

Christ Lives

"He lives, and while He lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;

"He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to take me safely there.
He lives, to silence all my fears;
He lives, to wipe away my tears.

"He lives, to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.
He lives, my kind, wise heavenly Friend;
He lives, and loves me without end."

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Walking to Emmaus

John Wright Follette

IN Luke 24:13-26 we read of two of the disciples walking to Emmaus. At first thought there does not seem to be anything noteworthy or peculiar about that. But when we look a little closer we find there is a reason for taking a walk just at that time. The very mood in which we find them, suggests much as to their reactions to what has befallen them during the past few hours or three days since a bewildering tragedy had come upon them.

In order more fully to appreciate their mental and spiritual attitudes let us find what has happened to bring them to such disappointment and reasoning. The story is a striking illustration of a very real fact which we will find in our Christian life. So much in the growth of Christian character hinges upon a correct understanding of this principle. Listen—our power to interpret, as well as our interpretation (in natural and also spiritual matters) is determined by the plane or realm in which we are living. The natural and the first impulse of the heart is to bring the message, promise, truth, vision or revelation on to the level of our natural thinking, and interpret and make application from that standpoint. The natural heart is deceitful and not trustworthy; it is many times guilty of taking that which is spiritual and forcing it to mean something quite different from that which is intended. This procedure results in failure and tragedy—and many times in a loss of faith and keen disappointment.

Israel is guilty of this and her whole background is built up from such material. She had suffered for centuries under the dominion and power of foreign countries; her national life was gone, she resented the authority and power manifested by the nations which in turn had walked over her and ground her down to such humiliation.

Her hope rested in the prophetic word of Jehovah; she still hoped and looked for a restoration of the kingdom. This hope of a material manifestation filled her mind and heart. In order to bolster herself up in faith she read faithfully the portions of Scripture which told of her kingdom in its power and glory. The hope was based upon the very Word of God—it was according to prophecy—it must be true. She longed for a kingdom



A BIT OF HOLLAND IN THE U.S.A. Dressed in the costume of the Netherlands, these American children are pictured in a setting typically Dutch; yet the photograph was taken in Holland, Michigan. *Religious News Service Photo.*

of power, glory and authority. Any message of prophecy relating to that was taken eagerly—was it not the truth?—so she surrounded herself with this materialistic atmosphere of hope. Her attitude toward the Messiah was that of the earth and her hopes and expectations were wholly material and temporal. It is with this hope and attitude that she welcomed the Messiah, and the disciples left their nets and duties, to follow Him. Do not think that Peter and the others left all and followed Him because of a purely disinterested love for Him. Look at Mark 10:28—Peter gives himself away on this point.

The disciples were under this materialistic conception and had "left all to follow Him," not so much for love alone but because they *hoped* for an immediate restoration of a national kingdom where they might also have a position. Look at Mark 9:33-37—"they had disputed among themselves, who should be the greatest." Matt. 20:21—"Grant that these, my two sons, may sit, the one on the right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom." (She was an ambitious mother and much interested in politics. John 2:3—"They have no wine." Another anxious mother, hoping that *this* might be the hour or occasion for the kingdom display.) John 6:15—"They would come and take Him by force, to make Him a king." They had seen His display of power, and of course wanted immediately to make Him King and have a kingdom. Acts 1:6—"Lord, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" After all His teaching and message and revelation they were still under the power of a materialistic concept which governed them in all their interpretation and appreciation of Him. They lived on a material plane, in a "bread and butter" realm, and so dragged His message to this plane and proceeded to understand Him from there. But He knew that very well and so had suggested to them the spiritual aspect of the kingdom, which always precedes the material. John 18:36—"My kingdom is not of this world." How such a word must have stunned them and shot a pain of disappointment through their hearts! Luke 17:

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The Consolation of Easter

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Lost Easter, when my voice was lifted up
To sing the praises of my Risen Lord,
I had not tasted sorrow's bitter cup,
The music held for me no minor chord.

This Eastertide my stricken heart sends up
The strains I lift in accents clear and strong;
For I have drained the dregs of sorrow's cup,
And learned the meaning of the Easter song.

I know the sweetness of the minor chord,
The glory of the major full and clear;
I know the power of my Risen Lord—
He lives, and they shall live whom I hold dear.

And though I cannot help the tears that flow,
And though my heart is sad as heart can be,
I sing the Easter song because I know
The blessed Easter message is for me.



Bible reading: Mark 5:22-43.

THIS is one of those marvelous truths of the Scriptures written for our help, that we may believe to see the almightiness of God. Our privilege to enter in by faith, and to become partakers of the blessing He wants to give us. My message is on the lines of faith. Because some do not hear in faith it profits them nothing. There is a hearing of faith and a hearing which means nothing more than listening to words. God does not want us to faint, but to be always believing to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

I want to impress upon you the importance of believing what the Scripture says. This is a wonderful Word. It is an everlasting Word, a Word of power, a Word of health, a Word of substance, a Word of life. It gives life to every one that lays hold of it. There is a need for the Word of God. But it is a need, many times, that brings us the blessing. God delivered me when no other hand could do it. I was earnest and zealous for the salvation of souls. If you lived in Bradford you would know. We had police protection for nearly twenty years in the best thoroughfare in the city, and in my humble way with my dear wife, who was all on fire for God, we were ministering in the open air. Full of zeal? Yes. But one night, thirty years ago, I was carried home helpless. We knew very little about divine healing, but we prayed through. It is thirty years and more since God healed me. I am 68 years old and fresher, in better health, and more fit for work than I was at that time. It is a most wonderful experience when the life of God becomes the life of man. The divine power that sweeps through the organism, cleansing the blood, makes the man fresh every day. The life of God is resurrection power.

When they brought me home helpless we prayed all night. We did all we knew. At ten o'clock the next morning I said to my wife, "This must be my last roll call." We had five children around us. I tell you it was not an easy thing to face our circumstances. I told my wife to do as she thought best but the poor thing didn't know what to do. She called a physician who examined me, shook his head and said, "It is impossible for anything to be done for your husband; I am absolutely helpless. He has appendicitis and you have waited too long. His system will not stand an operation. A few hours, at best, will finish him."

What the doctor said was true. He left her and said he would come back again but he couldn't give her any hope. When he was nicely out of the house an old lady and a young man came in who knew how to pray. The young man put his knees on the bed and said: "Come out, you devil, in the name of Jesus." It was

Awaiting the Resurrection

Donald Gee, Chairman of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain, writes: "Just a hurried line by air to advise you that our grand old brother Smith Wigglesworth died suddenly yesterday while attending the funeral at Wakefield of Wilfred Richardson, one of our executive members. Brother Wigglesworth had arrived about ten minutes before the funeral party at the chapel, and we were sitting chatting in the vestry. Suddenly he had a kind of stroke, and it was all over in a few minutes. No struggling, no pain. It was a delightful close to a wonderful life. A unique ministry, a gift of Christ to His church, has been taken from the worldwide Pentecostal Movement. He died in harness—nearly 88 years of age."

Like the first apostles chosen of our

Lord, our Brother Wigglesworth was one "unlearned and ignorant." It was only after he was mortified that he learned to read.

He was born again at an early age and joined the Salvation Army. He married a Salvation Army lassie who had a unique evangelistic ministry. While she preached, he took care of their babies. They settled down in Bradford, in the north of England, where he had a plumbing business. For over twenty years he carried on street meetings in Bradford and opened a mission work there.

Fifty years ago God raised our brother from a deathbed. From that time he began to pray for the sick. Thousands have been healed through his prayer of faith.

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Be Not Afraid, Only Believe

Smith Wigglesworth

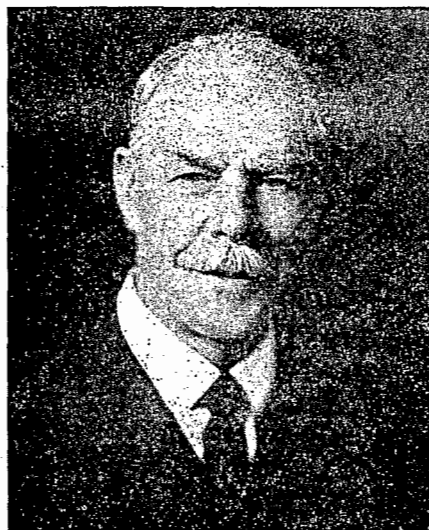
a good job; we had no time for argument, and instantly I was free. Oh, hallelujah! I was as free as I am now. I never believed that any person ought to be in bed in the daytime and I jumped up and went downstairs. My wife said: "Oh, are you up?" "I'm all right, wife; it is all right now," I said. I had some men working for me and she said none of them had turned up that morning, so I picked up my tools and went to work. Then the doctor came. He walked up the stairs and my wife called, "Doctor, doctor, he is out!" "What?" he said. "Yes," she said,

"he is out at work." "Oh," he said, "you will never see him alive again. They will bring him in a corpse." Am I a corpse? Oh, when God does anything it is done forever! and God wants you to know that He wants to do something in you forever. I have laid my hands on people with appendicitis when the doctors were in the place, and God has healed them.

I will tell you one incident that will stir up your faith. I am not here to be on exhibition. I am here to impart divine truth to you concerning the Word of God, that after I leave you can do the same thing. I went to Switzerland and after I had been there for some weeks a brother said, "Will you not go to meeting tonight?" "No," I said, "I have been at it all this time; you can take charge tonight." "What shall we do?" he asked. "Do?" I said. "Paul the apostle left people to do the work and passed on to another place—I have been here long enough now, you do the work." So he went to the meeting. When he came back he said, "We have had a wonderful time." "What happened?" He said: "I invited them all out, took off my coat and rolled up my sleeves, and prayed, and they were all healed. I did just as you did."

Jesus says, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy." They entered into the houses and healed the sick that were therein. The ministry of divine operation in us is wonderful, but who would take upon himself to say, "I can

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Alive FOREVERMORE!



HE is risen. . . . Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6. This was the word of the angel. But the priests said, "His disciples came by night, and stole Him away." Whom are you going to believe, the truthful angel or the lying priests? Do you believe in a risen Christ or in one stolen out of the tomb? You have to believe the heavenly testimony or the earthly perversion.

It was a complete resurrection. The angel said, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Peter saw the tomb empty. An empty tomb! What did it mean? It was the harbinger of the fact that, sooner or later, every tomb would be emptied, that every being who has died will be resurrected. How? It is written in Psalm 33:9, "He spake, and it was done." Worlds were formed by His word. And He can easily cause atom to come to atom, gases to solidify, and spirit to reinhabit the resurrected body.

If the spirit could be kept alive in paradise or hades for thousands of years, God is surely able to cause the outer covering to be re-formed and re-assembled and fitted for the spirit that once occupied the earthly body. The angels that left their first estate are kept in prison, and God has preserved the elements that made up the bodies of the departed.

