Today I asked them for next Sunday to be able to recite one to three verses on which we wanted them to comment. I have a splendid class of these young people—between 25 and 30 in the class. May God bless you and yours and keep you humble until the end.—B. L. Sallee.

(Brethren, let's not be satisfied till we make every church a real Bible training "school" like this brother is trying to do. Write to us and tell us of the interest you have in the church work where you are, and how you think it has been aroused. For a change, a thorough study of the Book of Acts of Apostles is fine. I think it would be well to develop members in that book so that almost every one can run over the book and give in a few words the contents of each chapter. And from Acts they can work out into the gospel records and the epistles, and thus can be able to give a reason for their hope—be able to give book, chapter and verse, for our church government, work and worship, entrance into the Church, etc. The New Testament is the "Catechism" of the Church of Christ. Do you "know your Catechism?"—Ed.)

Missouri.—We just want to let you know how encouraged we are in regard to the stand you take in complying with the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. We are well pleased with the M. C. Only wish it could come oftener. We pray you may have success in this work.—H. L. Sutton.

## TO BRETHREN EVERYWHERE

New Castle, Ind.—We take this means of announcing that W. A. Burcher and J. M. Horney and some sympathizers have notified us of their "withdrawal" from the congregation here. No specific reason is assigned but it has been occasioned by our refusal to grant Brother Burcher a letter, something we could not do in view of the record of his financial dealings. Needless to say that we do not endorse above men. And we do not endorse J. M. Horney for the further reason that he has affiliated himself with the wave of "broadmindedness" and endorsement of sectarianism that has attacked the brotherhood, something that is entirely against the stand of the church at this place. Further information will be cheerfully furnished any one requesting it. (Signed) I. N. Koons, E. M. Zerr, Nathan Ridgway, David Utt, elders.

## SHORT EXHORTATIONS BY BRETHREN

A Batch of Mission Work Camouflaged.—Paul: "I am debtor both to the Greek and to the barbarian; both to the wise and to the unwise." This frame of mind prepared Paul for the work for which he was called "to open their eyes and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God." We have Paul for an example. Paul to the Corinthians: "Followers of me, even as I am of Christ." Paul: "I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, and have taught you publicly and from house to house." Brethren, try addressing some of your friends in their home. Among some of the blessings I have enjoyed has been teaching in the home.

"Let this mind be in you which was in Christ." "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Brethren, let's keep away from commercializing the gospel. "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season." The congregations should promote the preaching of the gospel in destitute fields.

I enjoyed myself very much for over two months in doing mission work in 1934, and owe it to scattered friends and brethren and small congregations. Without the co-operation of these brethren and small congregations, the work could not have been done.

Brethren, we are not nearly living up to our opportunities. Let's pray for greater activities. "We are workers together." "Awake to righteousness and sin not." "The night cometh when no man can work." "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring hither the poor and maimed and the halt and blind." Oh, these settled and setting "pastors!" Will we, or will we not? What? "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Yours for work and plenty of it.—H. W. Cuppy.

Warning and Comfort.—I received the M. C. for January, 1935, and it is sure fine—so many good reports from our brethren who are actually and actively engaged in the good fight of faith. It is encouraging indeed to see so many who have not yielded to enticing appeals

of the world, the flesh and the devil, to popularize themselves by becoming friends of the world and thus becoming the enemies of God. (See James 4:4; I John 2:15, 16.) We say, "so many," because we are many when compared with the eight souls who were saved in the Ark (Gen. 8, 15, 18), and the two of all the vast army of Israel that was led out of Egypt by Moses, only Caleb and Joshua were permitted to enter the Land of Canaan (Deut. 1:34, 38; Numbers 14:22, 30; Joshua 14:6, 14). When the Lord came they had all gone out of the way. There was none good; there were none that sought after God (Rom. 3:10, 18).

