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Late Flashes

Until December 5, the largest Sunday contribution at Manchester Avenue Church had been \$103. On that day the offering was \$129.35 and the following Sunday, December 12, it was \$104.50....The officers of the Lillian Avenue Church are hard hit by sickness as well as the rest of the members. On December 15, the elders Bros. Bilyeu and Topping are both ill; two deacons, Willard Thompson and Ted Ratliff are on the sick list, and all of the children of Jess Parks are likewise ill. Others also are swelling the list of those who have been seized by the epidemic sweeping the city....From a comes further word. "We are getting along fine with our Sunday night meetings and Ladies Bible Study. Met with Thelma O'Neil December 8, and everyone of us enjoyed as well as learned much from the lesson studies....Bill Hensley closed at Flat River on December 12. One was added at last report, by membership transfer. A feature of the meeting was the Bible Drill preceding regular service each night....Harold Shasteen was in another meeting as announced elsewhere in this paper. This one was at Valles Mines in the Methodist Church building....Canalou would like to have a short meeting as they missed out on one this last year. Grandma Taul at that place was not feeling very well. We hope she improves. Her home was the preacher's home....Roy Harris was conducting a song drill at his home, on upper Briley Creek. While Roy was at home so he could "juice the Jerseys" his mother and stepfather visited among friends and churches in Saint Louis....The Manchester Singers presented their first radio program on December 12, and did a fine job of it too in spite of a trace of nervousness. Their next appearance will be December 26.... We've been busy mailing out the new book of sermons in spare

Bible Reading Prospects

It appears as the time draws near that the attendance at the winter session of the St. Louis Reading will be greatly curtailed. Several reasons are assigned therefor, by those who have made a study of conditions. Outstanding of course is the fact that a number of prospects are in the armed services, and others are engaged in essential war work, while travel restrictions will hinder a number. It is believed that it will be possible to arrange housing for all who attend in spite of the fact that St. Louis is a huge arsenal, with 180,000 new people in its area over four years ago.

The winter session will start on January 3, with enrollment at 9 o'clock a. m. Daily sessions will begin at that hour and continue until 2:30, with an hour off for noon luncheon. Development classes will be held each afternoon for one hour.

Special studies in the book of Ephesians will be given at night (Wednesday); with a series of lectures occupying each Thursday night. The lectures will be given at Lillian Avenue Church, but all studies will be conducted at Manchester Avenue as in former years.

Brother Ketcherside will have charge of the study again, and will conduct the class through six weeks of New Testament analysis this winter, later in July taking up an equal amount of time in the Old Testament.

No tuition is charged for the study, and there is no financial obligation, except for room and board, laundry, etc., in the city. We urge all who can at this last minute to come and get as much of this six weeks' study as you can. Write for information to: Robert Morrow, 7117 Manchester Ave., Saint Louis, Mo.

time. We think it is a good one, and will be a lot of help to all who read and study it. Many are going to soldier boys free. We know it will strengthen them.

A NEW CHURCH

We salute a new congregation in the Mississippi Valley. The initial work of establishment is being directed by Harold Shasteen with the capable direction of the congregation at Festus. The church at F. R. and Bonne have assisted by attendance when possible but the congregation at Festus seized upon an opportunity to take the gospel into a new community and they should be highly commended for that fact. Brother Shasteen is doing his work skillfully and with becoming zeal and tact. On November 28, six were immersed and indications are of others to come later, as the work is not yet concluded. The locality is known as Pfinister Schoolhouse, and it is 16 miles from Festus, and 14 miles from Bonne Terre. The meetings are being held in a fine, Modern school building, with the whole community being aroused by the preaching and singing. This work if carried to completion, and we are sure it will be, will give us ten congregations in the valley, reaching from Flat River south of St. Louis, to Jerseyville, north of the city. Keep up the good work and let's fill this country full of the doctrine as Jerusalem was filled with the gospel by the apostles. We imagine that you will hear of other congregations being planted in this area in the near future. Keep your ears open! The Mississippi Valley is in the march.

BOOKS BEING MAILED

By the time this reaches you the new book "To Every Man That Asketh" will be in the mails. Those who want a real book of sermons with pictures and stories of the life of seven gospel preachers must send in their orders at once. You'll always regret it, if you do not get one of these books, as some of these preachers will soon be called upon to leave the earth. Send a dollar for two copies today!