Do you say that, because you cannot see the particles of the body that was buried years ago, they have disappeared? They have not. Suppose an immense factory has burned down. A few walls and other items are left. Do you say, "It is all gone"? It has changed its texture, but not a particle is lost.

Death is not the end. Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:26. He spake for righteous flesh. All will have to come forth from the grave, "they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:29.

It is written, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20. He is raised from above the earth into the heaven of heavens, now to appear in the presence of God for us. He is the forerunner. And He says to believers, "Where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. He, the glorified Man, lives. God raised Him from the dead, far

above all principalities and powers, and seated Him at His own right hand, triumphant over the material, over fallen angels, and over the prince of the fallen ones.

Earth is closer to heaven today than it was before the fall of Adam. The Son of God, who came from heaven, shed His blood upon the earth. The blood of God's own Son stained the earth. By that precious blood He redeemed man. By that same blood He redeemed the earth. There is a time coming when the victory purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary will be seen to be effectual in the undoing of all the curse of the earth. The serpent's trail, and all the curse appertaining to the occupation of the earth by Satan and his hosts, will be counteracted, cleansed and removed on the grounds of the full redemption that Christ paid in the shedding of His precious blood. Then shall we see the full manifestation of the complete redemption purchased on Calvary; every thorn and brier will have to be nullified.

The redeemed ones will occupy the redeemed earth. The paradise regained will exceed the paradise lost. Even Adam will have to confess that the latter glory was greater than the former. The rule of the earth will not be entrusted to Adam but will be given to David's Son, the last Adam, and He will never lose the heri-

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tage. He shall sit on the throne of His father David for ever and ever. Luke 1:32, 33.

Christ is risen! Risen, never to die again! And He shall reign for ever and ever! And He the Risen One gives to His redeemed a commission; He entrusts to them a task. He bids them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. And He gives assurance as we obey Him, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. He will be with His own for all time and even in the distant vistas of eternity. He gives assurance to those that are His, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19.

Really Believing

A CHURCH school superintendent and his wife had just lost their child—an only child—and the next Sunday was Easter. The superintendent went through his duties as usual—but not as usual, for there was a note of triumph and victory about it all. As the pupils walked home that day one boy said very suddenly to his mother, "They really believe it, don't they?"

"Believe what?" asked the mother.

"Why, the resurrection, and all that."

"Of course; we all believe it."

"Yes," said the boy, very thoughtfully, "but not that way; they really believe it."

The little fellow saw that the superintendent and his wife were taking hold of the tragedy of death and were transforming it into a triumph of life.

So when death threatens us and ours, we can say, like the bird that sits upon the twig when the storm threatens to shake it from its branch, "Shake me off; I still have wings." Nothing now can ultimately make us afraid, for we have victory over the ultimate enemy, death. The pain of the bursting of the petals says that the flowers are coming, and the pains of death tell us that life within us is blooming forth into immortality.

Benjamin Franklin's Epitaph

The famous epitaph of Benjamin Franklin by himself is: "The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer (like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and stripped of its lettering and gilding), lies here food for worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost, for it will, as he believed, appear once more, in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author."

A diamond is just a piece of coal that stuck to its job until changed.

Hallelujah! CHRIST AROSE

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CHRISt is risen! Let us rejoice! The women rejoiced who came early to the sepulchre and found Him risen. The disciples rejoiced when they received the word, "The Lord is risen indeed." And none rejoiced more than did dejected Peter when he heard what the angel had said: "He is risen; He is not here. Tell His disciples *and Peter*."

If Christ were not risen we would still be in our sins. Christian preaching and Christian faith would all be in vain. Ministers of the gospel would be "found false witnesses of God," because they have testified of God "that He raised up Christ; whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not." "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

It is the resurrection of Christ that puts vitality and hope into the Christian religion. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively (or undying) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Christians are kept, as by a military guard, through the power of God. Not only are they indwelt, but they are surrounded by divine protection, as the Scripture says. "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people."

It is a great encouragement to know that we are saved, guarded, and kept by the power of God, through faith, unto the salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. This salvation provides for us

right through to the time of the resurrection of the believers. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." The resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of our resurrection also, for He said, "Because I live ye shall live also."

God has redeemed us by the precious blood of Christ, a people for His possession. For our sakes Christ has gone to the Father in heaven, there to prepare for us many mansions. From the Father's presence He will return to take us to our heavenly home, and so shall we forever be with our Lord.

Easter! Happy Easter! We rejoice that our Lord and Saviour arose from the dead. We hear Him say, "I am He that

liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of death and of hell." He also says, "I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

Christ lives! He is real, and His salvation is real. Millions today can testify that they know they are saved because His Spirit bears witness with their spirits that they are the children of God. You must not miss this eternal life that is offered through Jesus Christ our Lord. How tragic it would be, after knowing something of the joy of Easter, finally to hear the Lord say to you, "I know you not; depart from Me into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Make this Easter *your* Easter. Let the risen Christ come into your heart. He was crucified for your transgressions; He was raised from the dead for *your* justification. May the Christ of Easter, with the joy of Easter, be yours.

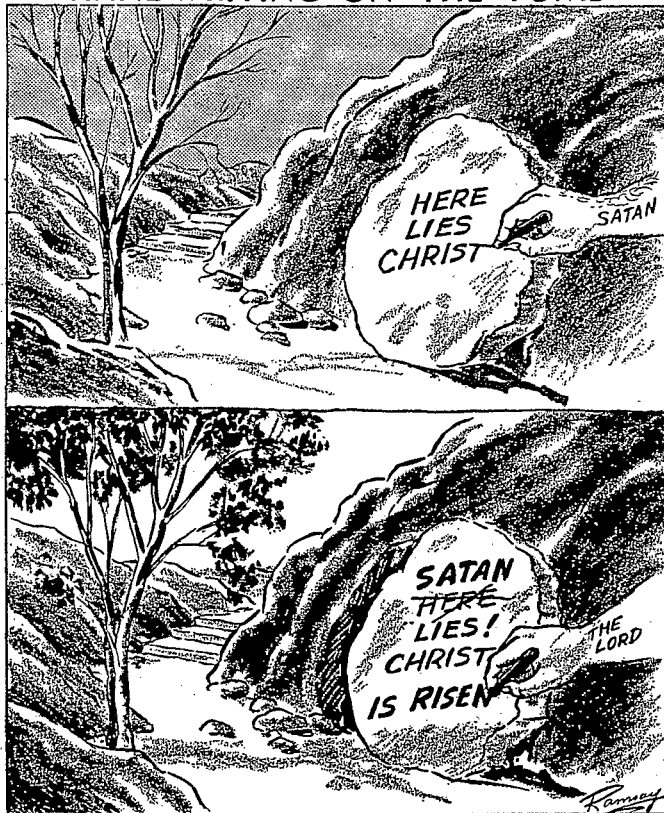
A Nature Parable

F. J. MELDAU

WE HAVE before us photographs and an explanation of "The Life Cycle of the Monarch Butterfly." The monarch butterfly is noted for both its size and its beauty. There are four stages: first the egg, about the size of a pin head, deposited on the underside of a milkweed leaf. In about five days the egg hatches and a black, white and yellow striped caterpillar emerges, over an inch long. Next, for about fifteen days, the larva or caterpillar feeds on milkweed and surrounds its body with a covering of silk called the chrysalis, or cocoon. This cocoon is a beautiful jade-green with a gold-spotted black rim at the upper level. At last, after about ten days, the newborn butterfly emerges. Soon the full-sized monarch butterfly raises its golden wings and soars off into the sunshine! It has about a month to live.

Think of these four stages, how *completely* different each step is: minute egg; unattractive, yet beautiful caterpillar; the seclusion of the cocoon; the glorious released butterfly! And then think how *UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE* to explain this phenomenon by the theory of evolution! *DIVINE DESIGN AND CREATION* is the only logical and possible explanation for (Continued on page six)

HANDWRITING ON THE TOMB



The Eggs

Paul Rader

WE had an incubator once. Some friends came out to the farm, and we brought the incubator that was just hatching into the parlor. The friends each took a candle and used its light to look through the front glass, back into the incubator, where the eggs were being picked, and one by one the little chicks were making their way out of the shells. The friends were city raised and had never witnessed such a sight before. Their excitement, their surprise, their enthusiasm was a great tonic.

Such remarks as these came forth:

"Oh, how do they know how to pick a shell?"

"They haven't any of them got feathers."

"They get their eyes open right away. I thought it took nine days."

"What cute little feet! How long before they learn to walk?"

And why shouldn't they get excited? Why shouldn't they glow with enthusiasm when a great miracle was being performed right before their eyes?

These eggs were laid by some very highly bred stock, some prize-winning Rhode Island Reds.

The colored print of the father of the chicks was shown all around. "Why, they don't look anything alike," came the statement from one after another. "Will that fluff turn to feathers, and if it does, how?"

Yes, that is the question. They surely did not look much like their parents, and still less in a few weeks when they were running about the yard with long, skinny, featherless neck, backs and legs. A few feathers were on their wings, but their poor sun-burned backs soon drew your attention from the start of feathers.

Their voices sounded like the squeak of a hinge. Their rough, awkward feet were far from resembling the colored picture of the parent bird.

But fall came, and with it one day came the friends again. They went to the chicken yard all together to see the little chicks; but no, they were not there. In their place was a wonderfully feathered flock more beautiful by far than the colored picture. There also stood a professional chicken fancier bidding high for the first chick that had picked a shell at the party. This young rooster was a beauty with his wealth of color overtopped by his scarlet five-pointed comb. He, too, became a prize winner, because the parents had passed on their life to him.

So through shell, past fluff, past sun-burned back and awkwardness he had come to the fullness of the life within him.

Is that your picture? In your Christian life is your witnessing "squeaky"? Your service "awkward"? Your life so lacking in Christian graces that you feel "skinny" and "featherless"? Well, never mind. If you keep on keeping on, some day you'll be "altogether lovely" like your Lord. Listen to this word: "Now are we the sons of God. And it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him." 1 John 3:2.

A NATURE PARABLE

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the miracle of the butterfly! When one really thinks about these things, how ridiculous is the nonsense of the evolutionary theory.

In this "life cycle" of the butterfly God has given us a most wonderful illustration of spiritual truths, related to the believer. We are born; second, we live our "earthy" life; third, our bodies are put forth in the "cocoon" of the grave for a while—until the Lord comes; fourth, when He comes, we will be raised from the dead, in body, and have a glorious resurrection body, like unto His glorious body! That state, in the resurrection body, for the

In Close Embrace

CLARA M. BROOKS

"They came and held Him by the feet,"

Louth, they, to let Him go—
They who had brought their spices sweet

At early morning's glow.

They held Him—yeo, and worshiped Him,

Not as in olden doys;
They praised anew the Sinless Lamb—
Him, worthy of all praise.

