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# The Full Life Donald Gee, at Glad Tidings Assembly, Springfield, Mo. 

Acts 6:5. "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost

Acts 6:8. "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people."

Acts 7:55. "But he (Stephen) being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."

I want to speak about a subject that thrills my heart-"The Full Life." How can we be really full up all the time? You will notice that all the foregoing verses tell of Stephen being full. Lots of people's lives are very empty. When I traveled last October from San Francisco to Japan, there were only six of us white people on the boat, one of them a lady over sixty years of age. We had lots of chance to look at each other. After we had become acquainted she said, "Do you play bridge?" "No," I replied, "I don't know anything about it." "Oh," she said, "I am disappointed! Whatever shall we do all this long voyage over the Pacific?" I assured her that I had plenty to do. And as the days went by I saw such an exhibition of an empty life! She said she had just started on a world tour, and she had a lot of printed and typewritten sheets which mapped out her route. Although she was just starting, she was already bored! I wondered however would she get along after twelve months' time. How empty her life was. She had nobody to play bridge with! I thanked God my life was fuller.

I like to talk about this man Stephen because every time we find him mentioned he is full and overflowing. He lived only a short life, it seems. He met
martyrdom as a young man, but I feel that I should rather die young and full than to live to old age and be empty. I pity people who live on and on whose lives are so empty in a spiritual way. There is a saying in the world, "A short life but a merry one." I should like to change it to, "A short life but a full one." Full of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus almost seems to infer that if you do His will and are out and out for the kingdom of God your chances-for long life are not so bright. He does not promise long life, but He promises something better, and that is eternal life. Eternal life is always life with a capital "L." The sense of His thought is far more on quality than on quantity. However we do see the promise of Ephes. 6:3, "That .. . thou mayest live long on the earth."

Some people get on in years and their life seems so empty, and I feel rather like praying, "O Lord, give me a life, either long or short, that is filled with all the fullness of God." So let us look at Stephen as pictured in the Word.

First let us consider him as Stephen the deacon. I thank God for full-up deacons. I have met some deacons who had not been full for a long time and I have wished that they would resign. But not so with Stephen. Dr. Thompson teaches that Stephen was a business man. That is rather an assumption. I think it is based on the theory that business men make good deacons. That is true sometimes, but not always. Dr. Thompson suggests that he was a business man full of the Holy Ghost. I am glad it is true that business men can be full of the Holy Ghost. I like to see a business man who is full of the Holy Ghost. I want to correct the idea that a person cannot be really consecrated unless he is a preacher. Thank God that


> O God, renew us in Thy love today, For our tomorrow we have not a care; Who blessed our yesterday Will meet us there.
> But our today is all athirst for Thee, Come in the stillness, O Thou heavenly Dew; Come Thou to us-to meRevive, renew.

is not true. We are not all called to be preachers, but we are called to be consecrated. We need mothers in the home, leaders in the community, professional men, business men, and laborers who are filled with the Holy Ghost.

When a person is full of the Holy Ghost, everybody knows it. The story in Acts 6 is interesting because it is the first time there was any trouble in the Church. Some people think there was no trouble in those early days, but if you read your Bible you know there was. The early Christians were not angels ; they were just folks, and sometimes there was trouble.

It is very instructive to notice that the first trouble came into the Church through money. God help us to be carefull where money is concerned. Having trouble, they called the multitude together and they had a beautiful bit of wis(Continued on Page Eight)

# Gtealing and Forgiveness By Arthur $\mathcal{H}$. Graves/Lakeland, Florida 

The two experiences of forgiveness and healing are linked together so often in the Word of God, that our attention is called to a truth the Lord would teach us.

In that wonderful Old Testament picture of the gospel drawn for us in the fifty-third of Isaiah, we see healing very definitely included along with the forgiveness of sins. Isa. $53: 4,5$. When the four friends let the sick man down through the roof before Jesus, He began the work of healing by first forgiving $\sin$. When this was questioned, the Lord's answer made clear that since they are both a part of the work of Jesus, it really did not matter whether He began with the one or the other. Luke $5: 20$. And then the teaching of James, given for the guidance of the church, definitely joins the forgiveness of sins with the healing touch as a result of the prayer of faith. James 5:14-16.

On the other hand we marvel at the number of times in the Bible when God manifested His healing power without apparently making any moral demands first, of the one who was healed. We think of the man at the pool, waiting for someone to put him in when the waters were troubled. Jesus asked him if he wanted to be healed and healed him immediately without even letting the man know who He was. John 5. Often the warning to "sin no more" followed the healing, but where did Jesus make them promise that before He healed them?

But there is no contradiction here. We simply are seeing healing from two different standpoints. We discover that healing comes in different cases for different reasons and upon different conditions. In the one case God is manifesting His power to unbelievers or to spiritual beginners; in the other case God is dealing with His children.

## At Nazareth

On His first return to Nazareth after the beginning of His ministry, Jesus found His neighbors and friends expecting to see some miracles, for they had heard that He did miracles elsewhere. When He began to read the prophecy of miracles the people leaned forward in their seats. He closed the hook, sat down, and began to say, "This day is this prophecy fulfilled
How tense was the atmosphere of the little synagogue as the people wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

And then He drove home this truth of the different conditions upon which God works. What was it He said?

There were many lepers in Israel in the days of Elisha the prophet, but the only leper who was healed was Naaman the Syrian.".

Lepers among God's people . . . and a heathen man got healed!

Jesus had done miracles among the mixed multitudes of Capernaum, but here among His own people miracles would depend upon their spiritual condition. If the Israelitish lepers living in Elisha's home town failed to receive healing through the prophet while a heathen army officer came and went home a well man, it was because God's people were not meeting God's conditions. Jesus chose the prophecy which showed that the Spirit had anointed Him to perform miracles-and then reminded them that while God is often merciful and gracious to those who know little about Him, He makes very definite requirements of H is own privileged ones. The people of Nazareth had been privileged far above those of Capernaum, therefore God's requirements of them were greater. Luke 4.

## In the Church

So in his definite instructions to the church, to the "brethren," James makes the result of the prayer of faith twofold -the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him. The heart condition which makes forgiveness possible makes healing available.

The apostle does not suggest that God's children have not left their life of $\sin$ to serve the Lord. He does not mention those sins which went naturally with our worldly life before salvation. But he calls attention to a particular kind of $\sin$ which may be a definite hindrance among Christians to the receiving of healing. He says "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another," for the very purpose of preparing the way for the operation of God's healing power. "That ye may be healed." The sins which the Bible requires us to confess to each other, are sins which are committed against each other or which affect each other. Since Jesus Christ is our High Priest the Word of God does not teach us to make "confessors" of each other except in those things which concern one another. James seems to be calling attention to particular sins which may and do hinder God's healing power. They are "faults" which occur among brethren. Let us see how this comes about.

## Old Testament Methods

Back in the Old Testament times God had a favorite way of giving His people victory, and that was through turning the enemy to fighting among and destroying themselves. Time and again, as in the case of the Midianites in Gideon's time, God's method of dealing with the enemy consisted of so blinding them and confusing them that they hacked one another to death. After seeing how well this method worked against him in Old Testament times, Satan decided to try it himself against God's people in New Testament times. How many victories Satan has won against God's people by stealing this method and getting God's people to fight each other, to commit "faults" one against another, and thus destroy themselves so far as spiritual power is concerned! One of the ways in which this loss of spiritual power manifests itself is in failure to get healing among God's people, and in a great weakening of faith for healing in general.

In the early days of America there was a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit in New England, especially under the ministry of Jonathan Edwards. What mighty scenes of God's power were witnessed there when whole communities were so dealt with by Holy Ghost conviction that business was practically suspended as the people were drawn to seek God. Jonathan Edwards not only lived to see his prayers answered in the coming of this mighty flood of God's power to his church in answer to intercessory prayer-but he lived to see that same church lose all its power and become a dried-up stumblingblock which was only a farce so far as spiritual power was concerned. The very church which had been the means of bringing one of the greatest revivals in church history lived to be an "Ichabod" before God and man, and cursed by both. Jonathan Edwards tells why. The zeal of God's children was turned from believing God and working for the salvation of the lost, to opposing and destroying each other.

No wonder the apostle says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." Only that righting of conditions in the hearts and lives of God's children can bring God's power into operation for His glory. How the faith of God's peo"ple for healing goes down when there are "faults" among them!

## Healed Once, But.

Since the Bible seems very clear that healing and forgiveness go together among God's people, we may believe that a fresh spiritual experience can bring fresh physical blessing. There are the cases of those who, in their early experience with the Lord, were wonder-
fully healed. But as their Christian lives have gone on and other physical tests have come, they have failed to be healed again as they once were. This is not strange when we see clearly from the Scripture that God requires more of His privileged children than He does of spiritual beginners. And right here comes in a subtle temptation.

It is often so much easier to turn to the arm of flesh than to go on to that new place of spiritual power. The very ease with which we can call on medical help is a great temptation not to have the new spiritual experience which can bring down the power of God again. Was not this Asa's real trouble in the days gone by? 2 Chron. 16:12. And does not this fact explain why, after seeking help in every other direction while the case grows steadily worse when finally it is hopeless and we at last make the needed consecration-God in His abundant mercy often meets our need? How often the lepers in Israel are calling for the very doctor that Naaman has just discharged for having failed to cure him! "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed."

## Confess Whose Faults?

It is true that the "faults" which hinder faith for healing among saints are not always confined to the life of the sick person. In the case of Miriam, the whole camp of Israel was held up in their progress until she got right. Num. 12:15. In the case of Achan, many of those who were smitten in the battle were entirelv innocent of the sin for which he was later put to death. Joshua 7:5. Just as an infection from a wound in one part of our body may break out into a sore in some other part, so failure and sin among the members of the Body of Christ may result in a "general run-down condition" in the spirtual vitality of the church, and the infection may spread to members whose "spiritual resistance" is thereby lowered.

But thank God, no saint need give up and feel that he cannot be healed until the whole church gets through into victory. There is an individual path marked out which leads to faith and power, and as the afflicted one presses forward, his victory may be the means of bringing blessing to the whole church.

The Lord Jesus was One who managed to have victory even when nobody else did. When Lazarus was taken sick they sent for Jesus, who arrived after the case had gone from serious to hopeless and-then four days beyond that in death. The sisters could not help Him for their faith had held out only until Jesus failed to arrive in time. The mourners could not help Him. nor the skeptics, nor those who realized that "if we don't get victory we'll have to do
something else." They had already buried Lazarus. If the Head of the Body of Christ had been entirely dependent upon the other members then, the story would be different.

But Jesus left us His secret of prayer that is always answered. "I know that Thou hearest Me always." John 11:42. "For I do always those things that please Him." John 8:29. Perfect obedience in the life of Jesus made perfect faith possible. And the John who recorded these things for us has said that the same victory is possible in our lives. "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things which are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:21, 22. Christlike lives can have Christlike answers to prayer. Why? Because our relation to the Head is far more important than our relation to any other member or to all the other members of the Body, the Church.

Stay If You Will!
'Twill not be long till Christ shall come To catch away His waiting bride;
'Twill not be long! The storm shall break, But I shall be my Lord beside;
Above the turmoil and the strife, Above the anguish and the pain;
There peace and joy, and boundless life, While Antichrist on earth shall reign.

Stay, if you will, here in this world, And through the tribulation go; I much prefer to leave, and be Above those scenes of fear and woe;
I much prefer to see the face Of Christ who will His saints transformStay, if you will-but I, by grace, Expect to be above the storm.
'Twill not be long! Methinks I see Christ rising now from off the throne; Down through the skies of azure blue He'll come to catch away His own! The rapture! Then those fearful days When men to die, who can't, will longOh, happy they who sing God's praise, Who then can join redemption's song!

Stay, if you will, but Christ hath said That we can be translated ere Earth dwellers here shall fear and quake, And tribulation terrors share;
And I, for one, expect to go-
I'm making all my plans that woy-
Stay, if you will, and share the woe, But I do not expect to stay! -J. Narver Gortner

So Jesus rose above all hindrances and cried in perfect faith, "Lazarus, come forth." Spiritual victory in Jesus brought physical resurrection to Lazarus. And John says that the same spiritual condition in us will bring the answer to our prayers. Praise the Lord. In spite of the failure of everybody else, including Moses, Caleb and Joshua made it through into the promised land because of obedience.