CHURCH OF CHRIST BROADCAST

A dream of the Saint Louis churches has become a reality on a reduced scale, with the inauguration of a weekly broadcast, "The Church of Christ Half Hour." The first program over Station WTMV, East St. Louis was presented on Nov. 7, and programs will be given each Sunday at 2:05 p. m. The Hartford Singers, a double mixed quartette from the church at Hartford, Ill., is presenting the musical portion for the first five Sundays, after which they will be supplemented by groups from the Lillian and Manchester Churches in St. Louis proper. The programs are directed by W. Carl Ketcherside who delivers the address in connection therewith.

Thus far the weekly airings have been well-received, as the first three programs have resulted in more than 200 cards and letters sent to the station, more than 50 of which came from non-members of the church. A mailing list is compiled of all who write in and literature is sent them regularly. The first month, free copies of "The Fight of Faith" were offered on the broadcast, and this little booklet has been favorably received by all.

Station time was purchased for thirteen consecutive broadcasts, or three months. Each program costs \$34.60, which cost is borne by Manchester, Lillian and Hartford churches. Other contributions are put in the "Stamp Fund" aid used for sending out the mail and forwarding pamphlets, etc. Four listeners have sent in a dollar each for this work, but no mention of money is made on the air, nor any solicitations made.

A fairly adequate check shows that a listening audience of about 4500 to 5000 persons each Sunday tune in for the gospel in song and sermon. A follow-up campaign it is believed will result in many souls being saved.

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CARL'S CORNER

It is pleasing to see that the reverses of war and the clamping down of restrictions, are not hurting the work of the Lord to any great extent in Missouri. As a matter-of-fact I believe there is more activity now, and more being planned for the future, than we have ever experienced in the churches in this area. Brethren are showing a commendable zeal in their endeavor to sound out the truth into the regions beyond. A plan is being considered in the eastern part of the state which would call for taking the truth to many of the larger towns next year, and create upon the part of the people in each community a desire to hear more of God's pure word. When they begin to issue the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us establish a faithful church in our community" then we will be able to get somewhere. There have now been five new churches planted in Missouri in 1943. We hope that at least one per year will be established for the next ten years. The more we start, the easier it is to get another started. Pray and work for the cause.

—W. Carl Ketcherside.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

AMONG the CHURCHES

UNIONVILLE - Closed three weeks work with brethren here, resulting in 12 coming forward—2 baptisms, 7 transfers of membership, and 3 to acknowledge neglect of duty. This together with our program to put every member to work, was encouraging to the brethren. They plan to spend a part of each Lord's Day night service with the younger members, who will make short talks on Bible subjects in conjunction with an older brother. Wednesday evening will find a group assembled for special training and development under a capable instructor. The future looks bright at Unionville and among all of the churches in that area.

—WILLIAM HENSLEY

ELLINGTON - The first meeting conducted in the new cobblestone church building, was indeed a success. It was under direction of Brother Harold Ottwell of Hartford, Ill., who spent his vacation in this manner to the glory of God. In spite of sickness the attendance and interest were both excellent, and the people of the town received the Word of the Lord with all readiness of mind. The record of the church was augmented by addition of twenty names; 8 by baptism, 3 from the Baptist Church, and 9 by membership transfer. The gospel was preached plainly and with force, but seemed to strike a responsive chord in the hearts of those who listened. The congregation appreciates the work of Brother Ottwell immensely. Bro. W. Carl Ketcherside visited the meeting also and spoke several nights. We regret to chronicle the serious illness of Grandma Gastineau and Bro. Bowers. We earnestly hope they may soon improve.

WEBSTER GROVES - November 28 found most of our sick able to return to services and we had 66 present. Sisters Storie, Mabery and Hunt were still among the missing. We welcome by membership transfer June Peden and Dorothy Riley. Bro. and Sister Stevens had the pleasure of having their daughter, son-in-law and grandchild all with them for a furlough visit. The son-in-law is stationed at a New Jersey port with the U. S. Navy. Three new arrivals are attending church now, the babies of Mildred Doza, Luke and Jessie Thomas, and Andrew and Mina Storie. It certainly is wonderful to have the mothers

bringing their tiny babes to the House of God. Word from Sgt. Vernon Romine says he is still stationed at Coffeyville, Kansas. Our other two lads from the church are on foreign soil fighting for the four freedoms.