For He, in resurrection clothed,
Grave garments left behind,
Had met them there with sweet "All hail!"—

Their Master, tender, kind.

"All hail!" and all within them bowed,

And adoration poured
From Mary's soul and Magdolene's
Unto their loving Lord.

Thou Sovereign Christ, I too would fall

And worship at Thy feet;
Would hold Thee nearer, closer, Lord,
In adoration meet.

No more to part, nor walk alone,
Nar e'er from Thee to stray;
Lord, I would keep Thee in my heart
And hold Thee fast alway.

believer, will be our eternal condition—and not merely for a "month," as in the case of the butterfly. How great is the power and goodness of our God! "For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our body of humiliation, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." Phil. 3: 20, 21. "So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power." 1 Cor. 15, 42, 43, and context.

NO FUNERALS

I remember when a young man in Chicago I was suddenly called to officiate at a funeral where many of them were unconverted men. I wanted to give something that was perfectly Scriptural and I said, "I will take one of Christ's funeral sermons." So I began to look through the Bible, and I found that Christ never preached a funeral sermon. He broke up every funeral He ever attended; the dead would live whenever they heard Christ's voice. Death could not exist where Christ was.—D. L. Moody.

BEGOTTEN AGAIN UNTO

A Sincere Hope

BY THE RESURRECTION

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever!"

As a young man I competed regularly at the Highland Games in Scotland, and had good success throwing the hammer and weights, and putting the sixteen pound and twenty-two pound balls.

My wife and I came to Canada in 1912. I was twenty-six years of age, weighing 195 pounds, and in the best of health and strength. We finally settled in Calgary, and in two months my feet started to hurt and trouble me. In July of that year I called on a doctor twice. He did not know what was wrong, but I soon found that I had rheumatism in my feet. My toes were swollen and later that year my big toes started to turn under my other toes so that I had to wear School's rubbers to keep my toes in place. Later my heels were partly out of joint in the mornings and went back with a crack when I stood on them. My feet hurt me a lot, and I started to try everything I could get. My feet got so swollen that I had to wear

Jesus Heals Today

A Remarkable Testimony

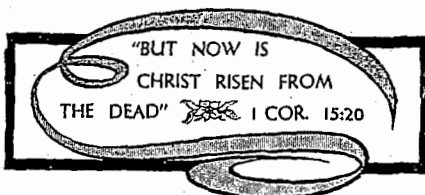
larger boots. My collar bone on the left side stuck out over an inch pulling my head down to one side. I was suffering severely all the time.

In 1913 we left for Minnesota, where I got a raging fever. It lasted three days, at the end of which most of the pains left me.

In the spring of 1914, the secretion glands in my right knee broke down, and the knee joint was flooded, making me very crippled. I came back to Calgary in 1914, and the pains returned all over my body, and some years later my left knee broke down. By this time I was in a very bad way, both knees flooded, my legs bent, and it took all my will power to suffer so and still keep on my feet and work, because my muscles were twisted into knots at the back of my knees and my legs would not straighten out.

In 1919 I was on my back four months, and the doctor pumped out the fluid or knee oil thirty-four times. I got back to work again on crutches, but the glands broke down again three times from 1920 to 1924, lasting from six weeks to three months each time. From 1924 to 1925 I was down eight and a half months. I tried everything. Every other night for nearly two years, off and on, I took electrical treatments for my knees, and all the time I suffered all over my body. I tried doctor after doctor, until I had eight doctors altogether, and I finally tried a chiropractor, who said my case was hopeless. I remember something laughed inside me and I came home and told my wife the sad news. As I was telling her, I remember I was happy instead of being depressed, because of that laugh inside me.

I had my tonsils taken out but was no better. I had all my teeth out and became worse. Eighteen months after my teeth came out my right arm wasted away from my wrist to my shoulder; my thumbs were greatly swollen



from my nails to my second joint; my right foot was so sore and swollen that I tried to walk on the side of my foot. My left leg had sciatica so badly that for five months I never bent my leg, but walked from my hip, and I was by this time in terrible shape after twenty years.

Many times I went to work on crutches after I had been in bed for months, and many years I used a staff to help me around. My wife used to rub my legs with turpentine until sweat rolled down her face; then I would start in and rub until I was sweating too. She

had to help me put on my trousers and my boots for years.

At my work in a repair shop I would sit down on the floor to overhaul motor mowers, and when I took the hand mowers to the basement to repair and sharpen them, year after year, I had to sit down on each step, and let them run down at arm's length, and pull them up the same way when I brought them up again.

I suffered from various forms of rheumatism—muscular, inflammatory, sciatica, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and senovitis.

During those twenty years I took every kind of medicine and herbs but they did me no good. The only thing that helped me bear the pain was aspirin tablets. I took at least 50,000 of these in twenty years, taking from eight to fourteen every day. I have not taken a single aspirin since March, 1932.

I was prayed for many times, as I firmly believed that the Lord could heal and did heal in our day. However, though many prayed for me, I was not healed, and in 1931 I became desperate. I could stand it no longer; my spirit was broken, and I lay all one night praying the Lord either to heal me or to take me away. I told the Lord in my desperation that even the sinners were sorry for me, and that I was saved, but still He did not heal me.

In February, 1932, I was reading Smith Wigglesworth's book, "Ever-Increasing Faith."* As I read I had an open vision of the blood of Jesus falling on me like rain, and I felt so clean. I wrote to Brother Wigglesworth (70 Victor Rd., Bradford, England) telling him all my troubles—how long I had been crippled, how many had prayed for me, how many doctors

* This book, that has been much used by God in the salvation of souls and the healing of the sick, can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., for 75 cents.

had attended me—and asking him to pray for me, enclosing a handkerchief. In March I received his letter (which I treasure yet), enclosing the handkerchief and telling me that after prayer and meditation he had good hopes of my recovery. I immediately took off my clothes, putting the anointed handkerchief on all the worst parts of my body, such as knee, foot, hand and wrist, each time in the name of Jesus. I then sat down again on a chair for two hours. Finally I got up and moved a few feet; then stopped, realizing I had not a pain in my body. It was all gone, after twenty years of torture and suffering! Many times I had screamed and cried with the agony of it all.) In three days all the swelling was gone from my feet, legs, arms and body, and I was free—set free by the Mighty God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

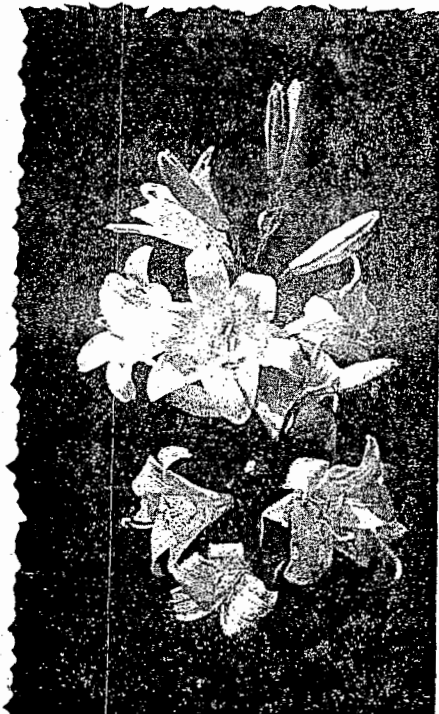
I waited three months before I wrote Brother Wigglesworth and told him all about it. I am writing this in 1945. For thirteen years I have had no more rheumatism, but am strong and well, giving the Lord all the praise and all the glory.—F. Johnston, 637 13th Avenue East, Calgary, Alberta.

(This testimony, which appeared in the *Canadian Pentecostal Testimony*, is confirmed by George R. Upton, who has known Fred Johnston for years.)

IT TAKES TIME!

I have been watching the opening of some wild iris buds, the dwarf mauve ones. They took just an hour, from eight to nine a.m. Sometimes a stage of imperceptible expanding—then a sudden spring with the snapping of some invisible fetter—then the gentle unfolding again, just too slow to be seen. So like souls!

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Easter in Latin America

Dolores Z. Redman

AS I hurried across the dusty central plaza that early Sunday morning in Sogamoso, Colombia, the countryfolk and townspeople were already gathering at the large Catholic church which dominated the scene. Reaching the hotel of a friend, I was escorted to a balcony where I might have a good view of the Easter procession soon to begin.

Only the sudden swish and explosion of an occasional rocket startled the quiet. As I waited, my eyes roamed to the hill behind the Catholic church. Red tile roofs, topping adobe walls, nestled here and there among the soft green foliage of eucalyptus trees. Wisps of smoke curled lazily upward in the balmy air. "A perfect picture of serenity and peace," I thought. But then I remembered what I had seen a night or two before:

A group of us had been hurrying home quite late after practicing for our Easter program, when several men carrying a large image of Christ loomed without warning out of the darkness. To my amazement, the Christians who were with us explained that it was but a part of the regular Holy Week celebrations.

Each year a casket containing an image of Christ is placed before an immense curtain in the front of the Catholic church. On Good Friday this curtain is rent (whether from top to bottom, I cannot say) in imitation of that act of God so long ago. At the proper time, under cover of darkness, the image of Christ is spirited away to another, smaller, church in the near vicinity, and the priest proclaims that the body of Christ has been stolen. This was the part which we had just seen.

A sudden ovation of numerous exploding rockets drew my attention back to the scene before me. The huge church doors had been thrown open, and the Catholic Easter parade was under way. The procession slowly marched to the nearby small church, where the image of Christ was triumphantly "found" and escorted back to the main church to be installed for another year!

On its return journey to the church, the parade passed beneath my balcony, which gave me a splendid close-up view.

Heading the procession were several "saints" in resplendent attire, carried on platforms which rested on the shoulders of two or three men. Three young ladies, chosen for this special occasion from the belles of the town, were the envy of all those less fortunate. Dressed in their Easter finery, the middle one carrying a banner and the one on either side carrying a corsage and several streamers, they preceded the largest and most honored "float" in the parade. Enthroned on this platform of pre-eminence, was "Mary, Queen of Heaven," clothed in royal robes and bearing a bejeweled tiara upon her flowing peroxide blonde hair. Small girls sat proudly at the feet of this image, adding to the burden under which staggered a group of simple countrymen.

My heart ached as I saw the last image in the procession. It was the figure of Christ, with naught but a loin cloth about His waist and a banner in His hand. All unintentionally, they had symbolized the true place of Christ in their church. Even the priests, marching in their places in the parade, wore elaborate lace vestments. But Christ had been stripped of His glory. In any event of importance, He would be dwarfed by the honor first accorded to all others, and He would always have to bear His own banner.

As I looked into the faces of the seething mass that followed the procession and surged on either side, I knew for a certainty that many had never heard that life-giving message of our risen Christ, "Come unto ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and again, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in ME, though he were dead, yet shall he live!"

