

THE CHANGELESS WORD

O changeless Word of life and light,
A perfect rule to guide me;
I take thy counsels, trust thy truth,
And in my heart I hide thee.

Thou Book divine, thy pages shine
With heaven's unfading glory;
Thou dost reveal to mortals here
The great redemption story.

Here law and love and wisdom stand
Revealed through bygone ages;
And children read a message sweet
Upon thy simple pages.

Untouched by time or men's assaults,
This Word remains unshaken,
And those who build upon this rock
Will never be forsaken.

—Julia H. Johnston



The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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The Spirit of Crucifixion

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MANY years ago Dr. George D. Watson was the pastor of the largest and most aristocratic Methodist Episcopal church in Indianapolis, my early home. He was a brilliant speaker, but God chose him for a closer walk, and led him into a definite experience of Bible holiness. Gethsemane days of real separation followed, with heart-searching and acute suffering; and I clearly remember as a small child the six weeks Dr. Watson spent in my father's home. He occupied our guest chamber, and many hours were spent there alone with God in prayer, as a result of which the toes of his shoes actually turned up—most impressive to my childish heart.

It was a midnight hour of bitter testing for him, as he sounded bottom in his personal affairs, financial obligations, and ministerial future. He was shut up to God alone, in every way. One day he came down stairs and said to my mother, "Sister Reynolds, God has undertaken and relief has come. I have the assurance." The very next day's mail brought him three letters, opening in three ways the crucifying blockade that had meant such severe tests to his faith. Small wonder at the anointed ministry that followed from his lips and from his pen. For some years he has been in glory, but his messages, "Subdued," "Others May, You Cannot," "Talkativeness," and the like are still bringing untold blessings to thousands.

Today I came across some of his words written over fifty years ago, yet still true for us today who would know the spirit of a truly crucified life—"yet not I, but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Here they are—

"The act of crucifixion is one thing, but the spirit in which the crucifixion is to be borne in another. In some respects the act may be brief and finished; but the inward heart disposition that should pervade crucifixion is a continuous principle, and growing in intensity to the end. It is a heart-quality, a soul-essence, too fluid to be held in by words. In the same proportion that we discern the inward spirit Christ had during those hours from the Last Supper to His death on the Cross, in that proportion can we drink of that spirit until we can suffer, bleed, and die in our measure, with the very same disposition He had.

"It is a silent spirit. It suffers without advertising the depths of its suffering. A

dog or a pig will howl and squeal at the least pain or fright, but the lamb quivers and suffers in silence. It can weep until the fountains of tears are exhausted, and then it goes on weeping interior tears in the heart. Because the outward tears have ceased, its cruel critics think it has no pain, but God can see those hot, invisible tears of the spirit, and they fall upon His cheek and move His infinite compassion. It can be snubbed, scolded, criticized, misunderstood, misrepresented, and checked and hindered in a thousand ways without a groan, or a kick, or a trace of threatening or impudence.

"It is sworn to eternal submissiveness. Out of a passion of divine love it has

Bearing His Cross



Jesus hath now many lovers of His heavenly kingdom, but few bearers of His cross. He hath many desirous of consolation, but few of tribulation. He findeth many companions of His table, but few of His abstinence. All desire to rejoice with Him, but few are willing to endure anything for Him, or with Him. Many follow Jesus unto the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the cup of His passion. Many reverence His miracles, but few follow the ignominy of His cross.

—Thomas a Kempis.

calmly signed the death-warrant of self. It can have a thousand little gifts and treasures, and harmless earthly pleasures, and pleasant hopes, and friendly ties snatched out of its hand, without clutching the fingers to hold on to them. It gently and sweetly lets everything go. It can obey God and be rushing at full speed on lines of service and duty for Him, and then, at the touch of God's providential airbrake, it can be brought to an instantaneous standstill, without shaking the train to pieces by a single jar or the least jostling of the will from its perfect repose in Jesus.

"It is a flexible spirit, with no plan of its own. It can be turned by the finger of God in any direction without a moment's warning. It can walk into a dungeon or a throne, into a hut or a palace, with equal ease and freedom. It has lost its own will in union with God, and partakes of the movements of the divine mind as a floating cloud partakes of the movements of the air that encircles it. It can wear old, threadbare clothes, and live on plain food, with a thankful and sweet disposition, without even a thought of envy, or coveting the nice things of others.

"It embraces suffering as its natural food. The rugged cross, which frightens so many Christians, is embraced by this spirit with a sweet, subtle joy, because it knows that all suffering will enlarge and sweeten its love. It is love on fire, and seeks to pour itself out in avenues of self-abnegation. What other Christians shun as a hardship, it gladly accepts as an opportunity of sweeter union with God. It longs for nothing but more love. It loves its enemies with a sweet gentle yearning affection, utterly beyond what they would be willing to believe. It can be bruised and trampled on, and turn with a quivering, speechless lip, and a tear-dimmed eye, and kiss and pray for the foot that, under the pretense of religious duty, is trampling it in the dust.

"This spirit will not receive human honor into itself. If it is praised or honored by its fellows, instead of eating it as a sweet morsel, it offers it up instantly to the Lord, as the angel did with the good dinner which was presented to him by Manoah. Its highest delight is in sinking into God and being little. It is modest and retiring, and loves to get out of God's way and see Him work. It would rather see the ark capsize, and the cherubim all broken, than to put forth its finger to meddle with God's authority. It does not make others wear its sackcloth. This is the spirit that opens the gate of heaven without touching it. This is the spirit that wears out the patience of persecutors, that softens the heart of stone, that in the long run converts enemies into friends, that outwits the genius of the devil, and makes the soul that has it as precious to God as the apple of His eye."

STOCKS AND BONDS

Someone has said that the trouble with money is that it costs so much. One of its costs is that sense of spiritual dullness seen in so many Christians who are financially secure. The sense of adventure, of living upon a living God, of trust, of surprise, leaves the life, and deadly security and dullness set in. Bonds in the bank often become bonds upon the soul; stocks in vaults may become stocks on the feet.—*World Conquest.*

Dare to Believe and to Command

Smith Wigglesworth

LET us read in the fourteenth chapter of John, verses 12 to 14. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father."

"Greater works than these shall he do." What a word! Is it true? He said to the Father, "Thy Word is truth." When you take up God's Word you get the truth. God is not a man that He should lie; neither is He the author of confusion or error; but He enlightens and reveals truth unto us as clear as the noonday. By it we are changed. We enter into fellowship, into communion, into assurance, into the likeness of God when we see the truth and believe. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Faith is an operative power. It opens the understanding so that God can show us things we never would have known had not our hearts been opened.

No greater words can be found than those in Romans 4:16—"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace." Grace is God's benediction coming right down to you. When, by an act of faith, you open the door to Him, He does that which needs to be done. It is of faith, that it might be by grace. You are the one to open the way, by faith. God is the One to supply your need, by grace.

Jesus says, "You have seen the work I do, and how I do it. You shall do the same work." Did anyone ever work as He did? I do not mean His carpentering; I mean His ministry to the people. The people came to Him with their needs, their depressions, and He relieved them all. This Royal Visitor, who came from heaven to express the Father's love, talked to men, ate with them, probably slept in their homes, and communicated the life and power of God unto them. And He says, "You have seen the work I do—healing the sick, relieving the oppressed, casting out demons. The works that I do shall ye do also." Will you dare to believe? Will you take up the work He left and carry it on?

"He that believeth on me," He says. What does this mean? How can mere believing bring such things to pass? Why should there be any virtue in our believing? It is because He said it. If we will meet the simple

condition, the promise will be fulfilled in our lives. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." But unbelief has hindered our progress, both in spiritual blessing and in physical healing.

Put away all doubt. Open your heart to God's grace, and God will come and place in you an active faith. He wants His mighty power to move through you. No matter what obstruction may come across your path, He wants you to rise with divine power to rebuke and destroy it. Jesus has a life force to put in us that will change everything that we dare to believe it will change. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" Because we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we have within us the essence of divine life, which causes a separation between us and the world. We have no room for sin. We delight in doing that which is right. As with sin, so with sickness and afflictions. He that believes, he that dares to trust, overcomes sickness and afflictions.

I will give you an instance. A needy creature came to me in a meeting. He was withered and wasted, in a hopeless condition; death lay in his eyes. He was so helpless he had to have someone on each side to bear him up. He said to me in a whisper, "Can you help me?" Let Jesus answer: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." He said, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy." Those are the words of Jesus. If you believe on Him, the power of the enemy cannot stand, however evil the nature. God's word is against him. If we have the words of Jesus abiding in us, those words are spirit and they are life.

They make us supernatural. It is not just the faith of Jesus—it is the words of Jesus. We need more than mere faith. We need words added to our faith. Whatever we desire, if we believe we can declare that we are going to have it. We can begin to say, and what we dare to say shall be done. Of the one who believes, Jesus says, "He shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23.

This afflicted man, standing before me so helpless, so withered, had had cancer of the stomach. The physicians had taken away the cancer from his stomach, but in removing it they had taken away the man's swallowing power. The cancer was removed, and seemingly his life was spared, but he could not swallow. In order to keep him from starving, they had made an opening in his stomach and inserted a tube about nine inches long, with a cup at the top, and he fed himself with liquids. For three months he had managed to keep alive, walking about like a skeleton. Here he was asking whether I could help him. What should I say? I remembered the promise, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Mark 9:23. And again, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

The Word must be true. Jesus is with the Father, and therefore even greater works than His can be done if we believe. So I believed, and therefore I spoke.

"Go home and have a good supper," I said. The poor fellow replied, "I cannot swallow." I repeated, "On the authority of the Word of God I say it. It is the promise of Jesus. Go home in the name of Jesus, and have a good supper." He went home. Supper was prepared. Many times before this he had taken food in his mouth and had been forced to put it out again. But I had believed God. (I am here to inspire you.) I am a natural man, just as you are, but I dared to believe that he would swallow that night. So after he had filled his mouth with food, he chewed it, and then it went right down. He ate until he was quite satisfied. He and his family went to bed filled with joy. The next morning when they arose they were filled with the same joy. Life had begun again, it seemed. The man looked down to see (Continued on page 12)

BLESS
the **LORD...**

who HEALETH
all thy diseases

Psalm 103:2,3

The Life of Overcoming

THERE are some practical lessons for the children of God to learn in the story of the overthrow of Jericho. Consider that city with its big walls and mighty gates, walls so strong that houses could be erected thereon and garrisoned by warlike men.