—VERN ATTWELL

GALLATIN - We were pleased to have Bro. Hubert Long of the armed services meet with us, while on furlough. Visitors from Nebraska and Oklahoma attended one recent Lord's Day. Regular attendance is good and the number of people attending from the community who are not connected with the church give us cause to rejoice. Bro. James W. Truitt, who lives here is doing effective work, well-received by all and that gives us opportunity to grow. Our development program including all older and younger brethren as well, makes the Lord's Day meetings edifying and helpful. May we ever be found, "Scattering Precious Seed By the Wayside."—D. PATTERSON.

BONNE TERRE - I heard your last two broadcasts and appreciated them very much. Think you hit the nail on the head. My judgement is that such subjects will attract the right class of people and will hold their attention so you will have the opportunity to get our plea before them. Am assisting in the Flat River meeting with Brother Hensley. Covered the town once before his arrival with advertising material and we will make another survey, using blotters this time. Crowds rather limited the first week.—L. C. ROBERTS.

SAINT JOSEPH - Attendance especially good the last month and the work progresses nicely. Our midweek services, with lessons in topical form, directed by various brethren, are being held in private homes, due to fuel shortage, but a great deal of interest is evidenced. Bro. Eldon Pew will leave for his marine boot training in California on Dec. 1. Bro. and Sister Hays met with our sister congregation at Barnard, Nov. 14, and Harold preached for them. We welcome Bro. and Sister Selby back with us after several years of working away from Saint Joseph. Our next scheduled work will be teacher training and development of talent under direction of Brother Hensley in April 1944. We invite all who may come through to worship with us at 20th and Highly. You'll find a hearty

welcome awaiting. —CLEO GIBSON.

INDEPENDENCE - This week (Nov. 29) marks beginning of our work with Bro. Brumbaugh who will assist in development on each Tuesday night, and preach for us on Dec. 19. We anticipate a great season of training under his capable direction. Bro. Fred Fenton spoke for us on Nov. 28. He resides in Kansas City now. Bro. Ralph Acree, our teacher has been absent for two Sundays because of work, but able substitutes, Bros. Walter Kreeger and Davis Taylor have taken his place. We all mourn with Bro. and Sister Davis Taylor over loss of her grandfather and his stepfather. Funeral was last Friday night. Sister Taylor was not able to meet with us this week. Several have been absent from services recently due to sickness, but we rejoice that none are seriously ill. We are meeting at Brother Walter Kreeger's home now and will continue to do so until the first Sunday in 1944. We rejoice to learn of the new churches being established over the state, and the one near Nixa (Shamrock) appeals to me, as that is my old home. Yours in Christ, IVA KREEGER.

NIXA - Attendance and contributions are excellent. Our Lord's Day morning lesson, 1 John 3, was very edifying. During Bro. Ketcherside's meeting a Sunday night program was planned, which thus far has been carried out exactly as scheduled, except on Nov. 14, when it was postponed to enable Brother Roy Webb to preach for us. He prefaced his sermon with a short Bible Drill, which was very beneficial.

The Ladies' Bible Class meets every alternate week on Wednesday. They gather at 10 a. m. study till noon; then afternoon continue the study until 4 p. m. On Nov. 24, the study was held at the home of Opal Dunham; on Dec. 8, it will be with Thelma O'neil.

Jack Herndon left Sunday night, Nov. 21, for Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas to enter the army. He is a fine, faithful young man and our love and prayers go with him. Others from this congregation in the armed services include, Jimmie Moore (somewhere overseas); Ronald Moore, Houston, Texas; Floyd Hasty, V. Glenn, Robert Ward and Wallace Fitzpatrick. Our prayers are that these boys will continue faithful and soon safely return.

The Young Married People's Class is doing a commendable job of talent development. The

class was taught in an upbuilding manner by Ed. Richmond and Lawrence Stine, on Nov. 14 and 21.

Sister Maggie Avery has been very ill with pneumonia but is now much improved. Sister Hollingshead remains about the same. The Herbert Aven family have moved to California and will be greatly missed here.