W. W. Simpson, Kianghue, China.—One of the most remarkable manifestations I have ever witnessed occurred in the meeting today. I must write it while it is fresh in mind.

A Chinese woman about thirty years old

was prostrated under the power of the Holy Spirit, and fell in the attitude of crucifixion. Soon the Holy Spirit began to sing through her lips a beautiful song in Chinese. The burden of her song was, that since our Lord is returning so soon, so very, very soon, as the Judge, it is exceedingly important that the people repent, believe, and be saved NOW.

We were held spellbound as we listened to this poor, ignorant, much persecuted Chinese woman, who lives ten miles out in the country and seldom hears the Scripture, telling about the coming of Jesus and the glories of His reign. As the words were sung over and over again, a great hush and solemnity fell over us. There is no doubt we are living in the very end days and this is our last chance to evangelize the world! May the Lord help us to do our part.



Redeemed Lepers

Harry T. Waggoner, North India

THE home for lepers established at Uska Bazaar, North India, still remains the burden of our heart. If the individual story of each broken, scarred, diseased, helpless, hopeless leper could be told, if you could know how their darkness has been turned to light, ah, then you would understand somewhat of that which we feel as we again bring before you these who are indeed in need.

There are some still with us who came at the very beginning of the work, once heathen men and women but now stalwarts in the faith. Limping to the market place, they bear the good tidings that Jesus has power to cleanse from sin. In their roadside chats with the heathen who will stop and listen, they testify of the transforming power they find in Christ. They have obtained life and light and salvation through Him.

Besides these lepers who have been received into the home, there are the clean children who have been taken from these leprous parents (for leprosy is not inherited). These children are having the advantages of Christian upbringing, and we trust that in days to come they also will be bearers of good tidings to others in need.

Do not forget our little band of redeemed lepers who, like us, are watching for the glorious day when His coming "shall change our vile body, that it may be transformed like



the Regions Beyond

unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself."

"Pour out thy soul for these in prayer victorious;
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."



News Flashes

Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Denton have arrived safely in Hong Kong, China, according to a cable just received by the Missions Department.

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A cable from Brother Ahlberg received March 8, states that the following missionaries have arrived safely in Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Plymire, Mr. and Mrs. Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Tangen, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. We are grateful for their safe journey and pray God's blessing upon them as they take up their work for Him.

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News has come of the death of Sister Carmichael's father in California. Brother and Sister George Carmichael are at present serving their first missionary term under very difficult circumstances in Palestine, and we know they would appreciate your prayers at this time.

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A group of missionaries have also arrived in Africa, according to the cable just received. This group includes: Mr. and Mrs. Schirman, Edna Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore, and Mabel Schaefer.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Finkenbinder, of El Salvador, Central America, a daughter on March 6. Miss Sharon Ann weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. upon her arrival. Congratulations!

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Florence Christie and Karlene Burt write that they had a safe journey and are enjoying their work in Egypt.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winkelman, Samoan Islands.—Rain! Rain and more rain! What a downpour we have had for the past week. The day after Christmas we had a hurricane, which struck about eleven o'clock in the forenoon and lasted for nearly four hours. The Samoan hospital and other government

buildings were damaged. One of the government warehouses just across the street from us was almost completely destroyed, and the other one lost part of the roof. But some loose tin roofing on one end of our house did not even blow off. Praise God for His love and watchful care over us.

The powers of the enemy are strong in this place. The people still practice witchcraft and are very superstitious. And since the war it seems that wickedness abounds on every hand—beer drinking, slaying one another, stealing, etc. It is terrible. But God has blessed us in a very precious way during the past seven months since we came back to Samoa. "For the weapons of our warfare

A Profitable Vacation

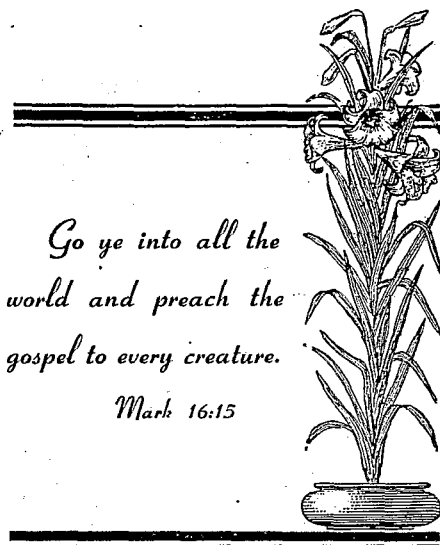
Vivan and Florence Smith, Ivory Coast

A FEW days ago an appeal came to us to go to a village about twenty miles from Ougadougou, out in the bush district. One of our Christian women had gone to the home of some of her relatives for a visit, and faithfully witnessed for her Savior. The Holy Spirit brought conviction to the hearts of the people until they declared they wanted to be saved.

Soon after our arrival, a crowd assembled—the women in one place and the men in another—many of them to hear the gospel for the first time; others, to be further instructed in the way. At the close of these services many said that they wanted to follow this Jesus; but when we began to point out that there was a price to pay, only two men with their households remained true to their convictions. A number arose and took the different paths leading to their homes. After this we prayed with those who really desired to forsake sin.

In the afternoon we held another service. After this one, those who had sought the Lord in the morning began to remove their charm bracelets and other jujus. Then we heard a thud! Thud! Thud! Thud! And a man came bearing chunks of dirt, dried blood, and feathers—all stuck together in a compact mass, the remains of many heathenish sacrifices—which he had chopped away from the floor of his mud hut. Another brought a water pot filled with dirty water, tree roots, white pebbles, and what not, the juju believed to protect the household from the power of evil spirits. All were thrown together on a heap of dried grass and a bonfire made while we stood around and sang. "There is power in the blood of the Lamb."

After seeing the bold stand of his neighbors, one of the group who went away in the morning now took courage and destroyed all the jujus of his household also. Then he came, knelt, and confessed his desire to follow God. In all, seventeen souls came out on the Lord's side. The Christian woman who gave them the gospel message feels that her vacation was a very profitable one indeed!



Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:15

are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." 2 Cor. 10:4.

One Sunday night at the close of the meeting, a native guard from the navy buildings across the street stepped up to the front of the church and asked us to pray for his daughter who had been sick a long time. She was having hemorrhages from the mouth and nostrils. Since she lives in a village far away, we could not go to her that night, but God answered prayer and healed her. Distance is nothing to Him. How we praise Him for His marvelous works!

The Passing and the Permanent

NEWSPAPER EVANGELISM

The Christian Business Men's Committee in Chicago is spending \$300 each Saturday afternoon to place a quarter-page "ad" in the Chicago *Daily News* (circulation 465,000) telling the way of salvation.

PROTESTANTISM IN JAPAN

According to *Missionary Digest*, there are now 250,000 Protestants in Japan and 150,000 Roman Catholics. Four Protestant missionaries have been received by the Emperor, a thing hitherto unknown in Japanese history, and the prospects for gospel work in Japan are brighter than ever before.

TOO PACIFIC?

The missionaries in Nanking, China, gave New Testaments to the Japanese soldiers. At first the officers were very gracious and grateful for this kindness. Later, however, they said to the missionaries, "Please do not give our men any more New Testaments. When they read this book, it takes the fight out of them; they do not want to fight any more."

WHILE MILLIONS STARVED

"The grain used to make alcoholic beverages in America during the fiscal year 1946, would have fed over 33,000,000 people for a year." This startling statement comes from the Anti-Saloon League, which reports that 3,314,811 tons of grain went into distilled spirits and beer, and that a million tons of wheat makes a year's supply of bread for ten million people. Such sobering facts should make America think!

"THE VOICE OF AFRICA"

According to *Missionary Digest*, it will not be long until the Sudan Interior Mission will have its gospel radio station, "The Voice of Africa," in operation in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Government has granted half again as much as was originally requested by the Mission, and the Lord has already supplied some of the needed technicians. Pray much for this important missionary project.

THE MARCH OF THE DEAD

According to the Associated Press, heroes who will hear no bands and see no waving flags—America's 300,000 dead in World War 11—will start coming home in August. The bodies will first come from the cemetery in Hawaii, then from Henri Chapelle Cemetery in Belgium, and finally from the 209 other cemeteries in foreign lands. Comments the editor of *Christian Victory*:

"America—and Americans—care for the war dead. Dead, did we say? Yes—and no. Their present status is revealed in Luke 16:19-31. Each of them is either saved or lost. This entire generation of two billion people will soon be where our 300,000 dead soldiers now are. With all of us it is 'just a matter of time.' How very important, then, to warn the living of the dreadful wages of sin, and seek to win them to our Lord Jesus Christ."

THE 2,500,000TH GIDEON BIBLE

The Gideons gave away their 2,500,000th Bible in Memphis, Tenn. a few weeks ago. They are still placing Bibles in hotel rooms, prison cells, barracks bunks, and steamship staterooms, although a large part of their effort is being concentrated on Testaments for school children at the present time. To date they have given away 10,500,000 copies of the New Testament to servicemen and school children.

A MISSIONARY SHIP

The *Marine Lynx* has made three voyages to the Orient since the war, carrying 1,500 missionaries and their families back to their mission fields. The Assemblies of God group numbered 58; five of these went to the Philippines, the remainder to China. During the war the *Marine Lynx* was a troop ship; today it is still carrying soldiers to the battlefield, but they are soldiers of a different sort, armed with Bibles instead of bayonets!

A FAITHFUL MOSLEM

When Prince Saud Al Saud goes visiting he does not leave his religion at home, as some Christians do. Recently the Arabian Prince visited America, and was flown from place to place in a big Constellation plane. Saud kept up his prayer schedule en route, praying five times daily. Regularly he would check compass bearings with the navigator, then face the east, and pray to Allah. The faithfulness of non-Christians to their false religions often puts us to shame!

A WORRIED WORLD

American men and women are so worried today that they are consuming eleven million pounds of aspirin each year. Calculate for yourself how many billions of doses and how many billions of headaches this amount of aspirin represents! There are two reasons for all the worry and all the aspirin: (1) Conditions in the world are getting more and more troubled as the return of Christ draws near. (2) Believers in the church are paying less and less attention to God's remedy for worry, as outlined in Phil. 4:6, 7 and Psalm 37:1-7.

Because He lives
we shall live also.



PENTECOST IN ITALY

Roberto Bracco, Pastor of the Pentecostal assembly in Rome, has written to Ex-Chaplain John Lindvall saying that the Lord is still blessing His people in Italy. "In all the towns and country parts the Lord is calling sinners, who come to our assemblies and are saved. In Rome we have now a larger hall; the Methodist Church lends it to us, but it is still too small, and we are praying for a place of our own.