The children of Israel, God's people, were told to take this city. A helpless band, minus cannon, minus dynamite, minus battering-rams, minus tanks, minus airplanes—they were minus practically everything natural, but they were *plus God, His Word, and His commands!*

See the children of Israel marching around the city day by day in absolute silence, except for the blasts of the rams' horns, blown not by armed men, but by priests! And these blasts of the rams' horns did not come until the seventh day!

Imagine the taunts, the jeers, the scoffing, the ridicule of the soldiers and the people of Jericho, as they watched the daily procedure of silence. Think how ridiculous this would be in the eyes of the philosophers, the counsellors, and the sages of the king of Jericho! But God uses the foolish things of the world to confound the mighty.

On the seventh day, at the seventh time of the going around, the blasts of the rams' horns were followed by a shout. The shout went up and the walls went down. Heaven was touched at the signal, at the shout of mastery and assurance of victory. The unseen forces of God's spiritual army came into operation. The walls fell down flat, and then the children of Israel supplemented the spiritual side of the victory with the physical sword, destroying all the enemies of God's people.

The whole story and the whole history of the conquest of Canaan teach us a lesson concerning the power of the spiritual to contend with and overthrow spiritual wickedness. The children of Israel, untrained in war but empowered by the Spirit of God, were enabled to overcome their enemies and those who were the enemies of God.

The great failing of Christian workers today is their seeking to use the arm of flesh, instead of the power of the Spirit of the Lord, against forces that are not fleshly but spiritual, that are under the control of the great evil spirit, Satan, who goes about seeking to destroy. But the

weapons of our warfare are not carnal; they are spiritual weapons that are mighty through God and through the mighty power of the Spirit.

In the sixth chapter of Ephesians we are shown the spiritual conflict, the spiritual enemies, also the spiritual armor and the spiritual weapons that a child of God must have in order to overcome. God's children will find the weapons and armor provided sufficient to enable them to be more than conquerors.

We are bidden to be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, and to put on the whole armor of God, that we may be enabled to stand firm against the wiles of the devil. We are warned that the adversaries with whom we wrestle are not flesh and blood, but they are the principalities, the powers, and the sovereigns of darkness, evil spirits that inhabit the heavenly places. And so we are exhorted, "Wherefore, take up with you to the battle the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand them in the evil day, and having overthrown them all, to stand unshaken." Eph. 6:12, 13; Conybeare's Translation.

Here we see spiritual weapons in the hands of spiritual people for the overthrow of evil spirits, evil powers, evil rulers—an array of mighty invisible opponents which God wants to combat and defeat through weapons given to and operated by the redeemed children of men. Here we have unseen forces of evil which are met and overcome by unseen powers bestowed upon the saints of God—mortals living upon earth. We see the unseen spiritual power of God working through the visible children of God, to combat and conquer spiritual wickedness, wicked spirits inhabiting the heavens and the earth.

Look at the great array—these tremendous forces of the evil one, subtle, crafty, powerful, continuous in time, knowing no stoppage by death, ever active, tremendously malignant, with undying hatred to God, His Christ, His kingdom, and to man, His creation, but especially to the redeemed. Take stock of the power of the enemy. Do not underestimate it. On the other hand, take stock of the resources of the child of God—the whole armor of God, the strength of the Lord, and the power of His might.

Take note of what is needed: "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." And do not forget to take the weapon of "all prayer"—"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

These are all spiritual weapons—intangible, foolish, ridiculous, impractical in the sight of men of the world, but mighty through God to the overthrow of the enemy!

The biggest cannon, with its longest range and most powerful shell, is absolutely futile if fired into the heavens to bring down these spiritual forces, the spiritual wickednesses and powers in the heavenly places. But man has faith in his guns. He wants to use the visible against the invisible! Wise is the servant of God who sees the nature of the enemy and can seize and operate the spiritual weapons that are placed at his disposal.

Christ foresaw the future ministry and the conflict of those who were to be witnesses for Him. He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." He declared to them, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." And in sending forth His disciples He gave them power over all the power of the enemy, and declared to them: "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues (many of us have found out the power of this spiritual weapon when in conflict with the enemy); they shall take up serpents (they have complete victory over the old serpent the devil and his brood); and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them (God will not fail to preserve His own from evil); they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

It is said about the first disciples that "they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." The same mighty Lord will go with His witnesses today, and make them more than conquerors in overthrowing all the opposing armies of evil spirits.

John Wesley's Mother

Glennie Weston Fuller

JOHN Wesley's writings are full of reference to his mother, with illustrations of "her orderliness, reasonableness, steadfastness of purpose, calm authority and tender affection, the serenity with which she transacted business, wrote letters and conversed surrounded by thirteen children," and withal "a habit of profound reverence for God."

So to the womanhood of today may we offer the portrait of a remarkable mother in terms of the great lacks and needs of today, supplied by the ideals of the yesterday of Susannah Wesley.

Poverty with Resourcefulness. Susannah Wesley began married life on an income of £30 (\$150) a year which did not increase much, and for weeks at a time her poetical husband was enjoying "a rest" in a debtor's prison while Mrs. Wesley continued to feed her little brood. When asked by the bishop if she ever lacked bread, she replied that the difficulty of getting bread was almost as miserable as the lack of it would have been. But, despite the pinch of want, her large family was reared and educated largely by her business ability, thrift, methodical planning and purposefulness.

Activity with Serenity. Can one today visualize the activity of yesterday? Not the activity of a round of social pleasures—of teas and bridge and golf—but the household of no electric timesavers, with all food grown, picked, and prepared by hand, and even clothes made from wool grown on the sheep in the field, with poverty stalking at the door, with a new baby arriving almost every year, with business affairs to attend to, correspondence and her *Manual* to write, a large family to train and educate—and yet one of the characteristics which impressed her family most in later years was her patience and serenity. Her work was not a distraction but a creation.

Orderliness with Purposefulness. The secret of Susannah Wesley's serenity in the midst of multiplied details of work was her "methodicity." As Lee says of her, "Her mind was methodical to a fault."

Fitchett adds, "Her motherhood had an inexorable plan running through it; and never were the innumerable offices of a mother discharged with such insistent method and intelligent purpose. The whole household life moved as if to a time table. The very sleep of the children was measured to them in doses. A general retirement at five o'clock was maintained, when the oldest took the youngest that could speak, and the second the next, to whom they read the Psalms for the day, and a chapter in the New Testament, as in

the morning they were directed to read the Psalms and a chapter in the Old Testament, after which they went to their private prayers before they got breakfast or came in to the family."

Even the hours of the week were scheduled so that each child had an hour of private interview with the mother each week. "It is probable that those rigors of introspection, that severity of self-analysis which formed the habit of Wesley's life in after years, had their origin in those Thursday interviews." Susannah Wesley took time to guide her children into the Kingdom; she budgeted her time with the purpose of a mother's duty and privilege as a sacred trust.

Discipline with Affection. Susannah Wesley lived before the days of psychology which said a child should not be suppressed, but she produced some masterpieces. At her son's request in her old age she set down some of her principal rules in training her children. She wrote: "When turned a year old (and some before) they were taught to fear the rod and to cry softly, by which means they escaped abundance of correction they might otherwise have had; and that most odious noise of the crying of children was rarely heard in the house; but the family usually lived in as much quietness as if there had not been a child among them."

Again to quote Fitchett, "This wise mother understood that the will lies at the root of the character and determines it."

The Wesley household was richly endowed in the matter of the will, so that the first step in each child's education was to bring that force under government. It was a standing and imperative rule that no child was to have anything it cried for, and the moral effect on the child's mind of the discovery that the one infallible way of not getting a desirable thing was to cry for it must have been surprising.

Again Mrs. Wesley wrote in her *Manual*, "In order to form the minds of children, the first thing to be done is to conquer their will, and bring them into obedient temper. In the esteem of the world they pass for kind and indulgent parents whom I call cruel parents, who permit their children to get habits which they know must be afterwards broken."



A MOTHER'S JOY

"They talk of a mother's toil and care,
Of the tasks that her hands must do,
Of the furrows that creep o'er the brow once fair,
Of the burdens and heartaches too.
But they know not the joy stitched in each little dress,
The pattering footsteps that brighten and bless,
The thrill of a baby's loving caress—
Ah, nobody knows but mother.
"There was never a task by the Father given
That brought not its blessing too,
And the life that lies the nearest heaven
Was given, O mother, to you.
The task is great, but the joy is sweet,
The hours of prayer bring a faith complete,
And the highest wisdom our life can meet
Lies hid in the heart of a mother."

Once the parsonage burned, and during its rebuilding the children were parceled out among friends. Discipline relaxed and bad habits formed. Then Mrs. Wesley wrote as the brood was again under the parsonage roof, "We entered into a strict reform, and then was begun the custom of singing Psalms at the beginning and leaving of school." Then, also, the retirement at five o'clock was inaugurated, with the assignment of the responsibility of the older children for the younger.

As Lee says, "Rules, habits, obedience were the great words" in this household—and not so bad a psychology for the development of character. But this strict training was done in such a way that this mother was always "the center of the household affection." Discipline is understood and appreciated when strength of character is found to endure in middle life.

Education with Character. Fitchett again says, "Susannah Wesley was a mother of very notable type, and her management of her children may well be the despair of all mothers and the envy of all fathers to the end of time. This brave, wise, high-spirited woman, with the brain of a theologian behind her gentle eyes, and the tastes of a scholar in her blood, had great ideals for her children. They were to be gentle folk, scholars, Christians.

"As each child reached a fixed date in
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A Double Miracle

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

DO you feel you need a miracle wrought in your life? If so, I hope it may be realized as we speak to you today.

