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BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

# PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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## A Sure Shelter in Days of World Judgment

**I**N days of old, Jehovah had a controversy with Israel, but it is not to be compared with His controversy with the Gentiles. Israel was a separate people, blessed with many privileges. Read history and learn the story of sin, repentance, judgment and mercy. But at last, the nation had become so corrupt that mercy was swallowed up in judgment. Israel became a scattered and peeled people.

This is also the history of reprobate Christianity. Blessing, revival, declension. But as in the days of Israel God reserved His seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal, so today God has His remnant according to grace.

In the days before the flood, there was a time when iniquity had reached its zenith. Do you not think it has done so again? Take things as God saw them then and compare them with things as they are now, and how much more corrupt will the present be seen to be! If God has not changed, then His estimate of sin and His abhorrence of sin have not changed, and His judgment on sin must be correspondingly greater for greater sin. Necessity compelled Him to interfere and will do so again.

Analyze the state of heart and mind of the people in Noah's time and see the parallel today. "The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence." What corruption we see every where. What violence has been in the earth the past few years! Do we not see the same still in Europe and Asia? What a sight we have seen in this age of education and culture, millions at war! Others would take part in the violence, only they fear the consequences. Their

hearts are in it. So our day is "filled with violence" more than before the flood. Both so-called Christian nations and heathen are fighting each other.

There is a premium on violence today and the man who can invent the most deadly gun and the most terrible explosive is looked up to. Men give their names to guns. The earth is filled with violence! God must arise soon in judgment. Knowing the exact state of Noah's times Christ said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." When is He coming? When the parallel is complete between Noah's time and ours. Then His day will come!

Men would question Noah, and his rev-

elation, and his severest critics would be those who ought to know better. And the Holy Ghost reveals the result, saying, "Few, that is, eight souls were saved!" Only eight!

The world is in doubt and is calling upon Christian leaders for light. Instead of enlightening them, they are too often prophesying smooth things unto them, and inquiring, as Peter said they would, "Where is the promise of His coming?" Many are rejecting the Prince of Peace and His words. The world looks for light and lo, it is darkness! Blind leaders lead the blind!

But to those who look to Him, light shall arise; and those who are seeking after the truth of the Lord's coming will have added light given from time to time.

How precious was that ark to Noah! As he worked and labored, the edifice grew. He was working out his own salvation, but God was working in him to will and to do His own good pleasure. Noah's muscles never played out though he hammered on for so long! The ark was his hope of salvation. Day by day it grew larger in his eyes.

Do not be occupied so much with impending judgment. Gaze more on the hope. Is Christ growing larger, more precious to you? Is He your security and safety? Come, hide in the Rock till the indignation is past! Isa. 26:20.

There was a further warning, a preliminary seven days (Gen. 7:4), and then God shut Noah and his family in. First came the invitation to enter the ark, and then in seven days God shut him in! So the Word says of the days before us, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh (Cont'd on Page 6)



THE DAMASCUS GATE IN JERUSALEM

*There is much in Palestine today to remind the traveler of ancient days. But Palestine has a future as well as a past. In the last war this land was a center of military activities. Today with the arrival of Australian troops it is evident that the Allied Governments are realizing that warfare may again extend to this land.*

*Jewry today is fearful of what may take place. In the "Zionist Review" we read: "For us Jews the tragedy of today is vaster and deeper than it was in 1914. Palestine was, and it always has been, the land of Israel, the land of Jewish prayers and Jewish tradition. Today we have a vigorous Jewish community in Palestine—nearly half a million strong, firmly rooted in the soil. We emerged from the last war with the Balfour Declaration; we enter this present war with the White Paper of May, 1939. But what we have in Palestine today is a living organism whose growth no force can stifle."*

*The Lord has said: "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Isa. 62:6, 7.*

# Christian Character a Qualification

John W. Follette at the General Council Camp Meeting, Springfield, Mo.

We have been considering the subject of Christian character from several viewpoints. Let us think of it as a qualification in the scheme of Christian living, and trace its importance as suggested by some scriptures I shall read. Let us consider the two pictures together—one from a positive, the other from a negative point of view.

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Rev. 19:7, 8.

"And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to his servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen." Matt. 22:11-14.

By way of suggestion, remember that the *called* are always referred to as saved people. The very word translated "church" means the *called-out* ones. Look up the references concerning called, calling, call, etc., and you will find they refer to saved people. Food for thought.

When we consider this subject we must at once remember the difference between the divine nature and Christian character. If we do not, there is confusion and much of the process of building life and the necessary discipline loses its significance. Only as we keep the difference in mind and see the *need* of building character are we able to interpret many of the disciplinary measures God permits to come our way.

The divine nature of which we are partakers (2 Peter 1:4), the new creation, salvation, or new life (there are several terms to express it), that experience of salvation, is a *free* gift. "God so loved the world, that He gave . . ." We become recipients of the new life and nature by faith in the finished work of Christ for us. We become babes in Christ by a new birth (a gift of God). We neither merit it nor can we earn, buy, or work for it. We receive it as a token of His love, grace and mercy. Praise His name! This new life of course is not fully developed in the individual, that is why we are called babes in Christ, and must grow. There are untold potential possibilities latent in the new creation and it is the desire of the Holy Spirit to develop them in the personality and life of the individual. For this reason He has baptized us in the Spirit and introduced us more fully into the life of the Spirit, and by His ministry and our co-operation He can lead the yielded heart into fuller and fuller revelation of Christ and His purpose.

