

### Weeping Water

Miss Dorothy Knudson of Koca was a visitor over the week end at the home of Elmer Michelsen and family.

Harry M. Knabe of near Nehawka was called to Weeping Water on Tuesday looking after some business matters for the day.

A letter from Randall Oldham of Los Angeles, tells of both he and his brother getting along all right and both holding good positions.

Henry Lempke has just completed the painting and decorating of the house which J. L. Corley recently purchased and has been rebuilding.

Roy Haslam was looking after some business matters in Omaha for the day Tuesday, making some needed purchases for his garage and work shop.

On Thursday the lusty lads from Union were here to try out their skill on the ball diamond, and were defeated by the score of 18 to 4 by the CCC boys.

Mrs. Henry Frizel who has been kept to her home in Weeping Water on account of sickness after some weeks was able to be out again the early part of this week.

George Ellis was greatly pleased when he received word from his father, Wm. M. Ellis of Weeleteka, Oklahoma that he was coming for a visit with the son and family. The elder Ellis is 72.

Miss Ruth Creamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Creamer of near Ogallala, is visiting here for a time, being guest at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van-Every. She will attend school at the opening of the coming school year.

Herman Moore, son of E. E. Moore and wife, departed last Monday for Peru where he will enter the school for the summer term where he will

prepared himself for teaching. He was visiting in Kansas City for a few days before his entrance into the school at Peru.

M. H. Prawl and wife and a friend of Mrs. Prawl and their son and another young man were over to Lincoln on Monday of this week where they were making arrangements for the son of Mr. Prawl and his young friends to enter the state university at the opening of the coming school year, as well as looking after other business.

#### Suffers Injury While Discing.

A. A. Young of Murray was a visitor in Weeping Water last Monday evening, bringing with him Charles Cleary who has been visiting in Murray for a few days following an accident which caused him to suffer a number of broken ribs. Mr. Cleary was assisting in discing some rough land and had a large stone on the disc to make it go into the ground better, which was jostled over against him with the result that it bruised one of his legs very badly. At the same time the team became restive and it was difficult for him to manage them which caused his injury to be more severe by the time he got them under control.

#### To Attend Summer School.

The Misses Jeanette Snell and Thelma Ward departed last Monday for Peru where at the opening of the Peru Normal school Tuesday entered the institution for the summer session. The young ladies are teachers and go to school to take a post-graduate course and expect to continue teaching after closing of the summer session.

#### Will Rebuild Barn.

George Stoomney is having the old barn on his farm razed and on the spot where it stood have a new structure erected. Clarence OAHms is assisting in the tearing down of the old barn and will superintend the erection of the new one. What good lumber can be saved from the old structure will be used.

wedding anniversary at their pleasant home in Weeping Water. There were 39 of their family, a brother, a niece and a few friends gathered with them.

Mr. Wiles and Miss Mary Wiley, members of prominent pioneer families were married in Plattsmouth June 6, 1880.

For more than a half century they have resided in the Weeping Water community, settling in that part of the county. Mr. Wiles engaged in farming until they moved to Weeping Water in 1914 to enjoy a well earned rest.

All the members of the group enjoyed a fine dinner from the well laden baskets.

All of their children, grandchildren and four great grandchildren were present, these being photographed for the family records and pictures of the entire group were also taken.

#### Hears Father Stricken.

Earl Oldham last Tuesday morning received a message from his old home at Dunnegan, Mo., telling that his father, C. M. Oldham was stricken last Monday evening with paralysis and for them to come immediately. Mr. and Mrs. Oldham departed in the afternoon for Dunnegan. The produce station will be closed while they are away, but Mrs. Oldham will endeavor to get back home in time to open the station Monday morning, unless the condition of the elder Oldham is such as to prohibit her return.

#### Many Attend Ak-Sar-Ben Show.

A large delegation from Weeping Water were over to Omaha last Monday night, guests at the Ak-Sar-Ben den show. C. H. Gibson had been provided with admission tickets and furnished tickets to all who desired to go. Those who went say they had a most enjoyable time.

#### Will Start Building Soon.

The contract for the erection of the new telephone building for the city of Weeping Water by the company was awarded early this week and measurements were taken Tuesday in order that the work may begin at once. With plenty of workmen ready to do their stunt, the building should be erected and equipped before the coming of cold weather.

#### Return From the West.

Mrs. John Domingo and daughter, Mrs. Homer Jamison who have been spending the past few months in Los Angeles, arrived home last Monday evening. They enjoyed their stay there but were well pleased to get back to the old home and friends.