Peter and John, who were disciples of Jesus, went together to the temple at the hour of prayer. I wonder how the prayer meeting is getting along in your church? Is it well attended? Do the people expect to meet God there? If you study your Bible you will find that prayer and the blessing of God go together. It is not easy to pray in the sense of meeting God when a person has long neglected his prayer-life. But the person who really wishes to meet God need not be discouraged. "Though the vision tarry, wait for it, for it will come; it will not tarry." As we wait on God in earnest worship and prayer, the Spirit will come to refresh our hearts as He came at Pentecost and as He has come many times since. I repeat with the Psalmist, "Wait, I say, on the Lord." One has said, "We kneel, how weak; we rise, how full of power."

As Peter and John approached the temple, they were met by a man who never had walked. This poor fellow was lying there hoping that the worshipers might give to him some small gifts out of their greater abundance. Seeing Peter and John, he was "seeking an alms from them." Peter had to say to the poor fellow, "Silver and gold have I none." But he had something better. Money is not everything. Some of the world's most unhappy people are possessors of vast wealth. A wealthy woman telephoned to her physician and asked how much whiskey a person would have to drink to die. Then she went to her room and drank herself to death. She had money but with it misery. Money is a necessity, but consider the rest of heart expressed in such words as these, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content." And see the restless agitation in the following expression: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

"It is well to be prudent and thrifty—who wouldn't?
'And quite self-supporting, 'tis true;
But in getting your money (now this may sound funny)
Oh, don't let your money get you."

Yes, Peter was poor financially, but he had within him the Spirit of God and an active faith. He could say to the lame man, "But such as I have give I unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of

Nazareth, rise up and walk." Immediately the feet of the lame man became strong and he began "leaping and walking and praising God."

Peter may not be here, but Jesus is here in whose name Peter spoke the word of healing to the lame man. You may not be lame in your feet, but you may be woefully lame in your character. It may be that you wish to be healed. Sin has you down. You would like to think yourself master, but you know you are slave. In the name of Christ I say to you, "Rise up and walk." Let Jesus take you by the hand and lift you up. Also Christ can heal your body if you are sick. Many are healed by Him; from time to time, miracles as great as the healing of the lame man are taking place—not a hundred years ago, but now. Therefore, whether your trouble be in your soul or in your body, look to Jesus to meet your need. Do this now.

Listen to the words of King David: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction, so that thy youth is renewed as the eagles." God wants to renew you, my friend. He can renew your soul by cleansing it from sin. He can renew your body by His healing power. Will you not ask Him to meet your need today? God bless you.

Three things make a preacher: meditation, prayer and temptation. And three things are to be remembered by a minister: turn over and over the Bible, pray devoutly and be never above learning.—Martin Luther.

Love Wins

THE secret of successful evangelism in France was discovered years ago by Mrs. Booth Clibborn, better known as the Marechale of France. How did she hope to conquer in religion-ridden and infidel France? Listen to that frail little woman:

I saw that the bridge to France was—making the French people believe in me. That is what the Protestants do not understand. They preach the Bible, they write books, they offer tracts. But that does not do the work. "Curse your Bibles, your books, your tracts!" cry the French. I have seen thousands of Testaments given away to little purpose. I have seen them torn up to light cigars. . . . But if Jesus is lifted up in flesh and blood He will today draw all men unto Him. And the conviction that took shape in my mind was that if I cannot give Him, I shall fail. France has not waited till now for religion, for preaching, for eloquences. Something more is needed. "I that speak unto thee am He"—there is a sense in which the world is waiting for that today. Christ's primary idea, this means of saving the world, is, after all, personality. The face, the character, the life of Jesus is to be seen in men and women.

These were the convictions with which I began the work in Paris. I said, "We will lay ourselves out for them; they shall know where we live; they can watch us day and night; they shall see what we do and judge us." And the wonderful thing of those first years in France and Switzerland was—the flame. We lighted it all along the line. Wherever we went we brought the fire with us, we fanned it, we communicated it. We could not help doing so, because it was in us, that was what made us sufferers. The fire had to be burning in us day and night.

We all know what the fire is. It warms and it burns. It scorches the Pharisees and makes the cowards fly. But the poor, tempted, unhappy world knows by whom it is kindled, and says: "I know thee who thou art—The Holy One of God!"

That was what filled the halls at Havre and Rouen, Nimes and Bordeaux, Brussels and Liege. We personified Someone, and that was the attraction. I have not the insufferable conceit to suppose that it was anything in me that drew them. What am I? Dust and ashes. But if you have the fire, it draws, it melts; it consumes all selfishness; it makes you love as He loves; it gives you a heart of steel to yourself, and the tenderest of hearts to others; it gives you eyes to see what no one else sees, to hear what others have never given themselves the trouble to listen to. And men rush to you because you are what you are; you are as He was in the world; you have His sympathy, His divine love,

NOT ALL THE LAME MAN NEEDS!



Ramoey

His divine patience. Therefore He gives you the victory over the world; and what is money, what are houses, lands, anything—compared with that?

This was the one attraction. When I went to France I said to Christ: "I in You and You in me!" And many a time in confronting single-handed a laughing, scoffing crowd, I have said, "You and I are enough for them. I won't fail You, and You won't fail me." That is something of which we have only touched the fringe. That is a truth almost hermetically sealed. It would be sacrilege, it would be desecration, it would be wrong, unfair, unjust if divine power were given on any other terms than absolute self-abandonment. When I went to France I said to Jesus, "I will suffer anything if you will give me the keys." And if I am asked what was the secret of our power in France I answer: First, love; second love; third, love. And if you ask how to get it, I answer: First, by sacrifice; second, by sacrifice; third, by sacrifice. Christ loved us passionately, and loves to be loved passionately.

REVIVAL IN EUROPE

Evangelist Ralph I. Cranston, who has recently returned from an extended trip to Europe, writes of the great hunger for the gospel message. We quote, in part:

"God is blessing the Youth for Christ in Holland in a wonderful way. Just before returning to America, I received an urgent call from Holland to come over and help them, as a great revival had broken out in youth meetings which had just started. The great churches and public halls were jammed to the doors, and hundreds could not get in. Often I had to preach twice to reach the people that could not get in to the first meeting. Five hundred seekers in just a few weeks took Jesus as their personal Savior. For half an hour or more after each service, we dealt with them in order to instruct them in the way of righteousness and what it really means to be a Christian. Just before I arrived in Holland, in a meeting held in Rotterdam it was estimated that approximately 1,000 had come forward to accept Christ. It took two services to reach the crowds, as it was impossible to seat them all in the first meeting.

"For the past year and a half I have been in Europe, traveling through Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Holland, France, and England. It would seem that God is giving Europe her final opportunity to be saved. The Spirit of God is moving in a very precious way all over Europe today. Five hundred and fifty million people present a tremendous challenge to us today, as so many of the Europeans would accept Christ but they have never heard of the way. And the laborers are so few. Pray that God will raise up men who will accept the challenge, and take the gospel to these needy millions who in their poverty and extremity are now ready and ripe to be reaped for Christ. Europe is a great mission field, with the door of salvation fast closing, as the dark night of tribulation and wrath is bearing swiftly down upon them. We in the New World have the great responsibility to carry back to the Old World the glorious gospel which they graciously gave to us, and which alone has made our nation great. May God burden our hearts again and again, as we hear the cry of Europe's millions who have suffered so much and who are in such dire circumstances at this very moment."

The Revival in Uganda

Vernon Morrison

THROUGH the missionary work of Alexander Mackay the Lord sent a glorious revival to Uganda. After Mackay's death in 1890 the fires of that revival burned for many years, but gradually the Church Missionary Society permitted the work to lapse into a formal, lifeless state, until many were joining the church without having been truly converted.

About ten years ago God heard the prayers of a band of earnest missionaries within the Church Missionary Society who had become alarmed over the appalling lack of spiritual life, and revival fires began to burn once again. Today that revival is still going strong. Thousands of natives have been genuinely converted. High officials of the mission have opposed the work, but the revival has swept on and has spread. One godly missionary told me how just recently the natives have been moved to cry out to God at their work, and in their homes, and that missionary has spent as much as a whole night going from one house to another where the people were weeping and crying to God for forgiveness and asking for spiritual help.

One of the natives brought to the Lord during this revival is William Nagenda. He had been a member of the mission for some time, but never had been converted, until he went to a meeting in a little hut close by his own abode and there he came to the Lord. When converted he was employed by the Government as a collector of taxes. The collectors have a large amount of liberty in their work. They go out and gather money for taxes, reporting the amount they bring back, and during the course of his employment William had been appropriating some money for his own use. During the course of his employment he had appropriated about \$250 which belonged to the Government. When converted, the very first thing that confronted him was his secret sin. He made confession to the Government official and undertook to pay it. It took him eight years to save enough, over and above his living costs, but at last he had paid it all back.

Immediately the Lord began to use him in the ministry. Under his leadership an evangelistic band was formed and they traveled all through that territory. As a result, thousands were saved. He held one meeting near our station and 10,000 people attended. It was altogether under the supervision of this native and his helpers.

In one of William's meetings a native *padre* came in. The leaders were a little fearful, because they had been meeting with a great deal of opposition from the *padre's* church, but the *padre* sat through the service. At the close of the message from the Word, the *padre* arose, and spoke aloud, saying so that all could hear: "You think I am a minister, a *padre*—but I am a murderer. I am not converted. With my own hand I killed my wife some years ago. People thought she died of a strange disease, but it was my own hand that killed her." The next day this *padre* went to the police and handed himself over to them. He said he expected to be hanged for his crime.

His case was brought before a white judge. The judge listened in astonishment, and said, "I have never heard anything like this before. In all my experience I have never known an African to volunteer a confession of crime." There stood this man, voluntarily confessing that he had murdered his wife. "God has forgiven me," he said, "and I know my sin has been taken away, but I am ready to pay whatever penalty the law asks." The judge said: "This is truly of God. I never have seen anything like it. I could not be clear before God and sentence this man." So the *padre* was excused. He began preaching the gospel and before long more than 3,000 souls had been won to Christ under his ministry. This story is typical of the gracious revival which God has sent to Uganda during the past ten years.

MOTHERS HELP A LOT

A little boy, who was told by his mother that it was God who made people good, quickly said, "Yes, I know it is God, but mothers help a lot."

CAN YOU MATCH THIS?