The desire of God and the purpose of salvation are not merely to get a man saved

and land him in heaven. The man's salvation is not unto heaven. (That is given to him as a place after death). Salvation is *unto* a conformity to God, His image and likeness. Remember, heaven is a condition before it is a location. Even if you consider heaven in purely material terms, as golden streets, etc., your power to enjoy, understand, and correctly fellowship there is *first* determined by condition. The disciples were *very* concerned about a material kingdom (which was right and will eventually come) but Christ corrected them and placed the emphasis where it belonged then and now. "The kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:21. Heaven is never spoken of as the *goal* of Christian living, but perfection of Christian character is, and is clearly taught by Christ. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48. Note the position of this statement in the teaching and discourse of Christ.

The work of the Spirit today is the conforming, molding and shaping of the individual into the likeness and image of God. He is after Christian character. "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the *image* of His Son." Rom. 8:29. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the *same image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18. "Beloved, *now* are we the sons of God (new birth, salvation), and it doth not yet appear *what we shall be* (the fuller development and growth of character)." 1 John 3:2. "Till we all *come* in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a *perfect man*, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Eph. 4:13.

Here is where many Christians fail and lose sight of their objective in the technique, mechanism and method of trying to attain it. They become absorbed in the process and seemingly rest there and are defeated, not because they did not do but they did not relate the do with the objective. Do not be deceived, Christian character is never given as a gift. Righteousness is imputed to us on the basis of His redemption but never Christian character—this is the product of training, overcoming, discipline, trial, hardship, and intensive spiritual living. I cannot work and earn salvation, but I can apply myself to intelligent and spiritual liv-

ing and build a character. He keeps the goal in mind (even when we fail to do so) and leads us through a thousand experiences to make *in* us a manifestation of His *life*. I cannot earn salvation, but by His grace I can *overcome* and thus become Christlike in life and character.

So let us keep this distinction in mind and not deceive ourselves by thinking because we have had certain genuine experiences, such as salvation, the Baptism in the Spirit, healing, or consecration, that any one or all can in themselves *give* us character. They are like a series of crises through which the Holy Spirit leads the hungry heart in its quest for truth. These experiences are open doors through which we pass (no one is finality). We must surrender to the *purpose* of the crisis—yield to the Holy Spirit and be *taught* and walk in the Spirit and possess our inheritance.

When we keep in mind the objective for the building of character and conforming to the likeness of God, we are able to understand more fully the movements of God in this dispensation. What He is doing in the life of the individual He is doing in the body during this dispensation. If I hold any other goal or objective in mind, such as the establishment of His kingdom on earth, the redemption of the political chaos, "making the world safe for democracy!" or any other *fine, good, religious-sounding* scheme, I am at once confused and end in defeat. I cannot trace God in any of these schemes. They sound noble, mighty, uplifting, and very religious, *but* they are *not* what God is doing just now. "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to *take out of them a people for His name*." Acts 15:14. This is the work of the Spirit in this dispensation.

Some will at once get jittery now thinking I do not believe in the salvation of souls and evangelism. Do not fear. There is a place absolutely for salvation and evangelism in the plan of this age, but He is not planning in this dispensation to redeem the world and usher in the kingdom. "Let both (wheat and tares) grow together until the harvest." However, He does want the note of the evangel to sound, clear and strong, to the ends of the earth (as a witness). That is why I am a lover of all missionary work. It is so genuinely Scriptural. The evangelist is needed to bring in fresh material, new-born babes for the body—all for building. The world is *so* needy—let us be thankful for any and every agency He can bless today in bringing broken humanity to God.

God is making a man. He is building a race. Look at Eph. 4:11-13. "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a per-

**If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.** Col. 3:1



fect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Note the teaching here. The purpose is quite evident from verse 12, "for the *perfecting* of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," etc. Here we find all the gifts to the church as named are *unto* the perfecting of the body. All move *unto* a new man." It is clearly shown that it is the perfecting and maturing of the body He is after. Perfection here, or the word perfect, does not mean sinless perfection but rather being full-grown and mature.

I know people at times are annoyed at me for bringing this phase of truth to our attention. I have noticed so many times in meetings where they were all saved and nearly all baptized, the service moves nearly always along evangelistic lines. Even when they are all saved. This is no doubt due to tradition, custom, and *religious* habit. The dear saints have been told that beautiful story from so many angles they wonder if there can be anything *MORE* in the Bible for them now that they are saved. This practice I am sure is not *balanced*. Count up the number of meetings during the past year devoted to evangelism and the first stages of truth, and over against it count up the meetings for the children of God, the saints—meetings of instruction, illumination, correction, building and *feeding*. I am very sure you do *not* strike a balance. Now be honest! Do not ask me to maintain a balance when there is none, please. Surely the sinner needs salvation—but O the body of Christ—weak, torn, undernourished, and so feeble!

"Is there no message for us?" so many ask me. I wish some of you could hear the confessions of *need* and the cry for food some saints (saved and baptized for years and *fine* workers too) pour into my ears. God placed a basket on my arm and also *put something* into that basket. Then He said, "Go out now and feed My sheep." So that is all I hope to do—*share* with you truths which have taken hold of me and revolutionized my life. My burden is for the sheep. In my heart I can hear them cry and bleat. Why do we find really dozens of evangelists to one teacher who can feed?