#### Enjoyed Picnic Last Sunday.

A party of Weeping Water people, consisting of Walter Bickford and family, Walter A. Cole and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frizel and the family of Henry P. Smith went to the grove at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Smith last Sunday where they enjoyed the day with an out of doors picnic.

#### Win Game 10 to 1.

The baseball team of Elmwood was in Weeping Water last Monday and crossed bats with the CCC camp team at Weeping Water and after the dust had settled the score stood 10 to 1 in favor of the CCC.

#### Goels to Hospital.

Miss Evelyn Moore who has been troubled more or less with frequent attacks of appendicitis, was compelled to go to the Bryan Memorial hospital where she underwent an operation last Friday, rallying nicely and has been showing good improvement, and it is expected she will be able to return home soon.

#### Change Homes Around.

Some time ago J. I. Corley purchased the James M. Teegarten property which he has remodeled with a new roof, new siding and material changes in the interior, also having a good deal of plastering done and the entire place repainted. He moved to the property recently, the place where he formerly lived now being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wood who recently moved to Weeping Water, which leaves the place which is a house of Mr. Corley vacant, and into this J. M. Quackenbush the new county agent and family have moved.

#### Will Speak in Weeping Water.

Sam Morris of Del Rio, Texas, whose Voice of Temperance broadcasts have been heard by millions of radio listeners from coast to coast, will speak at Weeping Water Methodist church Wednesday, June 15th at 3 p. m.

#### CALLS EQUITY DOCKET

From Wednesday's Daily— District Judge W. W. Wilson was here from Nebraska City today to hold a session of court. The morning was occupied with the calling of the equity docket and assignment of cases for trial, a large part of the bar being in attendance. Judge Wilson also heard a number of motions while here on pending litigation.

#### Walter H. Smith

LAWYER  
Plattsmouth State Bank Building  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska

#### J. Howard Davis

Attorney at Law  
Plattsmouth

vacation Bible school of the Presbyterian church opened Monday morning with a good enrollment Mrs. Wm. Gorder is director of the school this year, and teaches the junior department. Miss Jean Knorr is pianist and has the intermediate class, Miss Frances Clout and Miss Marjory Ann Tidball supervise the beginners and Eleanor Giles is recreational director.

Other helpers are Gloria and Myra Johnson.

Next week Eleanor Minor will return from the conference at Millford, and will be a valued teacher in one of the departments.

During the absence of Dr. McClusky at synod, the worship hour is being conducted by Mrs. McClusky. This service is held in the church auditorium, while the school is conducted in the Fellowship room.

#### DIES ON WEST COAST

The Journal has received from Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Worl, of Haxton, Colorado, notice of the death of her brother, Ephriam Schwab, at Neppw, Washington.

Mr. Schwab died on April 2nd, the letter states, following an accident on March 14th when he was hurt in a runaway, his team running away with a hay rack on which he and his son were riding and he was thrown out and rendered unconscious, also suffering from a broken collar bone.

He had showed some improvement, but complications setting in he passed away in a short time.

Mr. Schwab has lived in Washington for the past six years, coming to that state from Missouri. He also lived in South Dakota for some time, farming in that state.

The deceased was known to many old friends in Plattsmouth and Rock Bluffs and who will regret to learn of his death.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife and six children, Harold, Wayne, Melvin, Ephraim, Jr., Bebe and Rebecca. One son preceded him in death. His twin sister also passed away in 1890.

He has three sisters living, Mrs. Mae Worl, Haxton, Colorado, Mrs. Ora Schomaker of Elmwood, Mrs. Jessie Schoemaker of Springfield, Nebraska. At the time of his death he was aged 52 years, eight months and eighteen days.

#### OBITUARY

Alfred Earl Edgerton was born at Appello, Ark., Dec. 30, 1895.

At the age of four he moved to Plattsmouth, Nebraska with his parents. Here he spent nearly all the remainder of his life.

On April 2, 1917 he was united in marriage to Miss Vernice Hobson, also of Plattsmouth, a friend and playmate from childhood.

To this union were born four children, Alfretha Bhea, age 19, Reno Richard, age 17, Leta Darlene, age 13, and Donna Mae, age 9, all of whom, along with the sorrowing wife, mourn his loss.