Spiritual life and physical life are bound very closely together in the experience of God's children. The time to prepare for healing is before sickness comes. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:14-16.

## "If It Die . . ." <br> John 12:24.

Referring to the Church of God, and the Lord's illustration of the "grain of wheat," D. M. Panton has said:

The Church is a fragile annual, with no physical power to resist earth's storms. The Church's garner is a better world.

Wheat dies downward as it ripens upward. The stalk and roots are dead as the grain is ripe. So the soul that dies to earth is the soul that ripens to the throne of God. It is the sanctity of the relaxed grasp! A ripe wheat field is a field of bowed heads, while ripening tares remain stiffly erect.

Sun after sun smiles, burning into the grain and turning it into sweetness. Trial for God's child is the burning of His Father's sunshine. Wheat ripens by absorbing light. To abide in our Light is to bear much fruit. Abiding means ripening.

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## Waiting on God

The mariner launches his boat. You say, "What is the use? There is a dead calm-no wind blowing at all." "I know," he says, "but I believe that after awhile a breeze will spring up, and immediately it does I shall take full advantage of it, and setting my sail, arrive, before long at the haven of my desire."

And those who wait for that of which the wind is a symbol will never wait in vain. The rushing mighty winds of the blessed Holy Spirit, directed by infinite love and infinite wisdom, will waft them to the place and into the ministry of His choice. Our loving heavenly Father will not fail to send this blessed wind to those who ask.

It is written of old, "Therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you." Isa. 30:18. Waiting until we are quieted and still, until our heart is no longer haughty nor our eyes lofty. Waiting until we have no longer a desire to exercise ourselves in great matters or in things too high for us. Waiting until we have that attitude of heart described in Micah 7:7, "Therefore I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me"-when I cry to Him to save me from all that would hinder the fullness of the Spirit. God has a special benediction for those who quietly wait: "Blessed are all they that wait for him." Isa. 30:18.

David knew the blessedness of waiting on God. He spoke to his soul: "My soul, wait thou only upon God." Psalm 62:5. And he encouraged us to follow his example, saying, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14. He tells us his inmost desire, the thing he purposes to seek after-to "dwell in the house of the Lord"-in the holy presence of Him who cannot be confined to any tiny space-"to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in his temple."

Ah , there is the secret of victorious living. Ever beholding the Lord! We look at ourselves, our weaknesses and our frailties, and thus become utterly discouraged; but the Lamb of Calvary bids us ever behold Him, saying, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth"-saved from all our sins, from all our unbelief, from our evil disposition, and from all that is unrighteous and unholy.

Paul had the vision of Jesus and Him
crucified ever before him. It was the only theme he could talk of in meeting. He gloried in the cross, where he saw not only a crucified Saviour but his own self crucified. As he beheld, he declared: "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God." Gal. 2:20 (R. V.).

Do not spend your days in bitter anxiety and despair about your countless shortcomings. Cease to expect anything from yourself, but expect all from Him. Keep the constant and unwavering attitude of looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher, the source and perfecter of your faith.

David adds, "And to enquire." Take the attitude of a lowly learner. Who teacheth like Him? As you quietly wait on Him, He will teach you and instruct you in the way you should go. Mary sat at His feet. She was taught of Him. Calvary was made real and she entered into the love that prompted Calvary. In her love she withheld not her very best from Him. The sacrificial spirit of the I.amb of God whose word she received so entered into her that she gladly sacrificed her greatest treasure, her alabaster box of ointment.
"What waste!", said Judas. He had. none of the Calvary spirit in him, but that contrary spirit that grasps tight all it can get hold of and covetously seeks for more. God solemnly warns us that those who have a covetous spirit shall have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Eph. 5:5.


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How prone is the natural heart to covetousness. But as we wait on Him and look unto Him who though He was rich became poor for our sakes, He will not fail to take out from us the stony heart, the covetous heart, the Judas heart, a heart like He gave Mary. He will take away from us the spirit that gravitates to earthly things, to temporal things, and plant within us a spirit of love of the heavenly and the eternal. He will grảciously give us His Holy Spirit to cause us to live in holy and gladsome obedience to every desire of our God.

Let us wait on Him. On the day of Pentecost there was not only a mighty rushing wind but also the tongues of fire. The Spirit is as a wind, and also as a fire. Our precious Lord sits as a refiner. Let us keep looking unto Him as He takes us through the fire, through those places of enlargement when we are in distress, and let us seek to glorify Him in the fires. "He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

He has washed us in His own blood and called us to be priests, to offer up spiritual sacrifices. Two of these sacrifices are spoken of in Hebrews 13. It is written, "Through Him"-by the inflow of His Spirit-"let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God." Heb. 13:15 (R. V.). And through Him we are to "do good and to communicate," giving our all to Him. Our alabaster boxes. Our best. And He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." With such sacrifices, through Him, through His Spirit, He is well pleased.

Let us wait on Him, giving Him much time, waiting for His Spirit, that through Him we may praise in the Spirit. Also that we may ever pray in the Holy Ghost for great and mighty things from God. And through the Spirit let us enter into real sacrificial Calvary-like giving of that with which He will be well pleased.-S. H. F.
"The beginning of greatness is to be lit$t l e$, the increase of greatness is to be less, and the perfection of greatness is to be nothing," said Moody.

The Great Commission was given to eleven men who had no money, no credit and no social position.-Charles E. Cowman.
"Beat a retreat," said Napoleon to his little drummer boy. The boy replied, "Sire, I know not how. I was never taught a retreat, but I can beat a charge."

# The Fruits of Doubt 

Bob Jones

Some time ago I spoke to a great Southern audience. I pictured the atheistic drift in the educational life of America. A man sat on the front seat and followed my every word with an expression of agony I have rarely seen on a human face.

When the service was over his pastor said to me, "Did you see that man who looked like the incarnation of agony? He sat in the front seat today. He is a member of my church. He is one of the truest Christians I have ever known. He is on my board. He had one daughter. She was a beautiful child. She grew up in the Sunday School and the church. She finished high school.
"He sent her off to a certain college. At the end of nine months she came home with her faith shattered. She laughed at God and the old-time religion. She broke the hearts of her father and mother. They wept over her. They prayed over her. It availed nothing. At last they chided her. She rushed up stairs, stood in front of a mirror, took a gun and blew out her brains."

Some time ago in a city in the great Northwest we were conducting a revival campaign in a large tabernacle. One night I dismissed the crowd and started out of the building. A feeble old man came down the aisle and took me by the hand. "I would like to speak to you a minute," said the old man, with a trembling voice.
"All right," I replied, "I will be glad to talk with you." He looked at me a minute and then said, "Let me get where I can prop against the wall, for I am feeble and old and trembly in the knees." We walked down the aisle toward the door, and he leaned his old stooped sholders against the wall.

He began: "I am an old superannuated minister of the Gospel; I came to the great Northwest as a missionary. It has been nearly sixty years now since I arrived in this country. When I came here I brought my bride. Oh, how happy we were! We were young and everything was beautiful. We were happy in God's work.
"After I began my ministry here in the Northwest it occurred to us that my denomination had no school anywhere in this section of the country. We preachers had a conference. We said, 'We must build us a church school so we can educate our own children.' We perfected the plan. I subscribed a hundred dollars a year. You know I never made over a thousand dollars a year preaching. My dear sweet wife made
her pledge, and though she wasn't strong physically, she did her own washing and saved the money to give to the school. We never had but one child. He was a boy."

The old man's face lighted as he continued, "He was a great boy, bright, clean, obedient, Christian. He graduated from high school with honors. We were proud of him. He was president of the young people's society in my church. He prayed in public.
"Everybody said he was an ideal preacher.
"The day came when he was to go to college. It was the happiest day of my life. Wife and I stood on the front step and kissed our darling boy goodbye. We both cried. We didn't cry because we were sad. . We cried because we were proud of our boy. He looked so manly and clean as he went out the gate, and his shoulders were so broad and he was so erect. That night wife and I got ready to retire. We knelt together by the bed to say our prayers. I put my arm around her, and she put her little frail arm around me, and I prayed a prayer something like this: 'Our Father, we thank Thee that we have a safe place to educate our boy. We don't have to worry about him. He is all right. He is in a Christian school, and we know he will come back to "1s as good as he was when he left us.'"

Then the old man straightened up, threw his shoulders back like a soldier on parade, his eyes flashed fire, and he set his jaw. "While I had been preaching to my country churches, the devil had been sowing tares in that college. A sceptic had got in the Science Department. At the end of four years my boy came home with his degree, but he came home an atheist, laughing at my religion, at the gospel I preach, and at the faith of his mother. My son is a middle-aged man now, but he is a drunken, atheistic bum. Brilliantly educated, he writes letters to the papers and signs these letters 'Atheist,' and laughs at the gospel I have preached for sixty years, and makes fun of his old mother's faith.
"Wife and I are old. You are a young man. Go up and down this country and tell this story, and warn the people that the educational drift of this nation is atheistic. Tell the people to awake or this nation is gone."

## Asking

An infidel doctor in London had a brother minister, who was a member of the Daily Prayer Union. He was anx-
ious about his brother's soul. He showed the infidel one if the member's cards, and said: "Brother, I should like you to join the Daily Prayer Union, if you pray for the Holy Spirit, light will soon shine upon your darkness." His brother replied: "I will join if you will permit me to pray thus: 'O God, if there is a God, give me Thy Holy Spirit, if there is a Holy Spirit.'" Few would have welcomed a member on these terms, but this minister did, and his faith was justified, for his brother was shortly to be seen, no longer the proud infidel, but humble Christian, leading his family in prayer to the Throne of Grace. After ten years' witness for Christ in his profession, the doctor had a triumphant death. "If ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts into your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?" Luke 11:13.

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## Wesley's Warning

I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out.-John Wesley.
"Not the cry, but the flight of the wild duck," says a Chinese author, "leads the flock to fly and follow." What we do tells infinitely more than what we say.

Though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world. -A. J. Gordon.

# $\rightarrow$ Re, Gospel in Foreign Tands 

## THE POOR RICH FILANI PEOPLE By John F. Hall

Everywhere I have traveled in Nigeria, French Niger Colony, French Ivory Coast and Sudan, and Gold Coast I have seen the Filani people. They are the herdspeople of West Africa. Though they call themselves the Fulfulbe, they are given various other names such as Fulani, Fula, Peuhl, Afola and Silimisi. Their language varies even more than their names so that they cannot converse with others when far from home. I purchased a Filani grammar and book of Genesis written by an English government official in Nigeria to find it of absolutely no use in French country.

## The Picture

Let us glance at the picture for some details. The women in this picture look very clean and neat, but in their own surroundings among their makeshift huts of branches and mats they are most filthy and with corresponding indescribable smells and flies, flies, flies. The most exasperating kind is the one which always returns to the same spot on one's face no matter how often he brushes it away.
The rings, bracelets and other adornments were made by native silver-smiths. Though living in squalid, filthy environment they are rich in money and having so much that they do not know what to do with it, they have the silver coins melted into heavy solid bracelets and rings and half-moon shaped earrings. They are so heavy that a string is passed over the head to relieve the ears of the weight and also to prevent their tearing out should the woman run. I have seen woman with the holes completely torn out along the edge of the ear.
The crest of hair is built up around a "rat" and braided very tightly. The beads adorning it are another means of "saving up." They are a certain kind of reddish, flinty stone and looked upon as valuable by these West African women be they Filani or otherwise. The necklace is composed of these beads also. These women are rich and everyone knows it.
The three half calabashes contain respectively: sour milk, butter, and cowry shells used for money. In addition to the money she makes selling milk and butter, in event of surplus butter she makes soap from it for sale. Her husband is an interpreter in the French government office and gets a good salary. He has lost count of his everincreasing herds of cattle.
Having lived by their wits and not their brawn for generations they are as a rule brilliant. One Filani young man came to reading class though he made no profession as a Christian, and left every one behind when it came to learning to read, and beside that he taught himself to write without our help while the ordinary natives were

## APPROVED FOR APPOINTMENT

The Missions
struggling to learn. But with all their cleverness, their unresponsiveness to the gospel is heart-rending. Mrs. Hall has tried many times to talk to these two women in the picture about their soul, but has been met only with blunt replies that they are following Mohammed and don't care to listen to anything else.
Usually a Filani man is the master of ceremonies in some of the worst native rites, and I have seen nothing exceeding in cruelty the beating administered to prospective Filani husbands by Filani men in their yearly rites in Nigeria. One such affair gave me a vivid picture of how our Lord Jesus must have suffered under the Roman scourge. It made me understand better the sufferings through which Jesus went in order that we might have healing, Committee is happy to announce that Miss Kathryn Vogler has been approved for missionary appointment to India. Miss Vogler is the daughter of Fred Vogler, our Assistant General Superintendent, and head of the Home Missions Department.
Our sister gave


Miss Kathryn Vogler her heart to the Lord when a small child and received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit fourteen years ago. She has felt the call to missionary service about twelve years. Entering Central Bible Institute in the fall of 1931, she was graduated with the class of 1934. Since that time she has been actively engaged in the ministry, doing evangelistic, pioneer and home missionary work in Arkansas and the Kentucky Mountains, as well as conducting Daily Vacation Bible Schools and children's meetings. She holds a license with the Kentucky District.
After careful preparation for missionary service and several years of active ministry our sister, we believe, is fully qualified and has amply proved her call for foreign missionary work. The Kansas District Council is recommending her appointment and her support will come largely from the assemblies of that district. Funds
for: "With His stripes we are healed."

