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"Look on the Fields; . . . White Already to Harvest"

IT was a busy day for the disciples. John 4. Probably they had left Judea quite early in the morning—journeying in mountainous pathways until they arrived at the Samaritan city Sychar. It was about the sixth hour, and their Master was tired, very tired, hungry, and thirsty.

Strong and manly though He was, likely the bodies of those hardened fishermen disciples could stand the long journey easier than could Jesus. They were anxious for Him to rest His weary body at the well, while they went yonder to the city to buy meat. They were so deeply engrossed in the purpose of their errand, the purchase of meat (that which perisheth), that they failed to see the possibilities of making investments in eternal securities. Jesus, however, saw an opportunity to make such an investment in the life of the woman who came to draw water. He embraced that opportunity which resulted in His investment being widely extended in the near-by city.

The returned disciples were surprised that Jesus would associate with a despised Samaritan woman and were puzzled that the hunger of their Master had abated. "Hath any man brought Him ought to eat?" they queried. Then it was that Jesus spoke those marvelous words, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of," supplementing this statement with "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." The wearied, now invigorated Master then was able to open the eyes and enlarge the

vision of His disciples with His gracious command, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

This, then, is the purpose of our article: that with the help of the map here shown, we may behold the whitened harvest fields of our land, glimpse that which the Lord of the Harvest has helped us to accomplish, and with anointed eyes see the vast, still unreached multitudes before us.

When entering fields not now represented by the full gospel, some modern Sanballat and Tobiah may question, "What do these feeble Jews?" But as we labor, sword in one hand and builders' tools in the other, our work by the Lord's help will be extended until all will marvel at that which is so quickly accomplished.

The map itself is not valuable except that, incomplete though it is, it helps us to see that "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The map is far from complete because thousands of Sunday School secretaries did not realize the importance of returning filled-in report forms. The markings on the map are pennants of various colors showing, by color and the direction in which they point, the size and location of the Sunday Schools which have sent their reports. The enrollment chart, just off the East coast, indicates the position in which the various colored pennants are placed. Those viewing the original map are able, by the pennants, to locate the Schools with which they are

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Building a Christ-Honoring Sunday School

Marcus L. Grable at the General Council

Let us imagine ourselves assembled for a Sunday School Workers' Conference. I should like to use this occasion to ask some timely questions. You know, often questions reveal very important truths.

Our first question is, "What is our reason for undertaking to build a Sunday School?" I think we have a *perfectly good reason*. As you launch out into unreached fields, you find those ready to question, "Brother, what are you doing in our town? Why are you coming here to disturb us? We have been here for years. Look at our lovely churches. Look at our educated ministry. Don't you know it is all we can possibly do to build *our* Sunday Schools. Why should you come here when there are already enough Sunday Schools?"

We answer, "We have a perfectly good reason for entering this field. In making a survey, we find more than fifty per cent of the people of the community are not attending Sunday School. We have found further that the churches already established here are not preaching the full gospel message. They are not telling men and women of the power of Jesus' blood so they may be saved. That is our reason for entering this field to build a Sunday School."

We could say further to the people who ask that we are establishing union Sunday Schools, so to speak, with a Whole-Bible Course—the whole Bible for the whole people and for the whole world. What a privilege for our full gospel workers—and what a reason for launching out into the deep to catch men for Jesus.

Our next question, "What is our purpose in building a Sunday School?" Is it just to promote another School or a denomination? No, we have a higher purpose than that. What is your purpose, dear superintendent, in a special drive to increase attendance in your Sunday School. Is it just to promote Sunday Schools? We cannot be too careful to make as our one purpose, in building new Schools and improving established ones, the fashioning of *Christ-Honoring Sunday Schools*. Oh, that we could lay it on the hearts of teachers to welcome the responsibility of helping you to build a Christ-Honoring Sunday School.

The next question we ask is, "Is your desire to build your Sunday School a mind or a heart desire?" A superintendent said to me as he leaned comfortably back in his chair, "Brother Grable, we should like to have a Sunday School, but our town is not Sunday School minded." May the Lord help us that the desire to build Sunday Schools will not be in the head only, *but that it will be in the heart*. You remember years ago when you saw a certain girl, you said, "Isn't that the sweetest girl!" You made advances; perhaps she smiled and encouraged you a bit. Soon you knew that the desire of your life was that you should win the heart of that girl. Why, you almost lost your appetite, you were so eager to win the desire of your heart. I am trying to help you see that if you are going to build your Sunday School, more than a passive desire is necessary. You will need to launch out, and inspired by the Holy Spirit to see Jesus only, say from the deep places of

your heart, "*Lord, help me to build my Sunday School for Thy honor.*"

Our greatest Sunday School manual is the Bible. But I believe if we have the heart desire to build our Sunday Schools, we also will read other material on Sunday School work. I think we should read such books as Brother Riggs' "A Successful Sunday School," and Brother Pearlman's "Successful Sunday School Teaching." I think you teachers will read everything you can get hold of on the subject of **Sunday School teaching**; workers should search the *Sunday School Counsellor* and *Pentecostal Evangel* for Sunday School articles. Then, as the Holy Spirit helps you, you will be better equipped for efficient, Spirit-empowered Sunday School service. God deliver us from a mechanical ministry! that we do not fail in our glorious task!

Then I think we should ask ourselves the question, "*How shall we build?*" I think, dear friends, we should build according to a vision. "Oh," you say, "that's pretty thin ice. You can't build on vision." Driving recently across the San Francisco bridge I saw, in mind, a great engineer, a man of vision, who said, "Here we can throw a bridge across." Sunday School superintendent, have you purposed with heart and soul to bridge the gap with a powerful and efficient Sunday School? I believe building a Sunday School is more than opening the door, calling the children in, singing three songs, and having Brother Jones lead in prayer; then all the children go to their classes, come back, hear the secretary's re-

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"Look on the Fields"

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familiar, as well as to note those sections which are only partially touched with the full gospel message.

Notice the large number of pennants in the States of Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri. The map would look vastly different had *all* our Schools reported. If all in Oklahoma and Arkansas had reported,

we scarcely would have had room to show the markings. We list below the ten leading Sunday School States in our movement, and give detailed reports as shown by our records.

State	No. Post Offices	No. of S. Schools	No. Schools Reported	No. of Pupils	Pupils Per School	No. of Teachers	Teachers Per S. S.
Texas	2,500	532	269	22,931	85	1,591	6
Oklahoma	960	475	250	22,754	91	1,362	5
Arkansas	1,300	399	226	16,786	73	1,131	5
Missouri	1,728	365	177	16,679	93	1,074	6
California	2,150	339	135	11,301	84	906	6
Washington	1,000	239	93	7,974	86	622	7
Illinois	1,776	236	92	9,784	106	669	7
Pennsylvania	3,750	221	106	10,048	95	711	7
Ohio	1,950	175	68	7,202	106	505	7
New York	2,736	175	60	4,150	69	423	7

Following the names of the leading ten states, in column 1 are the number of post offices in each state. We deem this valuable information, for where there are enough people for a post office, it seems likely there are enough to warrant our having a Sunday School. By comparing the number of post offices with the number of Schools, we discover that we have not reached the saturation point, even in our leading States. Doubtless in addition to post office locations, there are many rural schoolhouses and closed church buildings where our work could be established.

In column 2 the number of Sunday School secretaries ordering literature indicates the number of Schools in each State. Column 3 shows the number of Schools who sent us 1939 reports. From such reports we are able to gather statistics concerning the extent of our work as shown by the map on page one and the table of figures above.

Thousands of copies of *Our Sunday School Counsellor* and various other free helps are mailed to Sunday School workers whose names appear on the reports. Report forms for 1940 will be sent to all secretaries

in January. Pastors and superintendents may wish to assist secretaries in reporting their Schools.

Columns 4, 5, 6, and 7 show the total number of pupils, the total number of teachers, average number of pupils, and average number of teachers per School. We thought this information of such vast importance that we outlined a map of each state, with the statistics concerning the extent of the work in that State. A chart for his own state will be given to a representative of each District, for display at Sunday School conventions and rallies.

"Behold Ye Have Filled Jerusalem "Dallas" with Your Doctrine"

"Please pray for us. There is no full gospel work here, and we have no place to go for Christian fellowship and to enjoy teaching and preaching of the Word."

Such prayer requests, coming from many different sections, are very often read in morning devotions at the Gospel Publishing House. We do not receive requests from Dallas, Texas. You will see by these pictures that Dallas has many thriving Assemblies.

Our records show 22 secretaries ordering literature for as many Dallas Sunday Schools. We were unable, although we made several efforts, to obtain pictures and reports from all the Schools. Of the 8 which did report, we find a total enrollment of 2177 pupils and 264 teachers, making an average of 114 pupils and 12 teachers per School.

On this basis, if all the 22 Schools had written us, likely Dallas would show an enrollment of approximately 6,000 pupils and 264 teachers. Behold, ye are filling the city of Dallas with this full gospel doctrine!

No wonder Texas is at the front as shown by figures on page two. There are 532 Schools in Texas using our Seven-Year Whole-Bible Course. We do not have figures on all these Schools, for only 269 sent in 1939 reports. These 269 show total enrollment of 22,931. Of that number, there is an average of 1591 teachers, and 85 pupils per School. If all Texas Schools had sent reports, they would show 45,220 pupils and 3192 teachers.

An Unfinished Task.—Marvelous as these facts are, there is still an unfinished task in Texas. A late United States Postal Guide lists 2500 Post Offices in this State. Where there are enough people to justify a Post Office, there are doubtless sufficient, if won, to comprise a full gospel Assembly. In addition, there are the closed churches and rural school houses where the gospel is not being preached.

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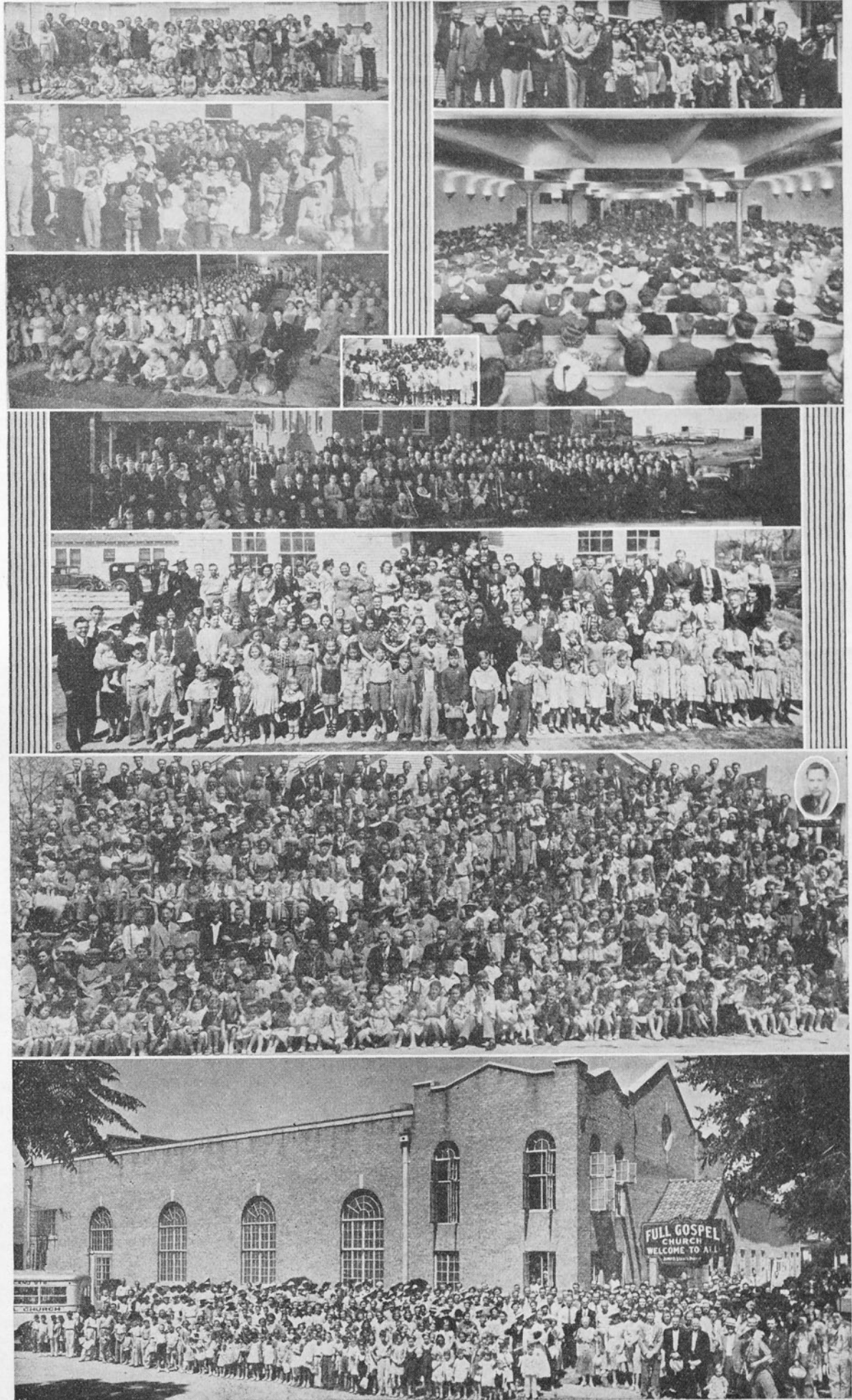
WHAT?

are you doing to fill your Jerusalem with Assemblies of God Sunday Schools?

Shall we continue to occasionally feature the work of some of our large cities? If so, which one shall we tell about next? You guessed it—the city which will be first to send pictures of all its Schools, giving a report of each School

in that city. Then it will be possible for us to give an accurate report, as: number of Schools in city, total enrollment in all, total

increase in membership of all Schools, total number of teachers, total amount of offering for a 12-month period, total for missions.



Character Unrestrained

Sermon preached by R. D. E. Smith over K. S. L. M., Salem, Oregon, as part of the Assembly of God Camp Meeting program.

The third and fourth chapters of Acts give the history of a notable miracle wrought by Peter and John in the power of the Holy Spirit, and of the things that followed upon that miracle. The lame man seated at the Beautiful gate of the Temple is healed, a great multitude is gathered together as a result, and this multitude is taught concerning Jesus. Finally the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, come upon them, being grieved that they taught the people and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And, the scripture says, "they laid hands upon them, and put them in hold unto the next day."

On the morrow their rulers and elders, and scribes, were gathered together at Jerusalem. When they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?" Then Peter, "filled with the Holy Ghost," gave answer and preached the gospel unto them, not mincing his words at all, but accusing them of being the crucifiers of the Lord of Glory.

Following his defence and a conference of his judges, the two of them are commanded not to preach in the name of Jesus nor to teach in His name, drawing forth the memorable answer, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

When they had further threatened them, they let them go. *And being let go they went to their own company.*

Peter and John have been restrained by force—held in custody—the restraint is lifted and they go to "their own company." This scripture gives us an opening whereby we may examine ourselves and discover our true character. For many are deceived as to their true character. True character is shown by the things that one does apart from any restraint whatsoever. There is no virtue in an act that is forced, nor is character revealed by an act that is not entirely of free will. Let us take these words, "*And being let go, they went to their own company,*" and use them as a basis of self-examination, and thus discover our own true character, and through that our relationship to God.

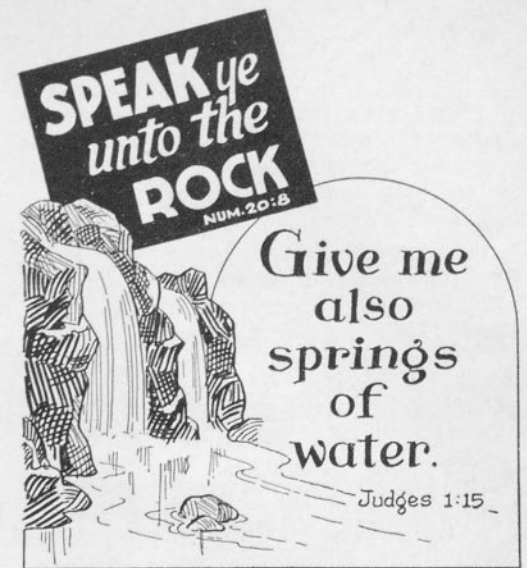
True character is shown only by unrestrained actions. "*And being let go, they went to their own company.*" The thought is, that being unrestrained they immediately went among those people with whom they were most congenial, and with whom they had most in common. These men, Peter and John, truly worshipped God—therefore they chose always to be found among others who likewise truly worshipped God. These men were men of prayer. What more natural than that they should immediately go to a place where an atmosphere of prayer prevailed? As water takes the course of least resistance so these men took the path of

least resistance for them. Their regenerated natures craved the company of God's people and they naturally gravitated that way. It was their "own company"—people of like mind, like desires, like faith.