Let us turn to the text quoted from Rev. 19:7, 8. Here we find teaching about the Second Coming—but the picture is rather unusual. It is *so* different from the pictures usually given when one preaches on the Second Coming. As a rule the message revolves about the external aspect—dealing with the national and prophetic phases, the signs of the times, the return of the Jews, the restoration of the Roman kingdom, etc. But here we find a picture relating to His return and touching upon the most vital point as *God* sees it. We are called upon to rejoice and be glad. Why? Is it because the Jews have at last all returned to Palestine? because the Roman empire has taken more definite form? because *all* the signs at last do focus properly? No, strange to say, although all these are accompanying features—the *real feature* is, "and His wife hath made herself ready."

From this text it looks as though He will come when He has something *ready* to come for. "Be ye also *ready*." It is a question of readiness, fitness. Look at the



next verse and find *why* she was ready. In what does this fitness consist? "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." The preparedness relates to a garment. I will read it as it is given in the Greek and as rendered in the Revised Version. "And it was given unto her to array herself in fine linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints," or as some translations give it, "the righteous conduct of the saints."

Here is a beautiful and Scriptural illustration of the truth I am teaching. Salvation is always a *gift*, while character (a privilege granted) is a result of cooperation in building and arraying. We see at once this is *not* a garment of salvation—this is very evident. The garment of salvation was wrought out (or woven) on the loom of Calvary by Christ our Lord. *He* worked out the finished act of redemption; He made the garment of salvation. We never could. We had absolutely nothing to do with it—it was His work, noble, profound, and eternal. Amen!

In this text it says, "It was granted her"—a privilege—to array herself. It was something she could accept or reject—"to array herself"—something *she* could do. When we were saved it was Christ who put the garment of salvation upon us. It was Christ who made the garment and Christ who put it upon us. We stood still—poor helpless sinners. But here is a wedding garment which *we* weave. It says distinctly the linen is "the *righteous acts* of the saints." No righteous act of the saint ever made a garment of salvation. It says here it is the garment of a saint. (He is not talking about sinners, but the bride). It was her readiness, fitness, preparedness, *qualifications* which gave her this *position*. She has *all* the necessary training and equipment in character to move in this capacity and to hold this lofty place. She has passed all the tests and holds the qualifications necessary for this heavenly, spiritual, holy and sacred union. She is not a stranger to the atmosphere of this place—she speaks the language of the Bridegroom. She has *learned*.

This garment speaks clearly of *preparation*. Is it a process, not a gift. How does one get it? He does *not* get it by going to the altar and saying, "I will now take a wedding garment," or "I will now take a

Christian character." That is quite impossible. But he may at the altar offer himself as a candidate for this lofty place and submit himself to the Spirit for the necessary discipline and training to thus qualify for it. Then will the Holy Spirit take him in hand and train him by way of the many experiences through which he is asked to go.

When we see this truth it helps us to *RELATE* (what a difficult thing) the many phases of service, the gifts, ministries, *conduct*, and *LIFE* as God sees them all—acting upon us. The whole scheme of life is reactionary. We are by creation reacting agents and God works from that point of understanding. All is *unto* the building, the arraying in fine linen (the "righteous conduct of the saints").

For a moment, keeping this line of truth in mind, review the story of the talents. Matt. 25:14-30. Did you ever notice *what* the man who gave the talents really was after? Be careful here and do not clutter your picture with *all* the pounds gained—you will miss the point. It was the commendation, not the works. The works were there and necessary but *wholly* for the *reaction* found in the user of the talent. Look at verse 21. "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Let us stop there now. Three commendable *character-qualities* had been wrought out in this man's life—*Well done*—not how *much* done. The quality, not quantity. Good servant—God-like. A quality of God-likeness is found in him. Faithful servant—another qualification. No word as to the magnitude or extent of *work*. That was all a *means* unto an *end*. The end was the training of the man. Listen. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." You see it was *qualification* which made that possible. He was already a servant (not a sinner). The gifts and ministries are so alluring and captivating to some souls that they forget that *all* this, even tongues, shall pass away—but the likeness and character of Christ etched upon the mortal spirit abideth forever. Amen! *The gift of salvation never qualifies a soul to reign and rule with Christ*. Crowns are not given as souvenirs—they are *won*.

So in the picture of the Bride, she hath arrayed herself, made herself ready. Surely not *for* salvation—she is already saved and wears a garment of salvation. But she is *now* able to enter into the deeper reaches of fellowship with the Son. It is not a question of God's loving one soul more than another. He is not a respecter of persons—all may qualify if the soul so desire. "It was *granted* unto her"—a privilege. What could thrill a soul more or stimulate love and devotion to our adorable Lord than such a glorious experience? The new creation is made for the highest heaven may offer—then why not *yield*, and let life and all go under the leading yoke of the Spirit and He will conform us?

At once I know some are saying, "Ah! That is all too selfish, self-centered, and not as aggressive as we should be." I have heard that for years—but like Paul, "none of these things move me." Thirty some years ago, when God wonderfully baptized me in the Holy Spirit, He gave me under-

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# Cultivating Good Habits

Oswald Chambers

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add . . ." 2 Peter 1:5.