## No Missionaries Among Them

Though one of the greatest of West African tribes they have no missionary working directly among them. Because they all speak the language of the tribe among whom they live as well as their own Filani dialect, on some occasions one or two will come to services held for another tribe and listen to the gospel, but because their families are so cruel by nature, they fear to make an open stand for Christ. Because these people have no certain location due to their occupation as herdspeople, white missionaries would for health reasons not last long among them, but Jesus died for the Filani people and $H e$ can raise up African native workers to work among them.
Two young Filani men came for a while to our church and Bible class but from the time the Christians tried to get them to accept Christ they came no more. Will you please pray that we may have the joy of seeing Filani people saved and following Christ openly? We long to reach them as well as the Mossi people, hence we lay before you this little tribal study and challenge to prayer.
are still lacking for sending her forth but we trust the Lord will continue to open the way so that soon she may be able to go out.

## SHALL WE GIVE THEM LIGHT FOR DARKNESS?

Dr. William R. Quinn, a friend of our missionaries in North India writes: "The religion of these people is essentially one of fear-a worship of evil spirits in an effort to placate them and thus avoid harm. Nearly every patient who comes to our hospital bears on his body scars or sores where he has been burned by the witch doctor in an attempt to drive out the evil spirit that they think is causing the disease. Still, they are human and they have feelings perhaps just as sensitive as ours. Above all they have souls to be saved the same as we have.
"One woman who has recently been saved at a neighboring mission station told how she had all her life looked at the sun and stars, the trees and flowers, and wondered how all these beautiful things in nature could have been made by the ugly gods they worship in the temples, but when she heard the gospel story she knew at
once the answer to her question. They do the best they know but their minds are darkened by Satan. This spiritual blindness is the thing that impresses one most here-more even than the differences of customs or habits
"One little girl was brought to us because of a small white scar in her eye. Her parents said that no one would marry her because if she went to the temple with a blemish in her eye the god would be angry. Such opportunities as this provide a good setting in which to place the gospel message.
"Today I was called to the palace, there being sickness in the ruler's family. In the course of giving physical relief I had an opportunity to tell our message. At times we have opportunities to go out to the villages with one of the evangelists to add the ministry of physical relief to the gospel appeal.
"One day recently I went out to lend a hand in a district about seventy miles from here where one of our evangelists has been working for the past few weeks, and where very few of the people had ever before heard the Name of Jesus Christ. I am sure that the light of the gospel is breaking in that district, for several have already accepted the message and appear to be genuinely changed and to be firm in the assurance of their faith."

## BRAZIL

Our friends in Sweden who have formerly labored in Brazil inform us that the number of believers in Brazil is not as many as reported in the Evangel under date of December 11, 1937. We are, therefore, pleased to correct this as we are advised that no general statistics are kept but the number of believers is perhaps between 35,000 and 40,000 .

This work has been developed to a large extent by the Pentcostal missionaries from Sweden and the Scandinavian assemblies of America. Although at one time under the direction of the missionaries it is now a national Assemblies of God organization in which missionaries and nationals are workers together for God.
The population of Brazil is estimated as over forty-five million, so that there is still much land to be possessed and our missionaries report encouraging results almost everywhere they minister.
Our brother, Nels Nelson, who has been so gracious in advising with us regarding the needs of the work, has a prosperous assembly at Para. Some idea of the size of this assembly can be ascertained from the picture.

## TAKEN OUT TO DIE

Some of the many phases of ministry carried on by our missionaries in foreign lands are brought to our attention in the following paragraphs from Bessie Gager, missionary to India:
"Yes, she had been taken out to diethe poor little old woman, just a bundle of


The Assembly of God in Para, Brazil. Nels Nelson, missionary in charge can be seen near the center of the crowd.
skin and bones with hardly a hair on her head. That is the way we found her in a dirty little village. You ask, 'Why did they do it?' The answer is that the relatives were afraid that should she die in the house, evil spirits would be left behind to torment the remaining members.
"How our hearts were stirred with His compassion as we told her of Jesus' love and how He died to save her. She was not so far gone that she could not understand the message, and repeated the prayer after us, asking Jesus to forgive her sins and to take her to heaven. We praise Him that we didn't get there too late to tell her. We hope we shall see her in heaven.

## From Distant Parts

"The same day we had an opportunity to give the message of Calvary's love to a large crowd of cart men who had taken their sugar cane by ox cart to the sugar mill. Amidst the dust and dirt we all had
he had grasped of the truth, and, to our joy, we found that he had understood. At the close of the service several raised their hands, expressing their desire for Salvation. Please pray for them that they may be truly saved.

## In the Hospital

"On our way home that day we stopped at the government hospital. We were allowed to go from bed to bed, speaking a few words to the patients and giving them Gospel portions and tracts which they eagerly accepted. We trust that those poor sick people may be led to the great Physician for the healing of their sin-sick souls. Pray that He shall enable us to get the message of salvation to many of these two and a half millions of lost souls."

## NEWS NOTES

## Little Missionary Arrives

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Landrus, missionaries in Liberia, West Africa, announce the birth of a daughter, Ruth Ella, March 21. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Landrus, and welcome, little Ruth Ella.

## Recovering

C. D. Holleman writes: "We are happy to write that after a time of very serious illness, Ellen Esler is very much improved and on the way to recovery. We do thank the Lord for the deliverance. Please continue to pray that she may fully recover and be able to return to her work." We, too, rejoice with the missionaries on the field because the Lord has spared the life of our sister and is restoring her to health.

## AFRICA PARTY REACHES FRANCE

Letters have just come in from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kitch saying
the privilege of giving the message of salvation by preaching and in song to a large interested crowd. We also gave Scripture portions and tracts to the eager crowd, reaching and crying out for them. These people came from distant parts of the district. We trust that the message they took with them many miles back to their homes and their villages will count for the salvation of many lost souls.

## Ministering by the Wayside

"Another day we were telling a group of people at the roadside of the only One who could get them across to heaven. One man in the crowd asked, 'How can I get salvation?' Placing two bamboo poles on the ground in the form of a cross, we showed them how His hands and feet had been nailed to the cross and how He, the loving Saviour, had bled and died as a sacrifice, that if they would only believe in Him and accept Him, they would go to heaven.
"As we were trying to lead these dear people to Jesus another man joined the crowd and asked, 'What is it all about?' The man who had asked the first question began to tell the way to get to heaven. We let him tell the story to see how much
that they together with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore have arrived safely in France after a pleasant ocean voyage, although they were delayed in reaching their destination because of having to go out of their way to avoid floating icebergs.

Brother and Sister Kitch write: "Upon arrival at LeHavre we realized what it means to be strangers in a far country. With French porters, newsboys and customs agents all trying to talk at once, all was very strange. Brother Jones was the only one of the party who could speak with them so we all kept our eyes on his whereabouts.
"For nearly two weeks we have lived in a one room hotel apartment. The French have no heat this time of year so we have been wearing coats and sweaters in the room continually. Last Sunday we all attended a Pentecostal church, and although we understood very little of what was being said, we felt right at home and could say 'Hallelujah' along with the rest. One of their members has offered to give us private lessons in French. Tomorrow the Moores and we move out into a suburb to be near her for our study."
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## The Full Life (Continued from Page One)

dom from God. "Look out seven men to look after this business," the apostles said, "and we will look after praying and preaching continually." They had no difficulty, it seems in finding the first of the seven. Everybody said Stephen. They knew he was full of the Holy Ghost. When you are full of the Holy Ghost you do not need to go around blowing the trumpet. People will know it. People will not have to be in your company half an hour before they know it. And when they are not filled with the Spirit we find it out, too.

It is lovely to be in churches where they can seek and find men filled with the Holy Ghost and wisdom and of honest report. Notice that they did not ask for seven men who had received the Baptism. That is the trouble with some people-they had the Baptism. Is your experience all in the past tense? These seven men were filled with the Holy Ghost all the time. Not only can we be filled but we can keep filled. I thank God for the Saviour who gave me my first Baptism in the Spirit twenty-five years ago, and who is still keeping me full. I do not think I should want to receive a wonderful blessing if I could not keep it even for a year. There is a stream flowing to which you can come and taste today, but which you will find richer, fuller and sweeter as the years go by. What a blessed life it is to be full of the Holy Ghost.

My home, when I am there, is in a little country market town called Louth. Only once in all its history has Louth got into the newspapers. In 1920 Louth suddenly burst into prominence for a few days, because we had a flood. It was a real flood. There is a little river running through Louth, and there was a cloudburst somewhere in the hills and the river ruddenly came rushing down in a torrent, sweeping through the little town until about a dozen people lost their lives in the half hour of flood. When they began rebuilding the city they put stones in the buildings which said, "Flood Level, May, 1920." Thus people could see that that part of the town was built before the flood! And when I see those stones, I think of some Christians who ought to have a sign, "Flood Level, 1920." In California they should have a sign, "Flood Level, 1906." How is it with you today? Are you as full as you were at one time, or have the waters of blessing subsided? Oh, I hope there is no such sign stone in my life. Lord, keep the waters flowing in my heart so that the stones are buried all the time.

It is a grand thing that God who gives our first fillings can renew them and
keep us full. Dear hungry heart, do not be afraid to come and ask Jesus to fill you, because you think that afterwards it will all leak out and you will be disappointed. There is no disappointment in Jesus, and there is no end to His fullness. He can fulfill His Word and fill you full and keep you full all the time, so that it gets better and better. So Stephen comes to us as one who was full of the Holy Ghost. Not merely that he had had the Baptism or that he was in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, but he kept full.

The next picture of Stephen shows him full of power so that wonders and miracles were done through him among the people. One of the interesting problems in the New Testament is how Stephen the deacon turned into Stephen the evangelist. The Church made him a deacon, but suddenly he became a mighty evangelist. I am sure of one thing that helped to cause it, however; the church was full of the Holy Ghost. When the church is full of the Holy Ghost it is easy for things to happen. Is it not lovely when there is a real revival spirit in everything? Easy to pray, easy to worship, easy to build, easy to do everythnig, because of the warmth of the presence of God all over the place. The early church was like that. These men did not go through Bible school, but they found themselves preaching because they could not help it. I do like that kind of preacher who preaches because he cannot hold it in.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon was preaching to his students one Saturday in his Bible school. After all the week of dry lectures he made it a practice to gather them together each Saturday and talk to them with all his sparkling wit. Looking at his students he said, "Gentlemen, don't preach if you can possibly help it." They looked at him in amazement. Why, they were there for the very purpose of becoming preachers just like Mr. Spurgeon. But the old preacher looked at them with a twinkle in his eye, and they saw his meaning. The kind of preachers we want are those who preach because they can not keep from doing so. Jeremiah said, "Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jer. $20: 9$.