Had these men been slaves to strong drink they would likewise have gravitated to their own company—as soon as the restraint was lifted, as soon as they were out of jail, they would have made a beeline for a beer-parlor. They would have found their own crowd there. Their "own company!" Their minds would have been aflame with desire for liquor and anxious for fellowship with the men of their acquaintance. Had they been slaves to tobacco they would likewise have gone to their own company. Had they been adulterers they would have been found in a brothel as quickly as restraint had been lifted. Men go to their own company. If you are foolish and frivolous by nature you will be found among foolish and frivolous company. If you are licentious in character you will seize every opportunity of lifted restraint to be found among the licentious. If you are godly and prayerful in heart, the lifting of restraint will only give you opportunity to worship God among His people.

Now by "restraint" you may think me to mean physical force, as these men were restrained by physical force behind iron bars and stone walls, but a hundred things may restrain your true character. Many a man, by long association with good and moral things, may have formed good habits that restrain him from indulging in wickedness. The restraint is habit, formed unconsciously—or even consciously—and any circumstance that would break the power of that habit, any circumstance that would break that restraint and throw him upon his naked resources would reveal his heart.

Many are restrained from going to their own company by their associations. Good fathers and mothers exert restraint upon their children. Multitudes of young men



and women live morally because of a natural affection for their parents whom they could not bear to hurt. Is there virtue in their morality then? Not at all. They are restrained by natural affection which they can no more help than they can help the color of their eyes. It is instinctive to love one's parents. Granted that the parents are opposed to wickedness, the children, out of respect for their wishes, will behave themselves. But let the parents die and as soon as their memory grows dim the children will "go to their own company."

I have in mind a young couple in a Northern California community. They were apparently very devout and in every sense true worshippers of God. They were continually found in the house of God. The young man died leaving his widow a good automobile and considerable insurance. Immediately she deserted God and the church and in a short time was found in the most worldly company. It was plain that the husband had been the spiritual leader and that her love for him, her natural affection, had been the restraining force on her worldly inclinations. She may have considered herself truly Christian but the removal of that godly association removed her restraint, and, "being let go, she went to her own company."

Training and education may provide a restraint. Heredity may provide a restraint. Fear may be a restraint. A young man or woman may have been taught that shame and disease are the inevitable results of loose conduct and the fear resulting may keep them technically clean. A losing of restraint through knowledge widely obtainable now, would only reveal the principle once again—they would "go to their own company."

Circumstances may be the restraint that holds one from going to his own company. There may be no opportunity to indulge in the natural inclination—but let opportunity come—let restraint be lifted and the subject joins his own company. Many a man commanding the respect of his community and of his family; many a fine upstanding citizen—at home—goes immediately and decisively to the "dogs," as the saying is, when he gets far enough away from home. Every convention proves this point. Men of high character—at home—lose every semblance of respectability when they join their own company, without restraint, in a strange

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Lessons in the School of Prayer in South Central Africa

By A. W. Bailey

III.

"Thou shalt say unto this mountain. . . ."
Authority in Prayer.

In March, 1912—with the single word, "Go," as my year text—the words were clearly brought home to me, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things *which he saith* shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he *saith*." The next verse adds, "When ye pray . . ." so that this was certainly a prayer-teaching, but the question was, just what did Jesus mean? I could not escape the conviction that He meant what He said, for if not He could easily have said what He meant. But mountains, in the main, would seem to be as well where they are as in the sea, and I even suspected that their present location was determined by the power of God, through geological processes.

As I looked to the Author for help to understand the text, light came to me. He simply chose one of the things impossible to any one man, and among those least of all likely to be needed to be done, in order to show that to undoubting faith any *necessary* thing, no matter how difficult, was possible, and certain. The mountains of darkness and heathen inertia seemed to offer a promising field for the application of the promised authority to "Say unto (them), Be ye removed," but I had no immediate leading to attempt to apply the text.

A few weeks later, having fulfilled, in part, the injunction to "Go," by starting a new station some two hundred miles southwest of the former station, I had unmistakable proof that God had not departed from His usual economy of procedure in giving me the "Say unto" text. I was awakened from sleep in my grass hut, in the dead of night, to one of the strangest experiences of my life. Though in my usual health, and under no special nervous strain, I awoke to find my mental mechanism in a state of confusion almost indescribable.

Only one comparison suggested itself, whimsically, to me at the moment, or since, and that was that my brother and I, in childhood, amused ourselves by turning backward and forward, with much clatter, the wooden wheels of an old clock with which we used to play. I had not a moment's hesitation in deciding that Satan had somehow got hold of my mental machinery, and was making all this disturbance, to show his power to misuse God's property. In the center of my being was a deep, sweet calm, and ability to reason and remember with perfect clearness. This may, or may not, indicate that the spirit has its reasoning and remembering faculties distinct from those of the mind. I leave that matter for the psychologists.

I was deeply and blessedly conscious of the Presence of the Holy Spirit, who came into my being to abide years before, and He recalled the text to my memory, "Thou shalt say unto this mountain, Be thou removed. . . ." By faith, I definitely sheltered myself behind the Cross, and, in the Name

of Jesus, bade Satan be removed from the realm of my mind. For a few moments, the strange clattering and banging went on in my mental realm; but grace was given me calmly to believe, without a shadow of doubt, that I should have what I had said, according to the promise.

After only a few moments of this trustful waiting, I was clearly conscious of the passing of the Satanic power from my mind to my body, and my mind instantly became absolutely normal, clear and quiet.

But I was perfectly conscious of the black, heavy, Satanic presence in my body, and I simply said, "You cannot remain there. In the Name of Jesus, be thou removed from my body," and a flood of glory and bliss that heaven can scarcely surpass filled my entire being for hours before sleep returned. The same blissful glory was with me in the morning, only somewhat subdued, and I knew that God, in His wondrous grace, had taught me a lesson of infinite value for all my life to come. "Nothing shall be impossible unto you," rang sweetly in my soul, and stirred deepest praise and thanksgiving.

I humbly prayed for His preserving grace to keep me from attempting to use the power promised in ways that would be displeasing to Him, and could only mean failure and defeat to me. Also, I realized that the "Saying unto . . ." must be done from the shadow of the Cross, and in the Name of Jesus, or great danger would come to the one doing so. Satan's power is far beyond ours, but far less than that of the Promiser. Withal I realized that new possibilities of service for my beloved Lord, and my beloved Africans, had been opened up, and I praised God and rejoiced.

IV.

"In My Name."

Unity with Christ in Praying.

A few days after the experience of saying unto Satan, "Be thou removed," I left on a rather long trek into Portuguese West Africa, for the purpose of looking out fields for work among the Luchase and other

tribes that had been visited by Livingstone some sixty years earlier, and by my beloved and honored friend, F. S. Arnot, nearly thirty years before. Again the start was hindered, by circumstances over which I had no control, until we were on the verge of the rainy season, when trekking is very disagreeable, and on the edge of the "hunger time" of the year. As I waited on God, and bade the difficulties depart, the way was opened for me to set out, and gracious promises given me to cover all apparent, and some *unapparent*, needs of the trek.

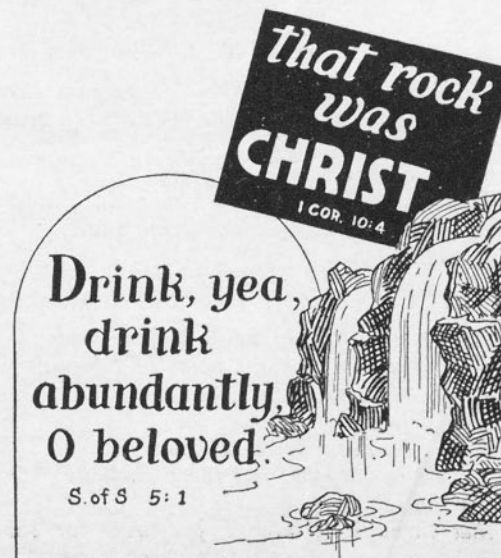
It was perfectly easy to understand why Isaiah 52:12, "The Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel (the God of earthly blessing and help) shall be your rereward," was applicable in a country in which neither I nor my carriers had ever been, and where guidance was of priceless value; and also a country of abounding thieves, where a rearguard meant safety. But I was at a complete loss to see the application of the texts from Joshua that came forth from the blessed Book and gripped me, "Be strong and of good courage," "Be strong and very courageous," etc., seemed almost a superfluity to a man who had not known fear since his childhood days, when he was "afraid of the dark." I understood when I crossed the Zambesi, and found a relentless foe, named *Famine*, entrenched along the hundreds of miles that awaited me to the westward.

I had some canned food with me, and had not the slightest concern about my own supply; but the test came for my carriers, for whom I was, naturally, entirely responsible. I shall attempt no detailed description of those dark, hunger days along the Lunguebungu, with my men getting thinner and gloomier day by day. Suffice it to say that I needed all my previous lessons of His Presence and Providence, His nearness and the new promise for this trek, "I will not fail thee nor forsake thee" (Josh. 1:5), as well as my mighty lesson concerning "Saying unto" difficulties that they be removed, in order to meet the trials of those days.

Up the long, weary sand-stretches of the Lunguebungu river, past the rapids, then back on to the Lukonya, with a little meal one day, a lechwe another day, a reedbeek another, a big hartebeeste gladdening my boys on the lower Lukonya; and then, *famine*. My men had no faith—none were Christians—and their courage absolutely failed early in the trial. There was no prospect of food for hundreds of miles ahead; and then, one black, awful day, came the terrible impression that *God* had failed in spite of all His promises. We men are always failing, but it is a dark day when *God* seems to fail.

I resisted the suggestion and kept on praying, saying unto the hindrances that they remove, and encouraging my despairing men, all the time little realizing that my gracious heavenly Father was but preparing me for a priceless prayer lesson in addition to the ones already given. Thinner and thinner grew my poor boys. Many days.

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The Pentecostal Work in Eastern Europe Today

Gustave Kinderman at the Central Assembly at Springfield, Mo.

"Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." 2 Thess. 3:1.

How blessed it is for Americans to enjoy the freedom of coming together for worship. How wonderful it is that we can freely preach the gospel. Our dear brethren and sisters in Eastern Europe can not do so. They need our prayers.

I had the privilege of spending close to ten years in Eastern Europe. There is a great desire among the people of those lands, especially among the Slavs, for the light which is Jesus our Lord. I know something of this for I was born and raised in Russia, and I was a Catholic for many years. I was in darkness and superstition. Many people in this country, even the Catholic people, have no idea what darkness and superstition there is among the Catholic people in Eastern Europe. They are kept in darkness purposely. You can understand how they rejoice when they get the light and receive salvation in their souls. They can't keep quiet about it. They tell others, because they have found a good thing. That is the reason the fires are burning in that part of the world. Once they were steeped in darkness, bound by Satan and his fetters, and now that they are set free they rejoice in that freedom and are out to witness. Many are listening and accepting the gospel message, and many are being saved.

Their meeting places are not as elaborate as in America. There are very few benches, and those they have are merely a board and perhaps a few uprights. The benches are for the older folk only, and perhaps for the women. There are two or three rows of benches. All the other folk have to stand. They stand for one, two, or three hours, or as long as the meeting lasts. Some of them walk many miles to get to the meeting, so hungry are they for the gospel.

I had to take the train at 6 p. m. in order to reach one preaching place. I traveled from then until 2 a. m., and when I left the train I was met by the young people who met me singing. I went with them to the meeting hall and arrived there at about 3 a. m. I thought I would take a sleep before the meeting began, so I lay down on two benches covered with straw. But I noticed that figures kept passing by the window. It was summer and it got light very early. When I saw them all passing by I wondered who they were. Then I noticed from time to time some one opening my door and then closing it again. So I could not sleep very much. Finally the brother who preaches in that place came in, and I said, "Brother, who are those people who keep opening the door and disturbing me?" He said, "They are the believers." I said, "Why have they come?" "They have come for the meeting." "When does the meeting begin?" "Whenever you have finished your breakfast, at seven

or seven-thirty." I said, "What time is it?" He said, "Five o'clock." "Then why do they come so early?" He answered, "Because they want to be on time for the meeting." So I had to get up early and have breakfast, and then we began the meeting. The first meeting began around eight and lasted until ten. We had one hour intermission, then began a second meeting, and it lasted until five o'clock in the afternoon. After another hour's intermission we started again, and that meeting lasted until 2 a. m. At that time I caught the train again.

At the next place I visited, I recognized an old lady in the congregation. I said, "I met you somewhere; where did I see you?" She said I had seen her at the place where I had preached the day before. I said, "How did you get here so quickly?" She answered, "I walked." It was about fifty miles, and she had walked that distance to hear the gospel preached again. She had walked all night across country, and walking there is not like it is in America. The roads lead through swamps and lonely places, and often you see the eyes of wolves sparkling near by. When the people walk across country there is danger of being devoured by wolves, but they walk just the same. Why? Because they have a desire in their hearts to know our Lord and Saviour. When you see such hunger you cannot but preach the gospel anywhere and everywhere.

When the people come to the meetings they will stand all day long to listen. Often I have come to the close of the meeting and

it is time to catch the train. I have dismissed the service, but no one moved. I have said, "The meeting is over; why do you stand here?" They answered, "We want to hear some more." After the meeting they come with their Bibles and pointing to certain passages ask, "What does this mean?" One can spend days among them expounding the Word. It is a pleasure to minister to them. There is no difficulty in finding something to speak about. You feel something like living water bubbling up from your soul, for the people drink in all you give them.

During the ten years it was my blessed privilege to work in Eastern Europe, I had many experiences, some of them good and others not so pleasant. Nevertheless I can say that whenever I left the office in Danzig and took trips to the surrounding districts for ten or fifteen days at a time, I felt refreshed and strengthened in my soul. I could not be away longer than that from the office. There were missionary's letters to be translated and various kinds of work to be done. While I was on the field I would have little or no sleep for those ten or fifteen days, yet when I returned to the office the young folk who work there would say, "You look so fresh, you must have had a wonderful rest." I had had no rest; it was simply that the people had drunk in the Word so eagerly that my own soul had been refreshed as the Lord gave me a ministry to them.

When they gather for a meeting seventy-five or a hundred pack into a small room. They have twice as many people, at least, as we would have in a room the same size in America. When they stand so long they want to shift from one foot to the other now and then, but sometimes they are so packed together that when one moves they all move. The whole crowd shifts together! When the preacher comes to the meeting he often has to elbow his way through the crowd to reach the platform. Sometimes children at the front of the crowd faint; in such cases they lift the child up over their heads and pass it back from one to another above the crowd until it is at the door.

Often during the preaching of the Word some one will speak out and say, "Please pray for me, I want to get saved." They do not wait for an altar call. When some one makes such a request, the entire congregation fall to their knees, if there is room. They do not wait for some one to ask them to do it. They all kneel, their hands go up, and every one starts crying out aloud to the Lord together. Then they all say Amen, and every one gets up at the same time. It is like clock work.

For a time I could not understand why they should all pray together in that way. I know that it is common for



Winter

*When my leaves fall wilt Thou encompass them?
The gold of autumn flown, the bare branch brown,
The brittle twig and stem,
The tired leaves dropping down,
Wilt Thou encompass that which men call dead?
I see the rain, the coldly smothering snow,
My leaves, dispirited,
Lie very low.*

*So the heart questioneth, white Winter near;
Till, jocund as the glorious voice of Spring,
Cometh His, "Do not fear,
But sing, rejoice and sing,
For sheltered by the coverlet of snow
Are secrets of delight, and there shall be
Uprisings that shall show
All that through Winter I prepared for thee."
—Amy Carmichael*

us all to praise the Lord with one voice, but they *pray* that way. I wondered why it was until one day I thought I had found the solution. I read how a certain army was sending a great barrage upon the enemy. Many of their guns were firing at the same time, pouring shot after shot upon the enemy. The reason they poured on such a barrage was to break down the enemy. I decided that praying aloud together must be somewhat similar. These believers were pouring a real barrage against their enemy, Satan. When one person prays the devil may fight it off. Remember that when Daniel prayed the prince of Persia, one of Satan's demons, prevented his prayer being answered for a time. When many pray together the devil's power is broken. He cannot ward off such an onslaught. When the believers pray together for a person in this way, that person gets gloriously saved.

Sometimes the clergy, especially the priests of the Greek Catholic Church, try to disturb our meetings. On one occasion the priest came to our meeting. I thought he had come to disturb it. He raised his hand, and we said, "What do you want?" He said, "I want to say something." We said, "You will have to wait until the meeting is ended." He waited, and when the meeting was dismissed he said to all the people, "I notice that many of my flock are here. I want to make a confession. I realize I have been misleading you for many years, and I recognize myself as a sinner. I want you to pray for me." So all the people fell on their knees, started to cry out to God, and the priest was saved. His church was only a few blocks away. When he returned to it he took away all the images and left only the candles which he needed for light. Then he began to preach the true gospel. Many were saved. Many received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and spoke with other tongues right in the Greek Catholic Church. Of course, when word of this reached the Synod the priest was moved to another city, but he began to preach the gospel in the same way there also, and the folk from his church who had been saved became members of the Pentecostal assembly in their city. God is working in a wonderful way. He is no respecter of persons, and He can save a Greek Catholic priest. He can save a Roman Catholic, too, for I was one before He saved me.

