THE STATE OF MAINE

After an absence of more than twenty-five years, this past August, I visited my native state, the State of Maine.

Life is an onward march, it is so ordered by both divine and natural laws. To go back, to visit the old home, to seek out acquaintances of a quarter of a century, is to be disappointed. The personal changes, the years take their toll and things are not the same. Human landmarks have gone, interests of old friends have switched to other channels, the middle aged have wandered passed the summit, and the new life know you not. All this, and more too, was the experience of my visit to Maine.

I am glad for the trip. I have my oldest son in Pittsburgh to thank, for he was kind and generous to provide the car and be the chauffeur. So my son and I travelled together. We motored from Pittsburgh over the Pennsylvania superhighway, to New York City, then on to Portland, Maine. We motored back across New Hampshire and Vermont to Burlington, along Lake Champlain, to Watkins Glen, New York, stopping in Bradford, Pa., to visit friends, thence on to Pittsburgh.

Maine is a well-nigh ruined state. It is known as the summer play-ground of America. It is outdone by only one State in the forty-eight for the number of lakes. It has one of the finest beaches on the entire Atlantic coast. It is picturesque in the extreme. It has internationally known pleasure resorts, such as Bar Harbor. It has a wonderful climate, the mountain air and the sea breeze, however, the old Maine has passed, the present Maine, in part, is marred and ruined.

The great pine forests have gone, the popular trees are not much in evidence, the white birch has fallen a prey to the march of time. The farms are tamed but little. The natives rent cottages, sell hot-dogs, boat, fish, anything but work, as work was done a decade or more ago.

Pleasure is the slogan in what is known as the Pine Tree State. So the old church life, the puritan idea has been swept aside to give pleasure the right of way, as I see it. Some of the finer values of life have been sacrificed to spread the new eoch and the new order at the feet of the onward rush of a new generation.

Religion is not dead in Maine, but it is not so popular as pleasure. Churches still grace the state, but they do not over-flow as the dance halls. Sunday is still recognized as a Church day, a day of rest and worship. The rest and worship, however, are forgotten by the crowds that throng the streets. Bathing beaches, and pleasure resorts. So the old Maine has passed and a modern pleasure resort has been brought forth.

My old home is gone. My little brother's grave, beneath a knot of white birch trees, in like manner is trodden under the foot of man, it is now a part of the great State Park. My dear aunt and uncle's home has fallen into decay. It was once a land-mark and graced the village. My people are scattered and many of them have journeyed to their long Home.
The Songo River, of which Longfellow wrote in one of his early poems, is nearly dry, heretofore it was always navigable. At the bend of this shortest of all rivers, I was born. Bebago Lake, fourteen miles by eleven miles, the water supply for Portland, is seven feet lower than ever known before.

Gone, even, is the old road that led from the state highway down to the old homestead. Gone are the neighbors, gone is the village store, and Songo Lock, that passed the boats through its locks, this not only the shortest but crookedest of all rivers, three miles long as bird flies and six miles by its winding.

Maine, the dear old state, with dear memories of the long ago, and still living there are kin that it was good to find, the others, too, we love, but have lost awhile.

GEO. M. HULME

BIBLE STUDY LESSON
SEPTEMBER 14

Printed Text—Rev. 7:9-17.
Golden Text—Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come. Rev. 4:8.

There are several different methods of interpretation of Revelation. The explanations given in these articles, on this or other passages of the scriptures, are the opinion of a great group of Bible scholars, and are in agreement with Scofield’s and Peloubet’s notes.

We believe there is a time to come when there will be a “Great Tribulation” during which many will be saved but will suffer such persecution as has never been known heretofore.

These are the ones in the les-
son who are arrayed in white robes standing before the throne and before the lamb. White is the symbol of holiness. It is used to describe the raiment of heaven and denotes purity, perfection and triumph.

Having washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb, they are white and pure that they may stand before the throne of God “and they serve him day and night in his temple.” This would seem to dispel the idea of heaven being a place of inactivity and eternal rest. With a glorified body that knows neither pain nor decay is man merely to remain idle through eternity? No, he is to serve God in some manner, and that service will be a joyful one entirely devoid of earthly frustration, weariness and defeat.

The picture of conditions in heaven doubtless applies to the redeemed of all time as well as the particular group saved in the “Great Tribulation.” There will be no hunger for every craving will be satisfied. There will be no thirst for the fountain of the waters of life will be there for constant refreshing. “God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes” and there will be henceforth no more cause for tears, no sickness, sorrow, suffering, shame or death.

HAZEL GILLAM

TEXT—SERMON

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy there of goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he hath found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Matt. 13: 44-46.