"We have still a certain freedom of religion. We are having open-air meetings at which many people listen to the gospel messages, because it is quite a new thing to Italian people to see open-air meetings of this kind. The Lord blesses this work and some already have been 'fished' on such occasions. . . . We have started the publication of an Italian (Pentecostal) magazine. . . .

"The situation for food and clothing is still difficult. We can now find everything in the shops but the prices are very high. There are still many believers in great need; but the Lord takes care of His own, and what the American brethren have done for us has been a great encouragement as we have seen in them His love."

A PLAN FOR PALESTINE

Britain's latest proposal to the Arabs and Zionists as a solution to the Palestine problem is a Five-Year Plan ending in self-government. The British would administer a five-year trusteeship over Palestine with the declared object of preparing the country for independence. Jewish immigration would continue at the rate of 4,000 per month, for two years; then the immigration laws would be revised to conform to existing circumstances. (This would admit 100,000 Jews within the coming two years.) At the end of four years a constituent assembly would be elected, and at the end of the fifth year Britain would take hands off entirely. No hope for a peaceful solution of the problem is seen apart from a co-operative program in which Jews and Arabs work together and rule the country in a coalition government. The ultimate solution, of course, will not be found until Christ returns and takes the government upon His shoulder.

NO SUNDAY WORK

In the Russian-occupied zone in Germany, says *Time*, the pastor of a Lutheran church complained because the people were forced by the Russians to work on Sundays, and therefore could not attend church services. The Russian commandant asked the pastor for his authority in requesting exception to a seven-day working week. The pastor replied, "The Ten Commandments."

"What are they?" inquired the Russian officer. The pastor explained how they had been given by God to Moses, then quoted the fourth commandment in full.

"This is indeed outstanding, and should be preached everywhere," replied the Russian—and henceforth there was no Sunday work in that village.

Christians today observe the first day of the week, rather than the seventh, in memory of the Resurrection Day—but many are altogether too careless in the use that they make of this day. Sunday should be given to the Lord in worship, in witness, and in study of His Word.

AN OLD QUESTION

MYER PEARLMAN

If a man die, shall he live again? Job 14:14.

IN a museum in Rome there are two rows of tombstones, one pagan and the other Christian. They have been arranged so as to show the sharp contrast between the Christian and pagan attitudes toward death.

Here are some pagan epitaphs: "Farewell, farewell, farewell forever." "While I lived, I lived well. My play is ended; soon yours will be. Farewell, and applaud me." "I was not, I became, I am not, and I care not." "Wine, women, and indulgence corrupt our bodies, but they constitute life." "After death no reviving, after grave no meeting." On the tombstone of a little child: "I, Procope, lift up my hands against the god who snatched me away, being innocent."

Pessimism, gloom, hopelessness, cynicism and defiance characterized the pagan world in its prospect of death. And hundreds of years later a modern unbeliever, Robert Ingersoll, spoke these words over the grave of his brother: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of a waiting cry."

In contrast read the epitaphs over the graves of the primitive Christians: "Weep not, my child; death is not eternal." "Sweet Simplicius lives in eternity." "Gemella sleeps in peace." "Alexander is not dead, but lives above the stars." "He sleeps, but lives." "He went to God."

Consider the difference Christ has made! His words inspire the hope of eternal life. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." And His resurrection from the grave gives a solid basis to His promises.

However, note the condition—"believeth." Faith means a trustful acceptance of Christ as



our Saviour and Master; and death cannot sever that relationship.

The promise of life beyond the grave serves to remind us that this short span of life is not insignificant, that we cannot lightly flick off the passing days as if they were of no account. God wants us to understand that life is meaningful and important. We all are traveling to the grave. But the grave is not a terminal; it is a gateway either to life and light or to gloom and wretchedness. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." John 5:24, 25.

You have heard Christ's word. Will you believe on Him? Will you repent and turn away from all evil, accepting Christ as your personal Saviour, and thus be ready for the Resurrection Morning?

Awaiting the Resurrection

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In 1907 Pastor T. B. Barratt of Norway, who had received his Baptism in the Spirit in New York, visited Sunderland in England, and a mighty Pentecostal revival began in an Episcopal church there. Wigglesworth heard of this, went to Sunderland, and, in the home of the vicar of that Episcopal church, was baptized in the Spirit.

From that time on God has given him a world-wide ministry. He was greatly blessed in Switzerland, in the Scandinavian countries and other parts of Europe, also in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, and he paid many visits to Canada and the U.S.A.

In 1923 he visited Springfield, Missouri. It was in the early days of Central Bible Institute

and God made him a great blessing to all the students. His messages at this meeting were taken down and later produced in book form under the title, "Ever Increasing Faith." This book has had a phenomenal circulation, and has been translated into many languages. It has been the means of the salvation and healing of many.

Our Brother Wigglesworth was pre-eminently a man of faith. We could give many incidents, but one will suffice. He was called to pray for a demon-possessed woman, and in the name of Jesus Christ he commanded the demon to leave her. But as he was leaving the home of the demon-possessed woman, she followed him to the door cursing him as he went. He turned

and in a voice of authority said to the demon, "I told you to go." From that time, the woman was completely delivered.

We are printing on page three a message which appeared in the Evangel twenty years ago. We believe it will encourage the faith of many.

On the same day that we heard of Brother Wigglesworth's homegoing, the news came of Charles S. Price also being with the Lord. Wigglesworth gone, Price gone, but

"THOU REMAINEST."

Walking to Emmaus

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20, 21—"The kingdom of God cometh not with observation," and again, "Behold the kingdom of God is within you." It is ever the same. Condition must precede location; the kingdom is first within the heart—then in material manifestation. Many are taken up with heaven as a location—streets and gates, etc. Heaven is first condition, then location. Do you remember the old negro spiritual, "Everybody talkin' about heav'n ain't goin' there"? It is very true—condition before location.

What has happened to these disciples? Their hopes had not been realized; their vision had failed; their ambitions and plans had fallen flat and the kingdom *they thought, hoped, and expected* had not materialized. Their Messiah had *died*, gone to heaven, and left them. I am sure we cannot enter into the feeling of disappointment, confusion, frustration and absolute hopelessness which was their lot. How do they react? Peter goes fishing; that is, he returns to the natural life from which Jesus had called him—and the others follow him.

It is in this condition we find them when they decide to "take a walk." They did not like to linger in the atmosphere where failure and disappointment had so crushed their hearts. They wanted a *new* environment and surroundings—a complete change of scene, as we often say, when our heart, too, has suffered a severe blow. But to run away from the scene does not change the sky. The heart still aches; and when faith fails, reason begins. So it is recorded here—"while they communed together and reasoned." Also it says they were sad. Faith does not try to reason the situation through—she rejoices and *believes*. Reason and unbelief sadden and perplex the heart and keep one conscious of frustration and failure. Rom. 15:13—"Now the God of hope fill you with all *joy and peace* in believing." They wanted to get away from the place so suggestive of failure, and since faith could not bridge the chasm, they reasoned and were sad.

What a patient and understanding Christ we have! He knows the condition, and in love and patience longs to help them. And so He follows. The dear Lord has such a patient way of following us. He always follows up the disappointed and disillusioned heart. Is there any one of you today who may be taking a walk to Emmaus? Oh, we all have an Emmaus, I fear! But listen, dear heart, the patient Lord Jesus is just behind you. The road to Emmaus today is travelled by so many, weary of foot, disappointed in heart, and frustrated in purpose. Take courage! Jesus is right behind you. Let Him speak and do for you what so wonderfully

He did for these two restless, discouraged disciples.

"While they communed together, and reasoned, Jesus Himself *drew near* and *went with* them." Please notice that Jesus takes the initiative in the conversation and is very wise and tactful in the manner in which He deals with them. His conversation takes the form of a question. It is the unburdening of their hearts, the confession of their failure and need that He is after. So many times in the Bible we have discovered this simple but necessary law—that confession is the basis of blessing. Trace it in the case of Jacob—"What is thy name?" and, "Have ye any meat?"; again, "Adam, where art thou?" In so confessing, they make room for His delivering power and grace. They tell Him they had *hoped* or *trusted* that it had been He who should have redeemed Israel. In all frankness and simplicity they lay bare their hearts and pour out their trouble and confession. How good it is to tell all the matter, and excuse none of it—just tell Him the whole matter, the aches, pains and troubled mind and bewildered thoughts.

He does not rebuke them for reasoning. That was so very natural—they could not help but try to reason the matter out. He does say, "Slow of heart to believe." Their minds and thoughts were like lightning and most swift in *thinking*, but their *hearts* were *slow* in believing. So it is a matter of the heart that He is after. He does not say that what they believed was not true—no, it was all true; but they did not believe *all* that the prophets had spoken in *all* the Scripture. Here is the tragedy of believing a half truth, or only one side of truth. They had read with delight the scriptures which told of a king and kingdom of power and strength, glory and splendor (a Messianic kingdom), but they had failed to read with understanding the scriptures and truth of the Redeemer in humiliation. So ever is the case. When we embrace only the portion of Scripture which pleases us

or fits into our *desire* we are only spelling tragedy which we will sooner or later meet down the road. Therefore, He begins at Moses and *all* the prophets, and expounds unto them *all* the scriptures. May God give us a love of truth that will make our hearts willing and glad to surrender any pet ideas, theories, traditions and natural desires, and faces truth as it is revealed in the Word.

Upon the point of a simple act of courtesy, a profound revelation hangs. Jesus is a perfect gentleman and does not intrude or force Himself upon anybody. He waits to be asked. What a blessed and hopeful revelation and visitation they would have missed had they not asked Him in!

Next we find them *sitting*. Their walking in unbelief is over, and now they are sitting in His presence, and He breaks the bread. The breaking of bread which brings the revelation does not come when we run (intense activity), nor even walk, but when we *sit* in His presence. "And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight." The revelation came when *He* broke the bread. Then how suggestive—"He vanished out of their sight." Yes, the miracle was finished—they had seen Him—it was enough. In the strength of this revelation they return.

No longer do they walk with sad faces and reasoning—now their feet have wings; swiftly do they run. Faces are aglow with the glory and light of His presence and touch; faith is kindled and becomes communicative—they tell *others*, and a new chapter is opened. Listen to their remark—"Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scripture?" That is so true. The heart may burn and give witness to the truth as it is revealed, and the Scriptures are opened to us. But that is not yet the revelation which should follow. Their eyes were not opened, nor did they know Him, while they walked in the way and listened to His very voice and words. That resulted in a burning heart, and blessed witness to truth. That should precede revelation and in this case it did. But after He is *asked* to come in, and the heart rests and sits in His presence, and He breaks the Bread and gives one to eat—then, only then,

are the eyes opened to the true revelation of the Christ and we know Him in the breaking of bread. And any heart, initiated into the many stories and beauties of the spiritual life, knows so well how quickly He can vanish and how necessary *faith* is to carry on the reality of that vision of truth caught in the hour or moment of His visitation.