Just the other day one of our elderly ministers, who has been in the General Council since 1914 and who has faithfully supported God's work, wrote us as follows: "All that I ever got I have given back into the ministry. When I built a church I would give until it was all paid. I felt that ministers owed all that they were to God and His cause." In checking with other brethren and the records we find that this aged and infirm brother has been one of the best supporters of the General and District Councils.

Now that our brother is in need of temporal assistance can we afford to be less consecrated? Should we not give of our blessings, sacrificially if need be, so that help may be given to him and many many more like him who have spent many years of untiring labor for God's kingdom?

SUNDAY, MAY 30th

is the day set apart by the General Council when a special offering will be received by our churches to be used in giving material help to our aged ministers. The offering which your church gives will be of great benefit to these veterans of the Cross who so greatly need your help. Send your offerings to Wilfred A. Brown, Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Shegenogo Writes

John F. Hall

"Mogetedo, Mr. Hall, my teacher in the Kingdom of God, I want to greet you and Madame and your children. Now all the news I have to tell you is good news. Six people received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. One woman spoke in tongues over an hour. There was such joy that all the Christians and those with native musical instruments praised God until daylight.

"On Sunday, five were baptized in water of whom three had just received the Baptism in the Spirit. A longing for the Holy Spirit and thirst for Him has seized the people. Many hidden sins are coming to light." (He then wrote of different people by name and the sins revealed—which wouldn't be nice to include here!)

"Another thing we long for is not only that people will receive the Baptism but that the gifts of the Spirit will be received. This will distinguish us from the Catholics and Moslems.

"All the Christians here are well by God's power. May God bless you. Shegenogo."

Praise God for a move of the Spirit on an outstation fifty miles away as reported in this letter from Shegenogo, the Mossi preacher there.

The Gospel in Falcon

Adolph and Elsie Blattner
Falcon, Venezuela

We visited our oldest outstation, La Cuesta, and God was in our midst. Meetings were held Friday and Saturday night, and four meetings on Sunday. God blessed and touched the lives of His people. In the Sunday evening service the chapel was full; many unsaved were present. The Lord moved upon their hearts, and at the close fourteen souls came forward at the invitation to accept Christ as Savior.

The worker there and the believers are feeling the spirit of revival. God is calling them to evangelize farther on. Doors are opening to them, and the bars of fanaticism and priestcraft are gradually breaking down. Praise God! Do pray with us that God's mighty convicting and enlightening power may accompany all our efforts in these last days.

A couple of weeks ago in Coro, some children attempted to burn the chapel. Previously they had sprinkled the kerosene and were trying to set fire to it when they were caught. The police took them off, and since then they have been sending a policeman on meeting nights to keep watch.

Last month, two of our women, urged by the need of souls in the mountains went on foot and courageously testified for Christ. Though poor and ignorant in themselves, God encouraged and inspired them. A group gathered together and for two nights they "preached" the gospel to them.

How Revival Spreads in China

Sarah C. Johnston, South China

February, the Chinese New Year season, is to the Chinese what Christmas is to us—the really "big" holiday season of the year, only celebrated on a much larger scale! It's not just a matter of a day or two, but it is a festival which lasts for at least two weeks, during which time it is like one continuous Fourth of July! From early morning till late at night there is the constant bursting of firecrackers, banging of drums, firing of guns, and every other kind of noise conceivable.

After the first day of the New Year, which is supposed to be spent in partial fasting behind closed doors, the remainder of the time is spent in visiting and receiving guests, for at this time people have more leisure than at any other time of the year. The Bible School has to be closed during this time to give the students a chance to go home and join their families in the festivities.

Just before the New Year, we were having a far more joyous time here in the school than the world will ever experience with all its efforts at merrymaking! For a long time there had been a real spirit of prayer on the students, when at last one afternoon one of the girls came through to her Baptism. She spoke in tongues, and laughed and sang in the Spirit, and had such a wonderful time in the Lord that all the others were spurred on to seek even more diligently. They were willing to pray early or late, any time, any where, and only the fact that the neighbors objected kept them from keeping at it all night. God always is the rewarder of those who seek Him, so, once again we observed that God is no respecter of persons. One after another they began to come through to their Baptism, all with a deep impression of the nearness of the coming of the Lord. One of the girls had a vision of bright clouds and heard the angels singing: "He's Coming Soon."

One evening while they were having a special season of refreshing before the Lord, a number of neighbors, including a prominent doctor, gathered in to see what it was all about. Thank God, their hearts were open and tender, and most of them, too, joined in prayer that God would fill them. Some who were skeptical before, but were convinced that "this is that," are now also earnestly seeking. It's too bad the holidays had to break into this time of revival, for so many students seemed to be so near the Lord. I think they would have been filled with the Spirit very soon. In one way, though, it was good for them to return to their homes and villages straight from such a revival, for it certainly will have an effect on their testimonies among their own people. Pray that the Spirit will continue to have free course till all are filled and God has His way in each and every life.

We expect to go up to our station at Paak Nai for the dedication of the new church. It is just about finished, and God seems to be preparing the way for a revival there, too. One evening a few days ago our two Bible women, Poon Ts'z Wai and Cheung Tai Koo, whom we expect to place there after the opening, were having a little season of prayer in the reception room back of the chapel. As they prayed the Spirit came upon them and they prayed, sang, and preached in the Spirit. A relative of one of the girls lived in the house next door, and hearing the loud preaching, but not knowing the cause, became alarmed and went to call for help. He aroused the town guards, for most people had gone to bed, and, armed with guns and followed by a crowd of people they came and stood outside the chapel door and listened. Cheung Tai Koo was preaching in tongues, but the language she was using was Mandarin, so while they stood there, not venturing to go in at first, some of them who could understand Mandarin were getting a good sermon straight from the Holy Spirit on repentance! (Doesn't it remind you of the day of Pentecost?)

At last they pushed the door open and were surprised to see no one there but the two girls and a little child who was with them praying. One of the men said that he didn't believe in God before but now he does! Praise the Lord! One of the women who was listening asked Poon Ts'z Wai if she wouldn't sing in English on the day of the opening of the chapel like she sang that night. (They thought we had taught her to sing that way!) Well, who knows? maybe she will! We trust the Holy Spirit will be there in power and that He will have His way in ALL that is said and done. We expect to have a five-day meeting, at that time with a Chinese Pentecostal brother from Shanghai as evangelist. Another young man from here in the south who has been attending my English Bible Class, will interpret for him. This young man is also Spirit-filled. You would be interested to know his testimony.

After being graduated from a college in China, he was sent by the Chinese government to open a school for the Chinese in Johannesburg, South Africa. While he was in Johannesburg he studied in another college for three more years, but better than that, he came in contact with some of our missionaries there, and was led to accept the Lord as his Savior, and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit! He is now in Canton teaching in Sun Yat Sen University, but he has a definite call to go back and work among his own people in South Africa, who are much neglected, he says. Before going he wants to go to Bible School as he feels he needs a better knowledge of the Word

of God before he goes out as a missionary. He speaks, reads, and writes English fluently. Remember him in prayer that the Lord will continue to direct his steps.

God is still blessing in the Bible Class. I was thrilled to receive a letter from one of the students here not long ago telling me that he had accepted the Lord as his Savior through attending this class. I have had several interesting letters from members of this class that indicate that God is working. God answers prayer, so keep praying that a work of grace will be done in every heart.

I am especially anxious to bring these young people to the Lord for this is the very group that communism bids high for. We must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Grateful for Relief

Bronislaw Myszak, Lublin, Poland

I wish to give you a little picture of the Lord's work in Lublin.

We are lacking a proper meeting hall, so we are conducting our services in our private home which consists of one room. The Lord is blessing us, constantly we are visited by new friends and people are being saved through the operation of the Holy Spirit. Frequently our place is too small to accommodate all of the people, but we believe God to help us find a hall large enough. In the district surrounding Lublin, the Lord has sent wonderful blessings. People are repenting and receiving the forgiveness of sins. The Lord has also baptized in the Holy Spirit, to Him be praise.

We received the clothing from America during the month of December, 1947, and it was distributed from the city of Lodz for each Assembly according to the membership. The Assembly in Lublin is therefore, expressing its sincerest appreciation to all who have helped in this great work. This gift did not remain without fruit and we believe that the Lord will reward you a hundred fold for your kindness. We are beginning to understand the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What about the closed door of Nepal?

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Beginning at Chiang P'u Hsien

Doris Carlson, China

Miss Tieleman and I took a trip to Chiang P'u Hsien, the station where we are going to work, to look around and to get some repair work started. It was the first time I had ever seen how Chinese people live, and so I was much interested.

Most of the Chinese live in extreme poverty. Their houses are made of mud and straw with straw roofs. The floors are only of dirt, and the doors and windows usually have no covering so that the people have very little protection from the cold. Some were clad in the filthiest of rags; others with a little more of worldly goods wore black or blue gowns.

If they looked strange to me, we were a still greater curiosity to them as we rode by in our rickshaws with three rickshaws carrying trunks ahead. (One trunk was full of relief clothing). People stared at us with mouths open. Once we passed a country school where we could hear the children all studying aloud. One spied us through the open door. Immediately they all stopped, and ran outside to see the strange sight. As we passed a farm house, the whole family came out with bowls and chopsticks in hand to watch the parade while they ate.

As we entered the gate of Chiang P'u

Hsien, we found it to be a typical Chinese town. We were the only foreigners there. Later, when we went out on the street for a walk, we discovered a whole crowd of children following us. The number quickly mounted up to fifty with grownups watching from the doorways. The children followed us to the end of the street by the city wall, and back again to our end of town. They followed us into the mission compound and into the house. We felt like the Pied Piper of Hamelin. Finally, with a promise of a meeting just for them on the morrow they reluctantly left.

The little chapel was packed with them the next morning. It was a joy to hear them sing and to watch the interested look on their faces as they listened. They followed in perfect unison as they repeated verses after Miss Tieleman, even to repeating her injunction, "Now we'll say it again."

What a challenge these little children are with their keen interest and ready response! Please pray for them and for us that we may lead them to Jesus. So many need His healing touch for their bodies as well. Many have sore eyes with matter running out, and scalp diseases of one kind or another are very common. Surely this is a needy field.