Preaching on these two short parables of Jesus, Rev. Hulme spoke of the thrill which there must be in finding a great treasure. In both parables the cost of the treasurer is mentioned. And in each instance the man gave ALL that he had to possess the treasure. The Kingdom of Heaven then must be purchased with our ALL. No reservations.

In the first short parable we may inquire “What field did the man purchase?” The answer is: He purchased the field that contained the treasure. So in seeking the Kingdom of Heaven let us get the right field since there are many who say “lo here—lo there.” “My doctrine is true”—Another answers: “No-believe my way”—while in truth, the only certain way is to study God’s Word. Search the Scriptures. There you will find the treasure, the pearl of great price.

RALLY DAY
HOME COMING

Rally Day for children of the Bible School has been set for Sunday, October 5th.

Homecoming will be observed at Community Church on Sunday, October 12th. The committee appointed to look after the homecoming consists of C. M. Woodring, Mrs. V. J. Henderson and Mrs. Roy Lockwood.

SCOUT NOTICE

Troop 167 will meet in their room at the town hall, Thursday, Sept. 18th at 7:15 p. m.
DEATH

Funeral services were held last Sunday at Bissler's parlors in Kent for Robert Brumbaugh of Cleveland. When a boy "Rob" lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brumbaugh on their farm across from what is now the Stow Airport, but had been located in Cleveland for many years. Besides his wife, Mr. Brumbaugh is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Homer Lowe of Stow-Kent Road and Mrs. Leo Rhodes of Park Ave., Kent.

Mr. Brumbaugh had been in ill health for several years. Recently he spent a few weeks with his sisters and their families. Rev. L. M. Gregory was in charge of the services with burial in Stow Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. H. A. Houck wishes to thank the many friends in Stow and vicinity who either called or remembered her with cards during her recent illness, also she wishes to especially thank the Ladies Bible Class of Community Church for the beautiful flowers which she received while in the hospital.

September 2, 1941

TO THE VOTERS OF STOW TOWNSHIP:

There are a few people questioning the stand that the Citizen and Taxpayer's League took in regard to incorporation. Please be advised that we are opposed to incorporation. However, we did consent to the question being submitted to a vote of all the people of Stow Township in November.

We felt that this was the democratic way of expression.

Citizen and Taxpayer's League
Elsie Huston, Secretary
H. E. Sollberger, President

CHOIR PARTY

The choir of the Community Church will hold a hamburger-wiener-corn roast at the home of ROBERT IMHOFF

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ISALY'S In Stow
Mr. and Mrs. A. S Phelps, Ritchie road, on Friday, September 19th, at six o'clock. All members, and those interested in joining the choir are invited. Please inform Evelyn Phelps or Virginia Dunn no later than Sunday, September 14th whether you will be there so that arrangements can be made for buying the food.

FOR SALE—Rock and Leghorn fryers, also roasters. Dressed and delivered free. Call Damon, OV-8781. (adv.)

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PERSONALS

Al Hall and friends ate fish in Medina Sunday evening.

Mrs. Hazel Mason, West Graham Road, is reported ill.

Carol and Mary Zimmerman spent the past week visiting in Canton.

Mr. Carl Somers is building an addition to his home on Marria road.

The River Road Club meets with Mrs. Lester North on Wednesday, September 18th.

Levi Moyer of Loyal Oak and member of Stow Community Church was a visitor in Stow last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Putt and mother, Mrs. Ella Tillet, recently returned from a trip to Johnstown and Cresson, Pa.

Wanted used Fruit Jars. Prefer the Mason variety. Call OV-8422. (Adv.)

Mrs. G. W. Mineard, North River Road, returned on Wednesday of last week from a stay at the hospital. Although not well she is able to be about some.

Plowing, cellar digging, also lawn grading. Top soil and cow manure for sale. Melvin Thomas, WA-5069. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Putt and children of Akron were dinner guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Putt, Franklin Road, Stow.

Note from the Ladies Class: After an absence of some several Sundays we were very much pleased to have Mrs. Joe Mitten with us once again.

Registered Thorne Seed Wheat, re-cleaned, bagged. Highest yielding variety. WA-9771. W. H. Peck, Hudson Road, Route 91—(adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rearick leave this coming Sunday morning for a week's vacation in Washington, D. C. and Virginia Beach.

Get 'em while you can. Special price now on both shallow and deep-well pumps as long as they last. E. F. Kastens, Plumbing, East Graham Road, Stow. OV-8926. (Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetmore of Stow and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Flickinger of Cuyahoga Falls left on Friday of last week for a ten day vacation at Torch Lake, Michigan.