Dear ones, walking to Emmaus, do not hurry. Stay a moment and let Him catch up with you. He has a revelation of Himself for any heart that will let Him in. Only *sit* in His presence and let *Him* break the Bread.

Be Not Afraid, Only Believe

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do this or that"? If it is God, it is all right, but if it is yourself, it is all wrong. When you are weak, then you are strong. When you are strong in your own strength, you are weak. You must realize this and live only in the place where the power of God rests upon you, and where the Spirit moves within you. Then God will mightily manifest His power and you can say as Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me."

God brings a remarkable, glorious fact to our minds tonight, the healing of a little helpless girl. The physicians had failed. The mother said to the father: "There is only one hope—if you can see Jesus! As sure as you can meet Jesus our daughter will live." Do you think it is possible for anybody anywhere to go looking for Jesus without seeing Him? Is it possible to think about Jesus without Jesus drawing near? No. This man knew the power there was in the name of Jesus. Christ said: "In My name shall ye cast out devils." But we must be sure we know that name, for in Acts 19 we read that the seven sons of Sceva said to the man possessed with devils, "We adjure you by

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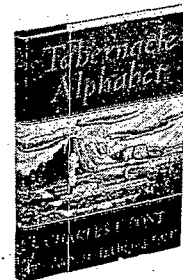
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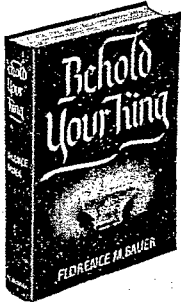
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Jesus whom Paul preached to come out." The evil spirit said, "I know Paul and I know Jesus, but who are you?" Yes, the devil knows every believer—and the seven sons of Sceva nearly lost their lives. The evil powers came upon them and they barely escaped. It is more than repeating the Name; it is the nature of the Name in you: it is more than that; it is the Divine Personality within the human life which has come to take up His abode in you, and when He becomes all in all then God works through you. It is the life, the power of God. God works through the life.

The Lord is that life, and the ministry of it and the power in the ministry by the Holy Spirit, bring everybody in such a place of divine relationship that He mightily lives in us and enables us to overcome the powers of the enemy. The Lord healed that child as they got a vision of Jesus.

The word of the Lord comes not with observation but with divine, mighty power, working in us until, by the power of the Spirit, we are created anew by this new life divine. We have to see that when this divine Word comes to us by the power of the Holy Ghost, it is according to the will of God that we speak; not with men's wisdom, but with divine minds operated by the Word of God as oracles of the Spirit.

As the ruler of the synagogue sought Jesus he worshiped Him. How they gathered around Him! How everybody listened to what He had to say! He spoke not as a scribe, but with authority and power, decked with divine glory. A young man was preaching in a market place. At the close of the address some atheist came and said, "There have been five Christs. Tell us which one it is that you preach." He answered, "The Christ that rose from the dead." There is only one that rose from the dead. There is only one Jesus that lives. And as He lives, we live also. Glory to God! We are risen with

Him, are living with Him, and will reign with Him.

This ruler, as he drew near the crowd, went up to Him and said, "Jesus, my daughter lieth at the point of death. Come and lay Thy hands upon her and she will be healed." "I will come," Jesus said. What a beautiful assurance. But as they were coming along the road, a woman met them who had an issue of blood for twelve years. When she began with this trouble she sought many physicians. She had some money, but the physicians took it all, and left her worse than they found her. Have you any that do the same thing around here?

When I was a plumber I had to finish my work before I got the money, and I didn't always get it then. I think that if there were an arrangement whereby no doctor got his fee until he cured the patient, there wouldn't be so many people die. Twelve years of sickness this woman had. She needed some one now who could heal without money, for she was bankrupt and helpless. Jesus comes to people that are withered up, diseased, lame, crippled in all kinds of ways, and when He comes there is liberty to the captive, opening of eyes to the blind, and the opening of ears to the deaf.

Many had said to this woman, "If you had only been with us today. We saw the most marvelous things, the crooked made straight, the lame to walk, the blind to see"—and the woman twelve years sick said; "Oh, you make me feel that if I could only see Him I should be healed." It strengthened her faith and it became firm. She had a purpose within her. Faith is a mighty power. Faith will reach at everything. When real faith comes into operation you will not say, "I don't feel much better." Faith says, "I am whole." Faith doesn't say, "It's a lame leg." Faith says, "My leg is all right." Faith never sees a goiter.

A young woman with a goiter came to be prayed for. In a testimony meeting she said, "I do praise the Lord for healing my goiter." She went home and said to her mother, "O Mother, when the man prayed for me, God healed my goiter." For twelve months she went about telling everybody how God healed her goiter. Twelve months afterward I was in the same place and people said, "How big that lady's goiter is!" There came a time for testimony. She jumped up and said, "I was here twelve months ago and God healed me of my goiter. Such a marvelous twelve months!" When she went home her folks said, "You should have seen the people today when you testified that God had healed your goiter. They think there is something wrong with you. If you go upstairs and look in the glass you will see the goiter is bigger than ever it was." She went upstairs, but she didn't look in the glass. She got down on her knees and said, "O Lord, let all the people know just as You have let me know, how wonderfully You have healed me." The next morning her neck was as perfect as any neck you ever saw. Faith never looks. Faith praises God—it is done!

This poor, helpless woman who had been growing weaker and weaker for twelve years pushed into the crowded thoroughfare when she knew Jesus was in the midst. She was stirred to the depths, and she pushed through and touched Him. If you will believe God and touch Him you will be healed at once. Jesus is the Healer!

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Now listen! The Lord would not have that woman believe that the touch had done it. She felt as soon as she touched Him that virtue had gone through her, which is true. When the people were bitten by fiery serpents in the wilderness, God's Word said through Moses, "He that looketh shall be healed." The look made it possible for God to do it. Did the touch heal the woman? No, it was a living faith. Jesus said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." If God would just move on us to believe, there wouldn't be a sick person who could not receive healing.

While this was happening in the street, some persons came rushing from the house of Jairus and said, "There is no use now, your daughter is dead. This Jesus can do nothing for a dead daughter. Your wife needs you at home." But Jesus said, "Be not afraid, only believe." He speaks the word just in time! Jesus is never behind time. When the tumult is the worst, the pain the most severe, the cancer gripping the body, then the word comes, "Only believe." When everything seems as though it will fail, and it is practically hopeless, the Word of God comes to us, "Only believe."

When Jesus came to that house there were a lot of people weeping and wailing. I have taken my last wreath to the cemetery. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and if you believe that, you will never take another wreath to the cemetery. It is unbelieving that mourns. If you have faith that they are with the Lord you will never take another flower to the grave. They are not there. Hallelujah!

These people were round about, weeping, wailing and howling. He says, "Why make you this to-do? The maid is not dead, but sleepeth." There is a wonderful word that God wants you to hear. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." The believer may fall asleep, but the believer doesn't die. Oh, that people

would understand the deep things of God—it would change the whole situation. It makes you look out with a glorious hope to the day when the Lord shall come. What does it say? "They that sleep will God bring with Him." Jesus knew that. "The maid is not dead, but sleepeth." "And they laughed him to scorn." To show the insincerity of these wailers, they could turn from wailing to laughing. Jesus took the father and the mother of the maid and, going into the room where she was, took her hand and said, "Daughter, arise." And the child sat up. Praise the Lord! And He said, "Give her something to eat."

Oh, the remarkableness of our Lord Jesus! I want to impress upon you the importance of realizing that He is in the midst. No person need be without the knowledge not only that they are saved, but that God can live in these bodies. You are begotten the moment you believe, unto a lively hope. "He that believeth hath eternal life." You have eternal life the moment you believe. The first life is temporal, natural, material, but in the new birth you exist as long as God—forever—we are begotten by an incorruptible power, by the Word of God. The new birth is unto righteousness, begotten by God the moment that you believe. God always saves through the heart. He that believeth in the heart and confesseth with his mouth shall be saved.

Jesus is here to loose them that are bound. If you are suffering in your body, He will heal you now. He is saying to every sin-sick soul, to every disease-smitten one, "Be not afraid, only believe."

NOTE: Brother Wigglesworth's book *Ever Increasing Faith*, which probably has had a wider circulation than any other Pentecostal book, is still in print. The price is 75 cents. There is another excellent book of his, entitled *Faith That Prevails*. The price is 25 cents. Both of these books can be purchased from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

Among the Assemblies

CABOT, ARK.—Pastor W. A. Lawson reports that several were saved and 3 were filled with the Holy Spirit in a 3-week revival conducted by the Jeffries Evangelistic Party of Missouri.

CLOVIS CALIF.—In a meeting conducted by Evangelist J. B. Wharton of the West Texas District, 51 were saved, 11 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a number were healed. John R. Gould is the pastor.

PHENIX CITY, ALA.—The North Phenix Assembly of God has enjoyed a series of special meetings conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. F. D. Cottingham, 123 E. Chenes St., Florence, S. C. Phone 944-J. About 8 were saved and 2 were filled with the Spirit. J. C. Kittrell is pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Harold G. Roper, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Full Gospel Tabernacle, writes: "We just closed a 4-week meeting with F. A. Wick of Bruce, S. Dak., as our evangelist. It was one of the most spiritual meetings we have had since we opened this work over five years ago. We had some saved and several reclaimed. The Spirit was working so mightily in some of the services that backsliders would come to the altar or go to the prayer room during the opening song services. One precious soul was saved and testified to having been delivered from the drug habit. Many testified to having been healed."

THOMASTON, GA.—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Brother and Sister D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. God came down in a most wonderful way and blessed in every service. Every department of our church was built up, souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Pastor and Mrs. H. F. Freeman.

CHARLESTON, MO.—We recently closed a glorious 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Hance. Thirteen received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, many were refilled, and a man and two young women were saved. The last night of the meeting 9 came into the fellowship of the church.—C. E. Garner, Pastor.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS.—The Hillcrest Assembly of God recently concluded a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. D. M. Johnson of Houston. Thirty were filled with the Holy Spirit, several were saved, and 29 joined the church. Our Sunday School attendance reached the highest number in the history of the church, there being 171 present.—J. W. Nash, Pastor.

MALAKOFF, TEXAS.—We just closed a revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. C. Wales of P. O. Box 1205, Longview, Texas, doing the preaching. God's blessing was upon the services. Two were saved and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed by the ministry of Brother Wales.—F. E. Kennedy, Pastor.

TRENTON, MO.—Evangelists Edna Jacks and Marguerite Mills were with us for four weeks during which time the Lord blessed their ministry. Thirty or more came to the altar for salvation and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church is still feeling the benefit of this outpouring. God's presence is still resting upon the services.—W. Glen McClure, Pastor.