We are made partakers of the divine nature through the promises (see v. 4), now, says Peter, "giving all diligence, add . . .," screw your attention down and form habits. No one is born with habits, we have to form habits, and the habits we form most easily are those which we form by imitation. When we begin to form a habit we are conscious of it. There are times when we may be conscious of becoming virtuous and patient and godly, but that is only a stage; if we stop there we get the strut of the spiritual prig.

## 1. In the Domain of Menial Service

"Jesus . . . took a towel . . . and began to wash the disciples' feet." John 13:3-5.

Are we refusing to enter the domain of menial service? Willingness to do such service is the touchstone of character. It is a menial service thing to be virtuous. Doing things of necessity, however, is not virtue. In such case there is no conflict, but virtue can be only the outcome of conflict. The virtuous man is the one who has gone through the fight and has added virtue, added it by the grace of the divine nature, not on the basis of mere human determination.

The greatest hindrance in our spiritual life lies in waiting while we look for big things to do. Jesus took a towel. *We are not meant to be illuminated versions; we are meant to be the common stuff of ordinary human life exhibiting the marvel of the grace of God.* The snare in the Christian life lies in our looking for the gilt-edged moments, the thrilling times. There are times when there is no illumination and no thrill, when God's angel is the routine of menial service on the level of towels and washing feet. Are we preparing to "move" there? Routine is God's way of keeping us saved between our times of inspiration. We are not to expect Him to give us His thrilling moments always.

## 2. In the Domain of Determination

"Abide in Me." John 15:4.

The secret of bringing forth fruit is to abide in Jesus. "Abide in Me," says Jesus, in spiritual matters, in intellectual matters, in money matters, in every one of the matters that make human life what it is. Beware of putting on religious blinkers, by saying, "I can live finely in this type of meeting, or with this particular set." The Christian life is not to be lived in a band-box. We must live virtuously even when we are being tested by the whole of life. Are we preventing God from doing things in our circumstances because we imagine it will hinder our communion with Him? That is impertinence. No matter what our circumstances are, we can be as sure of abiding in Him in them as in a prayer meeting. We are not to be changing and arranging our circumstances. Our Lord and Master never chose His circumstances, but He was meek towards His Father's dispensation for Him. He was at home with His Father wherever His body was placed. Think of the amazing leisure of Our Lord's life!

For thirty years He did nothing particularly outstanding. We want to keep God at excitement point, there is none of the serenity of the life "hid with Christ in God" about us.

"Abide in Me." Think of the things that might take you out of abiding in Christ—"Yes, Lord, I will abide when once I can get this finished; I will abide, but I must do this first; when this week is over, I shall be all right." Begin to abide *now!* In the initial stage abiding is a continual effort until it becomes so much the law of our lives that we abide in Him unconsciously. Watch it in your bodily life, in your social life—are you abiding *there?* are you bringing forth fruit *there?* That is where My Father is glorified.

Are our minds stayed on Jesus? Do we brood and dwell on this line of abiding in Him? *It takes the breathless panic out of us.* Our Lord was never in a panic because with Him the abiding on the inside was unsullied. It is the "plague of flies," mental, moral and spiritual, that annoys us and takes us out of abiding in Jesus. There is something in human pride that can stand big troubles, but we need the supernatural grace and power of God to stand by us in the little things.

The tiniest detail in which we obey has all the omnipotent power of the grace of God behind it. When we do our duty, not for duty's sake, but because we believe that God is engineering our circumstances in that way, then at the very point of our obedience the whole superb grace of God is ours. It is the "adding" that is difficult. We say we do not expect God to carry us to heaven on "flowery beds of ease," but we act as if we did!

We have to live in the domain of menial service by the power of God, and to learn to abide in Him where we are placed. Remember that God gives us the *Spirit* of Jesus, but He does not give us the *mind* of Jesus; we have to "form the mind of Christ." The Spirit of Jesus is given to us by the marvel of the Atonement. Then we

have to construct with patience that way of thinking which is exactly in accordance with the mind of our Lord. God will not make us think as Jesus thought, we have to do that ourselves, to bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." Peter's counsel to "add," means to form habits on the basis of the new life which God has put in.

## 3. In the Domain of Devotion

"Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.

God created man to be His friend. If we are the friends of Jesus we must deliberately and carefully lay down our life for Him. It is difficult, and thank God it is! When once the relationship of being the friends of Jesus is understood, we shall be called upon to exhibit to everyone we meet the love He has shown to us. Watch the kind of people God brings across your path, you will find it is His way of picturing to you the kind of person you have been to Him.—"You are My child, the friend of My Son, now exhibit to that 'hedgehoggy' person the love I exhibited to you when you were like that towards Me; exhibit to that mean, selfish person exactly the love I showed you when you were mean and selfish."

We shall find ample room to eat "humble pie" all the days of our life. The thing that keeps us going is to recognize the purpose of our Heavenly Father in it all, and we shall meet the disagreeable person with a spiritual chuckle because we know what God is doing, He is giving us a mirror that we may see what we have been like towards Him; now we have the chance to prove ourselves His friends, and the other person will be amazed and say, "Why the more I poke her, the sweeter she gets!" and will tumble in where we tumble in, into the grace of God.