And in early days of the church, when our glorious Captain and his apostles, by their personal labors, had gathered a great army, our Lord said, "And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12). And Paul said there would come a falling away. And Paul, Peter, James, John, Jude all testify that that falling away was beginning to manifest itself in their day. Then when we come to the Revelation letter we see our great Captain as His army (then already divided and weakened by false teachers) passes in review before Him, and we hear His words of encouragement, of admonition and warning. We see His comparatively small army, equipped not with carnal weapons but with truth and love, with righteousness and faithfulness; even with the word of the living God, while on the other hand the army of the wicked one is equipped not only with malice, guile, hypocrisy, envy, false reports, back biting and all kinds of evil speaking and misrepresentation, but with every conceivable means for the destruction of human life as well. As we follow these opposing armies in their mighty conflicts down through the centuries, both in prophecy and secular history, it seemed at times that the army of our dear Lord would be obliterated, and the word of God entirely taken from the children of men. But we rejoice to know that the Bible has been restored to the people and that our great Captain was able to lead His army through the trials and persecutions they endured and has so far overcome the hosts of sin that we are now permitted to worship God according to His word. In Rev. 17:14 we learn how this great victory was obtained, and in I John 5:3, 4 we learn how we may finally overcome the world.

Brother Carl is now with us and we are having a fine meeting, with one confession to date.—L. L. Ballenger.

**Ups and Downs at Mt. Hope.**—No one has reported from Mt. Hope since our beloved Brother Horn (now deceased) reported our "Ups and Downs" several years ago. Some have died and some became discouraged and have quit since Brother Horn closed his labors among us. We are showing some gain spiritually, and in numbers. Brother Luke Warmer became suddenly ill recently. He called his nearest neighbor, Brother Short, and requested that he call in a few members to pray for him, as he felt death very near. As the brethren gathered about his bed he asked Brother Short to secure a Bible and read a few verses. Brother Short, not being versed in the Holy Scriptures, could think of no suitable passage, so Brother Luke said, "Just read any passage you may

turn to, Brother Short." Brother Short, by chance, opened and read James 1:22, 27. The brethren sang and prayed, and Brother Luke was much comforted. After laying at death's door for near a week, Brother Luke's condition began to improve. While yet very weak, he attended the worship of the church. During the service he said, "Brethren, I want you all to continue to pray for me," and quoting James 5:16, said, "Brethren, I believe your prayers had to do with my life being spared unto this hour." Sister Wise rose and read Jas. 5:19, 20; and said, "Brethren, I'm sure we should read the Bible and sing and pray more with our sick and delinquent members in their homes." As the audience rose for the benediction Elder Wright said, "Brethren, we have ample proof that God will answer prayer," and he named several delinquents and some who were sick to be visited before the next service as in the case of Brother Luke Warmer.—Reporter.

**Note.**—Mt. Hope has experienced about every kind of difficulty that a church could experience and yet be alive. By reporting some of our past and present experiences we hope to strengthen the weaker places. Read these reports prayerfully and carefully.

**Kansas City, Mo.**—Our meeting at 26th and Spruce of three weeks, came to a close the evening of January 27 with the house well filled. Many were standing, not being able to obtain seats. Brother Ketcherside surely gave us fine lessons at every session. The other two loyal congregations, located at 55th and Cleveland, and Topping and Scarrett, cooperated with us in such a way that we were made to feel that it was indeed a concerted effort of the faithful disciples in Kansas City to get the gospel before the people, without addition, subtraction or modification. The result was that twelve were baptized into Christ, and one who had gone away from us returned confessing wrongs. And the good that was accomplished in the way of strengthening the disciples in their stand for the old paths was so great that eternity alone can determine its far reaching extent. I whole heartedly endorse your stand for the truth and righteousness revealed in the gospel of Christ and the M. C. as it now stands, for purity, for Bible simplicity and for unity.—L. L. Ballenger.

**Kansas.**—We are getting along real well. Bro. Wm. Ketcherside preached for us January 6, two good sermons. Had a fair crowd out. All the members that you baptized are faithful. We don't intend to compromise with any of the college preachers, and are not taking any risks. We like the M. C. and are glad that you are standing against the compromisers and only hope that you hold out faithful to the end.—J. W. Amerine and Wife.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS

**Coasting Down Hill.**—In these northern states many of the young people are now enjoying the winter sport of coasting down hill. How pleasant to get on the sled and dash down as fast as a railroad train! Others watch you. But beware the "apill." In just a few seconds the bottom is reached. Then comes the long trudge back up the hill. How unpleasant! It probably takes a fifteen

minute climb to give one a minute of such thrill.

Too many people have taken to coasting in religion. It is so much more pleasant going down than up. Let us relax. Take the easier way. It is pleasant to fall in with the drift toward worldliness on every hand. Why be different from other people? Everybody's doing it. Why be so particular? Why should the church draw the line on a bad man, or unsound man, when he can make such good talks at church? A few years ago, a certain publisher who was also an elder said, "We don't exclude the young people in our church for dancing." Even if he neglected his duty, why should he have published that to thousands of readers and encouraged them to coast down hill, too. Now the same publisher has coasted down in doctrinal matters. We will not oppose the college men in the pulpit any longer. And in his coast down hill he runs into those who are trudging up, and works confusion.

