MINISTER'S COLUMN

Were you ever annoyed by a bore? The dictionary defines a bore as one who wearies by tiresome repetition, to inflict oneself upon or to annoy unduly. The judge in the Bible story quickly decided to render a verdict in the case of the widow, lest, said he, by her continual coming she weary me. The woman may have had a just grievance, nevertheless, she classifies as a bore. A bore is one who talks much and says little. A bore in the pulpit is one who fans the air, is long-winded and delivers no message. A bore can be an inquisitive sort of animal, wants to know all about your business, pries into your personal affairs, makes himself very undesirable. A bore is one who takes up the time of busy folk and hasn't enough sense to know when to break off and depart. Now these animals infest cities and towns, lodges, churches, homes and places of business. Their prey is patient long-suffering and kindly disposed humanity. They know everything in general and nothing in particular. A bore is much like a sponge, if you are afflicted often you discover your strength and vitality has been absorbed and you just will, you need a tonic, fresh air, smelling salts or a vacation to set you on foot again. A bore is relentless, he is hard to evade, he is to be pitied, yet you want to dodge him if possible. He is like one going about with a coffin under his arm. You feel like selling out and moving out, anywhere, any direction, just to escape the bore. Now, dear reader, don't misunderstand my good intentions, don't brand me as profane or inconsiderate. My object is to teach a difficult lesson. My subject is "The Bore." I have in mind an old man, long and strong in prayer, 20-30-40 minutes by the tick of the clock. People would tip toe out when the old saint began to pray, he wearied and withered the meeting. A bore is one who has an annoying hobby. Some salesmen and saleswomen could sell an article in three minutes, but after twenty minutes of WORDS, WORDS, WORDS, the prospective buyer is talked out of the notion and the door is shut. A church can be a city set on a hill, a refuge, a comfort, a joy to the entire community, a place where the whole country-side are eager to go. And a church may be tolerated, endured and sparsely supported. A church may come dangerously near being a bore. Now the church we try for is one lit up, a house of faith and
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hope, God Almighty sparkling in
the faces of her communicants.
The church must command the respect and serious consideration
of the brightest minds in the neighborhood.

GEO. M. HULME, Minister

IMPORTANT

Have YOU written that essay yet on "How To Make Our Bible
School Larger and Better?" Only one more week. There must be at
least ten essays in this time in order for winner to receive the cash
prize. Put on your thinking cap and get busy. Hand your copy to
Mr. Monteith or the Editor.

FOR ONCE BE WELL FED

The Ladies Guild will serve dinner next Friday evening in the
church parlors. Everybody invited. Price of tickets, adults 35c,
children 20c. Bring the family and for once be well fed.

PERSONAL NOTES

Thou wilt keep him in perfect
peace whose mind is stayed on
thee. Isaiah 26:3.

Mrs. Frank G. Ham, Liberty
road, has been ill.

Mrs. Arbie L. Thomas, Hudson
road, has been ill.

Mrs. Harry E. Osman has re-
turned from the hospital and is
convalescing at her home on Lib-
erty road.

Paul Monteith, Adaline Drive,
while visiting in West Virginia
last Friday fell and broke his arm.

Mrs. Foster Young, West Arndale
road, who has been ill is
somewhat improved.

Where was Jane Henderson last
Sunday?

Let Cross's Bakery supply you
with baked goods. (Adv.)

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tion services of the Community

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Church, Lakemore, Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Hulme will speak on "What a Church Means to the Community." Mrs. Dague is pastor of this church. It would be very nice if a number of our people could attend these services.

C. H. Monteith and family visited with the Mitchells in West Virginia over the Thanksgiving holidays. Among other events of this visit Mr. Monteith can give you a satisfactory explanation of how it was possible for him to shoot a rabbit through the head which he did not see until after he had shot it—ask him.

