

fellows, and went to the same Sunday School."

"One of them dropped out of Sunday School because he felt that it was 'sissy stuff.' The other boy kept on going because he felt that it really did mean something in his life."

"That boy who dropped out is making this introduction today, But, the boy who kept on going to Sunday School is the famous preacher who is now to speak to us this morning."  
--From Gospel Digest

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#### DATES COMING UP

Singing at Mark's Nursing Home -- each first Sunday at 6:30 P. M.

Meeting at Elkhart in April -- dates and times in a later bulletin. Plan to attend some of these meetings. Brother Gobel Music is one of the outstanding preachers in the brotherhood today.

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If you have some subject or topic you would like discussed in the bulletin or in a sermon, please let the preacher know.

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#### THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

1. It is a life of obedience. (Hebrews 5:9)
2. It is a life of growth. (I Peter 2:2)
3. It is a life of self-denial. (Matthew 10:24-25)
4. It is a life of vigilance. (I Peter 5:8)

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study .....	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services .....	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship .....	7:30 P. M.
Thursday Evening Bible Study, .....	7:30 P. M.

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## THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT

The season of Lent is a religious observance that many "Christians" take part in during the spring of the year. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, forty days before Easter (forty week-days). The term comes from an old English word lenten, which means spring-time. The Roman Catholic, Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Protestant Episcopal churches celebrate lent as a part of the regular church year while other churches hold services to honor the season. Fasting, performing penance, or giving alms are ways which "Christians" observe lent. The origin of lent was a spiritual preparation for Easter in remembrance of the passion, death or resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although lent has been observed through the ages it is not mentioned in the Bible that we should observe lent as the preparation for Easter. The Bible does not tell us to observe Easter. Lent is a tradition that the denominations of the world hold.

--By Ruth Wilson

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In this season of fasting and feigned penance by many in the religious world I would like to make a few comments on the idea of "Easter and Lent." The word Easter appears one time in the KJV Bible. This is a definite mistranslation here. See Acts, Ch. 12 and verse 4. The word POSCHA, translated Easter in the KJV, is used about 30 times in the New Testament. Only one time is it translated Easter. As anyone can see by reading the few verses preceding verse 4 the correct translation is PASSOVER. Easter was already being observed by the church of England at the time of the committees' translation for King James; therefore the mistranslation was made. Easter comes from the word or words

EASTREAR or ESTERA. This was formerly a feast to a pagan goddess. The "much todo about nothing" attitude of the religious world in general is a misguided zeal due primarily to the papal system.

No special Sunday is set aside in the scripture for remembering the Lord. EVERY Sunday is a special day for those who worship according to the New Testament pattern. Jesus tells us that we are to do all fasting and giving of alms, etc. in secret so that we are to be rewarded openly by God the Father.

Fasting is a forgotten "art" for most of us. About the only Christians today that I know of who fast are those who are over weight. We probably do not fast because the religious world does it. Fasting is a Bible topic and is designated for Christians to take part in. But we are not to do it hypocritically as the world, but in secret and at any time we feel the need for a way to grow closer to God. I think that we need to teach on this subject as much as possible and as kindly as we can. Many people are ignorant on this and many other subjects. There will probably be more on this topic in a later issue of the bulletin.

--By E. G.

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## A SUNDAY-SCHOOL DROPOUT

When Pierce Harris, a preacher of Atlanta, Ga. was about to speak to the prisoners at a prison work camp, the prisoner introducing him recalled earlier days of association with the minister:

"Several years ago," he said, "two boys lived in the same community in North Georgia and attended the same school, played with the same bunch of