The present war and the seizure of Poland has brought about a condition which especially lays upon our hearts a burden of prayer. A great proportion of our work in Eastern Europe was among the Russian people in Poland along the Russian border.

We always looked upon the gospel work there as a bulwark against Bolshevism. We had about five hundred churches there and close to twenty-five thousand Pentecostal believers. The Christians who were connected with the Baptists, Evangelicals, etc. are in addition to this. Now Russia has taken over that part of the country. We know what Russia has done to Christianity within her borders. She has persecuted the children of God in a terrible way. But we don't know what has happened now to these dear saints. We have received many letters from the Pentecostal believers in Poland who are under the German government, but

not a single letter from any in Poland who are under the Russian government. In one respect we pity them, and we are praying for them. On the other hand, this may all be God's plan. You know, Russia has more or less destroyed all the Bibles in their land. Those who had Bibles and Christian literature in Russia were arrested and had it all taken away from them. Very few possess copies of the Word of God. But there are thousands and thousands of Bibles in those parts of Poland which Russia has occupied, and perhaps those Bibles will be spread abroad into all of Russia. Possibly God is working there as He did in Jerusalem, when He allowed the Christians to be persecuted and they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word, even to Samaria, and great revivals broke out. Many of these Russians in Poland, who have had a wonderful experience in the Lord, will be able to proclaim the gospel in Soviet Russia. Many of them will probably be sent to the interior but they will preach

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wherever they go. So it is appropriate that the message on their behalf, should be, "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified."

It is a wonderful privilege for us to go to church and worship the Lord in freedom, but it should stir our hearts to realize that some of our brethren in Poland are encountering awful persecution and cannot even write to us. It is cold over there and we know not their circumstances. But if we pray, God can move in His own way to meet their needs. It may be impossible for humans to help them, but with God all things are possible.

There are many German people in Poland, especially in that part which has been occupied by Germany. I have a German name myself, although I was born in Russia. There are many Germans who have lived in Russia for three, four, or more generations back who still call themselves Germans; and it is similar in Poland. These German people in Poland have been persecuted by the Poles. The Poles were angered by the desire of Germany to send their soldiers in and seize their land, and so they attacked their German neighbors and tried to kill them. The righteous have suffered as well as the unrighteous in this condition. Some who have suffered thus were our own dear Bible School students in Danzig. One young man from our school was arrested

with others and taken toward a concentration camp. They walked three days, and on the journey nothing was given them to eat except turnips, grass, or whatever they found along the way, and they grew very weak. When the prisoners fainted, rather than to leave them behind, the Poles stamped them to death. This young student of ours was stamped to death in this way. A sister in the Lord who was cook in our Bible School in Danzig during 1935-36 was murdered because she was a Protestant and of German extraction. She was killed, her eyes were plucked out, and her body was mutilated.

Most of the Poles are Catholics, and they have it drilled into them that they cannot be a good Pole without being a good Catholic. They persecute the Protestants, and especially those who are true believers in Christ. This sister was murdered and mutilated the more because she was a true believer. Her parents were also murdered.

A recent letter told us the story of one of our Danzig Bible School students. A band of Poles, all armed, came to his home one day. His wife went to the door, and when she did not call him immediately they beat her with the butts of their guns. Then the husband came, and also her brother and her father. The Poles seized all three of them and marched them into the woods. The wife followed but was stopped, and a moment later she heard shots. Then she was chased back home. That evening she went to look for her husband, but in the woods she found a pile of bodies which was so great that she could not find her husband's body. The next morning she went again and found him. Next to his dead body was her father, with his eyes gouged out. Near by was her brother and his fingers were cut off. This is a true story told in letters we received last week from Europe. Why do such conditions exist? Because of the awful war that Satan has started. So let us pray very definitely that God will help the believers and keep them true and bold in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ, that many may be saved. Even the soldiers can be saved, if we pray.

These brethren are not afraid of persecution. One of them was riding a bicycle and was stopped. They demanded that he show his papers. In that land a preacher not only must have papers from the assemblies but must have permission from the government to preach. He showed them his identification card. They took away his Bible and tore it up. They beat him so badly he could not move. After a long time he was able to get up and take his bicycle to the station, and he returned home by train. He had to stay in bed for weeks before he was able to get up and walk. But did he stop preaching? No, he rejoiced because he was counted worthy to suffer for Christ's sake. So I know that these dear people of God will go out and preach no matter what the persecution may be. I am convinced that even in Russian Poland the believers will not shrink, if we hold them up before the Lord in prayer.

These conditions should cause us to be quick to obey the Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Not every one can go,

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Overcoming the Demon

A True Story by Mrs. Howard Taylor

A remarkable instance of this is told in the life of Pastor Hsi, a Chinese man of letters and a Confucian scholar. When he was converted he took upon himself the name of "Devil Overcomer" and for many years had supernatural power over demons and scores of unfortunates were delivered through his instrumentality. One day there came to one of his conferences a young man who was supposed to be under the power of evil spirits. "He was often seemingly quite well for weeks together, though at other times thrown into a condition so terrible that it resembled the worst sufferings of demoniacs described in the Gospels.

"During the first days of the conference this fellow was quiet and harmless enough, but as the meetings proceeded he was seized with a violent frenzy, dangerous to himself and others. Hsi was out of the way at the time and returned to find the trouble at its height. He was immediately made aware of what was going on and hastened into the presence of the raving demoniac.

"Strangely enough, as soon as Hsi appeared K'ong became suddenly quiet. His cries and struggles ceased and the men who were holding him relaxed their efforts.

"He is well, he is well!" they cried. "The spirit has departed." Not satisfied with this, however, Hsi laid his hand upon the young man's head and prayed for him earnestly in the name of Jesus. The result was immediate and complete relief, and there seemed every reason to hope that the trouble was permanently conquered.

"One of the missionaries present was much impressed with all that had taken place and especially with the power attending Hsi's coming and his prayers. Having a sum of \$50.00 at his disposal, he brought it to him, saying: 'The expenses of your work must be considerable, please accept this contribution to be used as you think best.'

"Surprised, and hardly realizing how much it was, Hsi took the silver, but had scarcely done so before he began to feel troubled. Fifty dollars seemed so large a sum and it had come so suddenly. He had accepted it, too, without waiting to ask counsel of the Lord. Was it cupidity that had moved him? Had he fallen into a trap cunningly devised by the devil? The more he thought about it the more he felt uneasy. So, leaving the money with Mrs. Hsi for safe keeping, he went away alone to pray.

"Hardly had he found a quiet place, however, before a messenger came hurriedly to seek him. 'Come quickly; the matter is serious,' he cried; 'K'ong is worse than ever and we can do nothing.' Much distressed, Hsi returned to the scene of trouble and the moment he entered the room K'ong pointed straight at him, shouting with fiendish triumph: 'You may come, but I fear you no longer! At first you seemed high as heaven, but now you are low, low down and small. You have no power to control me any more.'

"And the worst of it was Hsi knew his words were true. He had no grip of faith or power in prayer and felt distinctly that the money had robbed him of his strength. With shame and sorrow he turned away and went for the money, followed by the mocking cries of the unhappy demoniac. Then, finding the donor, he openly returned the gift, confessing that the sudden possession of so large a sum had come between his soul and God.

"With empty hands but lightened heart he now went back to the excited crowd. K'ong was still raving wildly, defying any power on earth to restrain him. But Hsi was in touch once more with his Master.

Teacher Training

By Ruth E. Garlock

KANSAS LEADS

Because of Pastor H. B. and Mrs. Garlock's activities in Sunday School work, they not only have one of the best Schools in Kansas, but they have made Kansas the leading State in teacher training. Sister Garlock, therefore, is well qualified to write on this subject.



Of the many phases of church activity, seemingly the most emphasized is Sunday School development. If we are to keep up with the leading of the Spirit in this department, we must be alert to the needs of our day and sensitive to the touch of the guiding hand of God. No one can deny the value of the Sunday School in laying the foundation for Christian character. But successful Sunday Schools do not "just grow" as did Topsy. They are the result of the prayers, plans, and labors of consecrated and prepared Sunday School officers and teachers. Consecration is necessary, but it is not sufficient. One must not only be willing to work, but he must know how.

One day in Africa a native came to Mr. Garlock and begged for a pair of trousers. A ready-made pair was not to be had, so Mr. Garlock took two pieces of cloth, laid them together, cut a long V notch in one end, sewed up the notch and the two sides, and had—a pair of trousers made by one who did not know how. The Teacher Training Courses provided by the Gospel Publishing House furnish just the needed training to fit our consecrated teachers for their work.

In the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Seventh and Riverview, Kansas City, Kansas, we have found the lessons of inestimable value. Two years ago we began the Elementary Course. For about a month in advance brief talks were given from the platform to arouse interest—talks about the need for better preparation and the opportunities afforded by the Teacher-Training Courses.

Quietly, in the name of Jesus, he commanded the tormentor to be silent and leave his miserable victim. Immediately, with a fearful cry, K'ong was thrown into convulsions from which, however, he presently emerged, quiet and self-possessed, though much weakened for the time being.

"This was to Hsi a deeply painful lesson, emphasizing afresh the all-important truth that, as he expressed it, 'the ungrrieved presence of the Holy Spirit is more to be desired than abundance of gold and silver.'"

Might it not be true today as with this mighty man of God, that money proves a snare, and oft comes between the soul and God?

There is surely some cause why a man who is mightily used of God for a time, suddenly finds his ministry void of power. If he has humility to search out the reason and pay the price the Spirit of God will be faithful and restore.

A sheet for enrollment was kept in a prominent place, and attention called to it in each meeting. The people were very enthusiastic, and a large number enrolled.

The class took the place of the regular Bible study during the week. Three or four times as many people attended the classes as took the examination thus giving, not only the teachers, but also the whole church the advantages of the course. With interruptions for summer tent campaigns and revival meetings, we are able to cover two books a year.

As a result of the lessons, there is a decidedly higher spiritual tone among the teachers. They are more alive to their responsibilities and privileges, more enthusiastic about their work, more confident and assured as they approach their classes. We always have had a splendid group of teachers, but now they are *better* teachers. Our new and substitute teachers are drawn from a group taking the course at this time. Not only has the Sunday School benefited, but the whole church has received a better understanding of the Word of God. There is a definite interest that does not wane. As soon as one book is finished, they are ready and eager for the next. Personal testimonies of blessing are received all the time. When we complete the Elementary course, we expect to undertake the Standard course.

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A Prayer

"Cleanse, and illumine and fill—
It shall be so;
Then send me where Thou will,
And I will go."

The Value of Sunday School Conventions to Local Churches

By Pastor Robert L. Hillegas, Alton, Illinois

How many of you Sunday School Workers would like to see your Sunday School attendance doubled? I imagine I hear a great chorus of you saying, "Sure, I would." My purpose in writing is to tell you that it is possible—it "can be done." But some of you will perhaps say, "I have tried everything I know to do and all to no avail." That is perhaps true, but yet after we have tried all we know to do surely we have not exhausted all the known means of Sunday School advancement. Not only have we often exhausted our fund of knowledge for development, but many times we hear from our teaching staff, "This isn't the way we did it when Brother So-and-so was our pastor," and sometimes we hear, "I don't believe in new methods—the old methods are good enough for me." Thus, the poor Sunday School leader struggles along working, planning, and praying while perhaps the Sunday School just barely holds its own.

It has been stated by those who have studied Sunday School work that in the course of a year almost every school has an increase of 25 per cent in its membership, and while so doing it is also losing 25 per cent, thus, at the end of the year there has been a change of names yet no material gains. Workers, when we have been able to overcome these three hindrances in Sunday School growth we can then say that we have profited by "Studying to shew ourselves approved unto God," and that we now are "workmen that need not be ashamed."

I know you will be anxious to learn how it is possible for your School to overcome these hindrances, that you may be able to reach the goal to which you aspired when you assumed the responsibility which the Lord gave you, for surely none would have dared to take the office had they not known the Lord placed them there. There are a number of means provided whereby we can improve ourselves. For example, there are men who have devoted their entire life to Sunday School work, and for a small sum of money we can obtain their gleanings of years of experience which they have purposely written for our help. Then, there are also a number of good magazines written for our improvement. The Sunday School Department of the Gospel Publishing House will gladly furnish you this information. In harmony with the means I have just stated there is another method which I should like to place a considerable amount of emphasis upon—namely, Sunday School Conventions.

By means of Conventions we are beginning to give our Sunday Schools their rightful place in our church program. Far too long has the Sunday School been neglected, and looked at in an indifferent way, although 85 per cent of our church growth comes from this part of our church activities. However, rightfully so, when we realize the hours of seed sowing and cultivating which we have given those who have passed through our classes. Through the conventions we are able to receive some first hand information from some of the most capable

Sunday School workers in our movement. When we desire a revival we like the assistance of those who have a real burden for lost souls—evangelists who are well seasoned, those who have had a burden for the field. When a Bible convention is needed we endeavor to procure the ministry of those who can plunge into the depths of the Word. Likewise, when we think of extending our borders in the Sunday School work it is very profitable to obtain the valuable aid of speakers who have a vision of Sunday Schools—who have earnestly and profitably labored for them—who have been in the front lines, so to speak, and have returned to give us some information which many of us know so little about.

Through the kind co-operation of the brethren at headquarters we were able to

The Little Gift

By Eleanor Holbrook Zimmerman

I had a slender gift,
It was so small
It hardly seemed to be
Worth while at all.

Until I read the tale
Of how a lad
Once gave the Lord, in faith,
What store he had!

That simple food he gave
Richly increased
Beneath the Saviour's touch
Into a feast.

Who, pondering on these things,
Can hope to measure
The power of God to make
Small gifts bear treasure?

have M. L. Grable and Miss Zella Lindsey conduct a convention for us in Alton Gospel Tabernacle this fall. Neighboring pastors and Sunday School workers of this metropolitan area also co-operated to receive the benefits of the convention. This meeting gave the Church a vision for Sunday Schools, such as we have never had before. We saw the many ways the Gospel Publishing House is trying to serve the churches through its publications. The quarterlies, papers, helps for different departments, materials to reach new members, and delinquent members. We also learned anew how eager they are to be a blessing to every member of their constituency. Every moment of the convention was educational, inspiring, and even thrilling, as the whitened harvest field was so visualized and its means of invasion were placed within the reach of every sincere and earnest Sunday School worker. You too would have been pleased, had you been in my place, to have so many of your teachers tell you how the Lord had given them a new vision of the work, how that now they could work for God in a more effective way, even some of them coming to me with tears in their eyes, saying how thankful they were to the Lord

since some of the problems of the teen-age classes had been solved for them—now, they were able to even understand their own children better. For years we have had soul saving campaigns to reach the unconverted. Why not have a campaign to help us reach those precious young souls who are receiving no religious training, in the form of Sunday School Conventions? Thus, observing Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

There is one more method to help prevent, or overcome stagnation in our Sunday School, and that is persistent use of the 12 points to make each school a "First Class Sunday School." It has been the practice of some schools to use special contests or races to increase their attendance. After carefully observing a number of such occasions I discover: First, the high goal we reached on the closing day of the contest is the number which should be our average all the time. Second, the comparison of the attendance on the second or third Sunday following the contest only showed us how far short we were of what our normal attendance should be. Yet, with all the effort which was put forth in the contest there was no foundation laid upon which the peak reached could be maintained. I enjoy seeing a steady substantial growth. It has so much more healthy effect upon the organization than the fluctuations which are the result of contests. Thus, with the 12 points which determine a first class Sunday School you have a challenge and a command to every member of your School which is, "Forward! March!" May I briefly enumerate each point to you? They may be very familiar to some, yet helpful to us all.

1. *20 per cent Attendance Gain:* Dare we say we have profitably occupied our position without showing an increase? God is pleased with our success if we do it for His glory alone.
2. *Sunday School Equal to Church:* It should not be difficult for the Sunday School enrollment to equal the church membership, since from this department we receive most of our church membership.
3. *95 per cent Attendance of Pastors:* I believe almost every progressive pastor knows the importance of helping the Sunday School in all its activities.
4. *95 per cent Attendance of Superintendent:* The Superintendent cannot expect the teachers to be faithful if he does not set the proper example.
5. *90 per cent Attendance of Teachers:* How needful for the teacher to have a real concern and burden for the class. God will bless any class whose teacher is faithful.
6. *One Teacher Training Subject Completed Each Year:* Our class will appreciate the teacher with a large fund of knowledge. It is the information above what is necessary that makes teaching easy.

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The Morning Watch

"And it came to pass that in the *morning watch* the Lord looked unto the hosts of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared . . . and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea." Exod. 14:24, 27.

It was in the early morning that the Lord gave unto Israel complete victory over their enemies in fulfilment of the promise made the previous day, "The Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever." v. 13. Then, too, my soul shall discover that the morning is still God's chosen time for giving His children the victory over their enemies. "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith."

