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Bible Vision



Thanksgiving

For all things beautiful, and good, and true;
For things that seemed not good yet turned to good;
For all the sweet compulsions of Thy will
That chastened, tried and wrought us to Thy shape;
For things unnumbered that we take of right,
And value first when they are withheld;
For light and air; sweet sense of sound and smell;
For ears to hear the heavenly harmonies;
For eyes to see the unseen in the seen;
For vision of the Worker in the work;
For hearts to apprehend Thee everywhere;—
We thank Thee, Lord.

—John Oxenham

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From



The President

It is fitting in November to give thanks, but it is fitting for the Christian to give thanks always, and especially when there is a special bestowal of God's goodness. It happens that for the writer the annual Thanksgiving coincides with such an event. We want, therefore, to observe Thanksgiving by giving thanks.

In the responsibilities of our work we are tempted at times when the administrative burdens become heavy and our faith is weak to imagine that there are not many who are sharing the load. Our responsibilities tend to become anxieties and our cares, worries. We do not see the many in all parts of this land and other lands who are upholding the Bible Institute in prayer. We fail to appreciate how many loyal friends the Lord has raised up to help by their prayers, well wishes and gifts in this ministry of providing the best training possible for Christian young people. At such times we do not see only dimly how strong is the invisible bond that unites us as "workers together with Him."

Recently we had a heartening experience that made us give thanks anew to our heavenly Father for His faithfulness. The Institute needed a new organ—the old one was worn out. The one alternative

to discontinuing the department of organ was to buy a new instrument. But there was only \$483.11 in the organ fund and the cost of a new electronic instrument that was adequate for teaching and auditorium needs was approximately \$4,000. It was decided to go ahead with the installation of a very fine instrument that incorporates the latest in electronic development.

A letter was sent to our friends telling them of the purchase, inviting them to the dedicatory service and giving them an opportunity to have a share in the offering which was to be received at the dedication on October 23. Before the excellent dedicatory program by Prof. Raymond Weaver a total of 167 friends of the Institute sent in \$933.00 as their share in the offering. \$276.53 was contributed by those present and some additional gifts followed. Accordingly, a substantial part of the cost has been met, and we believe that God will continue to undertake for the remainder.

But what was more heartening than the gifts themselves were the many notes and letters expressing the well wishes and prayerful interest of donors. Only a few representative excerpts can be given:

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The ELEVENTH Commandment

By Frieda M. Buchen

While abroad, I heard a story of the saintly archbishop Usher, who, two hundred years ago, was a tower of strength in God's service. Once he decided to travel incognito, to feel the spiritual pulse of the churches in his charge. Disguised as a beggar, staff in hand, a bag on his back, and with hair powdered white, he was attending church services and visiting parsonages.

Arriving at the home of the hymn writer Rutherford one Saturday night, he was graciously received by Mrs. Rutherford, who was just leading devotions, while her husband prepared his sermon. She fed the "beggar" and invited him to join her worshiping family. After reading the commandments, she asked,

"Tell us, old man, how many commandments are there?"

"Eleven," replied the archbishop.

Quickly the little son spoke up, "No, Mamma, ten!"

"How sad," she remarked, "that you know so little. You are old; who knows how soon you will die. It is never too late; turn to the Lord tonight! Yield to Him!"

But the "Beggar" sat silent and thoughtful in his corner. Then she showed him to a bedroom above Rutherford's study. Long he lay

awake, hoping to hear Rutherford pray. When midnight had arrived and he had heard nothing, the archbishop himself knelt down and offered a mighty intercessory prayer, committing to God all widows, orphans, the sick, tempted, dying, and all in authority.

Rutherford, his sermon finished, was surprised to hear a voice above him and crept upstairs to listen. He was deeply moved by the archbishop's pleading. When the "Amen" had been spoken, he knocked, entered, discovered the guest's identity, and persuaded the guest to preach for him in the morning.

The archbishop consented. After reading the commandments, he remarked,

"We of the new covenant have an eleventh commandment, 'A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34." Then he held forth Christ's mighty love and the love we should feel for the brethren.