Get your A have it. Eddi Service Staff

This last the church Dr. Henry's were guests Mrs. Cumpstony party.

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Newsreels, Photo Suppliments, 2150, hoga Falls. (Adv.)

Miss Clara Dr Mrs. Wurtenvil, Ohio, > from a ten the south. T Mississippifferent states Smoky Moun
Light Hauling, rubbish or anything up to 1½ or 2 ton, local or trips. Call O. L. Cook, WA-8121.

To encourage people to sit up front at the morning church services, the Minister's suggestion and the congregation decided at the church business meeting last Friday night to put cushions on the first three front pews in the church auditorium.

Any make sewing machine adjusted for one dollar in your home. Singer Sewing Center, 2373 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls. WA-8429.

More brains from Goodyear come to Stow. Dr. John Long and wife recently purchased the property at 177 Williamson rd., and moved in over Labor Day. Dr. Long is a Research Chemist for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company.

If you are interested in planting high class fruit and shrubbery, order now for your fall planting.

J. W. GOODENBERGER
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Wanted—Mowing of any kind with new All's Chalmers mower, also will do plowing and fitting. Good work. Reasonable price. Cash. Louis Griggy, Ritchie road, Stow. (Adv.)

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CLARA HARDY WRITES
FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Announces Engagement—
(Of Friend)

The Editor and his wife had a
two long letter this week from
Clara Hardy. We take the lib-
erty of printing certain parts of
this very interesting message, as
follows:

Washington, D. C.
September 4, 1941
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stockman:
At last I can write you from
the Nation's Capitol. It seems
strange that I should be here.
Gradually however it becomes
more real and each day I like it
better. - - -

There surely are a large num-
ber of people in Washington. The
tales you hear about there being
so many are not exaggerated. It
really is very interesting to watch
them and wonder where they are
from. Every state in the Union
is represented. Soon after I
started working three new girls
arrived, one from Nevada, one
from Michigan and the third
from Wisconsin.

Churches. One cannot but help
noticing how many there are. All
very pretty and all seem to be
richly furnished. Last Sunday
my cousin from Akron was here.
We visited the National Episcopal
Cathedral. Maybe you have heard
of it or seen this beautiful place
of worship. It surely is richly
decorated. The windows are
stained glass each one represent-
ing something from the Bible.
One contains panes which are
painted with scenes of the various
parables, another of the mir-
acles, etc. Different chapels of
the Cathedral have different
types of architecture. There are
many figures of the various dis-
ciples, prophets, etc. In this
church are crypts in which are
buried several important person-
ages. Woodrow Wilson is buried
there, and over his tomb is an
American flag, the first flag to
enter England during the World
War. They say there are cata-
combs under this church but we
didn't have time to visit them.

Among many other places of
interest—So far I was most im-
pressed by the Lincoln Memori-
al. We saw it for the first time
after dark. The huge statue of
Lincoln sitting in a chair is light-
ed by blue lights. It seemed ex-
tremely plain to me, but so real.
Then we walked from Lincoln
Memorial to Washington Monu-
ment. The reflecting pool is be-
tween and as we walked along we
could see the blue reflection of
the silent figure of Lincoln re-
lected in the black waters of the
pool.

There are so many things to
see here that it will take me a
long time—Over Labor Day week
end we saw General Lee's home
at Arlington. One other day we
took a boat down the Potomac
river to Mt. Vernon—Could al-
most write a book of all the
places I've seen already—Really
though, I do have a news item
from Stow via Washington, D. C.
and I hope I am the one who
spills it to the public there first.

Last night, when we all went
into the dining room for dinner
we found candles burning on the
tables. Flowers had been neatly
arranged and napkins with wed-
ding bells were placed at each
place. Naturally, everyone's cur-
iosity became aroused. All thru
the meal we wondered who was
getting married. Finally, it was
time for dessert and then our
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curious minds were relieved with a big surprise. On the plate with the ice cream which had a purple heart in the center was a little card, and on the card was this announcement: "Announcing the engagement of Helen E. Justice and Raymond A. Rizor."

I think you recognize both names, don't you? Helen Justice graduated from Stow High School in 1939. Mr. Rizor attended Kent Roosevelt High School. No exact date has been set for the wedding, but, Mr. Stockman, Helen happens to be my roommate, and occasionally she talks in her sleep, so I think I can say pretty definitely that it will be within the next two or three months. Helen had been home (at Stow) over Labor Day weekend. She returned Tuesday morning and did a terribly good job of concealing the engagement ring until last night.

Now, this is the letter I promised. Didn't I keep the promise? I wrote enough for two or three, now how about the Stockman's writing to me.