I like to go to Cornwall because it is the home of old Billy Bray. They still talk about that old saint in Cornwall. One time he said, "Well, you don't like my preaching and my style and noise, and tell me to be quiet, but if you were to put me in a barrel trying to keep me quiet I would still shout 'Glory'
through the bunghole." Oh, to be full and overflowing! I like the testimonies that come that way, and the prayer meetings. God wants it to be that way, so that the church is so full it is growing all the time, for it can't help it.
There is something else worth noticing in Stephen. His ministry proves that deeds come before words. "Stephen full of faith and power did." And the very first verse of the Book of Acts says, "All that Jesus began both to do and to teach." Part of the vision God has given us in this Pentecostal revival is that God is a God who is doing things today. And when His servants are filled with God, things will happen. Things just happened in the Early Church, and the preaching came afterwards. We think that if we preach long enough and logically enough, something will happen. But first the things happened, and the preacher had to come and explain it.

The Holy Ghost fell at Pentecost and the crowd were surging around asking what it was all about. Whether Peter wanted to preach or not they pulled it out of him. After a man was healed the crowd came and demanded, "Tell us about it." We put it backwards. If only we can have God working like that today! So when Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost, things were happening. He had a real ministry of fullness so that the rivers of living water were flowing out from him all the time. I do rejoice in this life in the Spirit. It is so lovely because it flows so. It is not necessary to be pumping all the time ; it just flows. I know when I am in the Spirit because I know it is flowing. The other day I picked up my pen to write an article, but it would not come, and so I quit. But next time I started it simply flowed. and I knew I had it then. Jesus said, "Out of you shall flow rivers of living water." There is such a difference when things are in the Spirit.

When I was up at Lake Geneva Camp Meeting, Brother Lindquist of Minneapolis said to me, "Brother Gee, I have a little outboard motor. Come out on the water and let us get refreshed." "Well. that sounds good," I replied, so we went down to the water. We found a couple of oars in the boat and he said, "You don't mind rowing for a few minutes until I get the motor started, do you?" I said, "Oh, no ; not for a few minutes." My, it was hot. I started rowing, and he pulled at the starting rope but the motor would not go. I was pulling away on the oars and getting hotter and hotter, I said, "This is a strange kind of rest." I was thinking of the afternoon meeting. I soon had to return to the ground and preach. "I
don't know what's the matter," he said. "I can't get it to go." But suddenly it started, and we rushed through the water. I quietly pulled the oars back, glad of the opportunity to sit back and let the motor push us through the water with the refreshing breeze that made us feel so much better for the afternoon services.

As I think of that I remember when God filled me with the Holy Ghost. I dropped the oars, and let the Lord do it. Some of us are still pulling oars, and no wonder we cannot get very far. How we toil at the oars of self-effort. We move a bit, of course, but it is such hard work. But when the power of the Spirit comes, thank God it is no longer our work, but His. "Once it was the blessing, now it is the Lord." Even when we are going much faster than we used to travel in our spiritual lives, and doing much more, it is not such hard work; thank God, the power has come.

And the last picture of Stephen is that wonderful scene of martyrdom, where we find Stephen still full. At the end of chapter 6 it says, "All that sat in the council looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." Here is a man who was so full up with the glory and the peace of God inside that it was shining out. Earth puts its cosmetics on the outside, but heaven puts them on the inside and they shine out. I know I must be very careful when I touch this subject, however. But I am thinking of ladies I saw in China, with lips that were the color of last night's sunset, a bright read. There was a lady sitting opposite me in London, England last winter in a street car. I do not know what had happened to her eyebrows. The real ones were gone, and she had smeared some black ones on where they should not be. When we are filled with the Holy Ghost we do not need to adopt those tricks. The beauty is on the inside shining out.

Stephen's face was as the face of an angel. As I look into the story I discover that he had been in prayer meeting. He was not in a friendly company where everyone said sweet things to him, and prayed and sang. Not a bit of it. Stephen was in the midst of a gathering of men who hated him, who were ready to tell wicked lies about him, who were even then ready to stone him to death. Nevertheless he was looking up to God in prayer, and his face was shining like an angel's. I am glad for a Saviour like that, and for a fullness of the Holy Ghost like that. I could not help saying, "O Lord Jesus, I wonder what my face looked like the other day when somebody was saying some very unkind things to me!" I wonder what
you looked like when you had a similar experience! If someone had put a mirror in front of your face, would you have said, "Oh, I look just like an angel!" Thank God there is something that can make us like that. Stephen's face shone simply because he was filled with the Holy Ghost.

I notice further that because he was full of the Holy Ghost his gaze was controlled. He was looking up into heaven, and he saw Jesus. He was absorbed. He said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." Acts 7:56. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost it is wonderful how your eyes are on heaven just as much as earth.

I don't get so much blessing out of the newspapers these days; I would rather read my Bible. I have stayed in some homes where I wished I could throw the radio out of the window. When we are really filled with the Holy Ghost we are living under an open heaven, and we can see the glory of God and the Lord Jesus Christ. I feel I must live in that vision. I am going back to Europe but if it were not for the fact that my wife and children are there I should not want to go. It is horrible in Europe today. If I did not know I am in the will of God, I should say, "I envy you who live in America. We in Europe are living in constant terror of war. We never know when the airplanes will be raining death upon us." But I thank God there is the possibility of seeing something better than this old earth. We can still have the heavens opened and see Jesus coming again.

Because Stephen was full I believe that when they drew him out of the city and began throwing stones upon him, he could still see only Jesus. When I was a young man I heard a pastor say that he thought that when those stones fell upon Stephen he did not feel them. They were like feathers. Although I did not believe it then, I must say now that I have something of the fullness of the Spirit, I think I can understand it. Have you ever found when full of the joy of the Lord that when people say angry things you do not mind it at all? Perhaps you are the only one saved in the family. All you get at the table are angry looks and nasty words, yet you feel like a cushion. They have been saying all kinds of things about us in this lovely Pentecostal revival, but we have been too happy to bother. They have sometimes come to me with hostile booklets saying, "Oh, look what they are saying about us now." Won't you write something to answer this?" Well, we are so busy with the blessing God has given us that such things do not disturb us. Hallelujah!

As I look at Stephen in this final picture, filled with the Holy Spirit to the end, and I hear him as the stones fall upon him and his spirit leaves his body, praying, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge," I think what a wonderful echo it is of the prayer of Jesus on Calvary-"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Thank God we can be like Jesus. I love that beautiful chorus that we sing as a prayer, "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." It is a prayer that can be answered. There is something in the fullness of God's Spirit that does make Christians like Christ, that does change us until we are like Jesus, if we let God have His way. Do you not want to be like Jesus? The Spirit has come to dwell in our hearts that the life of Jesus and His love may be there until we become like Him.

Some of us find our hair turning gray, and isn't it good to know that God can keep us full right to the end? I do not like people to talk about going down hill. I am going up. The Word says, "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."
I am believing that whether it is long or short I have a Saviour who can keep me so that if I die I shall die full, and if I live I shall live full, and if I go up I shall go up full-just so I keep in the fullness of the Spirit. Are you full tonight? If you feel, "You don't know how empty my heart is; inside is an aching longing," I am glad I can bring you to One who can fill your heart today to overflowing. Jesus is wonderful. Come to Him and He will fill you with Himself, until you will wish the weeks had eight days, and the days 25 hours. You will find your heart so full it is bursting all the time. Amen.

## Loving Reproof

I made an odd observation here, which I recommend to all our preachers. The people of Canterbury have been so often reproved (and frequently without cause) for being dead and cold, that it has utterly discouraged them, and made them cold as stones. How delicate a thing is it to reprove! To do it well requires more than human wisdom.-John Wesley.
"We boast of being so practical a people that we want a surer thing than faith, but did not Paul say that the promise is by faith that it might be sure?" Rom. 4:16.-Dan Crawford.
"Let nothing satisfy us but living wholly for Christ ; He is worthy."

# he Wonderful Word <br> A Sermon in Miniature 

## PAUL, THE SERVANT OF THE LORD

1. His call. "The Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Acts $13: 2$.
2. His Director. "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed." Acts 13:4.
3. His sphere. "So have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named." Rom. 15:20.
4. His Gtarantor. "My God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19.
5. His ambition. "To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand." 2 Cor. $10: 16$.
6. His responsibility. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Tim. 2:15.
7. His joy. "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you." 2 Cor. 12:15.

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JUST AS YOU ARE

An artist wanted to paint a picture that would show the utter wretchedness of poverty. For days he combed the poorest quarters of town before he found the person he desired.
"Man, do you want a job?" he said, accosting a poor beggar.
"A job, sir! I've given up all hopes," replied the man in despair.
The artist's delight knew no bounds. The rags of the man, his abject and emaciated appearance, made him an admirable model for his picture.
"Here's my card. Call at this address at ten oclock in the morning.'
Next day the artist waited with brush and palette in readiness. A knock came upon the door.
"Hello, who are you?" he said. "What do you want?"
"Here's your card, sir," was the reply. "I am the man you promised a job."
"But surely not!"
"Yes, sir! I was so glad of the chance to work that I polished my shoes, got brushed up, and mended some, then borrowed a coat."
"My good fellow, you're no use to me now," said the artist, disappointed. "I wanted you just as you were." And giving the man a coin, he dismissed him.
Friend, the Saviour wants you just as you are. "I came not to call the righteous, but simners to repentance," He said. Come to Him with your broken heart, your load of sin, your shattered life. He will save you, for "this Man receiveth sinners." Pray to him in the words of the old hymn: "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bid'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come." And His reply to you is, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

## Ouestiongand Answers

Does one receive refillings with the Holy Spirit? The Bible says that when He is come "He will abide with you forever."
The Holy Spirit comes to abide. At the same time He comes in ever fresh anointings
as we seek Him. Jesus speaks of Him as "proceeding from the Father," the Spirit being likened to the wind in action. He not only came from the Father, He continues to come. The disciples were refilled when the place was shaken where they were assembled together "and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 4:31.
Some teach that what is sin for one is not sin for another. I do not believe such doctrine. If it is Scriptural please explain.

There are sins which are fundamentally wrong and would damn the soul. As an example wilful violation of the moral law. There are sins, however, which are defined in the Bible as "sins of ignorance." Lev. 4:2. These I should consider as such offenses as come from our ignorance without violating the law of conscience. Yet they need atonement when we become conscious that they were offenses. Paul shows that to some it would be sin to eat certain foods because they have conscientious scruples, while to others it would not be $\sin$ because it did not trouble their conscience. In such matters he left it to individual conscience to determine what they should do. Rom. 14:2,3,20. Jesus taught that he that knew his Lord's will and did things worthy of stripes should be beaten with many stripes, while he who knew not his Lord's will and did things worthy of stripes should be beaten with few stripes.-E. S. W.

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## THE INTERCESSION OF FAITH

In Luke 11:5-8 we read how a friend called at a house at midnight. The man of the house sought a rich friend of his and asked for three loaves. He was utterly unable to meet the need himself. He asked again and again. It seems his rich friend would not listen, but finally because of his persistence the rich man rewarded his undaunted faith.
So it is with prayer. The world is in dire need. If we will stop to consider that need, it will drive us to prayer. We are utterly impotent in ourselves to meet that need, but there is One who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask of Him. If we will go to Him, our rich Friend in the glory, He will meet the need. We may ask more than once before we find the need being met, for is it not written that the trial of our faith is much more precious than of gold that
perisheth? Yet disappointment is impossible: "I say unto you, He will rise and give him as many as he needeth."
But it is this simple, confident faith that God will give, that we need. In God's Word we have everything that can stir and strengthen such faith in us. Just as the heaven which our natural eye can see, is one great ocean of sunshine, with its light and heat, giving beauty and fruitfulness to earth, so Scripture shows to us God's true heaven, filled with all spiritual blessings, divine light and love and life, heavenly joy and peace and power, all shining down upon us. It reveals to us God waiting, delighting to bestow these blessings in answer to prayer. By a thousand promises and testimonies it calls and urges us to believe that prayer will be heard. Certainly through prayer the poorest and feeblest among us can dispense blessings to the needy, and each of us though poor, may yet be making many rich.