In this unique way, Usher had taught anew the lesson of ONE who visited our sin-cursed world, became poor for our sake, and taught us, by word and example, the eleventh Commandment.

Taking God's Measure

By Harvey L. Mitchell

You may think it presumptuous to talk about measuring the Infinite. It is impossible, I know, to find the limits of God. Yet I am interested in any information that will help me to realize, to some degree, at least, just how great my God is.

One clue to His size is the extent of the universe He created. The Apostle Paul told the believers at Colosse that "by Him (Christ) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth . . . and by Him all things consist." Our Savior is the maker and the sustainer of this vast universe. And its vastness helps us form some idea of the Creator's power and size.

Just how big is our universe? The earth is about 93 million miles from the sun. Its orbit is a slightly flattened circle 186 million miles in diameter. But other planets are still farther from the sun. Pluto, the most distant, circles around the sun in a path that is about 7,340,000,000 miles in diameter.

But these distances are minute, compared to those that separate the stars. The new 200-inch telescope recently set up on Mt. Palomar in California has power to bring into view stars so far away that their light has had to travel 400 million years to reach us.

Now, light travels 186,000 miles

per second. Multiply this figure by the number of seconds in a minute, and that by the number of minutes in an hour, and that by the number of hours in a day, and that by the number of days in a year, and you will have the mileage of light in a year's time. This distance, which is called a light year, is the figure 5 with twelve other figures after it, or nearly six million million miles.

If, then, there are stars so far from us that their light has required 400 million years to get here, we can roughly compute their distance in miles by multiplying the 400 million by the number of miles in a light year. The product is 24, followed by twenty zeros. This means that our known universe extends in all directions for this almost unreadable number of miles. How immense it is! And we have no way of knowing that we have seen its limits. It may well be even larger.

Now, if God made so vast a universe, then He must be present wherever there is a part of His creation. He fills all creation with His presence. He is so great that we are unable to measure His extension, even when presented in this physical way.

But He is more than Creator. He sustains the universe. Everywhere in the heavens we see order and

split-second regularity. Men are able to predict, years in advance, the motion and location of any star. The universe is a perfectly organized system. Billions of stars are in it, and each one is kept in its orbit, and on time. Who does it? Our Savior! "By Him all things consist (hold together)." What wisdom and power are revealed in this inerrant management!

For another view of God's greatness, let us think of time instead of space. If some starlight travels 400 million years to reach us, then it must have been that long on the way. In other words, the parent star began to shine at least 400 million years ago. This universe is no infant. Yet, older than any created thing is our God. Things had a beginning. But before that beginning, God was. Think of the experience He has gained in that time—if indeed He needs experience. How many events He has witnessed! How many problems solved!

In Christ, then, are combined immeasurable extension, unlimited power, and unequalled wisdom.

Now, the thing that ought to make us leap for joy is that this great Savior loves us and uses His infinite abilities for our good. I like the application Paul made. After speaking of Christ as creator and sustainer, he added, "And ye are complete in Him." Complete! We lack nothing, for all the fulness of Christ is ours.

Think what it means to have so great a Savior. It means that He who controls the majestic march of the stars is adequate to control the affairs of our tiny lives. How, then, can we ever worry? Ought we at any time give way to fear or to disappointment? Rather, we ought to pray with utmost confidence. To

trust in Him should be natural and easy. No situation is beyond His power to control. To Him there are no emergencies. He never has to strain to get things done. Always He is master.

These facts should also make it a delight to surrender our lives to His will. The One who guides the flaming stars inerrantly through space, who makes the whole vast universe work with matchless precision, is surely competent to direct us through the few years of our lives. His plan, for stars and for men, is perfect.

Let us then commit ourselves to His guidance and keeping. We may not measure God's size, but we do know that He is more than big enough for all our needs.

The stars in orbits regular Thy ordered ways declare;
Thou holdest them and guidest them through spaces vast and rare.

Canst Thou then guide me too, O Lord, through my life's fleeting day?