Looking up to God in the quiet of the

morning, Faith can find time to lay strong hold upon Him. And meditating upon and appropriating His influence, find the firm ground upon which the fulfilment of every promise may be expected, *through surrender to Christ in whom the victory over the world and every foe has already been accomplished.* Faith finds in Christ the strength for all the conflicts it must wage. "Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"—these words which heralded the deliverance of that morning teach us what should be our expectation and our frame of mind at the beginning of every morning. Yea, Lord, when I behold mine enemies this day I will not fear but "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Christian, be vigilant of the *morning watch.* "The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Yea, Amen, my soul is continually quiet before God.

Shall We Have Sunday School Conventions?

By P. D. Pittman, Dist. S. S. Sec. of Kansas

It is the writer's happy privilege to minister in a district where every one is keenly interested in the promotion of Sunday Schools. We in Kansas find that Sunday School Conventions pay grand dividends. If good attendance is desired, we simply announce a Sunday School Convention, and here they come. Conventions conducted in an atmosphere of this kind explain why the Kansas District has made an average gain of 1238.75 in their attendance per Sunday for the past fiscal year. There were 43 superintendents and 40 secretaries with perfect attendance records. Of the approximate 120 Schools in the District, 56 had teachers' attendances of more than 90 per cent, and 42 of the 56 had teachers with attendances above 95 per cent! Twenty-eight Schools completed at least one of the teacher training books offered by the Gospel Publishing House.

To have successful Sunday School Conventions there are at least three things necessary: First of all, we must have a *passionate vision for this work.* No district secretary, evangelist, or pastor can inoculate his people until he first is burning with the "fever" of a mighty Sunday School vision. Our progress is greatly hindered through need for more Nehemiahs with a vision to build. We need to "lift up our eyes, and look upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Let us not cease to spend ourselves until every Bethlehem-like village shall find the Christ who has come to grace their midst and until every Jerusalem shall acclaim Him as king. Here is a Philippi whose prisoners need their fetters broken. Yonder is an Athens awaiting the Pentecostal messenger to preach on Mars Hill. Over there is a Corinth with an Apollo waiting to have some one to "expound the way of God more perfectly." Farther on is a Lystra in which a young Timothy waits for some Paul to set afire his gospel torch. We have an increasing number of country churches ready to produce their second Spurgeon if only some one will go and tell

him to "look." And as through the eyes of Calvary, we behold those boys and girls who are roaming our streets and country lanes on Sunday mornings, we shall be divinely urged to "go out and compel them to come" into our Schools. Oh, the need for a greater vision, for "where there is no vision, the people perish."

But vision alone will not make the convention a success. We must have something to offer—Spirit-inspired literature which with God's anointing will meet the need. Let us take a *good display of Sunday School literature* to the convention. The book by Riggs, "A Successful Sunday School" or Grable's smaller book for smaller Schools, "Reaching the Goal" are splendid for our superintendents. Pearlman's book "Successful Sunday School Teaching" is fine for prospective teachers as well as every active Sunday School worker. Then, because we want to build not only bigger but better Schools, let us not fail to boost the "Six-Point System." Our teachers can not afford to be without the cut-out lessons to present on the visual aid board. We also emphasize the value of blackboard and object lessons, and recommend books to assist the worker. Our display may resemble the "Gospel Publishing House," but we find this material to be fuel for the divine fire, kindling the altars of the local Schools.

We foster a *friendly, Pentecostal spirit of competition* between classes in each local School. Some Schools challenge a near-by School to an attendance race, inquiring by long-distance their competitor's report before the opening of the worship service. What a tense moment it is when the books are opened at our District Councils, and those on the honor roll for gain in average attendance, teachers' attendance record, etc., are made known. We return to our Schools with a determination to work and pray more for the cause of our Christ and our Sunday Schools.

Conventions should be conducted at a season when least conflicting with district

activities and when most needed—say late spring. When thus conducted, we feel that Sunday School Conventions, under the leadership of the District Sunday School Representative, will be an asset to any district in our movement.

Note: Do not fail to read Pastor R. L. Hillegas' article, "The Value of Sunday School Conventions to Local Churches."

Lessons in the School of Prayer in South Central Africa

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there was only a ration of a few raw manioc roots—two men splitting one small root between them for a day's food. I began to wonder which man would collapse first. One dark, hungry Saturday night we crossed the Luanginga near its source, and found neither food nor people. Next day we trekked all day from bald necessity, and were able to buy little more than a handful of meal for my seventeen boys in the evening.

Then we heard of food to be obtained on the Kuti River, and pressed across, only to find that everything available had just been bought up by hungry natives from another station. The whole country was on the raw edge of starvation, through the failure of rains and crops the preceding wet season. My boys only succeeded in getting a few pitiable, raw, manioc roots when I sent them to the villages with calico, beads, etc. (the currency of raw Africa) to buy.

The Portuguese traders told me that there was nothing but hunger before me, and it was only the upholding grace of my wondrous Fellow-wayfarer that kept me from despairing as I lay down to sleep in my little tent that dark, rainy October night on the Kuti. "But God" was preparing to show forth His glory in the midst of the darkness! I was awakened in the dead of night to learn my next prayer lesson in His school—awakened to the consciousness that my little, worn tent was full of His glorious Presence; and out of the blackness, those blessed words from John 16:24 blazed forth, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing *in My Name*; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

I seemed to see heaven opened, and my blessed Saviour, glorious and crowned, rising from His place at the right hand of God, moving forward nine paces in front of the throne, and bowing in prayer. By simple faith, I bowed beside Him, and asked God, "In His Name," to provide food for my starving men. I knew that the answer was sure, and also that I had learned another life-lesson in His school of prayer. In perfect peace and rest of faith I fell asleep. In the morning we simply started out again as usual, plowing through the burning sand under the scorching October sun; but I knew that God had answered, and all was well. For forty hours there was no *apparent* difference. We slept at the source of a small river, and my boys only got a few roots, but I knew that all was well.

Forty hours after my vision if such it should be called, I killed an oribi on the Luanginga plains, while my boys were buying meal and manioc in the villages. My joy was not different from what it had been those blessed forty hours since I learned how to unite absolutely with Jesus in His

awakened by the excellent glory of God's Presence in my tent, I had a strange conviction that it was two o'clock in the morning. I did not strike a light nor attempt to look at my watch, but awoke the following morning with the same inexplicable feeling of certainty that the vision had taken place at two o'clock. I wondered at the impression, and could imagine no possible significance attaching to the hour. But, a few months later, I was inexpressibly thrilled to receive a letter from a member of a church in Passadumkeag, Maine, U. S. A., of which I had formerly been pastor, saying that on a certain evening, at a certain hour, a company of believers were gathered in their home praying, and that they were led to intercede for me. Comparing the dates, and allowing for the difference in time, they were praying for me when it was 2 a. m. at my camp in Portuguese West Africa; the very hour that God was awakening me in my tent, to answer their prayers, perhaps in larger measure than they dreamed possible.

Beloved fellow Christians, and especially beloved fellow missionaries, suffer a word of direct appeal in closing this simple recital of God's gracious prayer lessons to one of His humblest heralds. Please rest assured that these things that He has taught me are intensely practical, and that they *actually work*. When, in living union with our ever present and almighty Leader and Lord, we dare to step out on His promise, and "say unto" mountains of language difficulties, mountains of heathen darkness and heathen inertia crystallized through generations of Satanic rule, mountains of icy indifference, mountains of diabolical opposition, mountains of "African dirt" among our native Christians, mountains of unbelief in our own hearts and the hearts of others, "Be ye removed," and doubt not in our hearts, *we shall have the things that we say*.

The mountains *will* slide into the sea, and the perfect plan of our Master *will* be wrought out in our service, as we exercise our God-given authority in bidding the difficulties begone; and while we pray down, "In His Name," the almighty power of God in illuminating, convicting, transforming grace upon the hearts of Africa's multi-millions of the Christless, and upon all those in all the world for whom Jesus died.

The Pentecostal Work in Eastern Europe Today

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but every one can pray, and so let us be faithful in doing so. The more we work and pray, the sooner will the number who are to be saved be brought in, and thus the sooner the Lord Jesus Christ will return. It is our longing that the Lord Jesus Christ shall return soon to put an end to the misery and sorrow of this world.

We are glad we worked in Poland while the door was open. If the door should now be closed forever, we can say that we did our part over there. There are still other fields in which we can work, so let us "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

The work in other Eastern European countries is growing in a wonderful way, although the believers there are likewise being persecuted. For example the Pente-

costal believers in Roumania have to hold most of their meetings in secret. When they are caught by the gendarmes (military police) they are all arrested and taken to the police station—both men and women. I remember one occasion when both the men and women were kept all night at the police station. The children were crying at home with no one to look after them, and the cattle were neglected. The next day the women folk were permitted to go home, but the men had to remain and were beaten. For some reason these Roumanians are very fierce; whether it is because they drink too much wine, eat too much red pepper, or something else I do not know, but when they are angry they act mercilessly. They will beat a person until he falls and then keep on beating him. If beating does not satisfy them, they tie him to a board and slam it to the floor, trying to jar the heart out of place or injure the person in some other terrible way. But still the saints in Roumania do not stop preaching.

One brother was beaten up so badly that his ear drum was bursted, but he said he was going out preaching again. Some are arrested and put in prison time after time for preaching the gospel. But when they persist in preaching, the authorities despair and say, "We can't do anything to stop them. We arrest them and punish them, but they go out and preach anyway," so they just stop arresting them. There is a brother in Hungary who has been arrested so often that he no longer remembers how often. He goes right on preaching in spite of the police. Why? Because the fire is burning in his heart. He can't stop, because Christ has done so much for him.

Are we doing all we can for the Lord? If we can't go out and preach, we can pray for those who can go. Jesus did not come just that we might be saved and settle down to a life of ease and pleasure. He came that all men everywhere might be given the opportunity to be saved, and that the works of the devil might be destroyed. Let us bear our share of the work and earnestly pray for our brothers and sisters in Eastern Europe.

The Value of Sunday School Conventions to Local Churches

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7. *90 per cent of Scholars Attending Church:* The Church Service is the worship service. The School is the teaching service. They should go hand in hand. Both are essential.
8. *3 per cent of Scholars Converted Each Year:* How sad to think of so many of our boys and girls now out of the reach of the church, because the school failed to bring them to Christ in their tender age. This is the main purpose of the school—let us be faithful here.
9. *20 per cent Increase in Regular Offerings:* I believe it is a splendid place to teach the blessings of giving. God will bless the child as well as the adult who tithes.
10. *20 per cent Increase in Missionary Offerings:* In youth we should learn to share with others, and how important that we share the gospel.

11. *Cradle Roll 5 per cent of Enrollment:* Here is an opportunity which is given us not only to reach the child but the parents. A superintendent of this department will find many open doors which are glad to have some interest shown. In a very short time these members will be able to be in the Beginners Department, thus feeding the school.

12. *Home Department 5 per cent of Enrollment:* Experience has taught us the advantage of this phase of the Sunday School. The shut-ins welcome any gospel worker. A rich blessing awaits those in charge of the Home Department. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

May the Lord of the Harvest abundantly bless each faithful Sunday School worker as he goes forward in this new year. May a new vision, and a new determination be his portion as he occupies "Till He come."

Note: Do not fail to read Pastor P. D. Pittman's article, "Shall We Have Sunday School Conventions?"

Why You Should Have a Family Altar in 1940

1. It will sweeten the home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.
2. It will remove all misunderstanding and relieve all friction that may enter the home.
3. It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.
4. It will send us forth to our work for the day, in school, home, office, store and factory, true to do our best and determined in what we do to glorify God.
5. It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointment and adversities as they come.
6. It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a Divine Friend and Helper.
7. It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.
8. It will reinforce the influence and work of the Church, the Sunday School and agencies helping to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.
9. It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and the Church.
10. It will honor the Father above and express our gratitude for His mercy and blessing.

One Hundred and Forty New Subscriptions

Elder A. B. Cox, Assistant Superintendent of the Central District Council, writes us from Dayton, Ohio: "I am planning on having the Evangel sent for one year to all the ministers in Dayton, Ohio, which will be 140 subscriptions." What a joy it would be for us to receive similar letters from other parts of the country. Perhaps you cannot subscribe for 140, but you may be able to subscribe for one or two. We welcome one or two subscriptions as well as the 140.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

intercession, but the joy of my carriers came when they cooked and ate their first meal for weeks beside their camp-fire that evening.

From that day on there was no lack. I found grain for sale, at an exorbitant price, at a Portuguese store; then another oribi, then two more oribi in a day, then one more oribi, and that brought us into a country where we could buy food, and the danger to my boys became surfeit instead of hunger. On the last day but one of the trek, our gracious Provider gave us a huge eland bull, and my boys had to call on their friends to get their loads of meat over that remaining day's distance.

In these intervening years, the everyday applications of the lessons on "Thou shalt say unto . . ." and "In His Name," have been legion. Facing Satan and hindrances, I have only to take shelter behind the cross, and "say unto" them that they depart; and then turn to God, and pray, "In His Name," for any needed supply. To sickness, the message is, "Be thou removed"; while to God, "In His Name," we say, "Please heal this body which belongeth unto Thee." A frigid meeting becomes warm and vibrant with power, as I say unto the Satanic hinderer, "Depart"; and turn, "In His Name," to God to plead for the promised power of the Holy Spirit.

In the native revolt, with the direct prospect of attack by the rebels, and the blotting out of mission and missionary; it was only to "Say unto" rebels and the Satanic inspirer of revolt, "Be ye removed," and to pray for protection for grammar manuscript, dictionary manuscript, Gospel translation manuscript, and anything else worth protecting. "In His Name"—and not a shot was fired at my camp, nor an article harmed, while the surrounding country was devastated, and my own life and camp distinctly threatened, even to the announcement of the day for the attack and blotting out.

V.

"In the Spirit."

From the first, I have realized the danger of bidding some mountain remove when it might be God's will for it to remain where it is; or of going through the form of praying "In His Name" for something that it might not please God to grant. The experience of the "Seven sons of one Sceva," mentioned in Acts 19:13-16, is a warning against using the Name of Jesus as a mere charm to drive away evil spirits, etc. But my latest lesson in His blessed school of prayer is entitled, "Praying in the Spirit," and teaches that all true prayer is inspired of the Holy Spirit. While we have no ability to determine either the objects for which we should pray, nor the proper modes of prayer, the Holy Spirit "helpeth our infirmities," by making intercession for us according to the will of God.

Just as "No man can call Jesus Lord, except by the Holy Spirit," so I am convinced that no man can desire to pray, except by the inspiration of the same Spirit. In extremities of distress, or hours of fear, men often go through a form of calling on God apart from the Holy Spirit; and resume their prayerless, Godless lives when the hour of trial has passed. But men who truly pray, with worship, adoration, and

intercession, can only desire to do so by the constraint of the Holy Spirit; and certainly cannot actually engage in such a lofty and holy activity, except as they are enabled by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit, being Himself a member of the Godhead, knows perfectly the mind, will, and plan of the Godhead; and He is the only Being, who can move and enable men to pray for the objects that God desires, and in a spirit and manner that can be at all acceptable to Him, or accepted by Him.

But how are men to pray in the Spirit, or know when they are praying in the Spirit? Simply by definitely, in the Name of Jesus, committing and yielding themselves to the Holy Spirit to be kept, controlled, and used in prayer according to the perfect will of God. Their safety from Satanic deceptions, in the realm and ministry of prayer, rests on their constant attitude of "saying unto" Satan, and all his workers and works, that

they be removed and cast into the sea of utter futility; while, at the same time, they rest in living faith on the willingness and power of the Holy Spirit to guard and direct them in their prayer-ministry.

The possibilities of a Spirit-born, Spirit-controlled ministry of intercession are far beyond our finite comprehension. That blessed Spirit of God and of Christ, who knows the depths of Divinity and the uttermost of our humanity, is able to symphonize in prayer souls on opposite sides of the globe, and use them to bring great and mighty things to pass. As a simple illustration of this, let me recall a seemingly unimportant incident, and its sequel.

On that dark, rainy night at Shingabata's village on the Kuti river, in the dire straits of hunger for my men, when God graciously revealed unto me the reality of our union with our glorious Mediator in the work of intercession, "In His Name"; as I was

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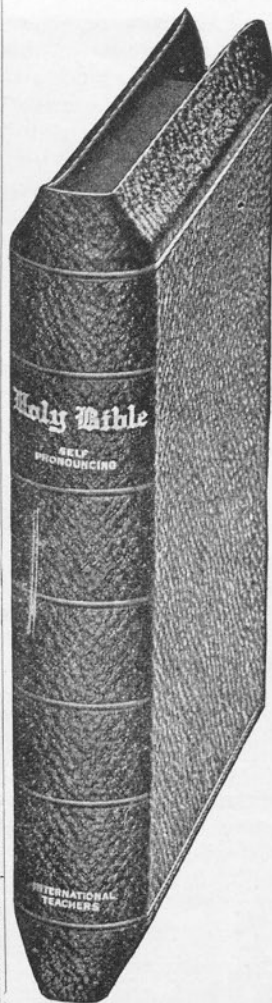
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A Presentation Page

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Deut. 18. 15. a
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THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

IN RED RUSSIA

Out of 295,000 priests of the Orthodox church of Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union claims there are none left, reports *Watchman-Examiner*.