## The Hands for God

Our Lord said to His disciples "Behold My hands." Luke 24:39. Those hands were pierced hands. They bore the marks of His love and sacrifice. When Thomas doubted whether Jesus had risen again our Lord gave him the evidence he required, "Reach hither thy finger, and but it into the print of the nails." It is enough for Thomas to see those pierced hands to cause him to say "My Lord and my God."

A little girl was once seated on her mother's knees, and, looking up at her face, she said: "Mother, you have a beautiful face and you have lovely eyes, but your hands are ugly and scarred." Her mother said: "When you were a baby you fell into the fire. I rescued you in time and you were unhurt, but my hands were terribly burnt." "Mother," said the little girl, "I love your face, I love your eyes, but I love still more your hands." That act of sacrifice had touched the child's heart.

Cholera had broken out in a district in India. Hundreds were dead or dying. Those who could had escaped. A native judge, driving through the village, saw an English nurse coming out from among one of those plague-stricken houses. Everyone else had gone. She lifted up her hands and said: "Don't touch me. My hands are plague-stained hands." "That day," he confessed, "I saw Christ." Those hands spoke of strength, sympathy, and sacrifice. They revealed the character of Jesus.—A. E. Hunt.

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# The Present War and Prophecy

E. L. Langston

A LARGE number of earnest Christians are frankly puzzled at the events happening since this war began, and are asking questions as to where we are in God's plan for the world. Is this war Armageddon? Or is it going to lead up to Armageddon? Is the coming of Christ very imminent?

It is easy to dogmatize, but in answer to these queries we want to make a reverent investigation.

First of all there is no doubt that we are fast approaching the greatest crisis in the history of the world; the period which Daniel calls in his twelfth chapter "the time of the end."

Daniel foretold that in the closing days of this era there are to arise two different Leagues of Nations, one with its center in the old Roman Empire, and at its head a president or king, holding sway over ten outstanding nations. These "ten-toe" kingdoms of Daniel 2, or the ten horns of "the little beast" of Daniel 7, have their center in the confines of the old Roman Empire, whilst there is to be another league of nations in the North under the Prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, that is to say Russia, who has associated with him a number of nations, from the East and in Asia-Minor. It is generally thought that Germany will be one of these nations.

Ezekiel 38 and 39 give the details of the rising and development of this Northern league: suddenly and unexpectedly the Prince of Rosh with his allies will swoop down upon Palestine with a view to capturing the Near East and setting up an Empire there which may dominate the world. The Southern league of Nations will give battle to the Northern league of Nations, and the name of that battle will be "Armageddon."

It is important to realize that these two leagues have yet to come into being; and without prognosticating it may be this present war is to prepare the way for such events to happen.

The third event, which is of the utmost importance, is the likelihood, after this war, that Great Britain may be induced to relinquish her mandate over Palestine in favor of Italy. Should this happen then we may expect that which is predicted in Daniel 9:26, 27 to come to pass, namely: a covenant to be entered into between a prince of Italy and the Jewish race, giving them facilities for worship, etc., in their own land. That covenant is predicted to last seven years; after three and a half years, Italy will break the covenant, and then will come the period of great tribulation, outlined in Daniel 11, and referred to by our Lord in Matthew 24:21.

The Jewish race is the "key" to the

solving of the modern situation. For twenty-five years now they have been going back in fairly large numbers to their own land, and not only to Palestine, but to Egypt and Mesopotamia. We must remember that they have never yet possessed their possessions given to them by Jehovah, the God of Israel, in Genesis 15:18: "The seed of Abraham shall possess the land from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." The eyes of the Jews are Zionward, and this anti-Semitic rage all over the world is being overruled to unsettle them and to restore them to the land. They are God's chosen people; and in the Kingdom of God,

unto Him whom they have pierced" and have become "all righteous."

Lastly, in the light of the above, it does seem that the very next great event cannot but be the appearing of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the heavens for His Church. For the past twenty-five years we have seen a strange and rapid declension in the spiritual life and the morale of so-called Christian nations, and some of us wonder why, in spite of prayer and personal effort, there is so little evidence at present of revival. Is it possible that Revelation 12:7-17 is now taking place, namely: the war in the heavenlies between that archangel Michael and his angels against the forces of evil? Is it possible that the devil and his angels are being cast upon the earth? Certainly there is something strange and satanic about the present world upheavals. No one wants war, and yet the nations seem to be driven to the destiny which they do not want.

Is it because the "prince of this world"—"the god of this age"—is overruling things and organizing his powers against the final conflict between God and His Christ? Before that conflict comes to a head on this earth, if we are studying prophecy aright, we are to expect the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the air for His Church as predicted in 1 Thess. 4:15.

In the little while that remains to us, let us pray for and expect a new manifestation of the power of Pentecost, for it will be just like our God to grant to us, at the end of this Church age, a glorious manifestation of His divine power, a kind of recurrence of Pentecost; and on the top of that wave of blessing, the Church will hear the trumpet sound, and will go up to meet the Lord in the air.

We cannot but believe that this passionate prayer for revival that is breaking out all over the world is God-given, and that if God has given to us this passion for prayer for revival, He is going to answer that prayer, according to our faith and expectations.

## Obedience

Our blind obedience can be the very life of other souls. An engineer of a freight train received the amazing order: "Switch your train into the river." Blindly he obeyed, leaping from the train as it crashed over the embankment. Three minutes later the mail train thundered by. His simple act of blind obedience had saved hundreds of lives. *Souls not yet born again are depending on our obedience to the whole Book.*—D. M. Panton.