Victory Over Evil Spirits

Ralph Williams, El Salvador

Just two weeks ago we went to Camones, a nearby assembly, to investigate a strange phenomena that had caused great alarm among the villagers and no little concern to the believers. In this twentieth century we ridicule the idea of "witches" or "wizards," but out there in that rough country the practice of "witchcraft," whether pure trickery and cunning of men or demon power, has flourished and acquired renown.

For about ten days one of our brethren had been the object of many and varied kinds of missiles thrown from all sides, day or night. The tiles of the roof of his house were smashed, he was struck with rocks hurled from no one knows where, furniture moved out of his house seemingly of its own volition.

The police came to investigate and received the same treatment. One of them was struck by a bottle, and when they rushed out of the house to see who had thrown it no one was to be found, although they beat the brush for a good distance on all sides. They did haul off to jail a suspected "wizard" in whose possession they found a book entitled "El Libro Infernal" (Book of Hell), but the terrifying happenings continued.

The believers prayed day and night with the brother, who by then had left his home

and taken refuge in the church. By the end of the week they were almost defeated, worn out in body from lack of sleep and frustrated in faith, for they had not been able to pray through to victory. Then two of our older workers went out to the scene, rallied the brethren and again sought the Lord in prayer. They too saw and heard strange things and one of them was struck on the head by an old shoe that seemed to fly across the room from nowhere violently enough to raise quite a bump.

We went to church that night all feeling a little uncertain as to what might happen but, praise God! it was the night of victory. The singing became a little more confident, then we had a season of united prayer and finally a good message encouraging faith in the omnipotent God and in the eternal power of His Word. We all felt that victory was ours.

Just before the meeting closed, the pastor stood, his eyes tired from lack of sleep but with a happy expression on his face, and announced that tomorrow was Christmas Eve, that this trouble had hindered plans for the Christmas celebration, but he wanted volunteers to be in the church at five next morning to decorate it for as much of their program as they had prepared. They are still fighting the good fight of faith against the powers of darkness—pray for them.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

YOUTHFUL DRUNKARDS

In a recent study, Dr. E. M. Jellinek of Yale found that two thirds of the alcoholics in the U. S. A. began drinking habits during their high-school years; and a third of them were showing signs of alcoholism by the time they were of college age.

TOO ONE-SIDED

Says Roger Babson: "When certain interests in this country are using newspapers, magazines, movies, and radios to entice youth to drink alcoholic beverages, smoke cigarettes, and make heroes of criminals, these youths should be given the other side of the life picture."

ALCOHOLISM IN MASSACHUSETTS

According to *United Presbyterian*, 50% of the felonies committed in Massachusetts are related to alcoholism; 85% of the commitments for misdemeanors are due to alcoholism; 25% of the inmates of the women's hospital in Massachusetts are alcoholics. More and more the younger people are being sent to prison or reform schools as a result of indulgence in strong drink. How true is the Scriptural warning, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Proverbs 20:1.

A MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

Appropriate for Mother's Day is the good counsel given recently by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. "The foundation of our democracy was built upon a firm faith in Almighty God," he said. "As our nation grew and prospered, as it overcame vicissitudes and adversities, its people never lost faith in a personal God. Our generation, it seems, has allowed old, faithful religious practices to slip into oblivion. As a result, family life has been weakened. The nation has suffered and many of its children have become spiritually starved." He concluded with these well-chosen words: "There is no better way of doing our part for home life in America than by re-establishing the daily practice of family prayer in our homes, because families which pray together stay together."

PRAYER IN THE WHITE HOUSE

Says R. W. Neighbour, in *The Gospel Herald*: "George Washington used to go out and kneel in the snow at Valley Forge, and ask God for deliverance, for guidance, for victory. The men who gathered together for the purpose of writing the Constitution of the U. S. A. found themselves embroiled in all sorts of different viewpoints. They dismissed, went to their several homes and prayed, asking God to guide and direct this nation in its infancy, from its very birth. The next morning, after spending a whole night on their knees, those men gathered together and they wrote within a few moments the Constitution of the United States. Every president of the United States used to have a family altar; but Benjamin Harrison was the last president who ever had family prayer in the White House."

"HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH"

The following testimony was found on an old tombstone in a cemetery in Pennsylvania: "I have followed Christ for eighty years; for sixty I have been His minister. I have followed Him through sorrow and through joy, through troublous times and pleasant ones, and I want to leave this as my testimony—He is a good Master."

HUNGRY FOR GOD'S WORD

Bare shelves in the newly opened office of the American Bible Society in Manila are mute evidence of a record day when the Society disposed of 991 Bibles and New Testaments in just a few hours. The supply of Ilocano Bibles and Cebuano New Testaments is exhausted. New editions of these books are now being printed in the U. S. A. and will be forwarded to the Philippines as rapidly as possible.

PURSUING HAPPINESS

A heckler once complained to Benjamin Franklin that the Constitution of the United States was a mockery. "Where is all the happiness it is supposed to guarantee us?" he demanded. "All the Constitution guarantees, my friend," answered Franklin, "is the pursuit of happiness; you have to catch up with it yourself." Real happiness is found in knowing and serving Christ. Thank God for a Government that recognizes our right to do so.

WORLD'S WORST INVESTMENTS

In the San Diego Athletic Club is a "billion dollar gold room," which is completely papered by stock certificates of all kinds that became worthless within ten years. Over the doorway are 3,330,000,000 German marks. It is called, "The Room of the World's Worst Investments." How many hopes have been blighted, how many fortunes have been lost, by investing in worthless things of this world! The advice of the brokers often leads to disappointment and disaster. But the advice of the Book is always safe, and it says: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matthew 6:19.

THE SECULAR TREND

Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, says that if the secularization of American education continues, "before long some atheist will probably file a suit to have the recognition of God expurgated from the Declaration of Independence, Lincoln's Gettysburg address, and the inscriptions on the coins of our land—"In God We Trust!"

He quoted a recent report of the National Education Association to the effect that "the book used to teach a child to read in 1775 was 100% moral and religious, but today the successor to that reader in the public schools of America has less than 1% of either moral or religious material."

Is it any wonder there is a moral breakdown among the youth of our land? Where is there a sound basis or incentive for morality, apart from religious teaching?

THE CAPACITY OF PALESTINE

The American Palestine Committee has pointed out that at the beginning of the Christian era, Palestine had a population of about 4,000,000. Today there are only 1,600,000 in that land. Dr. Walter Lowdermilk, the noted agricultural expert, has written a book in which he demonstrates that, by means of a scientific program of irrigation and power development, room can be made for at least 4,000,000 new immigrants without crowding the present population in any way.

TO DISCOURAGE SWEARING

The American Society for Clean Speech was organized in Kansas City in February. According to W. J. Barnett, its president, the society will attempt "to discourage the use of the word 'God' in profanity." It will use signs, and magazine and newspaper space, to promote its cause. We wish it success. However, we doubt whether such a campaign will do much good, since its approach is to the mouth rather than to the heart. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A corrupt tree bringeth forth corrupt fruit. What the blasphemer needs is to have his heart and nature changed by the miracle of the New Birth.

MORE WITHOUT CHRIST TODAY

"There are actually more men, women and children without Christ today than there ever have been before," says Dr. K. S. Latourette, the eminent historian. "In almost all countries where foreign mission work is carried on, although the rate of growth of the Christian community is higher than the rate of growth of the general population, the immensely greater numbers in the general population mean that there are more non-Christians today than there were half a century ago." Unless God sends an unprecedented revival all over the world, it appears that the longer this age lasts the more souls will be doomed to hell. Our earnest cry should be, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION

After many months of consideration of the case of Mrs. Vashti McCollum, of Champaign, Ill., the Supreme Court of the U. S. A. has decided that she was right in objecting to Bible classes in public schools. In an eight-to-one decision, it has ruled that religious teaching in public schools, even on a voluntary basis, is unconstitutional. The dispute lay in the interpretation of Article I in the Bill of Rights, which states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The majority opinion of the Supreme Court stated: "This is beyond all question the utilization of the tax-established and tax-supported public school systems to aid religious groups to spread their faith, and it falls squarely under the ban of the First Amendment" (the Bill of Rights). "Here not only are the State's tax-supported public school buildings used for the dissemination of religious doctrine, the State also affords sectarian groups an invaluable aid in that it helps to provide pupils for their religious classes through use of the State's compulsory public school machinery. This is not separation of Church and State."

Justice Reed, in his dissenting opinion, said: "It seems obvious that the action of the school board in permitting religious education in certain

grades of the school by all faiths did not prohibit the free exercise of religion. Even assuming that certain children who did not elect to take instruction are embarrassed to remain outside of the classes, one can hardly speak of that embarrassment as a prohibition against the free exercise of religion."

How far-reaching the decision will be is not yet clear. A supplementary statement indicates that a majority of the justices clearly did not intend to invalidate the principle of releasing pupils during school hours for religious instruction outside the school building. At Champaign, Ill., where the situation was directly affected by the Court's ruling, the religious classes merely have been transferred from the school buildings to churches and organizational buildings instead. In Oregon, likewise, the released-time plan will be continued, off school property. But in Michigan all released-time classes have been banned.

A thoughtful writer says: "The most serious aspect of the decision is the evidence which it presents of a shift in government policy from an attitude of friendliness, encouragement, and helpful co-operation toward a position of neutrality in the matter of religion, if not positive disinterest. This is not in keeping with our American tradition. Neither do I believe that this position was the intention of those honored leaders who framed the First and Fourteenth Amendments of our Constitution. A strict application of the decision would make illegal many practices which have persisted since the founding of our nation."

SAVIOR AND JUDGE

Not long ago, in one of our great cities, and upon one of its crowded streets, a young man was suddenly pulled back from the path of a speeding truck, and his life saved by a venerable looking man. When he had gotten his voice, he thanked the man and was lost in the crowd.

Two weeks later, in a crowded courtroom, a young man stood in the prisoner's box to be sentenced for murder.

"Young man, have you anything to say before the sentence of death is passed upon you?"

"Why—! Yes. Yes, Judge. You know me."