Sincerely yours,
CLARA HARDY

P. S. After all this writing, I almost forgot the real purpose of the whole thing—namely, my wish that you send the Community Church News here in D. C. I am enclosing a dollar bill for this important purpose.

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CHARLES TRAXLER

This week I spent a pleasant evening visiting with Charles Traxler, that genial, earnest gentleman who has already dropped his eighty-first birthday offering into the plate at the Community Church. His business-like, enthusiastic manner of speaking at services when called upon has impressed me favorably each time I have heard him.

Charles Traxler's mother was born in Bern, Switzerland; his father was Pennsylvania Dutch; most of his early life was spent with his grandparents. He is a native of Summit County and has spent a great part of his life here. Young Charles was hired to teach school before he was sixteen but gave it up to work in Andrew Gongwer's general store in Manchester. He remembers hoop skirts and bustles for sale in this store. Little cash changed hands; customers paid for articles they had to buy with chickens, eggs, butter and other salable articles from the farm. A person would ask for Mrs. Jones' butter or Mrs. Clay's applebutter. Our new clerk was rudely shocked to find that the applebutter he bought from a seemingly respectable family was so thin that you couldn't spread it with a knife. Whenever there was a surplus of butter—and there usually was—it was dumped into a mixer that was kept at the store and mixed thoroughly by hand; then it was shipped to commission houses in Cleveland. That didn't look very appetizing to Charles Traxler.

A "cash transaction" meant something different then from what it means today. One man came into the store and asked for the "best cash price" on a pair of boots. The bargain was made and the customer took the boots out the door remarking

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that he would drop into the store in a few weeks and pay for the boots. "Cash" meant that the boots would be paid for with money instead of butter, dried apples or chickens. Mr. Traxler slept over the store with J. H. Waggoner. One night the store was robbed, but the boys slept right through it.

Charles Traxler came to Akron to work at eighteen. He found employment as a clerk in Wolf and Church's Dry Goods Store on the southeast corner of Main and Market streets. The boys dipped water out of the old canal to scrub the floors. When you went into this store one clerk would take you all over the store and sell you what you wanted. A fellow would be lucky those days if he once collared a clerk.

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Six weeks after coming to Akron Mr. Traxler had a very severe illness which lasted about six weeks and required the services of a physician twice a day during a considerable part of the time. At the end of the sickness the doctor presented his bill—five dollars. Life had its bright spots in the nineteenth century even at that. The convalescent youth returned to the country where he put on weight rapidly due to fact that his grandfather had just butchered. Soon he was back in Akron working for the Eberhart Manufacturing Company. They made saddlery hardware. A fire destroyed their plant within a few weeks and the next job was clerking in the Wall and Brouse Dry Goods Store. There he remained two years. Edwin Brouse, prominent Akron attorney, often visited the store—in a baby buggy.

In 1882 Mr. Traxler went to
work for the Goodrich Company as timekeeper. The employees, about 150 in number, were just then coming back to work from their first strike. Each man's time was kept on a separate slate; the time sheet was a high pile of slates. The new timekeeper found that his predecessor had allowed himself to get far behind with his work and was a busy fellow until he caught up. Then he sometimes found himself without anything to do. He mentioned the fact to Dr. Goodrich, who often came through his office and told him that he was going to look for a new job. Dr. Goodrich vetoed this idea and sent his bookkeeper over to take charge of the factory office at the Summit Rubber Company, afterward called the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company. Here he had the responsibility of figuring all costs and setting the selling price. This company among many other articles made bits for pipes, penholders, rulers, bicycle handles, and martingale rings with which the ambitious young men were wont to decorate their horses to attract the attention of prospective sweethearts.

The Goodrich Company found it difficult to operate at a profit, and Mr. Traxler was so worried about the matter that he advised Dr. Goodrich to give up the business at one time. Dr. Goodrich believed that there was a future in hard rubber and lived to see his business make money. About this time the Goodrich Hard Rubber Company was merged with the India Rubber Comb Company of College Point, Long Island, and The Butler Hard Rubber Company of Butler, New Jersey, to form the American Hard Rubber Company.

Mr. Traxler recalls many of the employees of the American Hard Rubber Company who started to work in his office. He mentioned Earl Tanner, production manager for all factories; and Miss Ella Thompson, recently retired after fifty years of service as timekeeper.

In 1899, Mr. Traxler went to England to take charge of his company's London Branch. Next week I shall tell you about his life there and his impressions of the English people—that is if the school work doesn't pile up too much and I get the lumber all piled up.

JOE A. MITTEN

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