## Pray Without Ceasing

It was Fletcher of Madeley who, whenever he met a friend, would say: "Do I meet you praying?"

### This Is the Last Notice

to be published in the Pentecostal Evangel for another six months concerning the need of our older Ministers. Many of them have no other means of support except what you send in for them. Large or small, your offering will help greatly. Every member of every assembly will be given an opportunity to help our older ministers on

Sunday, May 26

But if, for any reason, an offering is not received for this purpose in your assembly, you can still share in this blessed benevolence by sending your offering direct to J. R. Flower, General Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo. We are sure you will not fail them. God bless you!

when it is established, they are to occupy a very prominent and central position.

I wonder whether the nations of the world, or even Christians, have dwelt upon the following passage in Zech. 8:20-23: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to intreat the favor of the Lord, and to seek the Lord of Hosts: I will go also. Yea many peoples and strong nations shall come to see the Lord of Hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favor of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: In those days it shall come to pass that ten men shall take hold out of all the languages of the nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you" (R.V.).

At present the Jew is the most despised man on the face of the earth, but a day is coming when they will be the most sought-out men, after they have "looked

## Christian Character a Qualification

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standing as to His desire and purpose along this line. And had it not been for the faithfulness of the Spirit to keep me *true* to that vision I should have been swept off my feet or completely discouraged. He keeps me under the power of the truth He gave then—*absolute* surrender, death to the old creation, the overcoming life, the spiritual life in a *new* creation, qualification for the fellowship of Christ in a new age, etc. In the meantime all my service, teaching and ministry have been means unto an end. It has mattered very, very little to me the form, *size*, and general display of the service I undertake—but the growth in the *knowledge* and wisdom of Christ has kept to the foreground.

It seems that only as one swings wholeheartedly into the meaning of qualifying and training is he swung *free* of the binding that too often comes with too intense and feverish attitudes of service.

God is not so concerned with *how much* we may do for Him, as He is with the question, What has all the service *done* to us in its reaction upon our nature and spirit? Did it all react in developing the man or woman into the person of faith, strength, love, and yieldedness He *so* desired to find? Did all the man did really mellow, subdue and conform that man into the new creature God wanted? According to our creation we are reacting agents and God is *wonderfully* interested at this point. What is all my conduct and ministry *doing* to this strange personality? It is continually registering upon my immortal spirit and weaving a garment. Shall it be a wedding garment?

Now let us turn to the story given in Matthew 22. Here is a man without a wedding garment. As a rule this story is used to represent a sinner trying to move in the realm of salvation without the garment of salvation. But let us look at it more carefully. Get the setting of the story correctly. This chapter is so important in its relation to what precedes and follows. The public ministry of Christ has covered a period of three years and in a few days He will offer His life in a sublime testimony by a vicarious death. As never before it seems He is anxious to present to His nation the offering of God's grace, mercy and *truth*. And never before has the Jewish hierarchy shown more malignant opposition. On His way to Jerusalem He speaks several parables, all of which were to show them the supreme folly of rejecting Him as their Messiah.

We must remember that the parable has a double application: First, to the Jew as a body at His first advent; second, to the church at His second advent. So often preachers and teachers and evangelists are not careful or perhaps *brave* enough to make the application *where* it belongs. Sometimes *tradition* causes it too. How often the portions of Scripture containing teaching, admonition, correction, or warning for the Christian (because it is not pleasing) is turned over either to the sinner or the Jew. The poor Jew has his plate full now of scriptures some do not know just what to do with. It is *convenient* to have the sinner around to give certain bits of Scripture which might upset *smug*

theology or tradition. This picture does not relate to a sinner, as we shall see. He is giving truth for the saint—only it is not so pleasing.

Just as in the first application where we find the Jews (because of their *own* doings made themselves unworthy of the kingdom,) so at His second advent when the marriage supper is due, there are elements in the saved group who by their lack of preparation and qualification are unworthy of the fellowship and privilege offered in the picture of the marriage feast, etc. The analogy is here very clear. There are many Christians today who refuse the necessary discipline and training needed to qualify, while there are others who embrace the cross and *suffer* the loss of all things that they may *satisfy* the desire of God in getting a Bride worthy of the Son's fellowship. Note the words of the king, "Friend." He is not talking to a sinner about his sins. He says, "Friend." John 15:14. "Ye are My friends. . . ." Sinners are never spoken of as friends, they are rebels. He does not rebuke or chide the man about his sins—it is rather a point of *place* or position. "How camest thou in *hither*?" Place, location!

The garment again speaks of character, and fitness. He had no fitness or adequate



Read the Word, meditate in it day and night, do what it says—

**"then thou shalt have good success"**  
Josh. 1:8



degree of fellowship and understanding to move in the sphere of a wedding feast and all that this type suggests. He had no garment—no qualifying attributes to adapt himself to the order of life suggested.