A silence moved in a wave over the courtroom.

"I am sorry, sir. I cannot place you."

"Yes. Sure. You remember. Two weeks ago. At Main and Seventh Streets. You saved my life. Surely, Judge, you can do something for me now."

The silence in the room was painful.

"Young man, I remember. But that day I was your savior. Today I am your judge."

The Lord Jesus Christ, who today offers to be your Savior, will one day be your Judge. Accept Him without delay. Tomorrow may be too late. Let Him save you from sin today.

MASS BY TELEVISION

The Roman Catholic Church sees in television an opportunity to capitalize on its ornate and elaborate ritual. Already it has broadcast mass by television, and *Watchman-Examiner* predicts that in future the pope and his dramatic surroundings will be constantly brought before the people as propaganda for the Church of Rome.

Preparing For Increased Radio Opportunities

Thos. F. Zimmerman, Radio Department Director

Increased opportunities for broadcasting the gospel are being offered to many broadcasters who measure up to the program and production standards of the competitive radio industry. We feel that a real service can be rendered by the Assemblies of God Radio Department by setting up a short course in Radio, in the form of a Radio Seminar. This will be a new feature in the Department's service to our constituency. In the Seminar we will endeavor to cover comprehensively various phases of radio as relating to religious broadcasting. We shall appreciate your sending to the Radio Department information concerning your interest in the Seminar and suggestions concerning those phases in which you are most interested.

The course will include subjects of interest to those who have utilized radio for a number of years; likewise valuable instruction will be given to those just beginning or anticipating a radio ministry. Subjects contemplated for consideration are: Programming, Production, Studio Technique, Station Relations, Music for Gospel Broadcasting, Radio—the Missionary, Building Programs from Transcribed Music, History and Future of Gospel Broadcasting, FM Broadcasting, Television, Wire and Tape Recording, Promotional Value of Radio, Transcription Clinic, Religious Radio for Children, and Religious Radio in Civic Affairs. In setting up the final agenda, we would be glad to include other phases of radio that are of special interest to you. Outstanding men well informed in the field of gospel broadcasting, station managers, engineers, and production specialists will form the competent faculty. Pastors, radio

preachers, program producers, missionaries, and others will find this Seminar to be of great benefit.

The Radio Seminar will be held at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, the location of the Assemblies of God recording studios. There will be three intensive days of study—September 7, 8, 9. In order to make this course available to all, every economy is being exercised: registration fee will be \$5.00; room and board will be furnished at Central Bible Institute for \$10.00, making a total cost for the complete Seminar, \$15.00.

For additional information you may write to Assemblies of God Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri. If you desire to avail yourself of this course of study in radio or would like further information concerning the Radio Seminar, direct your communication to the above address. The Radio Department will appreciate being advised of your intention of enrolling at the earliest possible date to assist in planning for your entertainment.

GOOD NEWS!

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Should Preachers Have to Beg?

T. A. Gonce

LIKE any other organization, a church must be financed. It costs money to erect a church building. The church then has to be lighted, heated, etc. And the pastor and his family need living quarters, food, and clothing the same as the church members. This all takes money.

In order to get the required money some ministers have offended their congregations by preaching sermons on finances. Some one probably will say, "How do you know people are offended by such sermons?" Many times I have heard people say that they would like to hear certain ministers preach if they would not spend so much time talking about money.

Furthermore, if a minister becomes absorbed in the financial affairs of the church, he not only offends his congregation, but hinders his own spiritual life. How can a preacher be concerned in a man's soul and in the man's pocket-book at the same time?

How then should churches be financed? They should be financed by church members like you and me. You probably thought I was a minister since I am writing on church finances. I am not. I am not even a deacon. That is why I am taking this liberty to write on this subject. I am writing as one Christian to another.

Now I am about to say something that may cause some one to turn back. If every Christian would pay tithes (one tenth of his income) the churches would be financed and you would never hear the preachers begging for money. I shall go a little further and say that every Christian should pay tithes. Did you ever read Malachi 3:8? "Will a man rob God? Yet ye

have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings." Open your Bible and read the rest of the chapter for yourself.

I am not writing this in order only that the ministers of the gospel may be cared for. I believe I have an even greater vision than that. If we as Christians can get a real understanding of what the Lord is saying in the third chapter of Malachi, we may have those blessings that He promised the sons of Jacob.

But in order to get these blessings, you must remember that God does not need your money. You must be able to pay your tithes with the feeling that God has given you a privilege to help in His plan of salvation. After all, paying tithes is a privilege, and if you do not feel that way about it, you had better study your Bible prayerfully, lest you miss some of God's special blessings.

Referring to our giving Paul says: "He which soweth sparingly shall reap sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." Christ warns us that if we are unfaithful with "the unrighteous mammon," how shall we be entrusted with true riches—the riches that will be given to His faithful ones? If we are faithful in a little, He will make us rulers over much. We do not have to limit ourselves to tithing. The saints of the early church did not. And Christ tells us, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

DARE TO BELIEVE AND TO COMMAND

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the opening which the physicians had made into his stomach, but it was gone. He did not need two openings, so when God opened the natural passage He closed the other. That is what God is like all the time. He brings things to pass when we believe. God wants you to realize this truth. Dare to believe, then dare to speak, and you shall have whatsoever you say.

A woman came up to me one night and asked, "Can I hear again?" She said, "I have had several operations, and the drums of my ears have been taken away. Is it possible for me ever to hear again?" I said, "If God has not forgotten how to make drums for ears you can hear again." Do you think God has forgotten? There is one thing God does forget—He forgets our sins when He forgives us—but He has not forgotten how to make drums for ears.

A woman told me that her lungs were in ribbons, and that she could part with a pint of puss at any time. But when I invited people to receive divine healing, she dared to believe God, and she was completely healed in that very meeting.

Not long ago I was in a meeting and the power of God was present in a remarkable way. I told the people that they could be healed without coming to the platform. I said that if they

would rise and stand wherever they were, I would pray and the Lord would heal them. There was a man who put up his hands. I said, "Can't that man rise?" They said he could not, so they lifted him up. We prayed, and that man was healed then and there. His ribs had been broken and were not joined, but God healed him completely.

When it was evident that the man was healed, there was such faith throughout the congregation that a little girl said, "Please, gentleman, come to me." I could not see her; she was so small. The mother said, "My little girl wants you to come." So I went over to her. The girl was about fourteen years old, and she was a cripple. With tears running down her face, she asked, "Will you pray for me?" I said, "Will you dare to believe?" She answered, "Oh, yes." I prayed, and placed my hands on her head, in the name of Jesus. The girl said, "Mother, I am being healed. Take those things off—take them all off." The mother loosed the straps and bands on the girl's legs. There was an iron on her foot about 3½ inches deep. She said, "Mother, I am sure I am healed. Take it all off." So her mother unstrapped the iron and took it off, and that girl began to walk. There were not many dry eyes in that place as the people saw that girl walk about with legs quite as true as when she was born. God had healed her right away. What did it? She dared to believe, and trusted God. "Please, gentleman, come to me," she had said. Her longing had been coupled with faith.

This is the faith we need. God wants us to be as children. He has hidden these things from the wise and prudent, but revealed them unto babes. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Canst thou believe? Whatever there is in your life that is bound, the name of Jesus, through faith in His name, shall break it loose.

In our Scripture reading in John 14, we find that Jesus went on to say, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." He says, "When I do what you ask, the Father will be pleased for it will glorify Him." God will be glorified in Jesus when you dare to believe and receive the life from Jesus through your faith.

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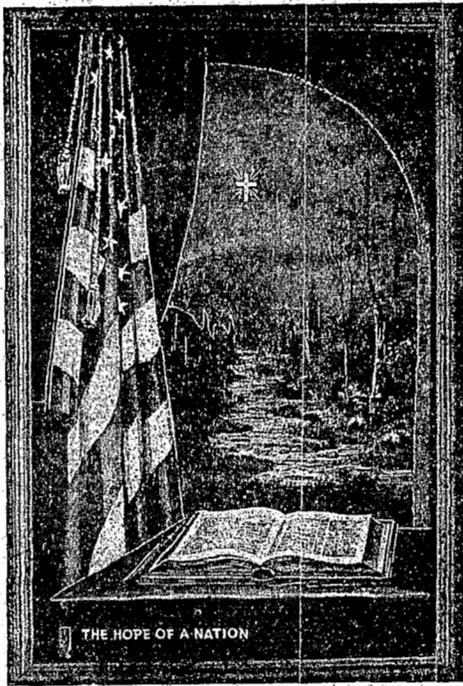
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May God help you to take your stand for God. Dare to believe—then command. You shall have whatsoever you say, if you believe. Jesus says, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." Do you believe it? I am speaking to thoughtful men and women, intelligent people who long that God shall use them. Do you suppose that the truth has come to you to mock you? Don't you see that God really means that you should do the works that Jesus did, and greater works? God wants to quicken us, to mold us, to put His words within us, so that everything may be changed that needs to be changed, both in us and in others, as we dare to believe and command it to be done.

JOHN WESLEY'S MOTHER

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his life he was required, within a certain specified time, to learn the alphabet. Mrs. Wesley carried her principle of method and timetable into the realm of religion. She began surprisingly early. "The children were early made to distinguish the Sabbath from other days, and were soon taught to be still at family prayers and to ask the blessing immediately afterwards, which they used to do by signs, before they could kneel or speak."

"The cells of each infantile brain were diligently stored with passages of Scripture, hymns, etc. Prayer was woven into the fabric of every day's life. The daily lesson of each child was set in a framework of hymns."

Lee continues, "The children of this family were taught, as soon as they could speak, the Lord's Prayer, which they were made to say at rising and bedtime; to which, as they grew larger, were added a short prayer for their parents and some others, a short catechism, and some portions of Scripture, as their memories could bear."

No wonder that such a groundwork of reverence, such a saturation with things spiritual, such readiness with Scripture; such a training in prayer, could produce "the greatest religious leader of his century," who could save England from revolution and the church from moral decay. And when the Spirit of God warmed John Wesley's heart, Lecky, the historian, could say of that eventful Aldergate experience, "This day in the life of John Wesley meant more to England than all her victories under Pitt." Oh, for an education in home and school which will produce character!