SHAMROCK, TEXAS.—Evangelist and Mrs. Walter Lane of Oklahoma City, Okla., conducted a good revival here. Several were saved and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church was blessed in so many ways that the evangelists continued for two weeks, then came back after four weeks and preached four nights. Nine were received into the church.—A. J. Williams, Pastor.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Pastor Calvin Ellis reports: "We have just closed a 3-week meeting with Evangelist Johnnie Bell of Laurel, Miss. We had a good attendance, and the presence of the Lord was felt in our midst. The entire community surrounding the church was stirred. The altar was filled night after night with people seeking the Lord. A number received salvation, healing, and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The church has witnessed one of the best revivals in its existence."

GARLAND, TEXAS.—Word comes to us of a good revival conducted by Evangelist Clara Clasen of Enid, Okla. Pastor Leonard Wood writes: "The altars were filled each night with people seeking the Lord. Twenty-five found Christ as their Savior, 18 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 16 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 22 united with the church. The Divine Healing services were wonderfully blessed of God. We praise God for the revival spirit that is prevailing in our regular services."

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—God has surely been blessing here. The Holy Spirit came down and took charge of the service one night, a message was given in tongues and interpretation, and the congregation was moved. People were weeping, and many came to the altar. Two have been baptized since the first of January. We have purchased a lot on which to build a church.—Harold L. Davis, Church Secretary, 301 San Bruno Ave., Brisbane, Calif.

MT. REST, S. C.—Evangelist David Speight of Columbus, Ga., recently closed a very successful meeting at the Mt. Rest Assembly. His inspiring message was enjoyed by all, and the church was built up in the faith. The first communion service here was held by Brother Speight and was very sacred, adding to the spiritual upbuilding. There were also some wonderful healings. This is the second time Brother Speight has ministered in this section, and he is loved by all.—Mrs. A. Taylor, Pastor, Walhalla, S. C.

CHELSEA, MASS.—We have enjoyed a 10-day meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist of Louisville, Ky. From the first meeting to the closing service there was a steady increase in interest and blessing. God seemed to work in a special way in the lives of the Christian people. The ministry of Brother Berquist in the Word and the ministry in song by both Brother and Sister Berquist were signally owned and blessed of the Lord.—C. C. Garrett, Pastor.

NEW BOSTON, ILL.—Recently we opened a new church in this little city on the banks of the Mississippi, and ever since we have been happy to see the way God has blessed. Evangelist and Mrs. R. D. Dobbins just closed a profitable revival here. Several came for salvation. The Sunday School attendance reached a new high, and crowds attended the week night meetings as never before. The evangelists were able to get into the high school and present a gospel program to the students. Much interest was manifested by the school superintendent.—John E. Janes, Pastor.

HOUSTON MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The First Annual Houston Ministers' Institute was held at the Central Assembly of God, Keene and Quitman Sts., Houston, Texas, January 28-30. The subjects under consideration were Doctrine, Sunday School Work, and Practical Pastoring. The attendance was limited to ministers and their wives, with the exception of a rally in the evening of January 30, when the general public was admitted. Among the speakers were J. O. Savell, James McKeehan, E. M. Yeats, W. L. Suter, G. W. Hardcastle, A. J. Richey, J. P. Pecorino, W. M. Dunn, and N. L. White. Our ministers regarded this time of study and discussion of the Word as the greatest meeting of its nature ever held in Houston.—J. P. Pecorino, Secretary-Treasurer.

GARDENA and WASCO, CALIF.—After pastoring the church in Gardena for more than 5 years, we felt led of the Lord to the new pastorate at Wasco. Since our coming here in mid-December, the Lord has blessed us and the new church abundantly. At almost every service the power falls and everyone is encouraged in the Lord. Souls are praying through to salvation and some have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Lately, we have had two missionaries with us, and the church has given heartily to missions. God is blessing all our efforts to spread the gospel here and abroad.

T. C. Gameson was our former pastor in Wasco. We can see that the Lord used his ministry in this town. The church is in a fine location and a very good future is in store for this work. Any of God's people passing through Wasco are urged to stop and worship with us.—C. E. Shields, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

DODGE CITY, KANSAS.—March 25—; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—G. A. Gaddis, Pastor.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—April 8, for 3 weeks; A. N. Trotter, Evangelist.—F. D. Wall, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEXAS.—April 6—; E. A. Reb of Alaska, Evangelist.—John C. Cox, Pastor.

LOMITA, CALIF.—March 30—April 13; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—Percy T. King, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—9th and Acoma, April 13—May 4; W. M. Stevens, Evangelist.—D. L. Cooper, Pastor.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Youth for Christ Rally, April 5; Arthur Ottosen, special speaker.—Norman Vernon, Director.

GRAFTON, W. VA.—April 6, for 2 weeks or longer; Joseph Pittman, Evangelist.—J. Rudolph Wilkinson, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS.—Evangelistic Temple, April 13—27; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Raymond T. Richey, Pastor.

LA MESA, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Otto J. Klink, speaker.—S. W. Thomas, Pastor, 8809 La Mesa Blvd.

STIRLING CITY, CALIF.—April 1—13, or longer; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—Judson Cornwall, Pastor.

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.—April 13, for 2 weeks or longer; Bonnie Wheaton, Evangelist.—H. D. Champlin, Pastor.

BRADENVILLE, PA.—Meetings in progress; J. B. Woolums of Carlisle, Evangelist.—Ralph J. Volk, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—Full Gospel Tabernacle; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Boyd Wolverton.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

RED BLUFF, CALIF.—Bethel Temple; meetings in progress; Howard S. May, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—Everett Morgan, Pastor.

(Near) FAIRVIEW, OKLA.—Quarterly Sunday School Rally, Northwest Section, Midway Assembly, 14 miles west of Fairview, April 14, 2:30 p.m.—N. B. Rayburn, Representative.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Central Assembly; April 6, for 2 weeks or longer; William E. Pickett, Evangelist. C. A. Rally, Ft. Worth Section, night, April 7; H. S. Teighman in charge. Southwestern College choir from Waxahachie will be present with special music for this rally.—C. N. Rice, Pastor.

DULUTH, MINN.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, April 8—; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Allen G. Snider, Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—51st St. and Hudson Blvd., April 13—27; Louise Nankivell, speaker.—Nicholas Nikoloff, Pastor.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—1602 W. Sixth Ave., April 6—; Evangelist Stanley P. and Ethel McPherson and daughter Ruth.—Walter E. McAlister, Pastor.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, April 6—; Smith and Rogers, Granite City, Ill., Evangelists.—Leonard H. Rogers, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—First Assembly of God; April 6, for 2 weeks; Clyde Ferguson, Pueblo, Colo., Evangelist.—Emma Taylor, Pastor.

LONGVIEW, WASH.—Revival Tabernacle, March 25—April 13; Parlotz Evangelistic Party, Detroit, Mich.—Carl O. Gunderson, Pastor.

FARGO, N. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle; April 13, for 3 weeks or longer; William L. and Irene Andrews, Seattle, Wash., Evangelists.—Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

CACHE, OKLA.—March 30—April 20; J. Vernon Cardiff, Box 136, Winchester, Va., Evangelist.—Fred Carrington, Pastor, Box 48.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Vaughtown and Dacian Sts.; meeting in progress; L. K. Dodge of New York, Evangelist.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.

JOHNSON CITY, TENN.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington.—R. J. Butler, Pastor.

ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—Bethel Church; April 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Leonard E. Page, Greenville, S. C., Evangelist.—Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St., March 16—April 6; Charles E. Blair, Denver, Colo., Evangelist.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Grace Evangel. Church, March 30—April 13; McColl-Gerard Musical Trio, Evangelists.—Andrew Rahner, Pastor, 400 W. 8th St.

DRAKESBURG, OHIO—April 8—; Carl Brumback, Evangelist. All neighboring assemblies asked to cooperate.—A. W. Lawrence, Pastor.

KENDRICK, IDAHO—Full Gospel Church, April 9—; L. H. Bacheller, Evangelist and Musical Artist, from Northern California.—L. W. Damron, Pastor.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—North Side Assembly; April 6, for 2 weeks or longer; Verena Holcomb, 108 N. 3rd St., Garland, Texas, Evangelist.—Dewey N. Helms, Pastor.

KELSO-LONGVIEW, WASH.—Twin-City Youth for Christ Rally, April 7. Evangelist Christian Hild, speaker. Assemblies of God co-operating.—J. S. Manchester.

PHILIPSBURG, PA.—Southwest Central Section C. A. Rally, 409 Presqueisle St., April 7. Services 10:30, 3:00 and 7:00. J. E. Jenkins, special speaker.—Misses Griffith and McQuillan.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—South California District C. A. Convention, Bethel Temple, April 11—13; Albert Ott, Dallas, Texas, Convention speaker.—L. B. Lewis, District C. A. President.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ.—Southern Wyoming Sectional Prayer Conference, April 1—2. Youth Rally, Tuesday evening, under direction of Milton Newman, District C. A. President. District Superintendent J. E. Austell will preside over the conference.—Glen Burris, Pastor.

KALISPELL, MONT.—Sunday School Conference, April 15—16. Afternoon and evening sessions, first day; morning, afternoon and evening, second day. Main speakers: C. A. Brown, Paul Willisicroft, and Leon H. Ayers.—Paul Willisicroft, Montana S. S. Representative.

NEWCASTLE, IND.—Fellowship Meeting, Southeast Section, Assembly of God, 1128 S. 18th St., April 14. Glenn Perkins is Host Pastor. Services and speakers: 2 p.m., B. E. Hillman; 7:30 p.m., Fred Nurmick. Annual election of officers. All ministers urged to attend.—Norma A. Hillman, Sectional Secretary.

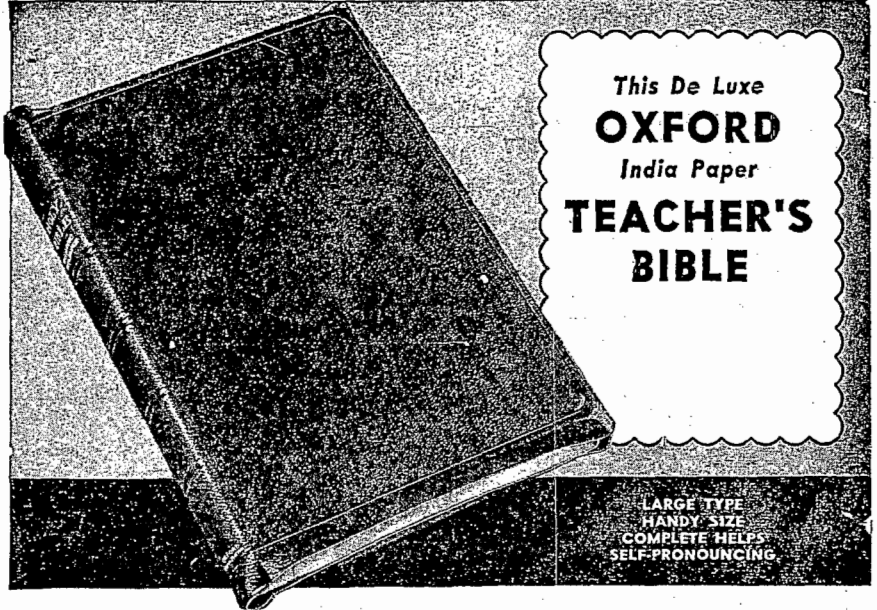
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS
The Fifth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held at the Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Omaha, Neb., April 14—17. Church is about two blocks from the Fontenelle Hotel.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Calvary Gospel Church. Pastor Installation and Church Membership Day, April 13, 4 p.m. John Lewis, Missionary to India, will be installed as Acting Pastor. N. Nikoloff, principal speaker.—Joseph Campana, President Board of Trustees.