SHAMROCK- Bro. R. O. Webb preached for us Sunday morning, Nov. 14, and we were glad to have him back with us after his two weeks meeting in latter part of September. On Saturday evening, Nov. 13, at the home of Brother and Sister Leonard Stoneman, he united in marriage their daughter Anne to Walter Perkins. After the morning services on Nov. 28, Bro. and Sister Stoneman had as guests in their home for a covered dish luncheon, members of the Shamrock and Nixa churches. The occasion was a shower for the newlyweds and they received a number of nice gifts. Bro. Leslie Moore is expected home the first of December from Houston, Texas, where he has been engaged in defense work. We will be glad to have him back with our little congregation.

OZARK- On December 5, we will study chapter 4 of First Peter. The children's Class will have Matthew 26, plus a review of the names of the books, writers and apostles. Our services we feel are very edifying and we are always glad to have the faithful meet and worship with us.

Bro. Bertram Wilson of the Springfield church was here Nov. 21, and made a short address, which was greatly appreciated. Sister Mildred McDaniel of Springfield was also with us. On Nov. 28, Bro. Jim O'neil, Guy O'neil and family, Harry and Geraldine Mooney and Gladys McSpadden of Nixa were with us to aid in the service.

Sisters Rowena Boyd and Rowena Harris have been attending services at 59th and Kenwood, Kansas City, where Bro. John Rhodes is conducting a series of meetings.

SAINT LOUIS (5344 Lillian Ave.) -Bro. Jack Lamb, who was the capable teacher of our Teen Age Class enlisted in the Navy and has been shipped out for his boot training. Bro. Leonard Bilyeu has been very seriously ill for the past several weeks, being confined to home and bed most of the time. We are pleased to state that he is showing much improvement as we write this. Sister Ottwell, from Pearl, Ill., who is staying with her daughter,

Mrs. Clara Shaw also is demonstrating a change for the better. A sister who had been negligent of her duty, confessed wrongs during the month, to make us all rejoice. The congregation is enjoying the radio program which acts as an outlet for gospel preaching, putting our plea into many homes that otherwise could not be reached. -Jess Parks.

FESTUS- This story is the history of our mission meeting now in progress at Pfinister School, a mile off highway 61, between Festus and Bonne Terre. Some of the residents organized a community Sunday school, and I was given an invitation to preach for them one Sunday morning. At the time I could not go, so Bro. Charles Simms went instead. He returned twice more, and Bro. Ed. Simms and I went once. I was requested to hold a meeting in the schoolhouse, which is now in its third week, with better than expected results. Six were baptized on Nov. 28, and one is scheduled to be immersed Dec. 5. We are expecting others between now and then. All who have obeyed are adults and we have a fine opportunity to build a strong church here. The people are amazed at the simplicity of pure gospel teaching. The Festus church is supporting the meeting and will look after the work. I have been asked to conduct another meeting three miles away at Valles Mines in a Methodist house, and will begin that work Dec. 6. A more detailed account of that work will follow. -HAROLD SHASTEEN

SAINT LOUIS (7121 Manchester Ave.) We have word that Bro. Clarence Grover is somewhere in northern Ireland. Harmon Thompson, is now at Sedalia Air Base and able to come home virtually every weekend.

There have been 4 added by membership this month, and one baptized, a soldier, J. W. Temple. This makes one more star in our service flag. Bonnie Morrow, June and Lionel Burton, Seamon Beck, and Evelyn Robinson spent a weekend at Bernice Weems' home near Corridon, and attended services at Ellington, where Bro. Harold Ottwell was engaged in a meeting. Lena Woods, also of Manchester, plans to spend some time at her home in Ellington, before returning to the city.

Bro. Harry Fisher is showing some improvement at Barnes Hospital where he has been for almost six months. Sister Malloy is unable to attend worship

because of illness. Lenore Purcell, who worships at Manchester while teaching school at Kirkwood, has been in Barnes hospital for several weeks, but was released November 29.

A number of our members took advantage of the four day holiday given by the Munitions factories at Thanksgiving and went back to their homes in other sections of the state. This resulted in our smallest audience in some time, 147 being present at the morning service. As we near the end of the year, we find that Manchester has broken every record established except one, that for the largest contribution on any one Lord's Day. Perhaps during one of the Sundays in December, we will be able to surpass that also and establish a new figure and a new mark to shoot at next year. Here's hoping;

Members of the congregation are enjoying the new radio program each Sunday. Our singers have safely passed their audition test and will go on the air to relieve the Hartford Singers on December 12.