Besides his immediate family, he is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Arley Lester of this city, (Ruby); Mrs. Lee Eatherton of Woodburn, Ore. (Agnes); and Miss Treva Edgerton, Washington, D. C., also his aged father, James A. Edgerton of this city.

In recent years Alfred Edgerton had served the public in the capacity of county constable, re-employment manager and most recently as director of recreation for Cass county. May 7, 1928, he went with his family to Gerber, California, in the hope that the change of climate would aid in restoring his failing health but this was not to be.

He passed away in a hospital at Gerber, California, on Sunday morning, June 5, 1938, aged 42 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.  
To the creditors of the estate of Amelia Schroeder, deceased, No. 3333:  
Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is October 2, 1938; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth, on October 7, 1938, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed.  
Dated June 3, 1938.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
(Seal) 36-3w County Judge.

#### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Clara Mumm Twiss, deceased, No. 3217:  
Take notice that the Administrator of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for his discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on July 1, 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m.  
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#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Daily Vacation Bible school of the Presbyterian church opened Monday morning with a good enrollment Mrs. Wm. Gorder is director of the school this year, and teaches the junior department. Miss Jean Knorr is pianist and has the intermediate class, Miss Frances Clout and Miss Marjory Ann Tidball supervise the beginners and Eleanor Giles is recreational director.

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#### HAS VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Russell Wasley, who since his graduation from the Peru State Teachers college several years ago, has been engaged in teaching in the northwest, has closed another very successful year.

Mr. Wasley has served as athletic coach in several of the Montana towns and is now at Superior, Montana, where his work has been exceptionally fine and his football and basketball teams being very successful.

Mr. Wasley has been re-elected at Superior and with a very substantial advance in salary as a recognition of his exceptionally good work.

#### NAMED AS STORE MANAGER

The announcement has been made of the promotion of Randall York, who for the past year has been employed at the local Gamble store, to the position of manager of the store. Rex York, who was here as manager has been transferred and is now in charge of the Gamble store at Malvern, Iowa.

The local manager is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Don C. York and has proven a very efficient worker in the store and with his ability and personality should make a very efficient head of the Plattsmouth Gamble store.

#### DIES AT MASONIC HOME

The death of William S. McCoy, 82, occurred Monday at the Nebraska Masonic Home where he has resided since November 6, 1937. The deceased was a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, A. F. & A. M. of Lincoln and from which he was admitted to the Home. Mr. McCoy was for many years an attorney at law in Lincoln and well known in the legal profession in the eastern part of Nebraska.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. May Boyd of Lincoln. The body was taken to Lincoln and later will be taken to David City where the interment will be at the cemetery at that place.

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Dated May 17, 1938.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
(Seal) m23-3w County Judge.

#### PAPILLION COUPLE WEDDED

The residence of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Lowson was the scene on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock of the marriage of Miss Gilda G. Worrell and Mr. Juel E. Adair, both of Papillion. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adair and is well known in this city, being a grand nephew of Mrs. M. E. Buttery and Mrs. Julius Hall of this city.

#### NOTICE OF PARTIAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.  
To all persons interested in the estate of F. G. Fricke, real name Friedrich G. Fricke, Deceased, No. 3303:  
Take notice that the Executor of said estate has filed his report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, and for an order for partial distribution of the assets of said estate now in the hands of said executor; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on June 17, 1938 at 10 o'clock a. m.  
Dated May 18, 1938.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
(Seal) m23-3w County Judge.