Hast Thou the wisdom and the power to keep me in Thy way?
Sure I can trust Thee. Thou art God. With Thee are might and grace;

I'll follow where Thou leadest me, until I see Thy face.

Thanksgiving

"I'm thankful for each test to prove
To Thee, O God, my ardent love;
I thank Thee for the chance to go
Along the banks where sufferings
flow.

I thank Thee for the pains that made
Me braver, stronger, unafraid;
I thank Thee for the joys denied,
That kept me from exalted pride."

A Turn

In The Road

One of the great blessings of Christian fellowship is the testimony of believers. Our B. I. fellowship is especially rich along this line, for we have Christians here who have found their Lord in a great diversity of ways. Some have been deep in sin; others, as moral as Nicodemus. But all have felt their deep-rooted need of salvation and found it in the Christ of Calvary.

The ex-serviceman Warren Wright, senior at our school, has a testimony of conversion somewhat different from that of many Christians. He tells of his having been born in a Christian home and having enjoyed the blessings common to many Americans: kind parents, wholesome environment, saintly folk as his example; but he did not know his Savior in a vital, personal way. In high school days he faced the uncertainties of life fearfully, but did not realize his definite need of a higher power in life, until he came out of the army.

"I had been finding adjustment to civilian life difficult," he said, "and for several weeks was very low in spirits. The world's glittering phantasies had disappointed me and I vowed to discard old habits. But I lacked inner reinforcement; there remained a deeply

felt need of a Master who could set my heart aflame. I turned to the Bible and shall never forget that impression, so full of sincerity and truth. Jesus' claims, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; I give unto my sheep eternal life,'



presented themselves relentlessly, demanding an answer. Something within me called, 'Yes, it is true!' but I also knew that God was holy and demanded holiness of men. I continued in this state of conviction for several days and kept on with

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

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"We are glad to hear that F. W. B. I. has a new organ, and sincerely hope that finances will be met beyond anything you have hoped for.

"There is a warm spot in my heart for F. W. B. I. and I follow the development there with keen interest and best wishes always."—Cleveland, Ohio.

"I am sure our fine Bible Institute deserves the best that can be obtained. May God continue to bless the work of the F. W. B. I."—Carson City, Michigan.

"While it will be impossible for

"I am still praising my Saviour for the privilege of attending good old B. I. Jesus is mine and I am His. . . . I am enclosing a gift for the organ. Even though I never took any organ lessons neither am I a gifted musician, I want other students to reap a Spiritual blessing from B. I. such as I received from some one else giving of their money and time."—Wyanet, Ill.

For this fellowship and stewardship we give sincere thanks.

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Organ Recital Personnel: (Left) Prof. Ira Gerig assisting at the Baldwin Grand Piano. (Below) Paul van Gorkom assists Prof. Weaver at the vibraharp. (Opposite Page) Audience viewing organ at conclusion of recital.



me to be there in person yet my prayers and best wishes go out to you all that God's richest blessing shall be yours and that His glory shall be manifested in a wonderful way."—Washington, D. C.



Dedicatory Recital for Hammond Concert Organ

was presented before a large audience in Founders' Memorial Auditorium by Prof. Raymond Weaver. The recital included several of the classical works for organ as well as arrangements of much-loved hymns. Among the classics included in the program were Handel's **Largo**, **Rondo for Flute Stops** by Rinck, **In Springtime** by Kinder. **In Autumn** by Robert Elmore, Tschaikowsky's **Andante Cantabile**, and **Sonata No. VI** by Mendelssohn. This last composition is based on "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven" and is the last Sonata written by this composer, as well as one of the greatest of all works for the organ.

Included in the arrangements of and meditations on hymns were **Rock of Ages**, **Blessed Quietness**, **Near the Cross**, and **Oh God Our Help in Ages Past** with Paul van Gorkom assisting in each of these at the vibraharp. Prof. Weaver's own arrangement of **Showers of Blessing** for piano and organ was played with Prof. Ira Gerig assisting at the piano.

Dr. S. A. Witmer, President, gave a brief explanation of the first conception of placing such an instrument in our school, and how it is now being brought into reality by the gifts of the friends of the school. Dean Jared F. Gerig offered the dedicatory prayer.