A Golden Wedding Anniversary

We take pleasure in reporting an event which will occur on Dec. 20, affecting the lives of two dear and faithful souls. That date will mark the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Skinner of near Jameson, is north Missouri. The facts in their lives are interesting to all, we are sure.

Marion Percy Skinner, was born May 13, 1861, near Coin, Iowa, the son of Joshua and Isabelle Walker. This family contained 13 children in all. Of that family group he has only a twin brother remaining in this world.

Sister Skinner, the former Nancy Isabelle Terry, was born January 9, 1870 in Daviess County, Missouri, near the village of Madeline and "Old Scotland" church, within half a mile of where they now live. She was the youngest of ten children of David N. and Ruth B. Terry, and is the sole survivor.

They were united in marriage December 20, 1893 at her parents' home in Jameson, Mo., with a few relatives present. The ceremony was performed by her brother L. S. Terry, who was then a young justice of the peace. Six children came to grace their home, five of whom with seven grandchildren still live. Their

oldest child, Elwin Noy died at the age of ten months.

Bro. Skinner, when a young man, became a member of the Methodist church, being baptized by his request "for the remission of sins" refusing the sprinkling in common vogue, and making it known that he desired burial in the likeness of Christ. Baptismal services were then conducted by a Baptist preacher, who was hastily summoned by the Methodist people. After his marriage he united with the One Body at "Old Scotland" under the preaching of D. W. Noy, an evangelist living in the community at that time.

She was baptized into Christ at about the age of 15, by Evangelist Sammy Dowell, who also resided in the community. Both still hold membership at "Old Scotland" and attend services when health permits, though as we write this, Sister Skinner is in poor health and does not often have the opportunity of worshipping with the disciples.

In his earlier days, Brother Skinner homesteaded for awhile near Garden City in Lane County, Kansas, but since marriage this fine old Christian couple have lived in but two houses. The first six years they spent on her home place, but for the last 44 years they have lived on their own farm.

It is our sincere prayer that God may spare them for years yet to be with each other. I have the fondest memories of the days that I spent with them. When just a youngster, preaching in North Missouri I ate hearty meals at their table, and invested happy hours fishing and swimming in the big pond, not far from the house. May the Lord bless them and the good family they have reared in our Christian prayer for those who have walked in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless, through the long years of sunshine and shadow.

The Human Machine

Engineers are prone to talk of the efficiency of modern machines. But no machine has ever been constructed so efficient as man himself. Where can we find a pump as perfect as the human heart? If the boss treats it right, it stays on the job for more than 600,000 hours, making 4,320 strokes and pumping fifteen gallons an hour. We have no telegraphic mechanism equal to our

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Scriptural Elders

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An elder must be "patient" (1 Timothy 3:3). This word is from an original root, meaning "that which is reasonable". So it carries with it in this instance not so much the thought of longsuffering, or endurance, but rather the idea as given by Thayer, "equitable, fair, mild, gentle, lenient." The basic meaning of equitable is "justice in dealings". This an elder certainly should be. He must demonstrate the utmost fairness in his administration of church affairs.

One of the principles necessary for such government is absolute impartiality. This is a hard thing to achieve, for we tend to become prejudiced to those who flawn and flatter us, and disregard those who will not stoop to such base deceit in order to win our good will. The God of Heaven has always condemned partiality. He represents himself as being "no respecter of persons", and binds that ideal upon us as one which we must achieve.

We are commanded, "My brethren have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory with respect of persons". (James 2:1) Those who are guilty of violation of this command are placed under the following charges; "Judges with evil thoughts" (James 2:4); "Ye commit sin and are convicted as transgressors" (Verse 9) Inasmuch as an elder is to be an example to the flock he certainly cannot afford to indulge in partiality.

I have known churches to be wrecked because elders could see the faults of others but never those of their own families. For instance I know of a congregation right now that has very little respect in the minds of the people around, because the eldership has kept within the bonds of fellowship those members of their own family who have brought moral stigma upon the church time after time.