GREATEST MISSION FIELD

Bishop F. B. Bartlett recently declared that the greatest opportunity for evangelism in America is in the rural field, where thirty out of fifty million inhabitants have no church affiliation.

IN THE DARK CONTINENT

Sunday School attendance increases in Africa. *The Gospel Minister* states there are more than 1,500,000 Sunday School scholars and 81,522 teachers in the "Dark Continent," an increase of 50% in the past four years.

ERETZ ISRAEL

In Jeremiah 32 the Lord promised that Israel would be replanted in Palestine and He even named the places where land would be bought. In the last twenty-five years Jews have bought fields in every one of these places, states Basil C. Mowll in *Advent Witness*. And Jews have been returning from sixty-four nations. At no time since Titus came against Jerusalem in 70 A. D. have there been so many Jews in Palestine. Surely this is the generation when the "fig tree" (the Jewish nation) is putting forth leaves.

COMMUNISM IN CHINA

According to Japanese sources, says *Alliance Weekly*, demands have been made by the Communist leaders that the provinces of Shensi, Kansu, Ningsia, and Sinkiang be turned over to them for the establishment of an administration there according to their own ideas. With Russia seeking the northwest, and Japan reaching into the northeast and center, China is suffering very troublous times. The free spread of the gospel is being hindered greatly, and there is need of our earnest prayers.

UNITY IN THE BALKANS

Says *Time*, commenting on the aftermath of the treaty between Turkey and the Allies: "All the Balkans talked fast and furiously on the subject of a Balkan, or Danubian, federation as one means whereby safety against Big Power aggression would be found in numbers. Italy was leading one group of confederation conferees, Turkey the other; there was speculation that Italy and Turkey might even get together and lead the nations in the same direction of security and neutrality." The Bible student knows that Italy and Turkey shall be together in the last days, and that the Antichrist is to arise out of the Near East, probably from Syria.

COMMERCIAL BABYLON

While the attention of many nations is being occupied with war, the attention of Italy is being given to the spreading of Italian commerce. According to *Alliance Weekly*, one Italian business leader said recently: "We want to do what Americans did between 1914 and 1917 (capture markets from the belligerents). Only we shall not lose again the profits at the end by going into the war." So the Italian Government is arranging to take over many contracts which the warring nations are unable to carry out. Factories are operating at full speed. New factories are being erected. And while United States bars American ships from certain zones, Italian ships carry on their regular schedules and Italian airships fly as usual to belligerent countries. "Babylon the Great" is being rebuilt on the banks of the Tiber. Her supremacy among "the merchants of the earth" is approaching, and we are hastening toward the day when Rev. 18:1-3 will be fulfilled.

FALSE AND FIERCE

Said Joseph Stalin, Dictator of Russia, in a speech last March: "We stand for rendering support to nations which have fallen prey to aggression and are fighting for their independence." The invasion of Finland by the Russian forces shows how deceptive are the enticing claims of Communism. The Lord must have had such men as Stalin in mind when He warned that in the last days men should be covetous, blasphemers, truce-breakers, false accusers, fierce, and traitors. 2 Tim. 3:1-4.

AN INFAMOUS RECORD

America spent almost half as much on liquor last year as on normal living expenses—food, clothing, and residence construction. The almost unbelievable liquor bill, states *Religious Telescope*, was \$5,000,000,000. It is a record never before even approximated in America or in any other nation. Apart from the sin and shame this legalized flow of liquor has swept into human lives, is the inexcusable waste this figure represents. The prophet's words need sounding today: "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" Isa. 55:2.

THE WORLD RULER

In an article entitled, "The President of the World," G. A. Borgese discusses five leading and contrasting world figures who might be candidates for rulership in the world federation which he foresees. But he says: "Yet, in years or generations, a sixth king should come, the king: not a word-captulating Duce, not a nightmare-whipping Fuehrer, not a Guardian of incorruptible sepulchers (the Pope), not a one-eyed Cyclopean shepherd of peoples (Stalin), not a restricted president of this United States—but the President of All Men, the elective, popular, temporary, uncrowned, unfettered ruler of the League of All Nations which must rise at last from the ashes of all prophets' frustrations." In saying that a world Ruler shall arise the writer is in harmony with the Scriptures. But the Antichrist, the king who shall arise, shall have power over all the nations for but a short season. In his stead shall come the Son of God, the King of kings and Lord of lords, whose right it is to reign, and His kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom.

THE GOSPEL IN GERMANY

The fog of war, according to *The Christian*, makes it almost impossible to gather reliable news of those Christians in Germany who are seeking to maintain gospel witness in its Scriptural simplicity. Recently, however, leaders of the Confessional churches reported to friends in Switzerland that life in the parishes was deeply disturbed. In many of them religious teaching had come to an end, missionary meetings were prohibited, and the sale of religious books limited. The Christian faith was ridiculed, in consequence of which an increasing number of people were being induced to forsake the churches. Faithful pastors, however, were reminding their congregations of the increased responsibility devolving upon individual members in view of present circumstances. Parents were urged to redouble their efforts to bring up their children in the Christian faith, and to gather friends in their homes to listen to the Word of God and to engage in other devotional exercises. The statement concluded, "Be not silent when a witness is demanded from you for the Lord of our Church and our life." From a similar source it is reported that Pastor Troen, of Munich, has been condemned by a special tribunal to six months' imprisonment for having distributed a leaflet in which reference was made to Pastor Niemoeller.

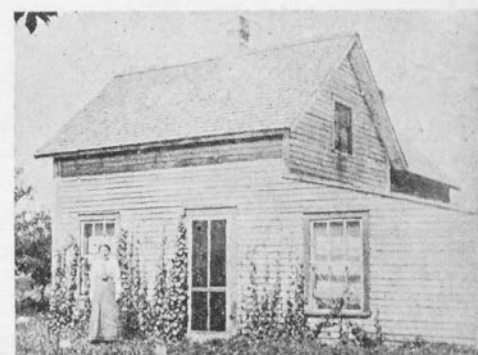
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY

One of the amazing developments in the rebuilding of Palestine is the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In a few years, states *Jewish Missionary Magazine*, it has grown to boast twelve buildings, a library of 350,000 volumes, a student body of 800, a faculty of 110, and a curriculum on a par, in both scope and standards, with that of the leading universities of the world.

INTERNATIONAL BANKRUPTCY

P. W. Petter, famed manufacturer of the Petter engines in Britain, predicts that a world-wide financial disaster is near. After careful consideration of all the circumstances in the light of the predictions of the Bible, he believes that the final break-up, in which this age will end, is upon us. He writes: "There are probably comparatively few who realize the seriousness of the present financial situation. Governments have achieved great skill in hiding matters of grave importance from their peoples, and of carrying on under conditions which in former days would have seemed impossible. But the danger in this is that when the crash comes, it will come with surprising suddenness. . . . Most countries have been able to bolster up a situation of the utmost danger by artificial methods of finance. Germany's financial schemes since the war have been utterly dishonest, and by trickery she has been able to evade most of her financial obligations. In Great Britain we have what is termed a managed currency, which for the time being is serving its purpose, and helping the world situation, but it is seriously threatened by the action of other countries. In the United States and Canada, all sorts of unsound, and in fact wild, schemes are being tried, which, while postponing the evil day of reckoning for a while, must ultimately make things much worse. Bear in mind that the social well-being of the world and the livelihood of the peoples depends upon financial stability, and it will be realized how terrible will be the consequences of the world-wide financial disaster. But this is well within sight, and it is very difficult to see how it can be averted."

An Old-Fashioned Home



The old Argue homestead in Pembina County, North Dakota. This picture appears in **A Vision and a Vow**, a new 98-page book. In it the author, Zelma Argue, tells the interesting life story of her mother, Mrs. A. H. Argue, a victorious Christian who went to be with the Lord, May, 5, 1939.

A chapter-by-chapter feature of **Christ's Ambassadors Herald**, this story proved so popular that it was deemed advisable to print it in book form. **The price is 25c.**

Statistics reveal that one of every seven marriages ends in divorce. A book of this type, exalting the Christian home, should have a wide circulation. It might well be a guide to parents in their home problems.

If you would like two other late books, when ordering this one, you may send \$1.00 and we will also send you **The Minister**, price 50c, by Mae Eleanor Frey, and **The Synagogue of the Nazarenes**, price 25c, by Myer Pearlman—three new books for \$1.00.—G. P. H.

THE REGIONS BEYOND

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Brazilian School Term Ends

O. S. Boyer sends word of the successful conclusion of the first two months' Bible school for the workers in his field. The workers studied Bible, Portuguese, singing, reading, and writing, and held preaching services in the towns and villages of that section.

"We are so glad," writes Brother Boyer, "to report that the Lord supplied all funds, the school closing without one cent of debt. We were enabled to rent a house for each of the five families of workers even in a town where most of the people will not rent to us!

"Five of those in the school were wives of the workers and the death of one of these has stirred the whole town of Ipu. A few hours after the arrival of her baby son this sister was filled with supernatural joy, realizing that she was going to be with her Saviour. God, in His loving kindness, filled her with the Holy Spirit before calling her home.

"The most prominent people of the town were touched and came to show their sympathy at the burial service. How gracious is our Lord! And how we do pray that we and these precious workers may continue to serve Him with hearts of consecration and faithfulness.

"The American Bible Society has made a splendid offer of Bibles and Testaments in Portuguese if we can provide the colporteur. One half of the sales will go toward the colporteur's support. Please pray that God will send a man who is really aflame with zeal to take this place. The importance of placing the Scriptures in the hands of the people cannot be overestimated."

FELLOWSHIP IN MOSSILAND

John Hall reports that the missionaries of Mossiland met together in October at the Koudougou station for a time of fellowship, prayer and business.

Throughout the business session there prevailed a spirit of unity and love. Brother Arthur Wilson was again unanimously chosen as Field Superintendent, with Harold Jones and Vivan Smith as his co-workers on the Executive and Building Committees.

The report of the Language Committee was especially gratifying. Of the New Testament, only 2 Corinthians remains untranslated into the Mossi tongue. All the rest are either complete or are now being revised and multigraphed. Work on the Old Testament translation has been begun by two missionaries now working on the books of Genesis and Leviticus.

The work of the Girls' Training Home has been sufficiently successful to warrant its continuance, the girls showing decided improvement in their habits and modes of living after being taught here.

Koudougou Dedication

The newly constructed station of Koudougou was dedicated to the Lord during these days of meeting.

Harold Jones told how the Lord had moved to provide funds for the building and other special needs in establishing a station. All the missionaries stood to rejoice and thank the Lord for His provision of another light-house in Mossiland.

On Sunday afternoon the missionaries and native Christians surrounded by a crowd of curious heathen, gathered to sing and praise God as the first fruits of Koudougou district followed their newly found Lord in water baptism. Two married couples and four others were baptized, after each had given his testimony before the entire group.

HEAVENLY RAINS IN NICARAGUA

"Praise God," rejoices Melvin Hodges, "that He is the eternally unchanging One! That the Spirit which He once sent into the world is still being poured out upon His children!

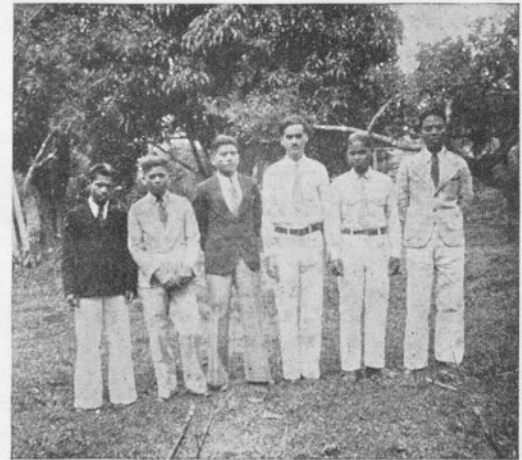
"Recently word was received that the Spirit was being outpoured in the church of Cinco Pinos, a little assembly far from any other and near the Honduras frontier. We decided that this would be an opportune time to visit this little work, established only six months ago, so we started out on the four-day horse trip.

"Perhaps curiosity had a certain amount of influence in our decision! No one in Cinco Pinos had received the Baptism, nor had any one there ever seen any one else receive! We wondered if the outpouring there would be 'according to the pattern.'

Proof Beyond Doubt

"The first service will tell if they have really received their Pentecost,' we said, and waited to see. They were a joyful, happy group of believers who followed the singing, praying and preaching in perfect order.

"A little quiet,' we thought, 'for newly baptized saints!' Then a native Christian was asked to dismiss the congregation with prayer. That man at least had received his Pentecost! The heavy anointing upon him had only one explanation. Almost immediately a great chorus of voices was raised in prayer and praise. Such shouting, prayer, and praise! The sound from heaven was certainly present; and one more received the Baptism that very afternoon, making seventeen in all who received the promise of the Father.



The 1939 graduating class of the Bible school in Nicaragua. They are all going into active ministry to preach and live the gospel among their own people.

A Growing Church

"Returning home, we stopped at another new work where God is greatly blessing. In the month since the worker there has returned from Bible school, God has saved sixteen souls. Eight were baptized in water while we visited them, and about ten more are preparing for baptism.

"Two and a half years ago this church began with two conversions. Today it has more than forty members and is growing constantly, praise God! Some of these conversions are due to the fact that several families secured Bibles years ago and now the Word is bearing fruit.

"Pray for us and for our newly-arrived co-workers, Brother and Sister Ray Jones, that the work which has been begun may continue to go forward for the glory of our Lord."

THE STORY OF YING

From far Yunnan Province in Southwest China the Osgoods send us the story of Daddy Ying, the gardener's father, who found Christ.

Daddy Ying was eighty-two years old, ill, and almost stone deaf. His son, a strong Christian, prayed earnestly that God would help his father, if only to give him his hearing so that he could hear the gospel story. For years the old man, in his deafness, would hear demons talking to him and would strike out at them with his walking-stick, cursing them. It seemed that they scarcely ceased tormenting him by day and by night.

One day Brother Ying came to the missionaries with the news that his father could hear and understand all that was said to him. For days the son persisted in speaking to his father every day concerning the Lord. At first the old man would say he was too tired to talk about it, but finally his son's witnessing began to stir his heart.

"I have no money to give," he said. "You don't need to offer money," the son replied.

"I cannot go to church; I am too sick," Daddy Ying protested. His son reassured him. "You can receive forgiveness right here on your bed."



A new venture in northern Brazil was the short-term Bible school conducted by Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Boyer for the native workers and their wives. Mrs. Boyer is in the front row near the left. The five workers are standing in the back. Others are their families.

Objection after objection was overcome until at last the old man surrendered. "Yes, I trust Christ, and I believe my sins are forgiven through His death on the cross for me."

It was not long after that that Daddy Ying received his call home, but rejoicing overcame sorrow as his son knew his father had found the Way into life everlasting.

It was a quiet, solemn last service for Daddy Ying, with his people and neighbors standing silent and thoughtful in the yard. As they waited while the grave was dug one relative spoke of wanting to be a Christian. She works all day without holidays and has no opportunity to come to any services. Let us remember to pray for her and others like her who have so little opportunity of hearing the gospel story.

GRADUATION SERVICES IN PERU

From Henry Hall comes news of the graduation services of the Bible school in Lima, Peru. "It was a blessed day," he writes, "and we thank God for His presence which was felt in a precious way.

"The afternoon meeting lasted from 2:30 until 5:30. Seven of the graduates were given seven minutes each to speak. In the evening meeting the eighth student, a Bolivian boy, spoke, followed by messages from Forrest Barker and Walter Erickson.

"After presentation of diplomas the graduates knelt before the altar while we called for all those who wished to come and consecrate their lives to the Lord. Soon the altar was filled with young men, a number of whom plan to enter the Institute next year.

Women's Training Needed

"Recently we have been looking to the Lord for the means to open the Institute for women as well as men. Added problems and expense are involved but there is a definite need for trained women in the work here.

"Some of the students who are married say that, while their wives have no objection to their coming to school, they do not feel like going out into the work with their husbands, but rather will go back to their home towns and let their husbands go. Also it is difficult for the young men who cannot find companions with the same vision and desire to serve the Lord that they have.

"We feel this is a real need and hope to make a start in meeting it in the coming year. We ask the prayers of our brothers and sisters at home that we may be guided of the Lord in any move we may make in this matter."

HE CARES FOR HIS OWN

From Helen Gustavson comes this little story of God's great care for His children's welfare. A faithful Chinese Christian who attends one of the missions in Tsinan left the city for a visit to her family in the country.

In the course of her journey she noticed that insects were eating the crops along the way. Her father being a farmer, she became quite anxious and wondered how his crops were faring.

The nearer she drew to home, the more alarmed she became for the insects were everywhere. As she passed she saw the crops of her father's neighbors, ruined and destroyed by the plague. Then she came to her father's fields.

Fresh and unharmed they stood! Kept from harm by the great God of all creatures large or small. Imagine the rejoicing of that humble Chinese family as they thanked their loving Saviour for honoring the simple faith of their prayers!