Remember, brethren, you can't drift into heaven—you have to work up stream. You can't toil in the vineyard by sitting down with folded arms. You can't coast into the home of the soul. The thrill on the icy way will soon end, and you will find yourself at the bottom, with no other alternative but to remain down in the lowland of sin, or start up the long, hard hill of reformation. Religious coasting means disaster.

**Aaron Only Stood By.**—A few days ago I heard a young man, who had been in the church only a few years, say a few things about Aaron in the Sunday morning meeting, which should be emphasized. We all know why Moses was not permitted to go into the promised land. It was because he did not glorify God at the rock. "Because ye believed not in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." (Num. 20:12.) But Aaron was not permitted to go over, either. Why? "Aaron shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah." (Num. 20:24.) Meribah is the place where the rock incident occurred. But there is no evidence that Aaron said anything at that time. It was Moses alone who said, "Must WE fetch out water for you rebels." Aaron stood by and let the thing go at that. He offered no protest. He did not correct his brother and tell him to give God the glory. But he was held just as guilty as if he had said the words himself. God holds us responsible not only for what we do, but for what we endorse, or the evil we do not protest against.

How important the lesson now! John expresses the same warning. If there come a false teacher, "Receive him not . . . for he that buildeth him Godspeed is partaker in his evil deeds." The thing which is troubling Israel today is this very thing. There are a number of preachers today who have not specifically sanctioned the glorifying of God in human organizations of Bible colleges and orphan homes, etc., but they have tolerated the ones that do. They have not performed the part of Moses at the rock, but of Aaron at the rock. They have stood by without protesting against

this dishonoring of God through humanism, but have encouraged preachers and papers that have. But Aaron, the same as Moses, was not permitted to go into the promised land.

**We Can't Hide From God.**—The only way that right can advance in the world is through men and women who feel that they have some obligations to try to make the world better. We can't hide from our duty to God and man. Every Christian has duties to perform. Elders and other leaders are called upon to watch. Elders will have to answer to God for the souls that drift off or are led off through their carelessness. Paul told the Ephesian elders that wolves would enter into the flock, but that they were to watch. Paul ceased not to warn the disciples at Ephesus night and day. We are trying to do the same in our little paper, though it would be much more pleasant to say nice things and let the church drift. We shall do our duty, and remember, leaders, that if you let false teachers into the congregations and they cause division or lead the disciples away, you will have to answer. Now is the time to watch, so that you can answer with joy and not with grief.

**Preachers Should Listen Sometimes.**—I think it ought to be a practice that all of us preachers should go back unawares in about six months or a year, and sit unnoticed in the social meeting of the church where we had that "wonderful meeting." No extra chairs brought in! No fifteen congregations represented! No excitement! And probably not much interest! The report on the "little meeting" ought to be given the same prominence that the "big meeting" had. If "big" preachers who are really sincere would attend a number of such little meetings, I believe they would change their tactics somewhat. They would see that excitement is not necessarily strength to a church, and that if we can not get brethren into the earnest study of the Word of God their religious life will not amount to much.

I know of a "big" evangelist among us who has stirred churches into debt. At one place he aroused things, and got them to build a house, much larger and finer than they needed. They went thousands of dollars into debt, and don't you know, that they could never get him back there again, except possibly one Sunday afternoon! He knew the money was all gone. At another place he stirred them up, and they remodeled their house, and for years they have been worrying along with a several thousand dollar debt on a big house. The church is languishing. At another place, under the influence of his affirmative and pathetic preaching the congregation was stirred by the crowds to remodel its house, and now for years it has been worrying along with a four thousand dollar debt, and there is a possibility even now that they will lose their house. Let us build gold, silver and precious stones and not any more wood, hay and stubble than possible, on the sure Foundation of Christ.

**Miscellaneous.**—We wish to keep the M. C. as free from personalities as the defense of truth will permit. If you

need any more of the Defense tract, or the one on the R. D. signed by the group of brethren, we have some left.