And note too he is not cast into hell, sheol, gehenna, or the pit. "Outer darkness," is the word. The glory and light of the marriage feast is light. He is *excluded* from it or rejected. 1 Cor. 9:24. "Know ye not that they which run a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." (Note one does not run *for* salvation—it is not a prize. He runs because he *is saved* and is after a prize—the real goal.) If he is cast into the pit to be burned up, why bind him hand and foot? Here we find him in outer darkness and bound. The hands represent service. He is not *qualified* to serve in this realm. He may know service in the *natural, religious* life and service in the sphere of the flesh (natural and to some quite *wonderful*) but he does not know *spiritual* ministry—so is bound. The feet represent the walk. He may have traveled thousands of miles in the energy and power of the natural life, and fairly exhausted himself. But he does not know the "walk in the Spirit." That was always too demanding and restricting for him. He may have walked all *around* the Lord but not *with* Him. So his feet are bound. He has *no* power to enter into such fellowship as is suggested by the picture. And alas! He might have

had. What a mercy he is cast out. God is yet kind to him not to subject him to the embarrassment and confusion of face to find himself *TRYING* to fit in where he has absolutely no qualifications. It would not be *love* for a principal of the High School to take a fourth or fifth grade child and place him in a class of university students. That would not be love. God does no such cruel thing. We are *now* qualifying, and God will place each soul in the realm for which he has fitted himself.

Can you imagine the disappointment and ache in the heart of Jesus to find in that day that so many have not valued His deepest fellowship enough to cultivate and build a life for it here and now? God does not arbitrarily say, "You go to heaven; you go to hell. You reign over ten cities; you are cast out. You may enjoy the kingdom; but you can't come in." That is silly and very un-Scriptural. Each soul determines his own destiny. The sinner goes to hell because he so chooses. The saint has or has not the rewards of fellowship and future association because he either does or does not desire it. The carnal Christian even though baptized in the Spirit may be saved, but miss the reward and *glorious* privilege Christ holds out for him.

"He that is spiritual" suffers the loss of all things that he may *know* Christ in the deeper and fuller relations. The garment is the Christian character wrought in us by the Spirit as we surrender. "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white: for they are *worthy*." Rev. 3:4.

Do not confuse the gift of salvation with character. No one experience can change you so you are thus qualified. The prize is given to him that *overcometh*—not "to him that is saved, or baptized, or is a great worker." Look at Rev. 2:7, 17, 26, and Rev. 3:12, 21. All this relates to the saints overcoming and thus qualifying—not to a sinner's getting saved.

In the face of this message there comes a *challenge* to any Spirit-filled saint. Could God hold out to us a more lofty and glorious life? One encouraging feature I find among our Pentecostal folk is the hunger and desire on the part of so many for something *more* than the initial teaching of salvation and Acts 2:4 and the general line of truth given to the babes in Christ. God has given us Pentecostal people a wonderful and most responsible message. By His grace let us enter more fully into the *power* of its meaning. These are *preparation* days and He is *AFTER* US—His people.

We are looking to Him and long for His return but remember the scripture, "And His wife hath made herself ready." The days are trying and God is leading His own into trials and testings and is faithfully disciplining the souls who *dare* and *love* Him enough to *die* and let go the natural, thus to *live* in Him and discover the joy and wonder of a walk with the adorable Lord.

## A Sure Shelter in Days of World Judgment

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upon them, as travail upon a woman with child." There is a period of travail before birth, a warning of coming events. God is



putting intuition into the hearts of His people as to the coming of Christ. But they must have the attitude of Simeon and of Anna in order to get this revelation. The scribes knew the letter, but Simeon had the Spirit revealing.

Woe came to those who had only the letter, but the Spirit caused Simeon to say with joy, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation." Seeing the salvation of the Lord will promote the cry, "Lord, now let Thy servant depart." Earth will lose its holding power. The thought of this same Jesus coming in like manner, will inspire the cry, "Let Thy servant depart." The holding power of earth is more than matched by the drawing power of heaven!

"Now let Thy servant depart." John supplemented it with "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" The crying to depart, the cry for Him to come! Both are necessary. In the meantime, be faithful Noahs. He was a faithful preacher of righteousness. If you cannot preach, use the hammer; and if you can't use the hammer use the pencil. Keep under the shelter of the Blood, working and looking for Him!

Noah had to make the ark true to measurements. He used his pencil and every kind of necessary tool. So in the spiritual, God "gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." Noah's tools never quarreled. They were in the hands of the master builder. This unity among Noah's tools is a lesson to us all. With God's saints today every tool is both necessary and important. Every man, every servant needs to be in his place.

The pitching time will soon come, when the final touches will be put to the ark. Fire is required to melt the pitch that it may be spread. Fire is required when you come to the final stage. See that the fire does not go out.

On the one hand violence is multiplied on the earth; on the other hand, the ark is growing and developing. By faith Noah prepared an ark. Faith is the main preparation. Hast thou faith? When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?

### Thirty-Three Years

Robert A. Brown, New York City

Thirty-three years ago, on May 5th, 1907, at 10:30 in the morning, we held our first service and, ever since, have continued day and night, summer and winter, in getting souls saved for Jesus. Needless to say, we have had some varied experiences and tests since the opening of the work. Our first opening was in a hall at 416 West 42nd Street. God gave us souls that very first day and, from them until now, in our normal meetings, we have had the same results, of souls coming to God. In a little while the hall became entirely too small and we moved to another location, at 454 West 42nd Street, which was larger.