At the Institute

Monthly Day of Prayer

Each month one day is set apart for special prayer and waiting on God. October 19th was the day. Our Dean Jared Gerig was in charge of the service. Rev. J. A. Ringenberg, President of the Missionary Church Association, was invited to speak to the faculty and students. For his text Brother Ringenberg chose Matt. 9:35-10:8, emphasizing the need of the multitude because they were **harassed** and **helpless**, and they were like sheep without a shepherd. "The conditions," said Brother Ringenberg, "present a plentiful harvest, but few laborers." He then told of the great need of the home mission fields of North and Northwestern United States. Jesus was moved with compassion and so should we be, indicated Brother Ringenberg. "The appeal of our Lord," said he, "was to pray." That prayer was answered by the ones whom Jesus urged to pray, for they, then, were sent forth.

Brother Ringenberg pleaded earnestly with the students not to allow personal ambition or social interests to neutralize or choke out consecrated, self-denial and sacrificial service in needy areas of our own land.

A season of heart-searching prayer followed. Many were deeply moved by the message. Open confessions were made by some. Later in the forenoon another time of prayer was spent for needs other than the students' personal requests. Before the meeting concluded, many testified to the fact

that the Lord had met them in a new way.

Musical Concert

The Csehy Musical Messengers presented, on the evening of October 24th, a very inspiring sacred concert. Mr. Wilmor Csehy, an accomplished violinist, was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Csehy, who also played bells. Miss Loe-wina Lohman, soprano soloist, was also featured in a gospel theme that was followed throughout the evening's program. The Musical Messengers had just returned from the West coast where they had for three weeks assisted Dr. Billy Graham in a city-wide evangelistic campaign in Los Angeles.

The concert was a musical feast; the evening was well spent.

Special Speakers

On October 14th, Rev. Paul Zimmerman gave a very interesting account of how God led him to open Cedine Bible Camp for colored children, and how after facing difficulties and after a lot of hard work, the workers were rewarded by the salvation of most of the campers. The Camp is growing and offers a splendid opportunity of real Christian service. One of our own students, Mr. Thomas Florence, assisted Mr. Zimmerman last summer.

Mr. H. H. Young, Assistant Manager of the Moody Book Store (Chicago), and brother of Mr. Don Young, a student of the Institute, gave a helpful talk based on II Kings 4, emphasizing the need, the experience, and result of prayer in the life of the Christian.

"Youth for Christ" Team

Phil and Louis Palermo, two consecrated Italian young men who have completed two trips to Italy,

held a service in Founders' Memorial on the evening of October 26th. Some interesting accounts were given of a "Youth for Christ" meeting held in the city of Rome. As a result 252 young people accepted Christ. Rev. Bert Levain, who has just returned from a tour of Europe, was the main speaker.

Mission Band Speakers

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ensminger, missionaries to Sierra Leone West Africa, were the speakers on October 21st. Several strips of film were shown and curios, fetish, handwork, etc., were exhibited.

On October 28th Rev. Chester M. Carrello, Supt. of a school for training native workers in Haiti, spoke.

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Let us urge you to tune in on "Your Sunrise Chapel" (WKJG, 1380 kc., 7:15 a. m.), where frequent announcements of special events are released. Listen, inform your friends, and come share the blessings.

A TURN IN THE ROAD

my Bible reading. At last the Truth dawned. I came upon the good news, 'Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ; all believers are freely justified!' I stepped out upon that rock of promise and found full peace with God."

Warren goes on to tell how Satan came to him many times, trying to make him doubt the genuineness of conversion, but he could always turn to the Word and find rock bottom. He keenly enjoys his work at the B. I. and finds his greatest satisfaction in Bible

VOICING HIS PRAISE

"Oh bless our God, ye peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard" (Psalm 66:8-15).

Praise is a voice. Thanksgiving must be born in the heart, but it must not stay there. Dumb gratitude will answer for dumb beasts, but not for speaking men.