This example of God's power to guard His children has been a splendid testimony among the people of the district. In Tsinan there is much eagerness displayed to hear the street services. Let us remember to pray for a definite moving of God's Spirit among these people.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR CHINA AND AFRICA



Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen
Appointed to North China

Our first missionaries to sail for China this year are Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen of Seattle, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Tangen are members of the Hollywood Temple in Seattle; both have been graduated from the Northwest Bible Institute and hold license to preach with the Northwest District Council. They have been actively engaged in gospel work for nearly four years and, according to those who are well acquainted with them in their district, they are well prepared and qualified for foreign missionary service.

Upon their arrival in China, our Brother and Sister Tangen will enter language school in preparation for their more active ministry later on. Mail will reach them addressed in care of Rev. B. T. Bard, 111 Hsi Ssu Pei Ta Chieh, Peking, China.

Friends wishing to write them prior to their leaving Seattle may address them in care of the M. S. Hie Maru of the N. Y. K. Line, sailing January 22, Great Northern Dock, Smith Cove, Seattle, Washington.

May the Lord bless these young friends and give them a blessed term of service in needy China.



Mr. and Mrs. Murray N. Brown
Appointed to Ivory Coast

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown for missionary work in Ivory Coast, West Africa. They will be sailing January 20. Friends desiring to get in touch with them should address mail to them in care of the Steamship Vulcania of the Italian Line, sailing January 20 from Pier 92, Foot of West Fifty-second Street, New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Brown, until a few weeks ago, was Miss Marjorie Ball of Ord, Nebraska. For more than six years she has been active in evangelistic and pastoral work in the states of Nebraska and Oklahoma. She is a graduate of Southwestern Bible School.

Our Brother Brown has also spent about six years in evangelistic work, with the blessing of God upon his ministry. His home is in Charleston, Arkansas. These young people will be supported financially while in Africa by assemblies in Nebraska and Arkansas.

Brother and Sister Brown are filling a real need in going to Ivory Coast at this time since several of our missionaries working among the Mossi people will soon have to come home

on furlough. We trust the Lord may keep His hand upon these young people as they step forth at this time, giving them a pleasant and safe voyage, and a good ministry in Africa.

REVIVAL IN NORTH INDIA SCHOOL

By John Johnson

We are writing this as an open letter to all the dear friends at home who faithfully stood behind us in their prayers through the past months. Praise God, we know they will rejoice together with us that the Lord has moved in reviving power through the North India Bible School.

For months the one cry of our hearts and the one most earnest request we have made of our friends was that they pray, pray, and keep on praying that God would move in the lives of the students. School opened in August with no definite manifestation of God's working. Our hearts became discouraged when we had to send away several students who had proved untrue.

In the middle of October we began special meetings with an Indian Christian lady as special speaker. For weeks before the meetings we spent much time in prayer and we know that our friends in America were praying also.

God Breaks Through

From the very first God's presence was with us. During the first days confessions—difficult confessions of personal weaknesses and deceptions—were made, and then the glory of the Lord came down!

One young man who had made so much trouble that he had been asked to leave the school because he was not worthy to enter the ministry came regularly to the services and confessed things which we did not even know about. He made things right with God and God baptized him in the Holy Spirit. Now he is back in school busily making up work which he missed while absent. This time he is not depending upon his own powers to keep him true, but he spends long hours in the presence of the Lord. We know he is on the right track now!

Eight received the precious baptism during these meetings and the difference in the spiritual life of the school is already marked. Two of these are a teacher and his wife who came to Laheria Sarai from another mission and did not know much of the working of the Spirit before. How they are praising God for His wondrous gift! And of course they are much better equipped to teach in the school now.

With Signs Following

There is a deep hunger among the students for more of God, and many are spending time waiting on the Lord. They are also realizing the truth of the "signs" which shall follow them that believe.

A group of the students, while preaching in a village, met a man who had been lame for seven months. They prayed and he was healed. Similar healings have taken place in other villages, and the hearts of the students are burning with a fresh zeal as they see what God will do through them if they are yielded in full consecration.

We are so thankful for God's blessing, and we ask the prayers of those in the homeland that this deepening of our spiritual lives shall continue until every student is filled to overflowing and becomes a firebrand for God.

NEWS FROM RECENT SAILINGS

Word has been received of the safe arrival of the Saul Benjamin family and Serena M. Hodges in Palestine. We are sure the Lord's protection gave them the safe voyage through European waters.

Mrs. Daniel Wilcox writes from South Africa that she is glad to be back on the mission field and asks that we notify her friends of her new address. It is: Post Office Box 7586, Johannesburg, South Africa.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Jesus Raises the Dead

Lesson for January 28. Lesson Text: Luke 7:11-18; 1 Cor. 15:50-54; Rev. 21:4.

"If a man die shall he live again?" The question raised by Job centuries ago is still of great moment to every man. Shall I really rise out of the grave, the dust, the fire, the abyss of the sea, and appear in His beauty and glory? Reason answers, No. But thank God for the "sure word of prophecy" which answers the believer in Christ, Yes! John 5:28-29; Dan. 12:2; 1 Thess. 4:16-17.

While the miracle in our lesson today cannot, strictly speaking, be called resurrection since the person raised from the dead finally died again and went to the grave, yet it is pictorial and prophetic of the great resurrection of the righteous dead which shall take place at Christ's second coming.

Resurrection Pictured

Luke 7:11-18

The sad situation. A widow has lost her one treasure—her only son. She is left alone in the world. The last sad offices have been rendered to the dead. We can follow in spirit the mournful procession as it passed through the streets of Nain. The funeral orator, if such was employed, preceded the bier, proclaiming the good deeds of the dead. After him came the heartbroken mother followed by friends who carried the body on a bier which was either a board with shallow sides attached, or a kind of wicker basket. Behind the bier walked friends and relatives. Last of all, the sympathizing multitude followed with doleful wailing and lamentation. Thus the sad procession of death arrived at the city gate.

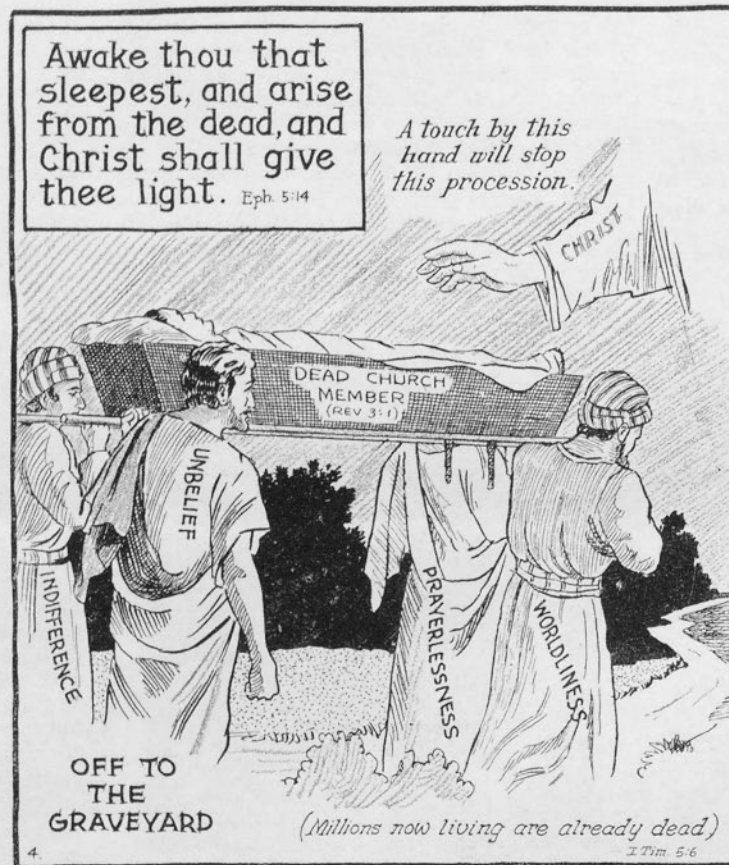
The glorious intervention. But another procession reached that gate at the same time—Jesus, the Prince of Life, followed by "many of his disciples" and "much people." Here they met, Life and Death face to face—which of the two would give way to the other?

As it is now, so it was then: the funeral procession was entitled to every consideration, to sympathy, and to the right of way. But behold the intervention of Christ! There was one connecting link between the two so vastly different processions—the profound grief and sorrow of the bereaved mother. The heart of the Giver of life went out to the heart of the mother, for when He saw her He "had compassion on her," and said to her, "Weep not." He showed her a good reason for not weeping. He stepped up touching the bier, ignoring the greatest of all defilements—contact with the dead—and gave the sovereign command, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise. Then he that was dead sat up and began to speak." So Life triumphed over Death!

And what is there in this miracle for us? Very much indeed! Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever! Heb. 13:8. The following is a testimony given by Smith Wigglesworth who has been so mightily used of God: "I was called one night to pray for a young person who was dying of consumption and given up by the doctor. I knelt by the bed face to face with the devil. It seemed as though the heavens were brass. I prayed from 11 to 3:30 in the morning. I saw the glimmering light on the face of the sufferer and saw her pass away. The devil said, 'Now you are done for. You have come from Bradford and the girl has died on your hands.' I said, 'It can't be. God

did not send me here for nothing.' Death had taken place but I knew that my God was all powerful. It was a time when I would not have 'No,' and God said 'Yes.' I looked at the window and at that moment the face of Jesus appeared. It seemed as though a million rays of light were coming from His face. As He looked at the one who had just passed away, the color came back to her face. She rolled over and fell asleep. In the morning she awoke early, put on a dressing gown and walked to the piano. A miracle had been wrought. Her lungs had been gone—just in shreds. But the lungs the Lord restored were perfectly sound."

Are you in need? Look to Jesus! There is still mighty power in His Word! He still is the giver of life, the restorer of broken hearts, broken lives, and broken bodies. Look to Him!



He is very near you, longing to meet your need just now!

Resurrection Predicted

1 Cor. 15:50-54; Rev. 21:4

The widow's son was dead. Jesus appeared on the scene. The dead was restored to life. Wonderful, you say? Yes, wonderful indeed. But the event is prophetic of a still greater event. Some day Jesus will again appear on the scene. Then all the righteous who are in their graves will be resurrected. The widow's son was raised to natural life to die again. The righteous at Christ's coming will be raised to heavenly life to die no more! Notice the following facts concerning the resurrection:

It is necessary. Verse 50. "Flesh and blood," that is, our human nature and body cannot live in heaven. Why not? Because it is not adapted to heavenly environment. Fish cannot live in the sky. Birds cannot live in the sea. Neither can the human body subject to sin, disease, decay, decomposition, and death, enter that timeless realm which is free from all defilement and decay.

It is a mystery. "Behold I show unto you a mystery,"—not simply something hitherto unknown to the reader but something understood only

through revelation by the Spirit. 1 Cor. 2:9-14. This mystery was that there should be some who would live to see the coming of the Lord and would not die but experience a change (glorification) which would fit them for participation in the heavenly kingdom, while the dead would be changed and fitted for heaven by resurrection. How will it be done? That, too, is a mystery. All we know is that the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, which we all at times feel in our bodies, shall one day be so intensified that it will lift the dead from their graves and the living from confinement to the earth to meet the Lord in the air!

It is instantaneous. Verse 52. All London was stirred when Lord Nelson was buried in St. Paul's Cathedral. When the dead arrived at the door of the chapel, thirty trumpeters blew one united blast; but the dead slept right on. However what thirty trumpets could not do for one nation, one trumpet shall do for all nations. For with supernatural suddenness that will take the world by surprise, the great event will take place. The trumpet shall sound. The dead shall be raised and the living translated!

It is glorious. Verse 53. The figure used in this verse is that of changing clothes. What a change it will be! "This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise"—clothed with a body made "like unto His glorious body." Phil. 3:21.

It is victorious. Verse 54 and Rev. 21:4. "Then shall be brought to pass the saying . . . Death is swallowed up in victory." Death is spoken of in the Word as an enemy (1 Cor. 15:26) and often pictured by man as a cruel hunter laying snares for men, as a horrible angel with a cup of poison in his hand, as a grim reaper with a scythe in his grasp cutting down every blade of humanity. Why is death an enemy? Because it separates loved ones, breaks hearts and homes, cuts people off before their time. But the day is coming when this last enemy shall be destroyed. The saved of all ages shall be united. "Death and hell" will be "cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:14. All tears and sorrow shall be forever ended, there shall be no more death, and we shall be forever with our Lord! Beloved, let us live lives wholly given up to God so that we may "attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Phil. 3:7-11.—J. Bashford Bishop.

Pastors—

Superintendents

In a few days, your Sunday School secretary should receive a form for sending us the 1940 report of your School. The Gospel Publishing House is not only distributing substantial helps to Districts for home missions and new Sunday Schools, but thousands of free helps are being given to workers whose names are found on Sunday School reports. If you desire your School to have part in such statistics as appear on pages one and two of this issue, you should encourage your secretary to send an early report.—GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Sending for a large order of Sunday School literature to be used in their new School, Charles R. Jones, 400 Corsicana St., Hillsboro, Texas, writes, "As a result of a four week revival held in Hillsboro by Pastor Albert Ott of Dallas, we have organized a Full Gospel Church. We had 286 in S. S. the very first Sunday, and the next Sunday 292."

THE PRAYER CORNER

"Laboring fervently . . . in prayer"

MONDAY 22—Luke 7:11-18.

Christ was all compassion: He had a compassionate heart that felt for the widow, compassionate lips that spoke words of comfort, compassionate feet that hastened to succor, and compassionate hands that touched the young man into life. Compassion ranks high in the teaching of Christ. Indeed, showing compassion ranked as a definite ministry in the early church. Paul includes the ministry of showing mercy with such ministries as prophecy and teaching (Romans 12:8).—M. Pearlman.

Hilo, Hawaii—Pray that God will work in the hearts of a Hawaiian-Chinese family with whom we are dealing. Also remember a Portuguese man who is slowly passing away. He was saved at one time but drifted back.—B. L. Strickland.

Suva, Fiji Islands—Pray for a European inquirer who desires healing.—A. M. Heeteby.
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TUESDAY 23—Matthew 27:51-56.

"O Thou Lord Christ of Calvary's tree,
Once chained in death's dark prison,
Thy resurrection set Thee free;
In us, dear Lord, be risen."

Athens, Greece—Please pray for a Christian Jew who has backslidden and now is very sick with nerve trouble. His wife is saved and asks us to earnestly join with her in prayer.—E. A. Dictos.

The circulation of tracts and the modern Bible is forbidden here in Greece. Please pray for freedom. Pray for some new converts in Macedonia, that God may baptize them in the Spirit and keep them true.—Harry Mamalis.

Birthdays—Miss Edna Wagenknecht, North India; Mrs. J. Warton, Syria.
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WEDNESDAY 24—1 Kings 17:17-24.

If Christ's Hermon glory (Luke 9:29) was ushered in by prayer, so must mine be. There is the transfiguration of experience. For many, experience is full of pain and painted black. But there are others who have frequent days of heaven on earth—quiet seasons spent over the Bible, occasions of Christian service, morning hours when they awake to feel that God's mercies are over all His works, evening hours when Christ enters their room and says, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." What will secure for me an experience so radiantly transfigured? What, but simple and vital prayer.—A. Smellie.

Cairo, Egypt—Please pray for a teacher, who is passing through a great trial, to know God's will concerning her life; and pray that God may pour out His Spirit in our midst.—C. W. Doney.

Fekria, Egypt—Pray for a young Moslem convert.—Marjory Mahaney

Birthday—James Vigna, Northwest China.
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THURSDAY 25—2 Kings 13:20; Matthew 27:52, 53.

"Lakes are kept fresh by giving out what they get; what about life?"

Jerusalem, Palestine—Praise God for a partial deliverance from neuritis and pray for complete deliverance; praise Him for what He is doing in our midst and pray for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit.—A. Elizabeth Brown.

Shweifat, Syria—Please pray for the work in Lebanon and Syria during these days of high tension, that all the branches of the work may be kept from danger. Pray also that the Lord may prepare the needed school teachers and missionaries to return to Syria with me, for the need there is very great.—Yumna G. Malick (furlough)

Birthdays—Miss Bessie Gager, North India; Mrs. Glenn Dunn, South China.

FRIDAY 26—1 Corinthians 15:47-57.

"Jesus lives, and death is now
But my entrance into glory.
Courage! then, my soul, for thou
Hast a crown of life before thee;
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just:
Jesus is the Christian's Trust."

Duivelskloof, South Africa—Pray for Shadrach, a young evangelist-teacher at the Matatswe outstation. He is a promising worker if he goes on with God. Pray for one of our evangelists whose wife died, leaving him with six children. He is a very capable man and in earlier years was greatly used of God. Recently he went through severe tests and now is seeking God in a new way.—Ada Reitz.
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SATURDAY 27—Revelation 20:1-6.