## The Family Altar

## SCRIPTURAL PRAYERS

Daily gather around God's Word as a family. The God who said to Israel, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children," still expects His people to gather their families together for reverent Bible reading, and for prayer. In addition to your household and individual needs there are urgent petitions to present to the Lord, such as:

1. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain." The outpoured Spirit will make each one what he ought to be (Eph. $3: 16$ ), will empower the ministers (Rom. 15:30), and bring conviction to sinners. John $16: 7-8$. As we pray God will save sinners (Acts 6:4, 7) and will give power to the gospel message. 1 Peter 1:12.
2. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." A million die each month in China alone. Missionaries are needed. Ask that they might be "sent furth by the Holy Ghost" (Acts 13:2) and that the Spirit's power will rest on them. Acts $1: 8$. Pray for Satan's power over heathen souls to be broken.
3. Pray and intercede "for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." Pray for foreign rulers as well as our own federal, state, county and town officials, etc. Pray even for dictators to be led by God in spite of themselves. Paul exhorted a few despised Christians to pray and thus influence the mighty Roman emperors!
4. "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." A rich promise! Jerusalem signifies the Jewish nation, in anything but peace today. Remember the multitudes of oppressed Jews. Pray for them, as a nation and as individuals, "that they might be saved."
5. "Pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass." Tribulation and judgment is coming on the wicked, but Christ tells us to pray for deliverance from it.

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Present Day Events in the Light of Scripture

## A JEWISH-CHRISTIAN COLONY

According to News Sheet, a Jewish Christian union has been formed having as one of its aims to start an agricultural colony in Palestine where distressed Jewish Christians, particularly those of Germany, may find refuge.

## A VITAL QUESTION

Says a writer in Christian Century: "I like the story of the conversation between Dr. Neimoeller (imprisoned German pastor) and the chaplain who visited him in his detention: 'Why are you here?' asked the chaplain. 'Why are you not here?' asked Dr. Neimoeller."

## "WHO IS ABLE TO MAKE WAR WITH

 HIM?" (Rev. 13:4)Mussolini's recent boasting of his power and resources reminds us of the above verse. He describes the growth of Italy's population; his stores of ammunition and torpedoes for a long campaign; the $9,000,000$ fighting men at his beck and call.

## RELIGION IN UNIVERSITIES

According to Religious Digest, the graduating class of Princeton University was asked, at its last session, "Have you attended the university chapel this year?" Three hundred and one answered, "No," and 137 answered "Yes." The Princeton chapel cost $\$ 2,000,000$.

## LITERATURE

The Religious Telescope states: "In the South it is getting to be a habit of the churches to have their denominational paper go to every home in the congregation at the expense of the church. This expense is a part of the church budget just as the pastor's salary. The churches have found that this expenditure pays and pays well." Why not put the Evangel in every Pentecostal home?

GODLESS ACTIVITY IN AMERICA
The recent atheist book exhibition in New York, points out Our Hope, is a challenge to the true Church to be as zealous in spreading the gospel of Christ. The publications were all current atheistic writings, and included 2,500 books, pamphlets and other leaflets. Most of the material was collected in United States; some came from Russia. The German section included a prominent pamphlet entitled "Jesus-Only a Jew."

## CORRUPT ADVERTISING

The following is an illustration of how a certain type of advertising is corrupting our national life. According to the Narcotic Review:
"Miss Flossie Smock, who won the U. S. A. health contest in 1935, it is reported was offered $\$ 10,000$ by tobacco interests if she would allow her picture to be displayed with a cigarette in her hand. Although a poor girl, Miss Smock had enough of the grace of God in her heart to refuse the offer. So greatly appreciated was she by the citizens of her town that they gave her a scholarship and a little home."

## HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR

These words do not apply to nervous individuals but to seasoned, sober-minded statesmen. Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, an authoritative spokesman on questions of foreign relations, warned that continuation of the present trend in world affairs will "inevitably result in war" in which democracies will be at a disadvantage.
Unless a change can be brought about, he said, it is the duty of the United States to prepare its defenses "without regard to cost."
"World conditions," he said, "are getting progressively worse-much worse."

## INVENTIONS

Our civilization will finally crash because of a combination of clever heads and bad hearts. We quote from Dawn. "Three hundired years ago Lord Merchiston, the inventor of logarithms, also invented apparatus for defending a nation's shores by setting fire to enemy ships when far out at sea by some mechanism operating from the coast. When dying he was urged to impart the secret to posterity. He replied that there were already far too many devices for the ruin of mankind, and that they should not be increased by any conceit of his. In the words of General Smuts, 'The command of Nature has been put in man's hand before he has learned to command himself.'"

## THE GIANT AWAKENS

Napoleon once remarked concerning China : "There lies a giant; let him sleep." But China is now awakening and filled with fury against Japan. Said one Chinaman, "A little while and there will be no Japs in China"; for in country-wide guerrilla warfare will it be possible for Japan's tens of thousands to stand against China's aroused tens of millions?

Are the "kings of the East" now being prepared for Armageddon? Rev. 16:12-16.

## THE NEXT WAR

Wrote Linton Wells, world-known journalist and war-correspondent (in 1937): "In Europe today there is no God but Mars, and Mussolini and Hitler are his prophets. In Asia the prophets are the Japanese Militarists. Together they form a trinity that is equipping the Four Horsemen to ride forth again on their grim journey.
"There will be another world conflict, I am convinced, and the line-up will probably be Japan, Italy, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Albania, against England, France, Belgium, Soviet Russia, Turkey, China, Czecho-slovakia, Jugo-slavia, Roumania, and Greece, with Poland doubtful and the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Switzerland neutral.
"There will be fewer rules in the next war than there were in the war which was to end war. It will not be war so much as butchery on a scale such as the world has never seen, and the innocent non-combatant population will be the ones that will bear the brunt of it."

## Others A Digest of Christion Thought

A POOR RICH MAN - The story of the rich man and Lazarus is the story of two beggars. One begged bread on earth, and the other begged water in Hell.-Will H. Houghton.
CHANGED BY THE HOLY SPIRITHoliness is always sensitive. The pure heart grows in sensitiveness. Things that we could do at one time with composure of spirit and ease of mind we can no longer do; they are the same things, but we are not the same men.-Dr. John Macbeath.
SO CHRIST'S KINGDOM WILL REPLACE IT-A civilization which can give birth to the shameful persecution of the Jews, the spraying of mustard gas upon Abyssinian villages, the lying and dishonesty which make a mock of treaties and agreements, is a civilization not worth preserving.-Bishop of Chelmsford.
SOMETHING BETTER THAN ANGLO-ISRAELISM-We do well to remember that Israel was promised only earthly blessings, so why should Christians spend valuable time in seeking to prove that they are descendants of Jacob when every ransomed soul of whatever race is promised heavenly blessing? -Henry Pickering.

THE NEED-The insistent and tremendous demand is for an enlightened and devoted spiritual leadership throughout the length and breadth of our churches.-Dr. Austen K. de Blois.

READ ONLY GOOD BOOKS - Mine was a Quaker family, unwilling in those days to have youth corrupted with stronger reading than the Bible, the encyclopedia or those great novels where the hero overcomes the demon rum.-Herbert Hoover.

EDUCATION IS NOT ENOUGH-There is no moral force in the classroom (of the public school) of the United States. These schools are doing a good job in inculcating scholastic knowledge ... but they are not producing character.-Warden Lcwis E. Lawoes of Sing Sing Penitentiary.

GREATEST SOCIAL MENACE - It is my conviction that the American people will not tolerate this evil much longer, and that we shall be called upon, as Federal lawmakers, once against to enact national legislation to eradicate the greatest social menace in the history of civilization-the traffic of beverage alchohol, a traffic that expends millions to keep the alcohol lure alive."-Senator Morris Shepphard of Texas.

# Things as They $\mathcal{F r e}$ in Spain 

By an Escaped Missionary

Spain is passing through deep waters, and here is an eye-witness's account of what is going on. The name of the writer is suppressed for obvious reasons.

I am writing this account of my experiences without the intervention of the censor. You will keep in mind that hostilities caught me in the territory occupied by the insurgents. They are known variously by the names of Insurgents, Nationalists, and Fascists. Franco is their chief. Their solgan is, One Empire, One Leader, and One Faith. Their propaganda is particularly bitter against communism, and what they call the associate creeds.

Their newspapers hurl forth "fire and brimstone" against socialism and democracy. Inspired leaders are written against Jews, Freemasons, and Protestants. Hence their campaign includes a war of extermination against all religion which is non-Catholic. This may not be admitted by Franco, but there is in operation today a sordid persecution of evangelicals in Nationalist Spain. There are organizations working out-with his authority. They are almost like secret societies.

They spy on people, and when they think
they have unearthed a traitor, if the person is fortunate, he is thrown into prison to be kept there during the governor's pleasure. (That is, they are there without trial, and in most cases, they have no notion at all of what they have done wrong.) If they are not fortunate, they are "taken for a ride" into the country-in the morning their bodies are found. This has been going on since the movement began.

In the Early Days
of the movement, thirty bodies were taken from the river at Valladolid. They had been shot, and thrown there. And not communists only, but all outstanding representatives of workmen's unions, such as presidents, vice-presidents, and delegates. If the insurgents have heavy losses, reprisals are taken, and many are arrested and shot. At night, prisoners are taken out, and in the morning their bodies are brought in. No inquiries are made.

A Government aeroplane let some bombs fall


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at a certain place. Over fifty people were killed, and many wounded. As reprisals, many were arrested. Many were shot at night. A man of position in the city was taken from prison. He, with others, was killed. It was voiced that he was a Freemason, and for this he died. It is difficult to know why the governor of the province should sign a voucher for such persons to be withdrawn from prison. But he does so. It may be that he cannot or dare not refuse. The Fascist societies have considerable influence. He may be one of them, or in league with them.
The night work is a terrible feature of this civil war. Old grudges between fanilies and neighbors are avenged in a most awful manner. It is enough to accuse a person by insinuation, or to suggest that he has a leaning toward the socialists, or to say that he has been listening-in to the Madrid radio news. This will get

## The Accused

into trouble. He will perhaps be shut in prison without a trial, or shot. In this way, many an old score is wiped out in towns and villages.
It is calculated that in one province alone, 7,000 have been done away with. It leaves a most terrible impression to hear neighbors knocked down during the night, and know that they are taken out to death. It is also dreadful to hear the volley of the firingsquad in the early hours of the morning; then you know that probably a few souls have been sent hurriedly into eternity.

The above refers to what is going on behind the firing-lines. As to the cruelties and bombing of open cities on both sides, there is no mercy shown by either side. Truly "the horrors of civil war" have a new meaning for me.
From the very first, German aviation has been prominent on the side of Franco. Now heavy artillery is principally German. There are thousands upon thousands of Italian infantry to be seen in all the centers occupied by Franco.

They are regular soldiers, officered by Italians. These German and Italian soldiers tell you in conversation that they come by sea, but they are returning on foot via France! This is the spirit by which they are imbued.
It is no secret that since about the middle of April, 1937, the direction of the war has been taken over by a German-Italian committee. The Germans and Italians have lost so many men that they are determined to put an end to the war as soon as possible, so they
have taken the direction of the war out of Franco's hands.

The children of God and the evangelical churches among the insurgents have had a bad time of it. The minister of the Reformed Church, near where I was, was arrested at the beginning of the movement. A lady, a neighbor, made a false accusation against him. She stated she had heard him say that he had firearms at home for any who wished them. He was taken to prison, his house searched; nothing was found to incriminate him, yet he was tried by court martial for his life. Though nothing was proved, he was sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude. At his trial, scathing remarks were made about him and the doctrine he taught. The Gospel was said to be poison, and those who preached it worthy of death. He made a spirited reply, giving good testimony to the Gospel.
Two of his sons were also imprisoned in the same city, but now they are free. The church is scattered-three of the members are in prison. These people are in this trouble because they are

Non-Catholic.
You may have heard of one of the five evangelists supported by the Spanish assemblies. The insurgents occupied the town where he labored. He thought he was safe with his wife and children, and did not retire with the Government forces when it was evacuated. But the priest drew attention to his house, and the place where the meetings were held.