Reverence with Will and Reason. Susannah Wesley not only held her motherhood in reverence, but wifehood as well. Of this Fitchett says, "She was an ideal wife, incomparably superior to her husband in practical genius, and yet herself lovingly blind to the fact. They seldom thought alike, but when they differed the wife was usually right."

A New History says, "A habit of profound reverence for God and all things touched with divinity gave dignity and grace to the character of this remarkable woman. She gave a prominent place to the will in the search for God and truth. Although emphasizing reason and will in religion, her manual of meditations glows with sanctified emotion."

Lee concludes, "Nor did reverence for authority override her practical sense. When her husband was absent and his curate dry, she herself read prayers in the rectory; and the neighbors were admitted at their request. The rector objected, but he did not actually forbid the gatherings; and Susannah went her way, sure that this was the sensible thing to do." The refusal to be bound by form when deep religious need craved opportunity for worship, perhaps was the wedge which opened the way for those early classes in Methodism which so nourished begin-

ners in faith. Reverence, but with will and reason, was the groundwork of Susannah Wesley's faith.

With a challenge of self-searching opportunity of recommitment and a privilege of new spiritual vision, may we not strive toward that goal of consecrated womanhood exemplified by her who was strong of faith, deep of mind, beautiful, capable, resourceful, calm, efficient, serene—Susannah Wesley, mother of Methodism.—*Christian Advocate.*

DESERVING PUNISHMENT

A Hindu prince in India closed all his offices on Sunday, although less than one per cent of the officials in his employ were English. He also built a Christian church for the accommodation of the Christians. He was surprised to discover, however, that instead of going to church on Sunday, they spent their time hunting, boating, racing, and playing cards. "If you ask me why God is punishing the Christian nations," he said, "I think that there you have the answer. If I paid as little attention to my religion as most Christians pay to theirs, I would expect God to punish me."

Among the Assemblies

ANTLERS, OKLA.—We have just closed a revival meeting at the Antlers Assembly. God wonderfully blessed our efforts. Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denny did the preaching. God gave us 70 souls and baptized 54 with the Holy Ghost. The presence of the Lord was so great that in many services there was no preaching, seekers coming to the altar before the first song was begun. We also set an all-time record in the Sunday School.—L. J. Choate, Pastor.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO—We recently closed what was unanimously acclaimed as the best missionary convention ever held in this church. The services lasted eight days, and at times it seemed more like an old-fashioned revival than a missionary convention. The guest speakers were: M. L. Hodges, representing Central America; E. D. Pettenger of Africa; and Anne R. Eberhardt of India. The speakers were at their best, and every service was graciously anointed of God.

Last year was the banner year for Missionary giving, when our offerings amounted to more than \$5,200. We hope this year will exceed last year in giving.—O. R. Keener, Pastor, Highway Tabernacle.

GLENDALE and DELANO, CALIF.—January 25th I submitted my resignation as pastor of the Bethel Assembly in Glendale. This concluded 2-½ years of ministry there. In this time, with the help of willing people, we were able to construct a new \$60,000 church building; we purchased a 38-passenger late model Sunday School bus, and also put \$10,000 worth of new seats and equipment in the new building. During this period the income grew from \$16,000 in 1945, to over \$28,000 in 1947. The Sunday School attendance increased from an average of 144 a Sunday to 203. Seventy-two adult members were added to the membership rolls in this time.

January 27th we received a call to become pastor of the Full Gospel Assembly in Delano. We accepted a church, whose former minister, H. Benson Miller, had done a splendid work for God. With such a foundation and background we have been pleased to see the mighty workings of God. On a recent Sunday \$1,200 was raised in five minutes. Thirty-eight souls have been saved in the last three regular Sunday night services. The building has been packed to capacity, and the Sunday School has set an all-time record of 272. The Sunday School has had an average attendance of 240 for the past month, which is a substantial

average increase. Last Sunday night at least 40 hands were raised for salvation, and 26 came forward to be saved. Several complete families have been added to the church in this Holy Ghost outpouring. Ministering brethren will find a welcome.—J. Paul Bruton, Pastor, 1207 Kensington, Delano, Calif.

NAVAL RESERVE (near Fairfax), OKLA.—We accepted the pastorate here November 1, 1947, and on our arrival found a small group of faithful saints who loved God. There has been a continual moving of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Up to March 7, 1948, 2 had been saved and 3 filled with the Holy Spirit. On this date we began a revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. L. G. Flowers of Decatur, Texas. In the past two weeks, 3 have been saved and 10 have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. A number have testified to having been healed. Our Sunday School attendance has broken all records for at least two years. The revival is still in progress.—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cagel, Pastors.

TORONTO, ONTARIO—The mighty power of God to heal the sick and save the lost is being manifested in Evangel Temple. Our church seats 1,700, and it has been filled for the past two Sunday nights. Our evangelist, E. L. Slavens of Kansas City, has prayed for hundreds of sick people. We have seen deaf ears unstopped and blind eyes opened. There have been scores of testimonies to the healing of all manner of diseases, including sinus trouble, asthma, skin diseases, varicose veins, arthritis, rheumatism, athlete's foot, and migraine headache. Our crowds average from 600 to 1,600 throughout the week, the largest crowds the Temple has had in many years.—W. G. McPherson, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—March 24 we concluded one of the greatest 7-week revival meetings in the history of Bethel Temple, Clifford Andrews of Bellflower, Calif., Evangelist. Our young people, as well as others, filled the altars nightly, seeking God in a greater way than ever before. Scores were saved, 50 or more were filled with the Holy Spirit, 32 were baptized in water, and 61 united with the church. There were numerous healings, and the entire church was wonderfully uplifted and blessed.—Charles R. Jones, Pastor; by Dottys M. Skyrms, Church Secretary.

AURORA, ILL.—We are now in our fourth year as pastors of the Assembly of God at 202 N. Lake, and the Lord has given us many precious visitations of His presence. We have had two good meetings with Evangelist Helen Earley and coworker Marjorie McCulloch in the past two years. Their singing and preaching ministry was surely anointed of the Lord. Several came forward and prayed through in the old-fashioned way.—W. E. Thurmond, Pastor.

MARLBORO, OHIO—Easter Sunday, we closed a 4-week meeting with Evangelist Erla Mae La Dow, of 2072 W. 45th St., Cleveland 2, Ohio, and her coworker, Alice Henderson. The anointed preaching of Sister La Dow, together with the musical contribution of Sister Henderson, created much interest among the people in the community. We enjoyed the blessing of the Lord.—Dale E. Neller, Pastor, Route 2, Alliance, Ohio.

QUINLAND, TEXAS—March 28 concluded 9 nights of revival meetings conducted by 21-year-old Evangelist M. A. Cantwell and Mrs. Cantwell of Carlsbad, N. Mex., who are at present attending Southwestern Bible Institute Waxahachie, Texas. Eight were saved and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Prayer for the sick was made each night and many testified to having been healed. Among them was a man who had been suffering from a blood clot. The Sunday School attendance reached its highest record in eight years.—L. A. Windle, Pastor; student at Southwestern Bible Institute.

DETROIT, MICH.—We enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Slavens at Berea Tabernacle. More than 50 people testified to definite healing. A woman who had not walked without crutches for more than 3 years is now able to walk without them. A man with no eardrums was healed and can hear well. Testimonies were heard from those healed of asthma, cancer, deafness, skin disease, pyorrhea, and kidney stones. A woman doctor testified to having been healed the moment she was prayed for. A number of other testimonies were heard, telling of outstanding cases of healing. Almost every night souls sought the Lord for salvation.—S. H. Wilson, Pastor.



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This attractive new transfer sticker will be gladly received by our constituency. While the picture shows the clergy decal, we have them for laymen also. This decal is very nicely designed in colors of gold, black, white, and maroon. It is 3x4 inches. We suggest that every pastor order one for himself (Style C) and a supply for his congregation (Style L) at the quantity prices below. Be sure to order your new decals by these Styles.

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ST. LOUIS, MO.—Easter Sunday marked the close of one of the best revival meetings in years at the South Side Assembly. Evangelist and Mrs. Mel Hargis were with us 4 weeks, and great things were accomplished for God. Miracles were performed; numbers were saved and received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School broke all previous records with 335 in attendance on Easter Sunday.—V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.

MARION, IND.—In a campaign with Evangelist Fred O. Rice of Mishawaka, 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. Our Sunday School attendance went over the 200 mark; 4 men and 2 women were baptized in water. The church was packed out the last night of the campaign when District Superintendent Roy H. Wead preached on water baptism. Brother Rice's anointed preaching, singing, and instrumental numbers were an inspiration to all. He is our C. A. State evangelist.—B. E. Hillman, Pastor.

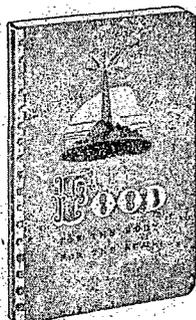
KANSAS CITY, MO.—March 14 marked the close of a revival meeting at Bethel Tabernacle, Allen Shull of Springfield, Mo., Evangelist. In this campaign 24 were saved or reclaimed, and 23 were filled with the Holy Spirit. We baptized 13 in water, and 21 were taken into church fellowship. Surely the miraculous gifts of the Spirit were in operation. As Brother Shull anointed and prayed for those who came for prayer, many were visibly touched by the power of God. Demons of hate and jealousy were cast out; men who had smoked for years were instantly delivered, and testified at the close of the meeting that all desire for tobacco was gone. The habits and lives of many were changed in a wonderful way. Many miracles of healing were witnessed. A woman who had been afflicted with a nervous ailment since childhood, and had also had serious trouble with her back, was instantly and completely healed. A baby was healed of a serious navel condition. Another one who was sick cancelled the hospital reservation after testifying that a complete healing had taken place.

We praise God for the things we have witnessed as well as for what we have experienced in our own souls through this great revival.—Grace J. Clow, Pastor.