"Hem in the day with prayer and it will be less likely to ravel out before night."
Freetown, Sierra Leone—Pray that \$150.00

may be received toward buying a second-hand car in order that we may better visit surrounding territory and churches which are under our supervision.—Axel Oman.
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SUNDAY 28—Luke 7:11-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54; Revelation 21:4.

Gifts from the hand are silver and gold; but the heart gives that which neither silver nor gold can buy. To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he himself is unconscious, as a lamp is of its own shining.—H. W. Beecher.

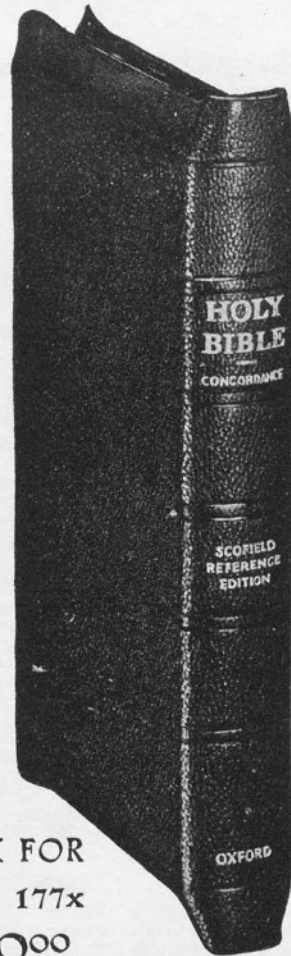
Newaka, Liberia—Pray that the Lord may cause a Holy Ghost brokenness to descend upon us at the Girls' School, also in the towns around where we minister.—Jennie Carlson.

Birthdays—Misses Martha and Mary Schoonmaker, North India; Miss C. S. Eady, South India.

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GOOD NEWS

The Son of a Tinker

"Wilt thou leave thy sins, and go to heaven; or have thy sins and go to hell?"

As these ominous words thundered in the soul of the young man deeply engrossed in a game of tipcat, he thought Jesus Christ stood facing him, ready to carry him away to the punishment he felt he so well deserved. The game was being played on the village green in Elstrow, in Bedfordshire, England, about the year 1648 or 1650. The young man was John Bunyan, up to the time of his recent marriage, infamous for his violent wickedness. His profane swearing was so unusual in its viciousness that one day a woman of very low repute rebuked him, saying, "You ungodly wretch! You ungodly wretch! I near heard such swearing in my life. You are enough to spoil all the youth in the whole town." This put him to shame, the more so because of the low character of his rebuker, and he wished with all his heart he could find some way to be a better man.

He was a man of the most startling and active imaginings. He suffered from hot and cold fits of a religious ague; and according to the fit that was upon him, so, in boastful self-assurance or in the most violent self-abhorrence, did he esteem himself before God. He had been induced by his bride to spend much time in reading two books that she brought to him at their marriage, called "The Practice of Piety," and "The Plain Man's Pathway to Heaven." As a consequence he had begun going regularly to church, and had become what we must call extremely if not violently religious. This does not mean at all that he was saved, or that he had given up his sins. It means that he took up the forms of religion, and believed with all the intensity of his highly emotional soul, that he was now one of the best men alive, if not the best.

When he heard the voice that brought him to a stand in the midst of his game of tipcat, he decided after thinking of it for a few moments, that he was to be damned, and if so he had as well be damned for many sins as for a few. So back he went to play, none of his companions knowing anything of the message he had heard from God, or the astounding conclusion he had reached upon hearing it.

But Bunyan was uneasy. He left off swearing, and became a strictly reformed man. His neighbors noticed the great change, and his wife was delighted. He was fond of dancing and it took him a year to gain courage enough to give it up.

Although thoroughly reformed he had not passed from death unto life, so as to become a new creature in Christ Jesus. Notwithstanding the change in his behaviour, there had been no change of heart. Being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish his own righteousness, he had not submitted himself to the righteousness of God. He had a name that he lived, but he was dead.

Like his father, he was a tinker, going from door to door to mend or sharpen the humble utensils and implements of the poor. One day his business called him into Bedford, where he heard some old women talking about such things as the necessity for the new birth, the temptations of the wicked one, the grace of the Holy Ghost, the compassion of Christ, etc. These were subjects of which he was profoundly ignorant; but he became deeply interested at once, sought an acquaintance with the women, and humbly sat at their feet eagerly listening to their conversation.

As he thus was drawing near to God his temptations were multiplied. He heard voices urging him to do strange things. Once he was told, "Try a miracle. Say to the puddles, Be dry; and to the dry places, Be puddles." He was in the act of saying it, in the name of Christ when he bethought him it would be wise to pray God to make him able, first.

For weeks on end he would be in the lowest depths of despair, then some suggestion from Scripture would bring him at a bound to the most exalted hopefulness; but only for a brief time, when he would again be sunk.

He questioned the women about his temptations, but they, unable to answer his problems, strange to them, sent him to their minister, Mr. Gifford, a godly and wise man who led John Bunyan, after many hard temptations, into the light of life.

While under Mr. Gifford's leadership, Bunyan came to believe that the writers of the then present age were theoretic and superficial. He wanted to find some writing of some godly man then long since dead. He got hold of Luther's exposition of Galatians, and in the course of time mastered the book. It was to him the most congenial thing imaginable; so much was Luther a man of like passions with himself. No other book but the Bible was ever so precious to him.

But his temptations were by no means over. Voices still came demanding that he do the strangest things, and then his heart would well nigh break, feeling he had committed awful sin. The voice would often quote Scripture texts that would confuse and distress him.

"Eventually, however," his biographer says, "deliverance was effectually and permanently wrought. As he was passing through a field, this sentence fell upon his soul, 'Thy Righteousness is

in heaven.' With the eye of his soul he saw Jesus Christ at the right hand of God, as his own personal righteousness: so that wherever he was, or whatever he was doing, God could not say of him, 'He wants my righteousness,' because there it was before his eye, inasmuch as Christ and His people were all one. The believer's good frame of heart did not make his righteousness the better, nor his bad frame make it worse, since his righteousness was Christ Himself, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. None other than the gate of heaven was that field to Bunyan. Then and there he came out of the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

"It had been evident to others for a long time that their friend belonged to Christ, and now he was of that mind himself. He could neither specify the moment, nor define the act of his transition into life, but he really was alive in God."—C. E. R.

CONGRATULATED

The following is an extract from *The Lookout*, a paper published by the Christian Church:

"*The Pentecostal Evangel* of November 4 reported as follows: 'The records of the Sunday-School Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., report 1,180 new schools for the twelve-months' period just closed, being 70 short of the 1,250 quota set.'

"We can not sympathize with these folks for not making their quota. We can only admire their excellent achievement, for the Christian churches, according to the current Year Book, not only failed to make an established quota of new Bible schools—they actually lost in the total number of Bible schools! The Year Book shows there were 9,021 Christian church Bible schools reported in 1937, and 8,986 reported in 1938—a loss of 35 schools.

"The startling difference can not be attributed to local conditions, for the Pentecostal schools made their greatest gains in strong Christian church states. Here are the comparisons in those states:

State	No. Pentecostal Schools Gained	Christian Church Reports Show
Texas	109	Loss of 11
Arkansas	102	Loss of 2
Missouri	102	Gain of 5
Oklahoma	97	Loss of 17
California	91	Loss of 5

"No, we can not sympathize with the Pentecostal folks in not making their quota. We can only admire their achievement and wish it were possible for Christian churches to do as much in reaching the unreached."

REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—We are rejoicing over the recent revival held at the North Side Assembly with L. D. Doss, Independence, Kansas, as evangelist. God gave a precious increase of souls and the assembly was greatly helped by our brother's Spirit-anointed preaching.—W. B. Brown, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, MO.—A two weeks' meeting was held here, our young brother, Chester Turner, doing the preaching. The Lord confirmed His Word. Thirteen were saved and 12 followed the Lord in water baptism. This is a new field. Will organize an assembly here.—E. B. Turner, Pastor, Mokane, Mo.

POMONA, CALIF.—We recently conducted a 3 weeks' revival here with E. R. Foster, Amarillo, Texas, as the evangelist. His ministry was a great blessing to all. A number were saved and filled with the Spirit. Twelve became members of the church. Our Sunday School attendance reached a new high of 262 during the re-

vival; since then it has reached 271.—L. B. Lewis, Pastor.

WOODWARD, OKLA.—Raymond T. Richey was with us at the City Hall, Monday night, December 18. God gave a wonderful service. The crowd was estimated at between 1200 and 1300. The following day we had our Sectional C. A. and S. S. Rally. The presence of the Lord was in the meeting from the very beginning. There were 18 preachers present. W. C. Shackelford, State S. S. and C. A. Superintendent, was in charge.—R. S. Strange, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, GA.—We have enjoyed a very successful meeting with Evangelist Pauline Shauger, Painted Post, N. Y. God was in our midst in a wonderful way. A goodly number were saved and 16 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. The last night of the meeting 16 joined the church. All of these except two, were of the C. A. age. This is a new effort, just a little over two years old. There is a

wonderful opportunity in this large southern city, and God is surely with us.—C. Milford Hicks, Pastor.

TARKIO, MO.—December 5 we began a meeting with Evangelists Leonard and Freida Steine Palmer. God surely came down in power and we had a real Pentecostal revival. The altar services were wonderful and lasted as late as 1:30 a. m. Twenty-six were saved, and a number of these were heads of families. Sixteen were filled with the Holy Ghost. Some of these were outstanding baptisms, as the people were under the power and spoke with other tongues for hours. Some of the old saints say it was the best revival they have ever been in.—Joe C. Burkey, Pastor.

TAMPA, FLA.—The Benson Trio, Kennett, Mo., have just concluded a blessed revival at the Highland Park Tabernacle. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the services nightly. Seekers came to the altar for salvation and for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The saints were encouraged to press on. Conviction was strong, and our young people especially were blessed and encouraged. A young man was convicted of sin, but left the

city without surrendering to Christ. The Lord continued to deal with him and he was saved on the bus, en route to his home. He sent word back to the church by the bus driver that he had given his heart to Christ. We are thankful for the Benson Trio, for their inspiring gospel messages in song and word.—Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Norton, Pastors.

TULSA, OKLA.—Evangelist Raymond T. Richey felt very definitely impressed by the Holy Spirit, late in October, to visit Tulsa. We invited him to Faith Tabernacle, and on October 29 he had 3 services there and each morning and night for the succeeding week. By the end of the week the church had no room left, and the pastor had to ask his own people to stay at home so that others might have seats. Larger auditoriums were sought, and for the Sunday services the meeting moved to a down-town theater building. Convention Hall, seating 2600, was engaged for all available dates, and services continued in Faith Tabernacle on those days on which the hall could not be used. The revival continued for 7 weeks, with many hundreds kneeling at the altar, seeking and finding God, and many hundreds finding healing for their bodies. There were marvelous answers to prayer along all lines,

and real miracles of healing were seen. One of the best results of the revival was the uplift in faith that was received by those who attended and participated. God wonderfully used our brother to inspire faith anew in all our hearts, as well as to win others for Him.—W. F. Garvin.

PUEBLO, COLO.—After spending over 6 years with the Fort Collins church, we came here the last of April. In July we pitched a tent just across from the church. The pastor did the preaching. A number were saved and some were baptized in the Spirit. At the close of this campaign the county commissioners gave the church a deed to these lots.

On October 29 we began a campaign in the church with Evangelist V. R. Jackson, assisted by Woodrow Wilson. These meetings continued 7 weeks. Many were saved, several were baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 18 were baptized in water. Twenty-three united with the church. We now have 70 in our C. A. band. The Sunday School attendance is sometimes near and sometimes over the 250 mark. Mrs. McClure has charge of the Primary Department, in which we are having from 100 to 127 children, 13 years and under.

We are thankful for the good work Brother and Sister C. F. Ferguson did here before our coming, and for a fine group of people who are willing to cooperate with their leaders.—R. Arthur McClure, pastor; Mrs. Geo. Strong, Secretary.

COMING MEETINGS

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 16 days before that date.

ELMER, MO.—Jan. 21—; J. Maxton Davis, of Springfield, Evangelist.—V. Lenzy Hertweck, Pastor.

PORT NECHES, TEXAS—Jan. 23—28; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading Pa., Singing Evangelists.—Ed. B. Byram.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—662 South Ave., Jan. 23—Feb. 11; M. W. Richards, Evangelist.—Glenn D. Jones, Pastor.

MARLIN, TEXAS—Jan. 7—; Martin Luther Davidson, Evangelist.—V. H. Smith, Pastor.

CARLSBAD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Jan. 21—; Paul B. Franklin, Evangelist. Earl Davis is pastor.—By Evangelist.

SHELBYVILLE, MO.—Jan. 21, for 2 weeks or longer; Roy Scott, District Superintendent, Speaker.—Lillian Crouse and Karlene Burt, Pastors.

CLINTON, MO.—Jan. 7—; Charlotte Rodgers, 3013 Angas Ave., Kansas City, Mo., Evangelist.—Z. E. Miles, Pastor, 417 S. Water.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Jan. 14, for 2 weeks or longer; Willa Short, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—F. T. Curry, Pastor.

TURLOCK, CALIF.—3rd Ave. and A St.; Jan. 7, for 3 weeks or longer; Genevieve B. Clibborn, Evangelist.—H. E. and Roxanna Alford, Pastors.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—14th and Boulevard Church, Jan. 21—; Evangelist Mrs. J. M. Cockerell, Wellston, Okla. C. L. Stewart is pastor.—By Evangelist.

TULSA, OKLA.—North Peoria and Haskell; Jan. 21, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. James D. Cockman, Evangelists.—Marvin D. Hartz, Pastor.

CLIO, MICH.—Faith Tabernacle; Jan. 28, for 2 weeks or longer, Joseph A. Goss, Toronto, Canada, Evangelist.—Ralph W. Harris, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO—Nathan and Howe Sts., Jan. 19—28; M. Brown and N. Schwalbe, Milwaukee, Wis., Evangelists.—A. L. Clause, Pastor.

KALISPELL, MONT.—Calvary Tabernacle, Jan. 14—28; C. B. Close, Box 216, New Deal, Mont. Evangelist.—G. O. Baker, Pastor.

ARDMORE, OKLA.—Lighthouse Assembly, Jan. 7—; R. A. Babcock, Rochester, Minn., Evangelist.—Ed. M. Bice, pastor.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—8th and Quincy Sts., Jan. 17; meeting will close with Black Hills Fellowship meeting, Feb. 5.—W. J. George, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Stone Church, 70th St. and Stewart Ave., Jan. 28—Feb. 11; J. Paul Bruton, Evangelist.—Ernest C. Sumrall, Pastor.

SASKATOON, SASK., CAN.—Elim Tabernacle; Jan. 14, for several weeks; Clarence H. Jenson, Alexandria, Minn., Evangelist. W. H. Found is pastor.—By Evangelist.

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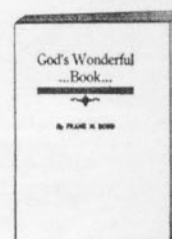
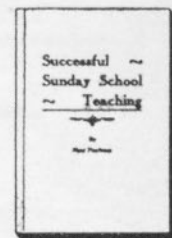
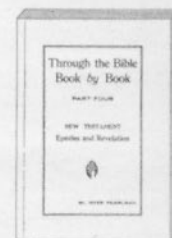
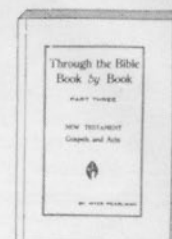
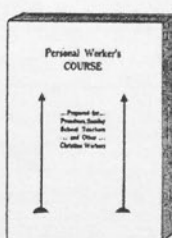
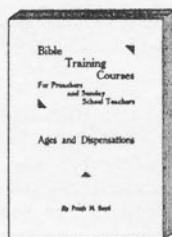
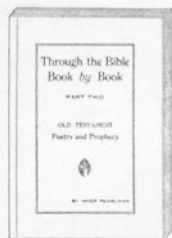
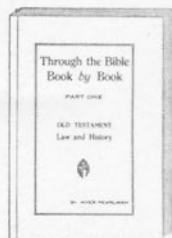
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TAMPA, FLA.—Jan. 14, for 2 weeks; Raymond T. Richey, Evangelist.—By Evangelist.

TOPEKA, KANSAS—610 Lime St., Jan. 14—28; Dr. Lillian B. Yeomans, Manhattan Beach, Calif.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

CANTON, OHIO—313 Elgin Ave. N. W., Feb. 1—11; John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., Speaker.—Niels P. Thomsen, Pastor.

DATE CHANGED
TOMS RIVER, N. J.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, Locust St., 2 squares east of Main St., Jan. 14—24; Margaret E. McMillan, Winnipeg, Canada, Evangelist.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Houston Sectional Co-operative Revival, Capitol and Reisner Sts., Jan. 22—Feb. 4. A. A. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo., Speaker. Services 10:30 and 7:30 except Sundays; Sunday services 2:30.—C. P. Robison, Presbyter.

QUINCY, ILL.—Illinois ministers' Institute, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Broadway, Jan. 23—25. Free rooms to ministers and visitors.—C. M. O'Guin, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 512, Rockford, Ill.

