

The Steadfast Light

CHRISTMAS may be characterized as the kindling of a steadfast light in a dark and uncertain world. For generations the Hebrews had hoped and prayed for deliverance from suffering and sorrow. When their desperate desires had burned low, a cosmic symbol of renewal shone in the sky. One star, brighter than all others, flashed into their discouraged minds and rekindled their hopes.

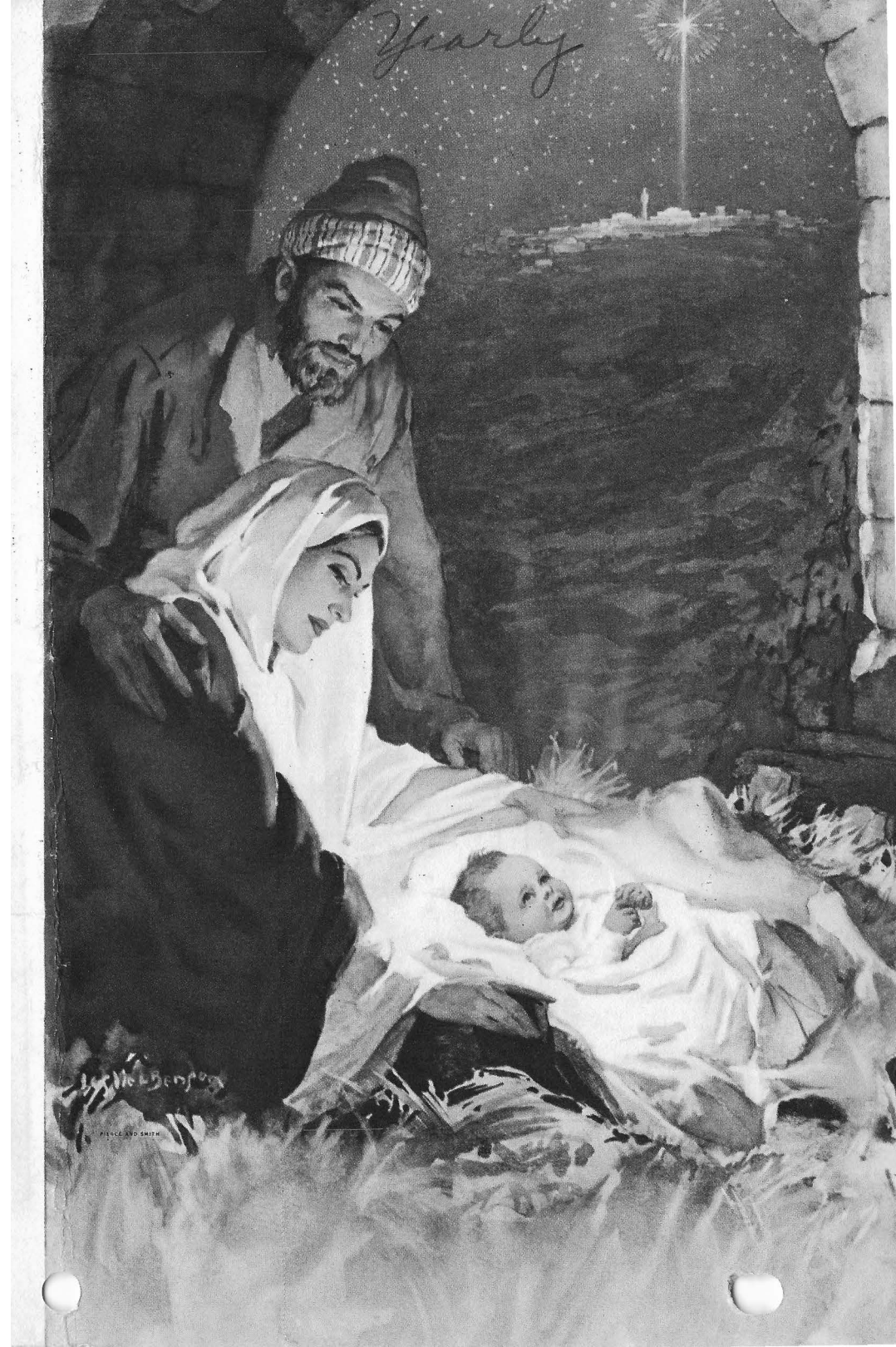
Still they could hardly believe that the Messiah would come, so drab were their lives. Herod was ruler. His brazen crimes were dark and dangerous. When, however, a report reached the people that shepherds had followed the trail of a wandering star and had come to a manger cradle and had found a baby whom they believed to be the Promised One, their hopes were lifted anew.

Then the scholars who watched the stars for signs found "the young child" and were so impressed that they returned home another way, and the long-lived expectations gained favor.

Every incident from his birth onward proved that he was the steadfast Light. He was divine in origin, godlike in character, and the turning point of history. His life is our guarantee that darkness cannot prevail, that evil cannot be permanent, and that man's misdeeds cannot defeat God's holy purposes.

Today we need light. In our world there are so many dark places. On every discouraged person who is tempted to give up the struggle for goodness the star of wonder shines once more. "In him life lay, and this life was the Light for men: amid the darkness the Light shone, but the darkness did not master it."*

Let us give thanks for the steadfast Light!



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ORGANIZATIONS' MONTHLY REPORT TO THE
 OFFICIAL BOARD

Quarterly
 Conference

For the Month of 1951, 1952

MEMBERSHIP

Membership last report		Attendance at	Date	No.
Active members	<u>12</u>	meetings		
Inactive members				
No. members received	<u>0</u>			
No. members lost	<u>0</u>	Average Attendance:		<u>8</u>
Membership this report		No. new people invited:		
Active members	<u>12</u>	No. visitors:		
Inactive members				

FINANCES

<u>Received</u>		<u>Disbursed</u> (List)	
1951- Money on hand last report	\$ <u>5.22</u>	<u>Bills</u>	\$ <u>9.87</u>
Received from dues	<u>11.25</u>	<u>Altar Cloth</u>	<u>13.95</u>
Rec'd from other sources:		<u>Candelabra</u>	<u>48.00</u>
(List)		<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>
3 <u>Bake Sales</u>	<u>118.48</u>	<u>Calendars</u>	<u>30.00</u>
<u>Octennial Buffet</u>	<u>29.60</u>	<u>To Church</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<u>Bazaar</u>	<u>63.61</u>		
<u>Misc.</u>			
<u>Calendars</u>	<u>32.00</u>	<u>Misc Bills</u>	<u>36.57</u>
TOTAL INCOME: \$	<u>260.66</u>		<u>9.26</u>
Total Spent	<u>202.74</u>		
Money on hand this report	\$ <u>57.92</u>	TOTAL DISBURSED:	\$ <u>143.48</u>
			<u>\$202.74</u>

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

List here the dinners, programs and other activities worthy of note which you have put on or sponsored or cooperated in.

Bake Sales in July	→	Purchased material
Aug - Sept - to raise funds.		for Altar Cloth + made same. Purchased
Oct. 5 Octennial Buffet		Candelabra.
Nov 1 - Bazaar		
Dec - Sale of Calendars (Scheduled for Spring)		Used funds to aid Church - Sun. School
Bake Sale - May?		