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WORLAND, WYO.—Evangelist and Mrs. Benie Harris, 710 Lincoln St., Ft. Morgan, Colo., have been with us in a series of special meetings. The attendance was good. Some were at the altar for salvation and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance reached 90 on the closing day, breaking all previous records. We appreciated the fine singing, piano playing and chalk drawings of Wm. Harms Jr., who is traveling with Brother and Sister Harris.—W. A. Redmond, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CLASS

We have just finished what was perhaps the most successful Sunday School Training class ever held in the Alabama District. Paul Miller, National S. S. Representative, directed the class, together with Max McNab, Alabama District S. S. Representative. Specialized Training classes were taught by District Superintendent Marvin L. Smith, Mrs. Paul Miller, and Wiley T. Davis. Doreen Justice taught a class, using as her subject "The Gifts of the Spirit," and Martha Browne taught the children lessons by the use of Visual Aid.

We had an average attendance of 147; the largest number present any one night was 160. We feel that this school, which was held at the Norwood Assembly in Birmingham, March 1—6, will prove a great blessing in promoting Sunday School work in the Birmingham Section of the District.—Max McNab.

CORCORAN, CALIF.—Evangelist P. R. Ford of South Dakota was with us for 10 days, in which time 22 came to the altar for salvation. Many others were stirred and a general upward trend prevailed.—F. H. Reichert, Pastor.

HAVANA, CUBA—Pastor and Mrs. R. S. Peterson of Brainerd, Minn., are at present visiting the missionary field in Cuba with Hugh P. Jeter, Superintendent, and report gracious meetings.

HECTOR, ARK.—During February, we were in an old-fashioned revival meeting with Evangelist T. R. Whittington. Our church was greatly blessed; 26 were saved, 14 were filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, 11 were baptized in water, and 10 came into the church. The Lord is blessing us in a wonderful way since the meetings closed.—Christine Carmichael, Pastor.

MERIDIAN, MISS.—Evangelist Roy A. Sherrill of Farmington, Mo., was here for 12 nights of special meetings. The crowds kept growing from night to night until we had to borrow folding chairs and place in every available space, and then the people could not all get inside the church. The last Sunday night we secured an auditorium that seated several hundred people and it was packed to capacity. We are especially thankful for the splendid co-operation we had from the other assemblies and several other churches. Thirty-seven prayed through to salvation, and scores were prayed for each night

for healing. Deaf ears were opened and many who had cancers and other incurable diseases were healed by the mighty power of God. Two children, ages about 10 and 12, who were deaf and dumb from birth, could hear after Brother Sherrill had prayed for them. The little boy was frightened at the noise at first, and began to cry; but when he saw that the people were happy and shouting, he began to laugh. He could hear a whisper or a watch tick.

It was certainly wonderful to feel the presence and power of the Lord in these divine healing meetings. The large congregation would stand on tiptoe for hours and press toward the front of the building to see the miracles that were being performed; and when the poor sufferers received their healing, shouts and praises were mingled with tears as the people praised God together. Many came as unbelievers but went away convinced.—Pastor and Mrs. Ira M. Bryce.

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.

YSLETA, TEXAS—Graduation Exercises, Latin American Bible Institute, May 11.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

LA PORTE, IND.—May 9, for 2 weeks; Jean Benefiel, Grand Rapids, Mich., Evangelist.—Roy B. Warner, Pastor.

BEAVER CITY, NEBR.—May 2—16; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist, San Jose, Calif.—Ivan West Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS—May 9—; Hooks and Sawyer of Arkansas, Evangelists.—I. D. Rayborn, Pastor.

WILLAMINA, ORE.—May 11, for 2 weeks; Nick M. Gruick, Milwaukee, Wis., Evangelist.—M. E. Arn, Pastor.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—28th and C Sts., May 9—23; Ruth Clem, Evangelist.—M. Leslie Crosson, Pastor.

WEATHERFORD, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting and Home Mission service, May 4. All-day services. Everyone welcome.—Irvin Pierce, Pastor.

NATIONAL CITY, CALIF.—Sweetwater Valley Assembly of God; meetings in progress; V. Wm. Durbin, Evangelist.—H. R. Bryan, Pastor.

PORTALES, N. MEX.—"Deeper Life" meetings in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur K. Knowles, San Diego, Calif.—J. D. Bell, Pastor.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.—710 Greenleaf St.; May 5; for 2 weeks or longer; Harvey McAlister, Toronto, Canada, Evangelist.—G. W. Burkhart, Pastor.

(Near) **SOMERVILLE, TENN.**—Southwest Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Warren Assembly of God, May 11. Services and speakers: 10:30 a.m., G. G. Preslar; 2:30 p.m., W. E. Lindsey; 7:30 p.m., C. A. Rally.—Paul J. McKeel, Presbyter.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS AND BIBLE CONFERENCES

Oklahoma Sectional Councils and Bible Conferences: May 10—12 Oklahoma City-Anadarko Sections, El Reno, Nos. 11 and 12. May 17—19, Cherokee-Woodward Sections, Alva, Nos. 10 and 14.

All licensed ministers and exhorters required to get renewal blank at one of the above Sectional Councils fill out and turn it in to the District Secretary for renewal of papers for 1948-1949 fiscal years. Those desiring license or exhorter's permits requested to get the proper blank, fill it in with the endorsement of their Sectional Presbyter, and present it to the board at any one of the above Sectional Councils.

Examination of applicants for license and exhorter's permits will be held during entire Council. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Superintendent or Robert E. Goggin, Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

ALABAMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Alabama District Sectional Councils: Northeast Section, Gadsden, West Side Assembly, May 3—4; Ben Wainwright, Presbyter. Southeast Section, Slocomb, May 10—11; Elbert Jackson, Presbyter.

All ministers expected to attend the Council in their respective Sections. 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 licensed ministers and exhorters, to renew their permits; and applicants for ordination.

Pastors should come prepared to make Home Missionary pledges for their Assemblies. Individuals should prepare to make pledges also.

For further 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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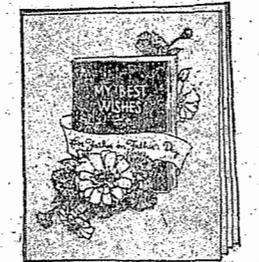
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CABINS, W. VA.—May 9, for 2 weeks or longer; M. Q. Spencer, Bridgeport, Conn., Evangelist.—W. C. Blewitt, Pastor.

PHILIPSBURG, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle, May 2-23; McColl-Gerard Trio of Canada, Evangelists.—H. A. Christopher, Pastor.

HELENA, MONT.—Fifth and Hoback Sts., May 2-16; Guilford Mandigo, Bismarck, N. Dak., Evangelist.—L. I. LaMance, Pastor.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.—Northern Texas Conference, Latin American District Council, May 18-19.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

HOLTON, KANSAS.—Glad Tidings Assembly; meeting in progress; David and Vada Edwards, Evangelists.—Chas. Kersey, Pastor.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.—May 9-23, or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Donald Taylor of Youngstown.—George G. Martin, Pastor.

SEATTLE, WASH.—Richmont Assembly, 203 East 185th; May 12, for 2 weeks or longer; Earl Cornelison, Evangelist.—J. A. Voseka, Pastor.

HUDSON FALLS, N. Y.—Gospel Lighthouse Church, North and La Crosse Sts., May 4-16; C. S. Tubby, Stevensville, Ontario, Evangelist.—Robert A. Canterbury, Pastor.

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ALICE, TEXAS.—Special meetings, May 4-16. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—C. H. Holcomb, Pastor.

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NEW YORK, N. Y.—41st Anniversary Revival, Glad Tidings Tabernacle, 325-329 W. 33rd St., May 2-16; Leland R. Keys of San Francisco, Calif., Evangelist. Services Sundays 11 a.m., 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Broadcast 4:30-5:00 p.m., Station W.A.A.T., 970 on dial), and daily 7:45 p.m., except Monday.—Marie E. Brown, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Berea Tabernacle, May 2-16; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—S. H. Wilson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Ebenezer Pentecostal Church, 1665 N. Mozart St., May 6, 7, and 9; Stanley H. Frodsham, Editor of Pentecostal Evangel, special speaker.—James Clark, Pastor.

LAKEVILLE, IND.—Trinity Church Assembly of God, Fourth and Lake Sts., May 2-16; Wm. Van Winkle, Evangelist, Dedication, May 2, 2:30 p.m. Speaker: Roy Wead, District Superintendent.—Ross Simmons, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

GREENLANE, PA.—Eastern District Camp Meeting, Maranatha Park, July 16-August 15. Experienced chef wanted; also waiters and waitresses above 16 years of age. Apply now.—Byron D. Jones, 79 Mary St., Ashley, Pa.

RUSSIAN BRANCH CONVENTION

The Fifth Annual Russian Branch Convention will be held at the Evangelical Pentecostal Church, 608 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., May 14-15. Daily sessions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Services 7:30 p.m. All Slavic churches invited to attend.—Paul Demetrus, Branch Secretary.

MINNESOTA S. S. CONVENTIONS

Minnesota Sunday School Conventions: Little Falls, May 7-8; Arvid Kingsriter, Pastor. Hibbing, May 9-10; E. H. Blomberg, Pastor. Thief River Falls, May 11; G. Raymond Carlson, Pastor. Alexandria, May 12-13; W. E. Morken, Pastor. G. Raymond Carlson in charge, assisted by Paul Copeland, Oklahoma District S. S. Representative. All Sunday School workers urged to attend.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 26th Annual Illinois District Council will convene at Macomb, Ill., May 11-13. Fellowship Meeting, Monday Evening, in charge of Section 2. Candidates for ordination will meet the Credentials Committee, Monday, May 10, at 3 p.m. Neighboring District Superintendents guest speakers. For hotel and other reservations write as soon as possible to F. H. Toliver, Host Pastor, 123 N. McArthur St., Macomb, Ill.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Ukrainian Branch Council will be held at the Ukrainian Evangelical Assembly of God, Protection Ave. (opposite Eureka Ave.) Herkimer, N. Y., May 27-29. Devotional services 9:45 a.m., 1:45 and 7:30 p.m. Business sessions will follow morning and afternoon devotional period. Young people's twilight service, 6:30 p.m., Chaplain Jos. P. Lukowski in charge. Fred Vogler expected to be present. For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch Assemblies of God, 9 East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent.

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