#### NOTICE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska  
Village of Alvo, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation.  
Plaintiff  
vs.  
The Heirs at Law, and all other Persons having any Interest in the Estate of either Thomas W. Barry, deceased, or Carrie J. Barry, deceased, real names unknown, et al.  
Defendants  
To the Defendants:  
The heirs at law, the creditors and all other persons having any interest in the estate of either Thomas W. Barry, deceased, or Carrie J. Barry, deceased, real names unknown; Carrie Muir and husband, Muir, first and real name unknown; Cora Snaveley and husband, Snaveley, first and real name unknown; Amanda Snaveley and husband, Snaveley, first and real name unknown; Nancy Snaveley and husband, Snaveley, first and real name unknown; James H. Wood and wife, Wood, first and real name unknown; Anna R. Wood and husband, Wood, first and real name unknown; Furst and Thomas, a co-partnership composed of Frank E. Furst and Fred G. Thomas; Frank Tappens and wife, Tappens, first and real name unknown; Savilla Bird and husband, Bird, first and real name unknown; and all persons having or claiming any interest in, right or title to, or lien upon the following described real estate, to-wit:  
The north 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 2; Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 4; Lot 5, Block 1, and Lot 9, Block 2; Lot 5, Block 2; Lot 6 and Lots 14 and 15, Block 2; Lot 8, Block 2; the north 24 feet of Lot 3, Block 4; Lot 14, Block 5; Lot 15, Block 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 5, Munger's 1st Addition, all in the Village of Alvo, Nebraska, real names unknown. Defendants:  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of April, 1938, the Village of Alvo, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, plaintiff herein, filed its petition in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, against you and each of you, which cause appears in Docket 8, page 275, No. 9547 of the records in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which petition is in accordance with a resolution adopted and passed by the Board of Trustees of said Village of Alvo, Nebraska, and which is for the foreclosure of the separate tax liens on each and all of the following described real estate, to-wit:  
The north 20 feet of Lot 19, Block 2; Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 4; Lot 5, Block 1, and Lot 9, Block 2; Lot 5, Block 2; Lot 6 and Lots 14 and 15, Block 2; Lot 8, Block 2; the north 24 feet of Lot 3, Block 4; Lot 14, Block 5; Lot 15, Block 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 5, Munger's 1st Addition, all in the Village of Alvo, Nebraska.  
That all of the real estate above described was subject to taxation for State, County, City, School District and Municipal purposes, for the several years set out in the petition of plaintiff and the Exhibits thereto attached and by reference made a part thereof; and that unless said taxes are paid by you, or any one of you, on said real estate, respectively, a decree will be entered in this court foreclosing and barring you and each of you of any and all claims upon, interest in, right or title to, or lien upon or equity of redemption in and to all of said real estate described herein; that the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy plaintiff's lien, together with interest and costs, shall be sold in accordance with law, and for such other and further relief as may seem just and equitable to the court.  
You and each of you are hereby further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 27th day of June, 1938, and failing to do so, your default will be entered and judgment taken as prayed for in plaintiff's petition.  
VILLAGE OF ALVO, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff.  
By J. A. CAPWELL, Plaintiff's Attorney.  
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#### NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Albert Meisinger, deceased, No. 3282:  
Take notice that the administrator of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for her discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on June 17th, 1938 at ten o'clock a. m.  
Dated May 23rd, 1938.  
A. H. DUXBURY,  
(Seal) m23-3w County Judge.

#### NOTICE

County of Cass ss.

To Charles Barrows, Non-Resident Defendant:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order of attachment and garnishment issued by A. H. Duxbury, County Judge of Cass County, Nebraska, in an action pending before said County Judge wherein George E. Nickles was plaintiff and Charles Barrows, defendant, to recover the sum of \$189.44 plus interest at the rate of 6% per annum from April 15, 1938, plus a reasonable attorney fee and costs of this action, a writ of attachment and garnishment was levied upon the credits due you from Loretta Naeve on a certain promissory note in the amount of \$500.00 plus interest, dated September 14, 1937 and due March 14, 1938, which said credits were paid in to the said Court upon the order of the said County Judge, and the said case was, on the return day of the summons issued therein continued for trial to the 11th day of June, 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m.

GEORGE E. NICKLES, Plaintiff.  
By J. Howard Davis, His Attorney.  
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#### SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska ss.  
County of Cass ss.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by C. E. Ledgeway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 18th day of June, A. D. 1938, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, to-wit:

- Lots 5 and 6, Block 5, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 4, Block 36, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 11 and 12, Block 16, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 8, Block 37, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 9, Block 41, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- The east one-half of Lot 8, and all of Lot 9, Block 45, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 9, Block 62, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 4, Block 99, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 111, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 9, Block 122, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 10, Block 122, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 123, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 9 and 10, Block 138, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 2 and 3, Block 152, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 4, Block 152, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 5, Block 172, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 1 and 2, Block 46, Young and Hays Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 8 and 9, Block 3, O'Neill's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, O'Neill's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 7 to 12, Block 2, O'Neill's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 13 and 14, Block 7, Thompson's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- The North 1/2 of Lot 6, Block 1, Stile's Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- The West 1/2 of Lots 8 and 9, and the South 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Lot 10, and the West 24 feet of the East 1/2 of Lots 8, 9 and 10, Block 31, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 55 and 56 in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 12, Range 14, East of the 6th P. M., Outlots to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lot 9, Block 149, City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska;
- Lots 3 and 4, Block 41, Young and Hays Addition to the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska—The same being levied upon and taken as the property of William J. Straight, single, et al, defendants, to satisfy a judgment and decree of said Court recovered by the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, a Municipal Corporation, plaintiff against said defendants.  
Plattsmouth, Nebraska, May 14, A. D. 1938.  
H. SYLVESTER, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

### Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, June 9th By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

#### "Facing the Supreme Test of Service"

Mark 14:32-46.