When the Psalmist bade all people utter in words the praise of God so that their thanksgiving could be heard, he was only commanding them to do what is reasonable and sensible. Who of us, if he bestowed great and constant benefits on some one, would be content with his silence?

And while spoken praise of God is justly desired and commanded by Heaven itself, it is no less required for the good of earth. There is a contagion of joy and gratitude which no one who wishes a happy life can afford to scorn. Praise God with your speech, and you will be more cheerful and contented, and your neighbor will be the same. Make the voice of His praise to be heard, and that praise will sound with ever-increasing exultation through all the earth. Strike up the anthem in your own heart, and you will rejoice at its growth in volume all around you.—Selected.

study. He feels the call to full-time Christian service, wherever the Lord would have him go.

Fellowship

Circle

Let us take a trip around the world to visit some of our "Institute Family."

MEXICO

Miss Mahala Diller ('33) writes:

Perhaps you would like to come with us to one of our chapel services. Purposely we did not plan anything ahead, but asked two of the young men to give extemporaneous talks. One of them was Francisco Vazquez, an Aztec, who is one of our fourth year students. He preached on Romans 1:16 and, of course, you may know he preached on the power of the gospel. He dwelt on how the power of the gospel changed men and women who were deep in sin to holy lives. Then he talked of how the power of the gospel changed towns and communities, and a very interesting part of his sermon was a little of his own personal experience which he gave as follows:

"When I was just a lad, many years ago, the gospel began to be preached among the Aztec Indians. Before that time, we lived in sin and total darkness. I remember so well when my mother and an older brother attended the first conference in the town of Coxcatlan, after they were converted. My brother came home with the news that not only was the gospel being preached among the Indians, but that a great change was taking place among

them and that our superintendent, Brother Soltero, had told them that they should begin to dress and live better. He especially mentioned the men wearing trousers, because before this, all wore just the white muslin garments which were more like underwear. What a change has been wrought in the Indian villages since then! Now the greater part of the people dress properly, sleep on beds, and their home life has been changed completely.

"About that time a great desire for schools sprang up among the Indians because of their having received the gospel light and their desire to learn to read the Scriptures. Very soon we had schools in most of the Indian villages, brought about by the efforts of the Indians and their desire to learn.

"While these things are not the most important, yet I repeat, the gospel has power to change, not only sinful men, but the communities in which they live."

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ECUADOR, SOUTH AMERICA

We are as busy as usual, and sometimes more, with sick people coming every day for medicine. It is with prayer that we have started injections for Frambesia (Yaws), but there is so much of it, and nothing else seems to help. There was a terrible case of tuberculosis of skin in a Cayapa whom I have known for some time. When I first knew him he was a habitual drunkard. I don't think I ever saw him sober until the last few months. Our neighbor lady, Rosario, asked us one day to call on a sick man who was very "grave." It was our Cayapa friend who now was skin and bones, and had a huge ulcerous sore about the size of a small meat

platter that exposed his ribs as if the skin were cut away with a knife. The Indians looked to us to do something for him, but we felt hopeless for his life, and felt only a slim hope for his soul. We talked to him about Jesus, trusting that the Holy Spirit would make clear to him the love of God in Christ Jesus. Our hearts quickened with joy when we observed how he responded and told us that he believed what we told him. We saw him twice after that, and each time he told us that he was expecting to be with Jesus. He died shortly after our last visit, and his skinny body was buried in the custom of the Cayapas, but we trust that his soul was carried in the gentle arms of angels to be with the Lord.

Stay with us in prayer. We sense the enemy's power in many ways, but His power is so preciousely comforting.—Charles ('42) and La Verne Glenn.

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I do want to say a word of praise to the Lord for His great goodness, for health and strength received of Him, for all He does for us! Then I would like to especially mention a word of praise to Him for the way He has undertaken in Las Palmas. He answers prayer.

The sala we've been renting is just at the center of town, and there the cars "pull in and pull out," raising a lot of dust and noise. The loud honking of horns was very disturbing, so that it was discouraging. But now with the cottage up on the hill completed, with a nice-sized sala, we feel the situation is being remedied. The Lord be praised! Palomino (a new believer saved at the tent meetings) thought it certainly was better. It is much quieter and cleaner, and much more

conducive to reverence, than the sala at the center of town.

