

## Gift from a Stranger

Many years ago, a lonely traveler stopped one Sunday morning for the worship service at Andersonville United Methodist Church in Georgia. After the service, he was warmly greeted by the people. He was never seen there again.

Years later, in Washington, N.J., Robert B. Brown, age 90, died. Someone described him: "He was a thrifty man who kept to himself."

Brown bequeathed his entire estate to the Andersonville Methodist Church. The estate consisted of 2,100 shares in American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and 740 shares of Continental Can Co. stock. At the time of Brown's death, the stocks were worth \$178,302.50.



The deceased man's attorney, Martin B. Bry-Nildsen, in informing the church of the bequest, wrote: "My client told me that on a Sunday morning years ago, when he was traveling through Georgia, he felt sad and lonely. He stopped at your church. A friendly welcome was accorded him. He never forgot the kindness you showed him. He did not have any church affiliation and said, 'I want to give what I have to that little church.'"

How surprised were the Rev. W. J. Stanford and the members of the Andersonville church. No one could recall Brown's visit to the church.

This incident is another example of the power of kindness when displayed to others.

And we've discovered how extremely important are actions of consideration and caring in the work of Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home.

*Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares (Hebrews 13:2).*

– Beecher Hunter