He was arrested by two friars in military uniform. They tried to get him to confess. When he refused, he was knocked down, and beaten with the butts of their rifles. He was shot the same afternoon. Two days later his body was brought in; he was in such a battered condition the neighbors persuaded his wife not to view his corpse. She was so treated that she found it necessary to leave the town. I got this information from her herself.
In, the town where he was killed, people who had gone to the meetings were fined heavily. Others were taken from their homes at two in the morning. They were never seen again. These died because they were nonCatholic Christians. I could go on for a long time detailing the tremendous suffering of the believers, and the indignities they are made to undergo in the villages. I have just told what I personally have come in contact with. It was a pleasure to stay on among them, and, in a quiet way, encourage them. How loyal they were, how true, and How They Prayed.
Everyone there was tried or persecuted in some way.
Well, as you know, the movement broke out when I was in - On the Sunday morning the military in taking cannon up the hill at the back of our house awoke me. I was then told that there had been a change of Government. When I went out in the forenoon, I was suprised to find all the city filled with young men with rifles. Even lads of sixteen years. They were mostly of the better class. They held up everybody in the streets, and searched them for arms. They went about in pairs. To hold up a man, one stood back and covered him with the rifle, the other searched him. In a short time the prisons were full. Anybody who was associated with workmen's unions or had
democratic leanings was run in, and then the awful night work began.
It as then very dangerous to be about, so many odd bullets were being fired. I had been giving away Gospels and tracts, and I felt not a little uneasy. I knew some fanatic might "accidentally" shoot on purpose. I went on to another place where the Catholic schools were left open, but our schools, all Protestant, were closed. I was subjected to a number of petty annoyances by the police. Many inquiries were made about me. Latterly, they called every week, just to see if I was
there. On one occasion they called to know my mother's name. They came twice on a Sunday morning. Possibly they thought they would catch me having a clandestine meeting. However, we felt we had the Lord with us, and in visiting and in prayer almost daily among the Christians, we had some very happy times and special blessing.

This went on some time, until, one day, I came into the house and found it occupied by detectives. I protested, but they told me I was a prisoner. I was hustled off to the police(Continued on Page Fifteen)

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## The Suinday School Tessons

## Feeding of the Fout Thousand <br> Lesson for May 22. Lesson Text: Mark

 8:1-9, 14-16, 19, 20The Compassion of Christ. "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have nothing to eat." $8: 2$. Compassion means, "to suffer with," to have "fellow feeling." The Lord knew in His own body what it was to be hungry and thirsty. He became the poorest of the poor. Therefore He could sympathize with the hunger of the multitude. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15. He knew how lonely and outcast the publicans felt, how they hungered for fellowship in their ostracized condition; therefore He ate with them. He knew how the unclean leper longed to feel the loving sympathetic touch of a human hand, from which he had been forever barred; therefore Jesus did not heal him from a distance, but He "put forth his hand, and touched him," thus healing the ache in his heart as well as the corruption in his body. He knew how dreadfully unequal was the social scale of His day, how the financial system oppressed the widows and the orphans. He felt for them. He scathingly denounced their oppressors, the Scribes and Pharisees. In the days when slavery was stiil practiced in the West Indies, a white missionary went to the Islands to preach the gospel to the natives. But the poor, enslaved natives saw in every white man, their oppressor and master, making no distinction. Thus he had no audience. The few that might have been willing to listen, were too weary at night to attend meeting after the hard labor of the day under the lash of the slave drivers. Therefore that missionary deliberately bound himself out to the slave owner, took his place among the blacks as a slave, worked with them, suffered with them (compassion-to suffer with) and preached to them as he toiled by their side. They understood the language of compassion, their ears were opened to his gospel message, and some of them were happily saved. Only a Christian, filled with the "compassion" of Christ, could have descended to such humility.

## He Gave Thanks. 8:6. The Lord who

 created all things, and by whom all things consist, the Lord who made the sea and formed the dry land, here gives thanks to His Father for two humble products of His own great creation. A handful of small loaves or buns, and "a few small fishes." "In everything give thanks" ( 1 Thess. $5: 18$ ), is the
exhortation of Paul; also, "for all things" give thanks. Eph. $5: 20$. A dear old lady, in dire poverty, was about to sit down to a Thanksgiving dinner. All she had was a few potatoes and one herring, but she lifted her voice to God in gratitude and said, "Lord, I thank Thee. Thou hast ransacked the sea and land to provide me with this meal." Truly, she gave thanks.
H. B. Gibbud, the evangelist, often told folks in meeting that the thing to do when the flour barrel was empty was to put your head inside and sing the doxology. One day
dealt with an earnest brother who had recently received the Baptism. He felt he simply had to give vent to the power within him, by leaping and jumping and shouting all over the place. We explained to him that the power of God was given to him for service. and instructed him to use it in praying with others. He was dubious at first as to whether he could thus control the spiritual energy which was just forcing itself out of him, but he promised to try to harness it to actual service. Soon he came back, with his face beaming. "Brother," he said, "you're right. It works!" Let us not waste the power of God. Let's use it. Let's put it to work. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." "To be witnesses unto Me," is a proper rendering of the scripture in Acts 1. The unprofitable steward who wasted, who hid his Lord's pound, had it taken from him. Luke 19:2024. If we will not put to proper use the spiritual power which the Lord gives us, He will take it from us. God will not tolerate waste or neglect.
The Leaven of the Pharisees. $8: 15$. Leaven, in the Scripture, is used as a type of sin, of corruption, of false doctrine. It is in the latter sense that the Lord seems to be using it here. "Beware of the false teachings, the false doctrines of the Pharisees." If the people needed to be warned against false teaching, erroneous religous doctrine, 1900 years ago, in the beginning of the gospel era, how much more should we be sounding out the warning against false doctrines in these last days? We are living in the time of the apostasy. "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy." I Tim. 4:1,2. These times are surely upon us. "The leaven," false religions with their subtle, wrong doctrines, are multiplying constantly. Many of them are successful as the world measures success. They attract the crowds, erect marvelous places of assembly, publish
his wife invited him into the kitchen, and standing in the doorway to keep him from making a retreat, she pointed to the empty flour barrel, saying, "The barrel is empty and so is the purse. I want to see you put your head inside that barrel and hear you sing the doxology." "All right, my dear," said the evangelist, "I agree, provided you put your head in at the same time and we make it a duet." They sang their duet, and in a short while a wagon drove up and left a full barrel of flour, sent from an altogether unknown source.

The Lord Is Not Wasteful. 8:8. "They took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets." Why should a God who can thus multiply food be concerned about the crumbs? Because He is not wasteful. Even the crumbs must serve a purpose to the glory of God. Some years ago, during a glorious outpouring of the Spirit, in an Eastern assembly, we
their own newspapers and magazines, and they have the choice spots on the radio. How we need to warn our people to beware of the "leaven," of false doctrines. Do not accept the teaching of any cult, because they stand for "healing." Do not accept all you read or hear over the radio, simply because the speaker or writer quotes Scripture, or seems to believe in Prophecy. Remember, the devil quotes Scripture. He quoted it to Jesus, but he wrenched it out of its proper setting. Many balse cults do likewise with the Word of God. They wrest it "unto their own destruction," says the Apostle Peter. Not all movements that preach the fulfillment of prophecy and "the signs of the times" are Scripturally sound in all their interpretations and doctrine. The devil also is a believer in prophecy. He knows "that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12. Therefore we urge the young believer in Christ, to "prove all
things; hold fast that which is good." Thess. $5: 21$. If you are doubtful of some of the literature in your library, ask your pastor to examine it. If he advises you to discard some of it, do so. He knows the danger of the leaven. Scripture tells us, "Take heed therefore how ye hear." We should do well to remember this in listening to the radio. If in doubt as to the doctrinal soundness of certain radio programs, again we say, submit the matter to your pastor. If he tells you to avoid certain programs, he will be able to give you a Scriptural reason for doing so. It is better to give your time to the Word of God and to prayer rather than to much listening in to radio programs. -Harry J. Steil.

## THINGS AS THEY ARE IN SPAIN

 (Continued from Page Thirteen)station. No charge was made against me. Even today I don't know what they have against me. I can only guess.
I as put in a dungeon. You have read of the dark dungeons of the Inquisition. It was like one of them-I think an old palace. The hole I was put in was underground; three small windows were covered with sheet-iron, perforated with holes for ventilation. There was one small electric bulb for light-day and night. The earthern floor gave off a fine dust, which choked you, as the other prisoners walked up and down on it. There were no conveniences, and no beds. Some planks had been set up on boxes. About three people could stretch themselves on these. There were at times as many as nine persons together in this hole.
I had had no dinner, but at six o'clock in the evening I was taken with other prisoners through the streets to the workhouse (between guards with rifles), where I got a plate of beans and a lump of bread. However, by this time the Christians found out where I was, and late in the evening came and handed in a fine supper, with hot tea in a thermos flask.
I was three days in the dungeon, and every day I was there they sent me in food. The loyal brethren were risking their lives. They were drawing attention to themselves, making themselves suspects, and they

> Might Have Been Shot.

The Lord reward them! I was afterwards taken out at eight o'clock at night. I began to think I was being taken for a "ride"to be shot outside the city, but they took me to the military prison. I then thought that I was in for a trial for espionage. All this time I didn't know of what I was accused. However, the military people would have nothing to do with me, and I was sent back to the police office. I was kept another night in the dungeon.

I was then severely questioned about all the money I had received, where it had come from, to whom I had given it, and how much I spent on myself. I felt uneasy when this questioning was going on. One official did the questioning, but there were present half a dozen others, as well as some whom I knew to be Fascists. They tried to draw me into a religious discussion, and I might have fallen into the trap and said something that they might use against me. However, some trivial interruption happened, and the subject was changed.

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At last, I was taken to prison, but no charge yet was made against me. The prison wa: better than the dungeon. The dust of the dungeon began to affect my eyes, and the filth might have made me sick if I had been kept there longer. In the prison we had daylight and water. There were about 500 in it. We were so herded that

There Was Not Beds for All-
beds have to be sent in for you. Here the Christians again came to my help. They sent in a nice mattress for me. Side by side we lay right round the big domitory-all on the floor as close as possible. In the prison no food was allowed to be sent in. So I had to take prison fare. Poor stuff. Sanitary arrangements awful. However, I had my shirt off in the yard in the morning, and washed down under the pipe.
I had some good times in the prison. They overlooked my Testament. I had a continual time of Gospel preaching or conversation, and some were much interested. That New Testament and some leaflets were left among the prisoners. It was not an unhappy time, rather the reverse, quite joyful. Although it was a rough time, I came through it all, and had not even a headache. The Lord Jesus went into captivity to lead captivity captive. I can only hope and pray that when He eventually released me, that some other prisoner might be freed from Satan's captivity. The devil always outwits himself.

After a few days in prison, I was sent for and quite hurriedly I was hustled into a car, and told I would be put over the frontier into Portugal. I had no choice in the matter. I was unable to get my things together, and I landed in Portugal in the old clothes in which I went to prison, and in which I had been sleeping, and nothing to change with. The journey to Portugal as pleasant, although the men were armed, and I did over-
hear one say that it was easier to shoot them than to go to all this trouble. It was probably inquiries concerning my nationality that made them hurry to get me out of Spain. They put me in the hands of the Portuguese police. The latter did not like this, and I was kept another day at the frontier while they inquired at Lisbon what to do with me. Eventually my passport was endorsed in the ordinary way, and I was free to go.-Prophetic News.


## Questionable Amusements <br> By F. P \& M. S. Wood

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has been set aside as the first offering day of 1938 on which to remember our older ministers. We are counting on you and your assembly to have a part. Don't fail them now. Send your offering to J. R. Flower, General Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

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CAMDEN, ILL.-We praise God for blessings received during our revival, F. G. Cline, Cresco, Iowa, Evangelist. Four were converted, and the saints were much encouraged by the stirring messages of our brother. On visitors' night there were about 115 present, including 7 visiting ministers. A number of nearby assemblies were represented, particularly Beardstown, Camp Point, Augusta, Rockford, Wood River, and Rushville. The last day was one of almost continual service. At the Divine Healing time, God manifested His power and as a result a number received a divine touch.-E. W. Stambaugh, Pastor.