AUGUSTA, ILL.—Assembly of God Tabernacle; Jan. 28—; Lula Hulett, Evangelist.—W. M. Jackson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle, meeting in progress; Arne Vick, Rochester, N. Y., Evangelist.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Pastor.

BROADCAST

WINNIPEG, CANADA—Calvary Temple broadcast, Sundays 10:00 p. m., on hookup of 3 stations: CJRC Winnipeg, 630 kilos; CJGX Yorkton, Sask., 1430 kilos., and CJRO, 6150 kilos, on the 49 meter short wave band.—Watson Argue, Pastor.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCES
Moultrie, Ga., Jan. 29—30; Experiment, Ga., Feb. 5—6; Waycross, Ga., Feb. 12—13. Special speakers at each of these meetings. Rooms free for visitors. Christian workers invited.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION

AKRON, OHIO—Missionary Convention, 4th Ave. and Chittenden St., Jan. 14—28. Hattie Hammond, Evangelist. Edwards H. Simmons of Liberia, Louise Jeter of Peru, Ruth Schoonmaker of India, and Brother

and Sister Arthur Johnson of China will be present.—Claude Weaver, Pastor.

FLAT RIVER, MO.—Burning of Mortgage, evening, Jan. 18; District Superintendent Ralph M. Riggs, of Springfield, will speak. K. H. Lawson, of Springfield, and T. B. Chronister, Pawnee, Ill., former pastors, will be present. Neighboring assemblies welcome.—Powhattan Huffman, Pastor.

FOUR-DISTRICT PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

DUNCAN, OKLA.—Prayer and Bible Conference, sponsored by Texico, Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma Districts, Jan. 16-19. First service Monday night. The Superintendents of these Districts will be the main speakers. No business transacted. Rooms furnished as far as possible. Bring quilts and pillows. For further information write Paul E. Riggs, Pastor, Box 546, Duncan, Okla.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Midwinter Convention, Northern California-Nevada District Council, 31st and Grove Sts., Jan. 23—26. Three services daily. Grand opening rally Monday night. Rooms and breakfast furnished free to ministers and

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL
DENVER, COLO.—The 23rd annual Rocky Mountain District Council will convene at Denver Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma, Feb. 6-9. First service, Sunday School Rally Tuesday 2:30 P. M. Local and visiting ministers will be the speakers.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES
CLOVIS, N. MEX.—Southeast New Mexico Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 24. District Superintendent H. M. Reeves will preach the night of the 23rd. W. A. Gilbert is Presbyter.—Roy H. Stewart.

WALDRON, KANSAS—C. A. Rally, Eastern District of Southwest Section, Feb. 3. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Basket lunch will be served. Bring musical instruments and songs. Claude Myers is pastor.—T. Glen Ahlf, Sectional Secretary, Corwin, Kansas.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES
WANTED—Bibles, picture rolls, Evangelists, tracts, for free distribution.—Mrs. Arrie Bell Bryce, Blossom, Texas.
WANTED—Tracts, New Testaments, Bibles, picture rolls, and Gospel Gleaners for free distribution.—Mrs. Garland Wood, Route 1, Heflin, La.
WANTED—Old Evangelists, tracts, picture rolls, Bibles, Testaments, for free distribution.—Mrs. Jewel Bryce, Route 1, Heflin, La.
NEW ADDRESS—234 N. Hicks Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. "I have resigned the pastorate of the Gospel Tabernacle at Wautoma, Wis."—Walter H. Knittel.
NEW ADDRESS—101 North St., Auburn, N. Y. "We have taken over the work here. A warm welcome is extended to any Council brethren passing through."—Harold J. Snelgrove.

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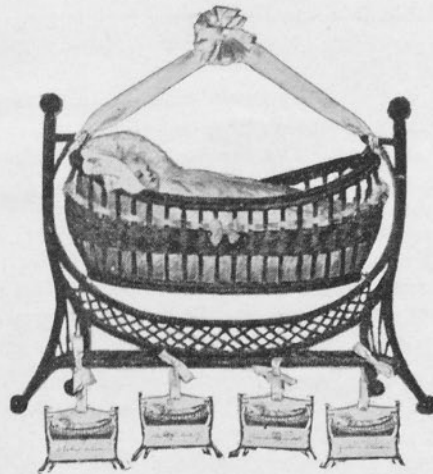
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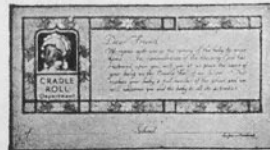
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NEW YORK Personal Offerings	2.80	TEXAS Personal Offerings	31.05	Missions This Month	\$35,729.36

Building a Christ-Honoring Sunday School

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port, and go home. Is that your vision of building a Sunday School?

May the Lord help you, dear worker, to turn attention to the unreached sections of your city where you can extend the influence of your School. At the Jay, Oklahoma camp meeting, I showed a chart representing a city marked off into four districts. I was appealing to the superintendents to get the vision of their local fields. Later, a superintendent said, "I did not divide my community into four sections. I divided it into six or eight." Thank the Lord for the superintendent that takes our seed thoughts and has the initiative to fit them to local needs. Workers may be sent into sections so divided, and under the leadership of capable captains bring in boys and girls, men and women, not otherwise reached.

Some one had a vision of dividing Springfield, Missouri into sections, and establishing churches and Sunday Schools in them. Today that vision is a reality. The gospel is being proclaimed from nine Assembly of God churches.

Then, we ought to build our Sunday Schools according to a systematic plan. We must not do it in a haphazard way. Did you ever hear a superintendent say at the close of Sunday School, "Let everyone bring a new member next Sunday." No one did it. Why? It is not definite enough. A good plan is to arrange teams of twos, who each week do their bit of visitation. In sending workers out systematically, God will bless our efforts.

Moreover, we should have proper Sunday School equipment. Recently, a dear worker said to me, "We have not done anything about the summer soul-winning campaign because our building is too small. We could not get any more people into it." It seems to me that that superintendent was letting down. That was like saying to those without hope and without God that they could remain where they were.

May the Lord help us to follow His methods in building. We find that Jesus went out in the busy avenues of life where men were to catch them for the glorious work of the kingdom. He did not "hook" men. Jesus had such a lovely way of catching men, *captivating them*. He would have us learn how to catch men, not hook them. If we can catch them, by close personal contact, they will stay with us. If they are hooked, by a drive or contest, it is likely they will be lost.

One superintendent said, "I cannot get the right teachers. They do not seem to be interested. It is just about all I can do to get them to Sunday School. I wonder what is wrong?" In selecting workers, God help us to lay on their hearts the great responsibility and privilege which is theirs. I think we can catch and hold them for the work of the Lord that way, don't you? I love to meditate on how Jesus called His workers off to a hillside and gave them instructions. I see them as they go out into the lonely lanes and the public places, and as they return exclaiming, "Lord, even the demons are subject unto us through Thy name!" Oh, the joy of Christian service!

A pastor came to my office some time

ago, and we had a heart-to-heart talk about Sunday School plans. I had the pleasure of seeing this brother again. He entered with a picture in his hand, and said, "We have been out working this summer. This picture shows some of the results of our labor. Our town has 300 population, and we have more people in our School than all the other Sunday Schools together! The picture shows the 57 men in our Men's Bible Class. I have a man in my group who brought 41 new pupils since the 4th of July."

A man approached me in the bookstall and said, "Brother Grable, you don't know me, but you will be interested in my story. We have been putting men to work in the name of Jesus this summer, and in three weeks have increased the attendance of our School fifty-eight per cent."

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Early in last September I began to suffer with something that sapped my strength and rapidly decreased my weight. I was clerking in a department store, working only two hours a day, but I had to give that up. I went to the hospital and the doctors said I had a growth in the abdomen, but whether it was a cancer or not they could not say just then. I went to our pastor, Brother Hawkins, and he prayed for me. Then some sisters went to the church and fasted and prayed with me and for me. My faith was greatly strengthened, and I said, "Oh, I'm healed," and got up and praised the Lord for an hour or more. That was September 26. The 27th was the day set to see the X-ray pictures. I went to see them, but the surgeon said they didn't show a thing wrong. Then I told him about Divine Healing, and he thought that must explain it. I went right on gaining weight and strength until I was well.—Mrs. Minnie V. Smith, 810 Chester Street, Bakersfield, California.

Ed. note—According to our custom, after holding this testimony for some time we wrote Mrs. Smith. In October 1939, she wrote that she had just had examinations by two doctors, and they both reported, "No growth." Her daughter, Mrs. Ray Hill, writes that her mother was very ill, but that the Lord has mightily healed her.

HEALED OF STOMACH ULCERS

For fifteen years I was in poor health and steadily growing worse, until I finally came to the place where the doctors said there was no hope for me. I was a sinner and had no idea that God would heal any one in these days. But at a time when I was suffering greatly I heard of how a child had been healed of eczema by the Lord in answer to prayer. The testimony was such that I could not doubt it.

My husband and I went to a service in the Assembly of God church of which Berl Dodd is pastor. After the service I asked the pastor whether God could heal me. He assured me that He would, but that I must get saved first. The next night I went to the altar and settled the sin question.

My eyes were weak, my spine had been injured and pained me constantly, I had poisoned kidneys, and an ulcerated stomach. I laid aside my glasses and they prayed for me. I felt at once the assurance of healing, and went to the restaurant and ate a meal including several "hot dogs" and other things. Was I ever hungry! And did I enjoy eating solid food after having lived on liquids for so long!

That was two years ago and today I am still in perfect health.—Mrs. Leola Dale, 132 Main Street, Seminole, Oklahoma.

Ed. note—This testimony was handed in by Louise W. Stokes, Dean of Men at Central Bible Institute, who vouches for its truthfulness. We held the testimony for some months and then wrote Mrs. Dale inquiring how she was by this time. She replied: "I am still in perfect health. I eat anything I want, and my spine is good and strong. My eyesight is wonderful. I sew by the hour." She enclosed with her reply a statement by her pastor, Berl Dodd, Box 1428, Seminole, Oklahoma, verifying her testimony.

HEALED OF ECZEMA

I suffered from eczema for eight years, each year getting worse and more dreadful. My hands were just a mass of sores. It finally got so bad that my finger nails began to come off. My husband had to do the cooking and help me with the housework. I was prayed for many times, but my faith was wavering and no healing resulted. I went to about four different physicians but none of them seemed to help. I tried several advertised treatments but got no help. In the fall of 1938 I became so desperate and

discouraged that I gave up trusting the Lord and employed a doctor who said he could heal me. He gave me hypodermic treatments, and after the fourth one I went blind in my left eye. He stopped treating me for eczema and began doctoring my eye. I had felt a fear of his hypodermics, and I now realized that that fear had been from God, and my not heeding it had brought me into sin.

There I was on New Year's day 1939, money spent on doctoring, blind in one eye, eczema worse than ever, and no hope. My hands were wrapped and I was disgusted with man and what he claimed to be able to do. I decided to turn to the only hope there was—God. On January 1 I was anointed and prayed for by our pastor, Brother Henry and the other saints. The Lord heard and answered prayer and touched my body that night. Within a week most of the eczema was gone, and the rest left gradually. Now my hands are clear of eczema.—Mrs. Dick Osterloh, Route 1, Hartington, Nebraska.

Ed. note—Attached to this testimony is a statement signed by V. C. Henry, Pastor Full Gospel Church, Hartington, Nebraska, saying: "We are well acquainted with Mrs. Osterloh, and know her hands were in a terrible condition with eczema. Her hands have been perfectly clear for the past five months or more." This was dated July 19, 1939. We held the testimony for some time and then wrote Mrs. Osterloh asking her how her hands were by then. October 11 she replied that her hands remain clear, with no sign of eczema.

HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS

In 1925 I came down with tuberculosis and the doctor advised me to avail myself of the railway hospital in St. Louis for the remaining days of my life. I had severe night sweats, migraine headaches, hemorrhages, and hard coughing spells. My case was diagnosed as "3 plus." My heart was pushed over to the center of my body, and beat at 120 per minute.

In 1926 Brother A. A. Wilson came for a meeting. I heard of Brother Gray's having been healed of a similar trouble in Kansas City, and this helped my faith. July 26 Brother Wilson and Brother Baker prayed for me. I felt the healing touch but my faith was severely tried by a hemorrhage that kept me in bed two days and nights, starting again whenever I would try to rise. From a box of precious promises I took: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward."

God immediately called me into the ministry, and I began testifying to being healed, but yet the glands on the side of my neck which had also become tubercular were so swollen that the landlady wanted me to move out of her house. I told God that since He had healed me He could completely remove the swelling from those glands, otherwise I should not feel free to preach Healing. This was in our evening devotions. I expected an answer in the morning. In the morning the swelling was all gone. I gained thirty pounds in five months. I am able to supply pictures taken before and after. I shall be glad to receive mail from any T. B. sufferer, answer questions and pray for them.—E. E. Templeton, 1410 University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Ed. note—Attached to this testimony is the following, signed by Pastor A. A. Wilson, 2958 East 29th Street, Kansas City, Mo. "The above testimony is truly one of God's greatest miracles that I have witnessed. I have seen Brother Templeton quite often since his healing and know him to be every whit whole." Brother Templeton is an ordained minister of the General Council.

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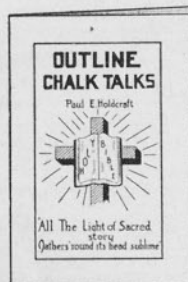
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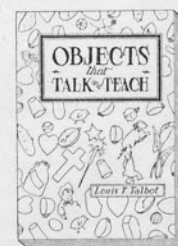
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ferent company. Many a convention, many a fishing or hunting trip, many a business expedition is only an excuse for an orgy of drunkenness and licentiousness. Now I said that, not to create suspicion among you wives, but to open the eyes of the individuals guilty to their own true character. I said it, not to make you men suspicious of your children and of your wives. I am not talking to the onlookers and the spectators, but directly to you, that you may discover your true character by your actions when restraint is lifted—whether it be restraint of association, habit, training and education, fear, heredity, or circumstance. "And being let go, they went to their own company." What is your own company? Where did you spend your last vacation? Where do you spend your free evenings? "And being let go, you went—where?"

The unregenerated nature, the unconverted heart, is a wicked nature and a wicked heart. It may not appear to be, for a hundred forces may be restraining the natural inclinations. Thus you may be deceived. You may say, "I am a good man," or "I am a good woman" when in fact you are only a restrained man or a restrained woman. What would you be if you were cut entirely loose of every restraining factor? Should fear go, and circumstances be favorable to evil, with association changed and training and habit set aside, what would you be? The unregenerated character without these restraining forces is a wicked character and will inevitably go to its own company when restraint is lifted.

This reveals the inevitability of hell. Hell is the gathering together of a like company. A company of like tastes, like desires and like character. "... the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." If you are unbelieving you will go to your own company. If you are a liar you will go to this place among your own company. If you are an adulterer you will go to hell—to your own company.

Oh, you say, "I only slip occasionally—I cannot be called a liar or an adulterer or an idolater—I only slip occasionally—at infrequent intervals. You cannot place me with that company." Yes, I know—you only slip occasionally—when restraint is lifted. Were there no restraint on your life you would live in it, revel in it and prove your character. But because you have a godly father and mother, or because your business associations demand character of repute, or because circumstances hinder you, or because you are too poor to indulge yourself, you engage in your secret sin at infrequent intervals. But mind you this—you prove yourself a sinner and a wicked character even in this for "being let go," you go to your own company. Do not deceive yourself—you do not deceive God. If when you slip the bands of restraint you join the company of the wicked—possibly not their persons—maybe only their magazines or their theatres or their imaginations, you prove your character to be a wicked character and reveal your destiny to yourself. You reveal to yourself that which is already a fact—that you are a wicked person and on your way to your own company in eternity.

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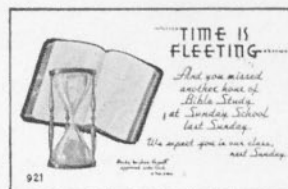


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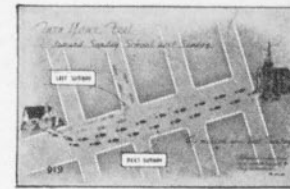
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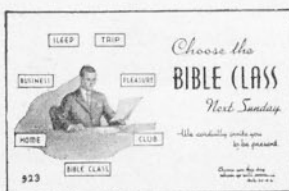
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medium of this message and the instrumentality of the Holy Spirit you have discovered yourself to be restrained rather than holy, and have found yourself out and have ceased to be deceived in your true character, then go to God. Remind Him of His promises. Say to Him, "Oh, God, You said You would give me a clean heart if I wanted it. You promised to create within me a right spirit. You said, 'Who-soever will may come.' Furthermore, you said, whosoever cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out. Now, I am coming. I want to change my character, I want to join a new company." And God, through the Holy Spirit, will regenerate you, change your basic character, and put a new hunger, a holy hunger in your being. Will you now say, "Lord, I choose this holy company. Grant, that as I here associate myself with them, that I may some day in a better land enjoy the blessings of Heaven with them"?

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