Brethren, many of your subscriptions are expiring now, and it will help much to send in, and send other names if possible. The M. C. does not pay for itself, but must live largely by donations. One brother sent \$25, which will pay for the printing (not postage, envelopes), of one issue. Who will be the next one to surprise us that way? I wish to make this a monthly. It is up to you.—We printed two editions of the Guide Through Bible History, 116 pages, with charts, price 30 cents, totaling 5,000 copies, but it is now out of print. If some good brother or sister could loan us \$100 for several years, I would put out another edition. It is needed badly. We are out of the Simplified New Testament, too, but have no money to print another edition now, though I have the plates. Thirty-five hundred copies have been sold, and I am receiving calls which I can not fill. An edition printed now would be considerably cheaper. It would take at least \$500 to put out an edition of that.—If there is any good work going on among the church members where you are, tell the M. C. readers about it, and what you think stirred them to it, if you know.—This depression, and the fight against the modern compromises in the church, is surely hard on those preachers who fearlessly stand on the walls of Zion and cry aloud and spare not.

**One By One.**—When I was married, twenty-eight years ago, my wife had one sister and eight brothers living. Only three of the brothers now are living, two of them having died within the past few months. No two of the children live close together. In a few short years the rest of the family will be gone. The same will be true of all the rest of the families of earth. One by one we pass on into the Great Unseen, to render an account of the way we have lived. Thus it has been from the beginning. Only two in all the vast numbers who have lived since time began, have escaped the grim hand of death. Yet people act as if they were to live on earth forever. Heedlessly they run on after the pleasures of life, the glory it can give, or the gold they can hoard. How vain these things will seem when we are lying on our beds and told we shall not recover!

"Stop, stop, the wheel of Time;  
Too soon, too soon, the noon will be  
the afternoon—

Too soon, today be yesterday!"  
Are we ready for the things which  
will surely come?

Belle, Mo.—Find enclosed one dollar to help you put out the Macedonian Call. I sure don't want to miss a single copy, as I certainly endorse your method of teaching. I always put so much confidence in you and took the ..... many years. I certainly am sorry beyond words that he has turned so completely against what he and the ..... used to teach on false teachers. He has been in our home many times. I'm not surprised in Brothers ..... as I could never endorse them fully. I wish I could help you more. I hope and pray that the time is close at hand that you can publish it weekly as it is needed very badly. I hope at some future date that I may be able to help more. . . . I must help with my little mite a cause that is worthy.—Mrs. S. J. McQ.

## WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO SAVE AMERICAN YOUTH

A few days ago a young man in Chicago walked into the room where an old lady was sitting, and dropped a bag of stones into her lap.

He said that a friend had given them to him, and that she could have them.

She opened the bag and examined the contents closely. When she realized what she had, her heart beat faster. The stones were jewels.

She thought—and thought—until her mind became quiet and clear. Then she took the young man by the arm and the two left the house together.

They stopped at a city building and went into the office. Laying the jewels on the desk, she said, "Captain, he stole these jewels, but—he—must—pay—the—penalty."

And then she cried and cried as if her heart would break.

The woman was the young man's mother.—D. A. S.

## LETTERS TO "A FAINT-HEARTED BROTHER"

Dear F. H.—In your recent letter to me you mention that you can not understand what is wrong with the congregation, where you hold membership, that it appears to you it is about dead, and you are greatly discouraged. Did you ever try to determine if there was anything wrong with you?

When I held your last meeting, though you have almost two hundred members, I note that on Lord's Day morning about 25 were present for the opening song. The remainder came trailing in until about 11:15. As I recall, you arrived about 10:30 when the lesson was more than half over, and then did not know where we were studying until you were informed. During the sermon, though there were several seats in front, you sat in the rear of the house, turned to watch the usher lower a window, fingered the leaves of your hymn book, whispered to the man next to you, then let your head fall back and half-closed your eyes, while your face assumed a listless, dreamy expression. When you close your eyes in that manner, the whole panorama becomes a blur, and it looks as if everyone else is asleep, too.

Yes, F. H., your congregation may die, but if it does you won't know it until they awaken you and tell you. Then don't cry about it, because you helped kill it. Read Eph. 5:14-15 and write again.

Yours in hope,  
W. CARL KETCHERSIDE.

PLEASE send in your Reports by the 20th of each month.

I HAVE been encouraged to put on our little sheet, "Published Monthly." Shall I have to change that? It is up to you, readers.

A FAT MAN is generally a weak man. And a church fat in membership is generally a weak church. It is development which counts.

A LITTLE MAN well exercised can do more than the big, undeveloped man. And the little church well developed can do more good in the world than the big church which depends on a preacher to do its work for it.