PORT NACHES, TEXAS-We came here 11 months ago from South Dakota. We found a little band of faithful saints, and after much prayer and labor God began to move. We have just closed a revival, Evangelist Albert S. Davis, of Port Arthur, in charge, in which God gave us a real Pentecostal outpouring. Our Sunday School attendance has gone from about 20 to 65 , and our church attendance has grown in proportion. During one of our special evangelistic services we had to secure a larger hall to accommodate the crowd. A goodly number have been saved, reclaimed, refilled, or filled with the Holy Ghost.Edward B. Byram, Pastor.

KILGORE, TEXAS-We have just closed a very successful 3 weeks' revival, Mrs. Eula Linn, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist. The Lord blessed in every service. There were only two or three services in which someone did not pray through. Forty-eight were saved, and about 20 were filled with the Spirit. Practically all were adults. A number were men, heads of families. One Baptist minister, who had preached in this part of the State for a number of years, received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. We had the largest attendance we have had at any time. A number of business men from our city were present and showed great interest. Sister Linn's messages were Spirit-filled each night, and this was appreciated by all. Our Sunday School is growing continually.-J. L. and Mrs. McKinley, Pastors.

WEST FORK, ARK.-I have just closed a 4 weeks' meeting here, where Jack Wright is pastor. The presence and power of God were manifested in every service. Seven were saved, and one was baptized in the Holy Ghost. There were people attending the meeting who had been taught against the power and manifestation of the Spirit, until they were possessed with doubt and unbelief. Some came to the altar crying to be delivered and loosed from the binding spirit, and God wonderfully set them free. The Lord is blessing the ministry of Brother Wright. The work is growing for God. The Sunday School attendance has more than doubled in the last year; the last Sunday of the revival there were 115 present, which was the largest attendance in the history of the church. Seventeen new members were added to the roster.-Evangelist and Mrs. Ray Garrison, La Rue, Ark.

JEANNETTE, PA.-We have just enjoyed a blessed revival with Zelma Argue as Evangelist. From the first day God began to answer prayer. The blessing of God was manifest from the opening minute and continued unabated throughout the days and nights of heaven on earth. The way God reclaimed, refilled, and baptized the young folk in the Holy Spirit; revived and refired the hearts of the older ones, and the manner in which the Spirit fell on many of the longtime seekers, some who had checked this Pentecostal experience off as not for them, was most delightful. When you think of Sister Argue's meeting with us here, think of times of holy awe and hush; think of flowing tears; think of groans and strong crying unto Him who is able to save; think of tarrying into the grey hours of the morning; think of young men and young women baptized in the Holy Spirit in early day fashion; think of men and women along in years rejoicing in this new-found power.D. H. McDowell, Pastor.

HOOD RIVER, ORE.-We are now in the third week of this campaign, and there seems to be no abatement of interest and crowds attending the meeting. We have witnessed a wonderful manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit in almost every service. God is certainly working in a wonderful and yet a unique way in this revival. It is a far reaching meeting since it is affecting the whole Hood River Valley, and even reaching some across the Columbia River, in Washington. Every night the altar is crowded with people who are determined to go deeper with the Lord. Backsliders are returning home. Sinners are coming to the Lord. There seems to be a deep hunger on the part of many to find the old Pentecostal Way. It is new to many of the people from other churches, but they are coming in large numbers to hear the messages. Some are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and a deepseated prejudice against the Full Gospel is being broken down in this community. We plan on a tent meeting soon after this campaign closes in Parkdale, in the upper end of this valley. Brother and Sister A. H. Hostvedt are the beloved leaders of this assembly. They are humble, consecrated servants of the Lord, and there is a bright future for the work in Hood River and all over this beautiful valley. The fellowship with the saints here has been precious, and we rejoice for victory through His name. Hallelujah!-Chas. L. Thornton, Evangelist

TULARE, CALIF.-The Lord has been very good to us and the work is progressing favorably at the Full Gospel Tabernacle. A fine campaign with Ben Hardin as the evangelist was recently terminated. It was by many spoken of as one of the best campaigns in the history of this church, which is one of the oldest churches in the San Joaquin Valley. In the 3 weeks' meeting some 13 were baptized in the Holy

Spirit. In addition a goodly number were saved or reclaimed. A noticeable depth of spiritual power was constantly in evidence, and many were brought into a closer relationship with God. Brother Hardin preached under a sweet anointing and we feel grateful to the Lord for his fellowship.
March 14, the closing night of the campaign, also concluded the fellowship meeting of the Valley ministers. Brother Hardin brought a powerful message and the service was crowned with 5 conversions and 3 baptisms in the Holy Spirit. A formal dedication of our new 50 foot addition to the church was made, District Superintendent A. G. Osterberg preaching a brief sermon. A Sunday School conference, with several speakers, occupied the forenoon service that day. The afternoon meeting was blessed with fine messages by Harvey McAlister and A. G. Osterberg. T. J. Jones of London, England, also was with us recently for two nights.-P. B. Franklin, Pastor.

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS-Last July I accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God here. I found the people torn and discouraged, worshiping in an old dilapidated building which they had been using for 15 years. God used me to encourage the people to press forward for a new church. We erected a fine new six-room parsonage and a new church building valued at $\$ 9,000$. Victory suddenly turned into tragedy, for just four nights before we were to conduct our first revival in the beautiful new church with the King's Musical Messengers, the church took fire and in less than two hours, was burned to the ground. Brother and Sister Percy T. King immediately got under the burden with us, and lifted the people up to faith and action. Donations began to pour in from business men and kind friends, and in less than three weeks, another church even better than the first is well on the way to completion. We owe much to the men who donated free labor, and to the women who cooked dinners for the men.
The Kings were a real Godsend at this time, and we have witnessed the power of God in their 3 weeks' revival. Precious souls have been saved, with some very outstanding deliverances from sin. God's mighty power struck one man with such force, that he threw his tobacco up in the air and after a fierce struggle with the devil, he got deliverance. The closing night of the revival he received his Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He really proved his salvation by starting right in to pay his tithes and joining the church. His wife also was saved. The closing night will be long remembered. The altars were lined with sinners and the benches were wet with many tears. One man who had refused to surrender on the closing night, tossed all night on his bed and finally the next morning got up and knelt at Jesus' feet and gave his heart to God.-Fred Markum, Pastor.

LOOKING ABOVE HUMANITY-Men would have us believe that by their own unaided efforts they will make this distracted world of ours into an earthly paradise. But has not the new Jerusalem to come down from God out of heaven? No human effort is ever going to raise earth up to heaven.-Doxald Davidson.

JOHANNESBURG, MICH.-We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival with Ada Barr and Myrtle Price as Evangelists. God wonderfully blessed, saving some 35 , and the Holy Ghost was manifested to believers. The Christ's Ambassadors have been organized and are doing splendid work. The revival fire is still burning.-Mrs. Olive Lewis, Pastor.

BENTONVILLE, ARK.-We praise the Lord for the good revival just closed, and for Brother and Sister C. E. Haddock who are laboring in a new work here. In 3 weeks the Lord gloriously saved 32 and baptized 7 with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. The Sunday School attendance has doubled, and the revival spirit still continues.-Mrs. L. Taylor, Evangelist, Route 4, Rogers, Ark.

TAHLEQUAH, OKLA.-We are glad to report that God is continuing to bless our assembly in every way. In January we enjoyed a blessed time of revival with R. L. Davis, Ft. Worth, Texas. We are looking to God for a great ingathering of souls in our next revival with Evangelist Earl F. Davis, formerly of Oklahoma, now of Ft. Worth, Texas. This revival will begin May 15.Morris Windle, Pastor.

GARDEN CITY, KANSAS-For the past 3 weeks, in spite of blizzard and adverse weather, the Lord has definitely blessed the revival effort conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Virgil Hall. More than 20 have prayed through to salvation, 9 have been baptized in the Holy Ghost, and many have been refilled. Several new families have been added to the church, and several remarkable healings have taken place in this "Back to the Bible" revival.-Harold H. Hall, Pastor

SHERMAN, OKLA.-The best revival in many years has swept through the Mayfield Assembly of God. Fourteen were saved, 6 received the Pentecostal Baptism, and the saints in general were stirred to do things for God in these last days. We also established an all time record for Sunday School attendance. E. C. Tobey, Portales, N. Mex., was the evangelist, and his ministry has certainly been a blessing to us in this 4 weeks' effort.-Robert Peters, Pastor.

LAUREL, MISS.-We of the West Laurel Assembly of God are grateful to God for the blessing and inspiration brought to us by Evangelist Wm. F. A. Gierke, an ex-lawyer, of Los Angeles, Calif. Brother Gierke remained with us two weeks and ministered the gospel of Christ to throngs of people. Many were prayed for, for the healing of their bodies, and felt the divine touch of our Heavenly Father. Brother Gierke was with us in September of last year, and the crowds were so great that we were unable to accommodate the people with seats. His faith in God was greatly manifested at that time, when dozens of people prayed for were instantly healed. One woman who had been deaf in one ear for years, was healed instantaneously. Wonderful are the reminiscenses of our brother's visit here, and we praise God for sending him our way.-R. D. Stringer, Pastor.

JONESBORO, ARK.-We praise the Lord for His many blessings upon Ridge Station Assembly of God. This rural church is one of the oldest churches in this part of the country, and has stood many a test, fought many a hard battle, and at times it has looked as though the enemy had gained the victory. But, praise the Lord, He has kept His hand on this church all the way through. I accepted the pastorate and moved here April 1, 1937. The church at that time was on the downward trend, and for 9 or 10 months it looked as though our labors had been in
vain. Then the Lord sent Lee Ledford our way, who gave us two weeks of wonderful messages, in March, 1938, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing us. Our Sunday School attendance has tripled in 6 weeks, our house is filled at the regular services, and the power and presence of God are manifested. Council brethren passing this way are invited to stop. You will find a welcome. If you want to visit one of the best churches and Sunday Schools in this part of the country, pay us a visit and see for yourself.-H. E. Wingo, Pastor.

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## HEALING OF MASTOID TROUBLE

For over three years I was afflicted withr a constant aching behind my ear. Doctors said it was a pus collection on the mastoid bone. I had been prayed for so many times I had become discouraged; but on October 13, 1937, as I was about to leave the church a brother asked me if I didn't want to be prayed for. I went back to the altar for prayer. I was anointed and prayed for, seemingly only to get worse. Then all the saints seemed to get under a burden of prayer and prayed for an hour and a half. Then silence came for a few minutes. Then a sister called my name and gave a message in tongues, which was followed by our pastor Paul O. Byerly also calling my name and giving the interpretation about healing. Then God's power and glory seemed to fill the place and I received a definite healing. The pus pocket seemed to tear loose and I spit it out-a mass of blood and corruption. Four persons testified to being healed at the same time.-Lon V. Kitchell, 1314 Allen Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.
Ed. Note--We held this testimony for some months and then wrote Brother Kitchell. March 4 he replied that after five months he was still- perfectly healed. He enclosed statements by Oscar Fox the evangelist who was holding a meeting there at the time and who saw the healing performed, and of Paul O. Byerly, the pastor, confirming his testimony.

## healed of gallstones and COMPLICATIONS

I had suffered from childhood, and had passed through three major operations. My health was ruined. I was prayed for in 1936 for a serious spell of various ailments, but two nights later I became worse, began passing pus. I had to get up about every five minutes and suffered dreadfuliy At three in the morning I woke my husbard, and he went after L. A. Hill, the pastor. He came and prayed. I fell asleep and slept four hours. I got up and tried to do some work but got worse. Brother Hill came again. I got worse after he prayed the second time, and called the doctor to see what was the matter with me. He said it was stone in the kidney and that unless it passed he would have to go after it. I determined by God's help to trust Him alone, and refused an operation and refused to take the pills the doctor left although I was sorely tempted to do so. Although suffering fearful pain, aiter the pastor left I got up, determined int to be defeated, and went to church. The evangelist and the pastor prayed for me there. I was healed. I could feel the scraping of the stone as it passed out. My nervousness and my female trouble were also healed. This is June 22, 1937, and I am still healed, feeling fine. I never have felt so welf in my life before-Mrs. Shirley Eddy, 151 Kenmore Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.
Ed. Note.-Attached to this testimony is the statement of Pastor L. A. Hill (now of 1260 Príncess Street, York, Pa.), certifying the
truth of the foregoing testimony. However, we held the testimony for some months to give further time to test the healing, and then wrote Sister Eddy. On October 14 she wrote that God certainly did a camplete job in healing her, that she was healed without any medicine or treatments. She says the doctor examined her after she was healed and could find nothing the matter with her.
(Near) BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.-We resigned the church at Weedpatch, last January, after having been there a year. God helped us in every department of the church. With the help of those good people, we repaired the building and refurnished the parsonage. We praise God for all He helped us to do there. Brother Kennedy has charge of the work now, and we know God will bless him, as he is a Spirit-filled man and blessed of God.-Evangelists Clyde and Alpha Henson.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS-We have just closed a blessed 5 weeks' revival with Evangelists Doreen Justus and Loraine Oliver. The power of God was manifested in every service and a great number were gloriously saved, reclaimed, healed, or filled with the Holy Spirit. Mighty conviction accompanied the preaching of the Word and our church was stirred from center to circumference. The meeting closed on Easter Sunday, the crowning day of the campaign. Our Sunday School attendance exceeded all records, there being 767 present. We praise God from whom all blessings flow.-H. B. Garlock, Pastor.