Happy in Him,

Leona Lehner ('43)

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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

We are praising God for the few women who are faithful in coming to Bible class each week. The ones who have accepted Christ are coming along beautifully so far, but we see the enemy trying to press in. **Do pray** that they will be able to stand and that many more will see their need. God is working in this community, for interest is aroused and many questions are asked.

About three weeks ago one of our Sunday School boys, a seven-year-old, had his leg broken, and that accident has caused his father and mother to become interested enough to come to Bible class. **Do pray** for him and her. I believe she is ready to become a Christian and he is seeking. They live across the road from us.

Rejoicing in His service,

Dorothy Rothfuss ('39)

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INDIA

I wish each one of you could have hopped on an airplane for India to be with us when we tried our tape recorder for the first time. We must admit that we were really excited! It was far more exciting to see the reaction of our Indian people. One old man on the compound asked if he could sing. We allowed him to sing. You should have seen his face when he heard himself as it played back. He jumped up and down with excitement the whole time his song was being played.

In a short time you may be hear-

ing your missionaries' voices from India. We hope to be better able to bring you the need and challenge of this dark land by the means of this machine.

Ruth (Geiger) Reilly ('41-'42)

Rev. Richard Reilly ('42) is recovering from an attack of fever. Pray for him.

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NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Below is part of the account of Bello Dabai's life which ended as a result of a snake bite.

Let me tell you also how Bello learned to know Jesus. He was brought up in a heathen Dakakkari home, but one day he left home and joined the army. It was while he was in the army that he learned to know others of his own tribe who were Christians, and they led him to the Lord. This was in the year 1946.

After Bello's death, one of his brothers asked why it was that the white people had taken Bello to the doctor, when they knew he wouldn't live anyway. His father answered, saying that he didn't want to hear that again. The reason the white people took him to see the doctor was because they surpass us in love. Another brother said that some day he would like to become a Christian. Then another little brother, named Kango, spoke up and told what was in his heart. He is only about six years old. He spoke thus: "When I get big, I want to become a Christian so that I will see my brother Bello in heaven. I know you won't let me now, for I am only a little boy, but when I am old enough to do what I want, then I shall become a Christian."

The Bible tells us that a little child shall lead them. Won't you

pray for Kango and the rest of the family that they will get saved and learn to know Bello's Jesus too?

Yours in His glad service,

Luella Landrey ('34)

Miss Landrey arrived in the U. S. A. on September 16 for her second furlough. She is beginning deputational work in Michigan.

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Rev. ('45) and Mrs. Arthur Reifel ('45), Connie and Earl have sailed to Nigeria to begin their second term of service there.

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May God richly bless each one that is helping to get the gospel out to our generation.

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HERE AND THERE

Rev. ('47) and Mrs. (45-'46) Ralph Welford and Joyce (2½ years) have recently moved to Fayette, Ohio, to pastor two Christian Union churches.

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Miss Chloetta Egly ('48) is teaching in the public schools at Monmouth, Indiana. She is teaching in the grades.

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Rev. ('32) and Mrs. ('32) Mark Burgess are proud of their baby daughter, Marjorie Irene, born May 2. Marjorie has two sisters, Marilyn and Connie, and one brother, Clifford.

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Samuel Ernest arrived at the home of Rev. ('46) and Mrs. ('45) Louis Strahm of Peoria Heights, Illinois, October 25th.

He Is Caring for Me

I know that my Father is caring
For all of His children below;
I know that thro' sunshine and shadow,
He guides me wherever I go.

I fear not tho' peril surround me,
He's promised to shield me from harm;
Tho' doubt and temptation assail me,
I'm safe in His sheltering arm.

I trust Him thro' all of life's journey,
For clearly the way He can see;
I hold to His hand in the darkness;
I know He is caring for me.

One world is but dust in His balance,
One sea but a drop in His hand;
One soul in His sight is more precious
Than treasures of ocean and land.

—Harriet H. Pierson

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