Dear reader and student, we would say, as God told Moses: "Draw not nigh hither; put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." (Ex. 3:5). We are about to enter the Holy of Holiest, into which our high priest (Jesus) goes alone, with his own blood (Heb. 9:7). Gethsemane, "where He is to tread the winepress alone, and of the people there was none with me." (Isa. 63:3).

It was in a garden where man disobeyed God, and drew the whole race with him into the abyss; it is in a garden where the Redeemer must pay the price for man's redemption, by being obedient even unto death. (Phil. 2:8). In this we see the enormity of sin, that it required the death of God's only Son to pay the price for man's folly.

The great battle is fought in the garden, not on the cross. Where man lost his estate, there is where it must be found or restored. So after Jesus had made his testament, and had committed "his own" into the hands of his Father (John 17:11, 12) he was now ready to go and pay the ransom for the human race, satisfy the demands of the law (Gen. 2:17). This voluntary sacrifice is sufficient in the sight of God for all man, for all sin, forever. (Heb. 10:12).

We acknowledge our inability to do justice to this lesson, or to comprehend the significance of this Gethsemane experience in the life of our Lord. Jesus had two natures—a human and a divine one. Who can fathom or comprehend the holier, loftier nature? Paul prayed that he might know the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ. They come into a place—Gethsemane—oilpress.

Jesus had oft been there before, to meditate and commune with his Father, in the quiet solitude, away from the noise and tumult of the city. Every child of God has to have such a place, where it can meet God, unmoistened—that is the anti-chamber of heaven—we may call it "Bethel." (Gen. 28:10-22). The purpose of going there was to pray. But it was more. Peter, James and John were to be witnesses and comforters to the suffering Christ—they had been witnesses of his power over death (at Jairus' home); of his transfiguration. They should now behold his greatest humiliation, the death struggle with the powers of darkness, to break the power of hell, that had shackled man and set the prisoners free. But how does man respond to the demand of God!

Instead of watching and praying, he sleeps.

The agony and the suffering of our Lord in this hour is indelible. We might here ask: Is the physical or mental (spiritual) suffering the greater? The physical suffering of Jesus lasted only about 15 hours, but in his spirit he suffered from the foundation of the world. (Rev. 13:8). "Greatly amazed, sore troubled," Mark puts it, "Exceeding sorrowful even unto death." Who can fathom such distress of soul! The human nature asks for release—if possible; but the divine nature submits to God's will. To have some understanding of Christ's suffering, we must read Luke 22:44.

Did the Father hear his Son pray? How the heart of the Father must have been torn with grief to see such suffering of his only begotten son; but He is helpless; eternal justice demands it, and must be satisfied. An angel comes to comfort and brings the answer. The adversary holds God to his word and the Son in the counsel of the Trinity (Acts 3:22) volunteered to redeem man and pay the price for his transgression; being now ready to give up his life, after he had drank the cup to the very dregs. The battle is over, the victory is won; in the spiritual realm all is over, there remains only a few hours of the physical suffering, but the knowledge that all will end well gives him the courage to go and meet his enemies, tranquil and self-possessed. (Isa. 53:10-11).

The disciples have failed him. "Simon" could not one hour stand by him; nor Peter the Rock. Very few indeed visualize that Jesus suffered the very torments of the damned, in the garden and on the cross; torments that man would have to endure, had not Christ satisfied the law and paid the price.

The bitterest moment for Jesus is at hand, to be betrayed by one whom he had befriended. "Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?" There can be no greater pain imposed on another than to be betrayed by a friend. Jesus reminded Judas of their former friendship. "Friend, whereof art thou come?" Only twice in the gospel do we read that our blessed Lord was kissed; once by a woman, who kissed his feet, because she loved the Lord, who forgave her sins. The next day that face was marred and bruised with blows; bloody sweat; spat upon; rent with thorns, but nothing went so close to his heart as the profanation of this kiss. Now they laid hands on him; the last act of those hands, was in healing a severe ear; these hands that had touched so many, fed so many—they are tied, loosed only to be nailed to the cross. They took him and led him away.