

2/26/53
Holmesville, Ohio

To all members of the

Mission Interests Committee
Partridge, Kansas

Dear Brethern : We greet you with Isaiah's Words found in Chapter 12, and verse 4: "And in that day (this Gospel age) shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon His Name, (or proclaim His name; footnote) declare His doings among the people, (all people) make mention that His name is exalted. Here again, we find Isaiah the Prophet in the Old Testament encouraging witnessing and mission work to all people. May we take courage and accept the challenge. Yea may God help us to carry out His will. And may His blessed Name be praised forevermore. Amen. It is indeed good and refreshing to "draw water out of the wells of salvation with joy" as verse 3 of the same chapter. But if we should say "this is good" we will bask ourselves in the sunlight of God's love, and quench our thirst from the fountain of His free grace, keeping it all for ourselves, and failing to wish and recommend it to all men as opportunity presents itself, then alas! we have become selfish and inconsiderate. And so we feel confident that an effort to spread the "Good News" of the Gospel is a move in the right direction. May God bless the hearts and hands that will go with us "to the work".

After receiving Bro. David's letter of the 23rd I have felt it my duty to write a letter of explanation and encouragement to my co-workers.

As for the postponement of publishing the proposed Bulletin, I want it made clear that I am agreed to proceed as has been planned, with the only exception that we restrict the mailing list to such who will understand, or who are in sympathy with our movement. Also that we do not pester Bro. Maniaci with requests for his mailing list, but that we establish our own as the Lord leads and provides the means. If my plans hold out, a notice in the March 15th number of Herold Der Wahrheit will be printed, announcing briefly the publication date, and inviting those who wish to have their names on the mailing list to contact David L. Miller.

I think we should all have reasons to be grateful to Bro. Maniaci for publishing the special notice in his last Bulletin. This will go a long way towards preventing confusion and misunderstandings. I can also agree with Bro. David that Bro. Maniaci's refusal to hand over his list was ~~definitely~~ probably "all things working together for good". As has been said before, it is best ~~not to have to depend on~~ not to have to depend on someone's foundation.

As for Bro. Maniaci's proposal to have Bro. Harvey as Asst. Editor, this is unthinkable, as far as my judgment is concerned. And I believe that you all agree. We need him as editor of "Witnessing".

Bro. Roy tells me in a letter that he has written an article for the "Witnessing" Bulletin entitled: "Co-Workers with God", so this sounds encouraging. Those of us who have time and talent would do well to help Bro. Graber by sending ~~in~~ him original and selected articles for publication. Bro. David is to inform him of our plans to go ahead, and unless that he hears objections from members of the committee he will do so at once. Let us look to Him who "removeth mountains" with prayer and thanksgiving, and praise. On the Lord's side is victory. May we take our stand with Him.

Very Sincerely, Andrew A. Miller