According to a circular letter received today from the Stow Fire Department they will require approximately $1500 more "to clear" their "program for the present year." This means that it will be

**Church Services**
10:45 a.m. Sunday

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necessary for each of the 554 who voted for the levy to contribute approximately $3.00 each to raise the required amount. Will it be done?

Being without a car is certainly inconvenient, especially when it comes to gathering personal items for this paper. However, no car means no gas bill and that's SOMETHING for a poor, poverty-stricken individual such as this editor. Many people have been very kind in giving us a lift, especially in connection with this paper—consider Mr. C. V. Shakespeare who allowed us to drive his new Plymouth Saturday and Sunday to the extent of 135 miles in delivering last week's issue, etc.—and we must say we felt quite

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creditors—then we felt quite
otherwise. C. M. Woodring, Ed-
ward Sanner, C. H. Monteith, Fos-
ter Young, Purcell Lawhorn, C. W.
Stahl, C. V. Cross, A. S. Phelps
and Albert M. Clifford were others
who boosted us along on our way
to the printer, to church, to work,
to the grocery store, or perchance
home. Only once were we de-
liberately passed up, that was
early one dark morning when one
of our neighbor ladies (with whom
we are not acquainted) probably
thought we were a bold, bad, hold
up man and so stepped on the gas
instead of stopping.

The Minister, in his three
minutes at the close of the Bible
School asked the question, “What
is it to be a Christian?” It was at
Antioch, a city of Syria, the place
of Paul’s first labors in the Gos-
pel that the followers of Christ
were first called Christians. Once
a recently converted cowboy when
asked the question said, “It is a-
follower after Jesus, and larning
how to live.”—That is it. Jesus
says I am with you to help you do
the things that I have command-
ed you to do. No other—be it
Buddha, Brahma, Confucius, Soc-
rates—has ever promised to be
with their followers. Christ said
“Lo I am with you always, even
unto the end of the world.” (Matt
28:20). If Christ is in you—you
will grow Christ like and the
greatest thing in all the world is
to grow up to be a Christian man
or woman. More on this later.

Having more time at home this
week we write the following:

There are a number of new
church members. To keep these
new people vitally interested,
each one should have something to
do, some position of responsibility
in our organization. The Book

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REV. GEO. M. HULME, MINISTER

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SUNDAY 10:45 A. M.

states that Faith without works is dead. Let us keep our faith alive. Let us have a "great church" because we have a loyal band of workers. May we have a plan—a program of church activities that will increase our Faith and Christian Love.

First: Rev. Hulme has requested a weekly prayer meeting. For two weeks—when you read this—our Wednesday night meetings have fallen by the wayside. How many among our new—or old members are there who will attend prayer meeting regularly for the next six weeks—this, regardless of other conflicting meetings that may come up?

Second: And this is something the older members should do) the families represented by the recent additions to the church should be visited—tell them how glad you are that they are one of us. Too often the only church visitations conducted are for money raising purposes. This is a good job for the Deacons and

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Third: Rev. Hulme has suggested a Teachers Training class for Bible School workers. In our own case the reason is obvious—we need it. This class should be open to teachers and prospective teachers. First however, Mr. Mon-
Plan the desire—a meeting soon of the teachers and officers of the Bible School would not be out of place. Plans for Bible School activities could then be better matured.

Fourth: Lest we bore you the next eight specific items of church work which we had in mind will be reserved for publication later—if at all.

The following items were phoned in just a little too late for last week's paper. The editor assumes no responsibility for context. They are old but:

1. Betty Cross spent the weekend with friends at Springfield, Ohio.
2. V. J. Henderson entertained Walter Brand of Akron last week. Hunting rabbits occupied a good share of the time. Also Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson and three daughters were Sunday visitors at the Henderson home.
3. The Stow Band Concert Friday evening brought $42.50 into coffers of the organization. While the music was very good many of those attending the concert were much impressed with the vigorous exhibition of mastication of Wrigley's Masticatory product by a number of the players. They wondered just what the musical significance of this might be.

Election of church officers Friday night. The following have been nominated:

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