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—Good Neighbor Youth Rally, Central High School Auditorium, April 1, 7:30 p.m. C. A.'s from Manitoba, Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota co-operating. Watson Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, speaker.—R. L. Brandt, C. A. Secretary.

DULUTH, MINN.—Annual Fellowship Meeting, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Ninth Ave. E. and Second St., April 14. Speakers: Anna B. Lock and F. J. Lindquist. April 15, Sunday School Convention, Loine Honderick, speaker.—Allan G. Snider, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 17th Annual District Council of the West Texas District will be held in the City Auditorium, Plainview, Texas, April 21—24. Monday night, C. A. Rally. For room reservations write Pastor W. H. Magee, 511 W. 12th St., Plainview, Texas.—H. M. Sheats, District Superintendent.



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PORTLAND, ORE.—Westside Assembly of God Tabernacle, April 6—; J. E. Stiles Sr., Hayward, Calif., Evangelist.—Wm. F. Hageman, Pastor, 115 N. W. 14th Ave.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—Monthly Fellowship meeting, Piedmont Section, Wauhtown and Dacian Sts., April 7, Services 2:00 and 7:45 p.m. L. K. Dodge, speaker at both services.—Harry Rupp, Presbyter.

EASTERN DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE
Eastern District Ministers' Institute, Bethel Pentecostal Church, Third and Washington Sts., Chambersburg, Pa., April 22—24. Sessions daily 9:30 a.m., 2:00 and 7:30 p.m. Special Speakers: Ralph M. Riggs and A. G. Ward. All ministers urged to attend.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Secretary.

WISCONSIN BIBLE CONFERENCE

Annual Spring Bible Conference, Wisconsin-Northern Michigan District Council, Bethel Tabernacle, 18th and Brown Sts., Milwaukee, Wis., April 21—23. T. J. Jones, nationally known Bible teacher, guest speaker. For further information write Pastor R. L. Scharnick, 1227 N. 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Nebraska District Council meeting will be held at Grand Island, Nebr., April 1—3. Fellowship meeting, March 31, 7:30 p.m. G. F. Lewis special speaker. For further information write M. F. Brandt, District Superintendent, 601 N. 28th St., Lincoln, Nebr., or H. D. Champlin, Host Pastor, 322 W. 6th St., Grand Island, Nebr.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Eighth Annual New Mexico District Council will convene at Clovis, N. Mex., April 1—3, with Fellowship meeting the night of March 31, in the Assembly of God at 5th and Hinkle. Wesley R. Steelberg, Council speaker. For further information write Roy H. Stewart, Host Pastor, Box 709, Clovis, N. Mex.—B. H. Caudle, District Secretary-Treasurer.

GEORGIA PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Georgia Spring Prayer and Bible Conferences: Southeast Section, Pearson, April 7—8. Central Section, First Assembly, Macon, April 10—11. Northwest Section, Cherokee Ave., Atlanta, April 14—15. East Central Section, Lakeview Assembly, Augusta, April 17—18. These services will open at night, the first day, with services all next day. Everyone urged to attend.

For further information write Robt. C. Jones, Box 4455, Atlanta, Ga.

WEST FLORIDA SECTIONAL CONVENTIONS

West Florida Sectional Conventions will be held as follows: Section 1, Pensacola, O and Young Assembly, April 14—16. Section 2, Paxton Assembly of God, April 17—18. Section 3, Marianna, First Assembly of God, April 22—23. Section 4, Millville, Assembly of God, April 24—25. Section 5, Quincy, First Assembly of God, May 13—14. Section 6, Perry, Assembly of God, May 15—16.

All ministers expected to attend the Convention in their respective Sections. Ministers and one duly elected delegate from each Assembly in the Section will elect their Sectional Presbyter. All applicants and those wishing renewal of credentials meet the Committee in their Section. Fellowship Rallies each evening of the Convention, everyone invited. For further information write G. H. Blair, District Secretary, Box 11, Midway, Fla.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

Following conventions, first service 10:30 a.m.: Beaumont Section Magnolia Park Assembly, Beaumont, April 1—2. Houston Section, Denver Assembly, Houston, April 3—4. Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, April 8—9. Lufkin Section, Crockett, April 10—11. Following convention, first service 7:30 p.m.: Greenville Section, Greenville, April 22—23.

Following conventions, first service 10:30 a.m.: Fort Worth Section, Bethel Tabernacle, Riverside Addition, Galvez St., Fort Worth, April 24—25. Wichita Falls Section, South Side Church, Wichita Falls, April 29—30. Following convention, first service 7:30 p.m.: San Angelo Section, Brownwood, May 1—2.

At the time of our Spring Conventions, we always renew all our ministers' fellowships with the District Council; therefore all ordained ministers, licentiates, and exhorters are expected to meet the Presbyter and Sectional Committee in their respective sections for renewal of their affiliation. Those desiring to make application for ordination must be present and make application to their Sectional Committee. Also those desiring exhorter's papers or license to preach.

For information write your Presbyter or the District Council Office. E. B. Crump, Secretary, or F. D. Davis, Superintendent, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The Second Annual Ministers' Institute of the South Florida District will be held at Lakeland, Fla., April 7—10, in the auditorium of Southeastern Bible Institute; Gayle F. Lewis, Guest Speaker. First service, Monday, 7:30 p.m. Those who care to stay in the Camp or School Dormitories should bring own bedding. For other reservations contact Douglas J. Friesen, Host Pastor, P. O. Box 1544, Lakeland, Fla. For further particulars address J. W. Collins, District Secretary, Route 4, Box 700, Lakeland, Fla.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

The West Central District Council will convene in Ottumwa, Iowa, April 14—17. Opening service, Monday, 7:30 p.m., at Pentecostal Church of God, Church and Ransom Sts. All day services will be held in this church. Night services will be held at Ottumwa Coliseum at 7:30; C. A. Vesper service 6:30. Aaron A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., evening speaker, Wednesday, C. A. Day; Thursday, Sunday School Day. Credentials Committee will meet Tuesday and Wednesday. Those desiring reservation, contact local pastor, W. B. Friend, 113 N. Moore St., or J. C. Snyder, 624 Morris, Ottumwa, Iowa. We invite every member of the District to attend.—Stanley H. Clarke, District Superintendent.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: East Central Section, Okmulgee, First Assembly, April 7—9; R. R. Morrison, host pastor. South Central Section, Duncan, April 14—16; Haskell Rogers, host pastor. Panhandle Section, Woodward, April 21—23; E. A. Willeford, host pastor. Northeast Section, Miami, May 12—14; W. C. Shackelford, host pastor. Southeast Section, Antlers, May 19—21; W. R. Davis, host pastor.

First service, C. A. Rally 7:30 p.m., C. A.'s of the respective Sections, and District C. A. President, L. B. Keener, in charge. All licensed ministers and exhorters required to be present and secure a renewal blank for the renewal of fellowship. Those desiring license or exhorter's permits, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. Main speakers: Wesley R. Steelberg, in April; and Fred Vogler, in May.

For further information write F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, or V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.

OKLAHOMA S. S. CONFERENCES

Holdenville, April 3—4; Pawhuska, April 28—29; Waynoka, May 1—2; Cyril May 5—6; Hammon, May 8—9; Sulphur, May 25—27; Muskogee, May 29—30. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Little Rock, Ark., guest speakers. Conferences begin 1:30 p.m., first day; 3 services on closing day.—Paul Copeland, Oklahoma S. S. Superintendent.

KEENE, N. H.—Central Section Fellowship Meeting, GAR Hall, Mechanic St., April 14. Special ministers' meeting, 11 a.m., sharp. Services: 2:30 p.m., Mrs. G. Verne Barney, of Concord, speaker; 7:30 p.m., Frederick D. Eide, speaker. Bring basket lunch this time. Nancy Long is pastor.—E. N. Stanley, Sectional Presbyter.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 12th Annual Meeting of the South Dakota District Council will convene in the First Baptist Church Auditorium, Mitchell, S. Dak., April 8—10. Fred Vogler, guest speaker. Three services daily. Fellowship meeting April 7, 7:45 p.m. For further information write District Superintendent W. E. Cummings, 410 E. Sixth Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak.

ALABAMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Alabama Sectional Councils and Ministers' Institutes: Southeast Section, Kinston, April 7—8; Elbert Jackson, Presbyter. Northeast Section, Warrior, April 14—15; R. W. Hicks, Presbyter.

Daily program for each Council: Monday, 7:30 p.m., Home Missionary Rally; D. H. Browne, speaker. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., short message by Sectional Presbyter, followed by prayer; 11 a.m., message by District Superintendent; 2 p.m., Fellowship Meeting and sermons by ministers; 7:30 p.m., Howard P. Trawick, speaker.

All ministers expected to attend the Council in their respective Section. Ministers and one duly elected delegate from each Assembly in the Section will elect their District Presbyter.

Ministers required to meet the Credentials Committee in person are: Those applying for credentials for the first time; all licentiates and exhorters to renew their permits; and all applicants for ordination.

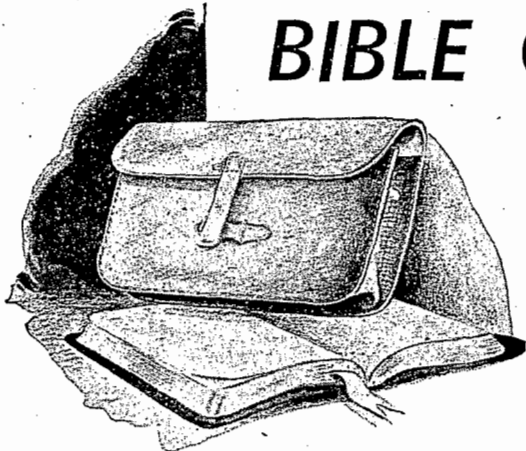
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For additional information write Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent, 55 Chidester Ave. Mobile 17, Ala., or Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary, Box 276, Slocomb, Ala.

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