EUFAULA, OKLA.-In 1937 our church was down and we could hardly get enough people out to have services. We called J. J. Tyler to be our pastor. Since then we have had two or three revivals. We have just closed one of 3 weeks' duration in which 20 were saved and 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On Easter Sunday 7 followed the Lord in water baptism. We had a fellowship meeting during the revival, and had a wonderful time in the Lord. We feel encouraged to press on. We have a nice young people's band. Anyone passing through is invited to stop and visit us.-Felix Mauser, Reporter.
WORTHINGTON, MINN.-We praise God for victory in this new field, which was opened last August with a tent meeting conducted by Evangelists Olga V. Olsson and Lillian C. Flessing, assisted by Harland Kingsriter. Sisters Olsson and Flessing continued the work through the winter in a store building. Several were saved, and steady progress was made. A campaign in January with R. K. Reed proved a great blessing. Many sought the Lord definitely during this time, and several rededicated their lives to God.
March 1 to 20, Evangelist and Mrs. O. E. Carter were with us in a campaign. The hearts of the people were prepared and God gave us a gracious time. About 15 or more received a definite touch from God as they cried out for mercy. Some backsliders were
reclaimed, and all the Christians were edified. A great number of outsiders became interested. We now have a goodly number whole-heartedly supporting this work. We have a splendid group of young people, and our Sunday School attendance reached the 40 mark March 20. For the building of a tabernacle, $\$ 400$ in pledges was raised during the last week of the campaign. A lot has already been purchased, and the building will be in progress very soon. Brother and Sister Carter consented to take over the work and are now the pastors. Sister Olga Olsson is open for calls in the evangelistic field and can be reached at 3636 Park Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. She sings, plays, and preaches.-Olga V. Olsson and Lillian C. Flessing.

ATLANTA, MICH.--In a recent campaign conducted by Evangelists Ada Barr and Myrtle Price, Dayton, Ohio, at least 12 found true salvation. In spite of snow, ice, and extremely cold weather people made their way to the meeting to find Christ real in their lives. In addition, we are thanking the Lord for His faithfulness to His Word. Our hearts rejoice as we recall the rest night which we spent in a wood camp far back in the woods. Inside a temporary tar-papercovered schoolhouse, not finished inside, God saved 7 Kentucky young people. Today they are all making rapid progress in the things of the Lord. Certainly if we will sow the seed, lifting up Christ, He will give the increase. -J. E. Engelhardt, Pastor, Full Gospel Church.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.-The Lord has recently favored us at the Southeast Assembly with a few weeks of precious revival under the ministry of Vashti Robinson Burch. All through we had record crowds and the interest manifested was encouraging. All received a new impetus to go forward in the work and every department of the church was helped. One of those saved was a merchant who fell under such deep conviction he could not rest. His misery increased until he found peace in full surrender. Many were at the point of surrender when the meeting closed, due to the illness of the evangelist. Some of the students of Central Bible Institute, including the Barfoot Brothers, Wm. Kautz, and others, also a Brother Price, from Kennett, Mo., had conducted previous splendid revivals. In these meetings souls have been saved, ten in a single night in one of them, and some received the Baptism. We thank God for the aid of these consecrated ministers who have helped us in establishing this new work.-H. A. Brooks, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.-We are praising God for the wonderful revival He gave us recently, with Brother and Sister Bird H. Campbell, Dallas, Texas, as the evangelists. They were with us 3 weeks. Eighteen were filled with the Holy Spirit in the old-fashioned way, and 16 were saved. In almost every service there were seekers and saints at the altars until after midnight. One man who had not been in church in 32 years was saved a short time before the meeting; he came and saw a little girl receive the Baptism, went home and prayed all night, and was filled with the Spirit the next day at the table while
eating lunch. There were several remarkable healings during the meetings. In the last two Sundays, 35 have affiliated with the church, making a sizable increase in membership. Our church has been known as "The Church of the Fourfold Gospel" but due to confusion in names we are changing it to "The Bellflower Assembly of God." Last year we paid off some $\$ 650.00$ indebtedness on the church, bought a lot and built a parsonage, also erected a 20 foot neon sign which can be seen two miles away.-J. K. Gressett, Pastor.

VERNON, TEXAS-We are praising God for victory here. We just closed a 3 weeks' revival conducted by Essie Calbert, of New Castle, in which the Lord visited us with an outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The altar was filled night after night until we lost count of the number who received experiences from God. It reminded us of the early days of our ministry, the altar services lasting many times until late in the night. A goodly number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost as in Acts 2:4. The Lord's anointing was upon our sister in declaring the plain gospel message. Twenty-two have applied for water baptism. We are in the seventh year of our pastorate here and our hearts are encouraged in His work.-T. D. Thompson, Pastor.

SHARP, OKLA. (8 miles southwest of Okmulgee)-We are rejoicing in the Lord for $H$ is continued blessings upon this work which will be two years old in August. I have just returned to the church after several months' absence because of illness. I found the work going forward for God under the splendid leadership of Eva Marriel, Little Rock, Ark. Our Sunday School has steadily increased in interest and number, making a new record of 99 . Last week 17 united with the church. Sisters Wantland and Hurd recently conducted a revival here and quite a number were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Yesterday was another glorious day. We received $\$ 75.00$ in pledges to add two rooms to our building to be used as Sunday School and prayer rooms. In the regular service last night 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost. God is surely blessing the ministry of Brother and Sister Otto Goins, of Okmulgee, who are with us at present. They will continue to help us for several weeks. God is blessing our church in general and the spiritual tide is rising.-Hattic Coffee, Pastor.

EL DORADO, ARK.-April 17, we closed the greatest revival that the local assembly of God has had since 1926, according to the church board. James E. Hamill and wife of Big Stone Gap, Va., were the evangelists. For 4 weeks we witnessed men, women, and young people praying through at the altar in the old-fashioned way. From one to six prayed through every night. Around 60 were gloriously saved and about 12 or 15 were filled with the Spirit. Over half of this number were men and most of the time it was dad, mother, and all the children, which made it that much more glorious. We thank God for saving entire families in this revival.

Every department was built up by the preaching of our brother. The entire church, city, and everyone were stirred as never be-
fore. Two drunkards came to the services, each at a different time, and both were wonderfully saved and one received the Baptism in the Spirit. Their testimonies really stirred the community and we are glad to say that both of them are going on with God. Men whom the church had been praying for for 12 or 15 years were saved. Many so called "hopeless cases" were brought to God in this revival, and it goes to show that God will answer prayer if we patiently serve Him and hold on. The El Dorado Assembly is enjoying the sweetest fellowship and presence of the power of God that it has had in a long time. The Sunday School attendance is averaging over 300 and is steadily growing.-Keetah Jones, Pastor.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WIS.-Members and friends of the Rapids Gospel Tabernacle are feeling the warmth and glow of revival fires as the result of definite, importunate prayer. In the past few weeks of evangelistic effort, God has moved in a very sweet and precious way. Around 20 answered the call of God and stepped out of darkness into
the marvelous light of life. Some of these were backsliders who were blessedly restored to the joy of salvation. April 5th to 8th, Pastor J. Robert Ashcroft, of Chicago, was with us in a special series of "Pre-Easter Christian Workers' Meetings." Brother Ashcroft ministered the Word with a soul burdened for lost and dying humanity, and pleaded with Christians old and young to get busy for God, to give personal testimony everywhere, and be winners of souls for Christ in these last days. In pointing out the blessedness of soul-winning, the spirit of his message seemed to grip the whole assembly, and we have determined to work for God as never before. Prayer meetings are being continued 5 days a week, the Sunday School is growng, the Shekinah cloud is over us, and through prayer, faith, and action we mean to let our light shine and have a greater soul-saving station in this city.-Raymond R. Merrin, Pastor.

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NEW HAVEN, CONN.-Lawrence Street Bap tist Church, 100 Lawrence St., May $3-22 ;$ Nimrod
Park, Evangelist.-Gotthard Hagstrom, Pastor. Park, Evangelist.-Gotthard Hagstrom, Pastor
ANTHONY, KANSAS-Tent meeting; May 8, for 3 weeks or longer; L. D. Doss, of Independence, Evangelist.-G. E. Brown, Pastor
LEBANON, PA.-Pentecostal Assembly of God, Partridge and
Jack and
Esther
Martz,
Evangelists.-James E. Gorman, Pastor.
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SOUTH BEND, IND.-Gospel Tabernacle, 1115 S. Michigan St.; May 8-30; Anna C. Berg, Sioux Falls,
S. Dak., Evangelist.-Thos. F. Zimmerman, Pastor.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.-Gospel Tabernacle, 13 th Ave. at Lake St.; May 15-; Earl Winburn, Evan-gelist.-F. J. Lindquist, Pastor.
CROOKSTON, MINN.-Gospel Tabernacle, May 15-; J. J. Achcroft, Wausau, Wis., Evangelist.Car Swanson, Pastor.
PETERSBURG, VA.-First Pentecostal Tabernacle, May $10-$
Cass, Pastor.

VINELAND, N. J.-Full Gospel Assembly, 6th and Park Ave.; May $10-22$; Allan A. Swift, of TAHOKA, TEXAS-May 8-; W. E. Wilson, Tatum, N. Mex., Evangelist.-E.: R. Holcomb, Pastor.
TORRANCE, CALIF. -1639 W, Carson St., May $15-$ Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perr
La Jolla.-Mrs. Winifred Clounch, Pastor.
CLEVELAND, O.-Pentecostal Church, E. 55 th St. and Lexington Ave., May 15-29; A. H. and Zelma Argue, of Winnipeg, Evangelists.-D. P. Holloway Pastor.
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS-First Assembly of God, Lancaster and Dittmar Sts.; April 28-May 29: essup Brothers, Charles and Jimmy, Evangelists.-
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man, Pastor.
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## CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCE-

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May 16, 7:30 p. m. Both services will be held at May 16, 7:30 p. m. Both services will be held at
the Shrine Mosque in Springfield.-Central Bible Institute.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 23rd Annual Council of the Texas District will convene in the lower Rio Grande Valley, at Herlingen, Texas, June 7-10, in the Municipal Audi-
torium in the Fair Park. Monday night, June 6, special Fellowship service. Council will open Tuesday, 10:00 a. m. Some of our General Council of ficials expected to be with us. Each assembly expected to send their pastor and one duly elected delegate. Each delegate expected to present a statement from his assembly signed by pastor. Rooms and meals at reasonable rates. All ministers of the Texas District urged to attend, as many im-
portant matters are to be discussed and voted upon portant matters are to be discussed and voted upon. F. D. Davis, 1626 Lipscomb St., Ft Worth, Texas.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. CLANTON, ALA.-C. A. Rally, Temple Church, May 29.-Amon Jones, P. O. Box 510 . ELVINS, MO.-Fellowship Meeting, May 10. Basket dinner. Everyone urged to come.-J. O. High-
fill, Sectional Secretary.

SEVERY, KANSAS C. A. Rally, May 14. Bring basket lunch. Raymond Campbell is Pastor, -C . A.
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tary, Bolivar, Mo.

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