It is true that discipline has been exercised in this church many times upon those who do not belong to "the inner circle", and many have been excluded from the congregation. But there were others who because of relationship were tolerated, yea, even put forward in the public work of the church, who were motion picture fiends, dance hall devotees, moral derelicts, and social drinkers. That

was different, because it was in the family. I rather imagine that the eldership in some instances would have liked to have come clean, but their wives ruled the roost, pulled the strings, and dictated the action, so they had to tread softly, lest they have no happy home on earth. One wonders if they might have trodden so softly they will not have a happy home in heaven.

If a man cannot see the faults of his own offspring, or if in seeing the mistakes of his family he has not enough strength and fortitude to come out and correct them, then he should get out of the eldership, lest he become a stumbling block in the way of others. The work of the church is a sacred task, it is assigned to men who are supposed to have the necessary stamina and backbone to carry it through in the right way regardless of what it costs. If you do not possess such strength, you had better take off the saddle of responsibility which has been placed upon your shoulders.

Remember that God is going to hold us accountable if we are not fair, equitable and without partiality in our dealings. We will have to stand before an impartial God, so we should be impartial ourselves that we have nothing to fear in that last great day. Yes it takes PATIENCE to achieve this, so let the elders be "patient".

Springfield Plans Work

The congregation at Springfield has perfected arrangements for six months of concentrated development work, which will be under the supervision of Roy Harris. It is planned that one of the objectives will be training of local teachers, primarily for the regular classes and incidentally for the 1944 Vacation Bible Study which will be supervised by Brother Harris. He will teach a Bible Study in Acts each Monday night, such study to be held in a private home, with friends from the neighborhood invited in. On Wednesday nights a discussion class will be held dealing with church government and discipline. On Friday nights special training will be offered in public speaking and conduct of various phases of worship covering every angle of the service, with a view to preparing all brethren to officiate in various services in a dignified and scriptural way. Bro. Harris will be free on Lord's Days, and will assist smaller congregations in the

area, as the church expects to use its own talent at Springfield in conduct of all regular meetings.

Bro. Edward Buttram, a local leader, issued this statement, "We recognize that it does us little good to invite people of the community to attend, unless we are able to carry on the service in such a manner as to draw them back. Our goal is to train every man for the thing which he is best fitted and put the whole church to work. Not only are we interested in Springfield, but in churches throughout this entire area, and after we have had such a concentrated program and are able to stand on our own two feet, we hope to be able to support a man in a new or weak field to do this same thing for other churches". Brother Harris closed a two weeks singing school at Springfield on December 5.

ZEHR TO COLORADO SPRINGS

We are glad to announce a Bible Reading to be conducted at Colorado Springs, Colo., by Brother E. M. Zerr. The schedule will begin on January 3, and the reading will continue at least one month, perhaps longer. The studies will begin at the Book of Acts and will be conducted on a somewhat different plan than in Brother Zerr's other readings, in that all the time necessary for questioning and remarks will be allowed, and the study resumed the next night at the place where it was concluded, regardless of amount of ground covered. In the past, Bro. Zerr has submitted a definite number of chapters for a given period and has attempted to confine all remarks and questions in such a manner that the schedule would be maintained. We predict that this new method will find favor with the average student, as it will give more time to get the basic lessons in each chapter. Those who would like to attend this reading and a lot of us ought to do so, can write to C. H. Flemming, 2205 West Kiowa St., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Why not go to a Reading this winter? As a further suggestion, why not have a Reading with Bro. Zerr at the helm in your own congregation this winter. His time is not yet all booked. It isn't necessary to have it for six weeks, or even a month. You can have a two weeks study of the Bible. It will mean a lot to you. Rural congregations, small town churches and city groups—all of you take advantage of this grand opportunity and get in touch with Bro.

Zerr immediately. Let's keep this man busy teaching the Bible. You need what knowledge he has, do you not? Then get it this winter. Let us help you arrange it if necessary. Talk it up at once!

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THE HUMAN MACHINE

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nervous system; no radio so efficient as the voice and the ear; no cameras as perfect as the human eye; no ventilating plant as wonderful as the nose, lungs, and skin; no electrical switchboard can compare with the spinal cord. Isn't such a marvelous mechanism worthy of the highest respect and the best care?—Floyd Parsons in Readers Digest.