But the revival spirit grew and souls were added continually, according to the Scriptures, such as were saved. We then rented the entire building and enlarged the seating capacity by extending the building twenty-

five feet in the rear and removing the second floor, having a balcony extended across the entire width of the front of the hall. The upper part of the building was used for a missionary home. Still the work of God advanced and soon the place became inadequate to hold the people at times of conventions, making it necessary to rent casinos and larger places to accommodate the people.

Having the vision of a still greater work, we started a building fund and in 1921 bought our present Tabernacle at the cost of \$105,000.00. This step meant great faith, determination and launching out on God's promises to supply all the needs, for, in addition to the purchase price, repairs to the extent of several thousand dollars were necessary on the building because the auditorium had not been used for a number of years, which, when completed, left us to carry a mortgage of \$75,000.00, on which we paid six per cent annually. Through prayer, and because our people had a mind to work, God miraculously enabled us to liquidate the entire debt in four years, and today, to God be the glory, the property is free from debt.

Sister Brown and I promised the Lord, if He would help us to clear off the mortgage, that, as far as in us lay, God being our helper, we would make Glad Tidings Tabernacle a missionary church, from which the Light of the Gospel would radiate not only to all about it, but to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our missionary offerings have been nothing short of miraculous, because we do not have any rich contributors. From the congregation of Glad Tidings Tabernacle we have sent for the support of missionaries over \$14,000.00 yearly, and through the depression and ever-changing conditions of the times God has enabled to meet our obligations to Him and the missionaries.

Another feature of our work which God has blessed is the broadcasting of the full Gospel each Sunday, from 3:30-4:30 p. m., over the 1000 Watt Station, WINS, 1180 kilocycles, thus enabling us to increase our ministry to the possibility of reaching over twenty-five million people, incurring an added expense of \$5,200.00 yearly. And yet the work is going on.

We have no words to express the gratitude of our hearts for the goodness of God to us. We want to give our testimony, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The command of God seems to be the same to us as it was to Moses; namely, that we speak to the Pentecostal people, that they "Go forward!" That is just exactly what

we are doing, and will do as long as God gives us the needed strength.

(The remarkable story of the life of Sister Marie Brown is being presented in the "Christ's Ambassadors Herald"—written by Sister Zelma Argue. The first chapter appears in the June issue. Be sure to subscribe to this paper and read it. Price 60 cents a year, 2 years \$1.00. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.)

### Preparedness

How shall we escape the awful Day? We cannot do better than read the Lord's last message in the third chapter of Revelation. "Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:10, 11). Those, therefore, that keep the Word of His patience, that believe His Word and live it, shall be numbered with His waiting people, and shall be saved from this awful catastrophe. Israel must go through it because Israel did not know the Lord, and will not know Him till He comes with His saints. Like Noah, Israel will have to go through the deluge, but like Enoch, the saints of God will be caught up before to meet Him in the air.

Someone asked Dr. A. J. Gordon if all believers should go up with the Lord when He came, or if only those that are walking with Him in holiness and separation, and they quoted that passage in Revelation about the first-fruits unto God and the Lamb, the holy ones in whose "mouth was found no guile, and they follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth." He was asked if only those will be caught up when He comes, and the others would wait, or should all the people of God go up resurrected or translated? Dr. Gordon shook his head with a solemn, modest expression, and said, "I have not light enough to answer, but I would rather take no chances."—A. B. Simpson.

### The Rock

A Jew, deeply incensed at his brother's conversion to Christ, exclaimed, as they walked together in hot argument,—“As for your Jesus of Nazareth, I think no more of him than this stone.” Picking up the stone, his brother answered,—“To me also He is a stone; the elect, the precious, Corner Stone; the foundation stone laid in Zion (Isa. 28:16): to you, alas, He is the stone of stumbling and the rock of offence.”

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## North India Missionaries and Workers Convene

Progress through unity keynotes twentieth annual missionary convention of North India; Hindustani convention accents Pentecostal holiness and power

Anne Eberhardt

This year some of us came together for our annual convention fearing perhaps our services might "fall flat," inasmuch as we had no special speaker. Praise God, He is not limited to special speakers through whom to send blessings or to feed His flock! We believe this was the most outstanding convention we have enjoyed in years.

Although it was not so, it seemed that the speakers must have planned their messages together, so great was their harmony in thought and theme. Through the guidance of the Spirit, the keynote of almost every message was the necessity and possibility of **progress through unity**.

As the precious Word was given out each day, we were made to realize that we must die to self; that the way to power is the way of holiness; and that we ourselves must be in the place of victory and liberty if we are to set others free. Our faith was stirred to believe that He shall see of the travail of His soul, even here in India, and be satisfied. Praise the Lord, God's Word cannot fail!

We found ourselves silent before the Lord as God dealt with many of us in a new way, making us, as missionaries, realize the need of working together in absolute unity and singleness of spirit; and not only this, but also the need of pushing our Indian brothers and sisters to the front.

Some felt that even as John the Baptist had said of Christ, "He must increase and I must decrease," so our attitude toward our workers should be "They must increase but we must decrease." Our efforts must be directed toward the establishment of a strong, indigenous church in North India.

### Practical Results

While the morning and evening services were devotional, the afternoon services were practical, in that both evangelistic and institutional work throughout North India were represented. Our hearts were lifted up as we heard Robert McClay's account of the

wonderful break in Ranchi District during the past year, and we drew encouragement from John Lewis' report of the work in Colonelganj. Notes of blessing and victory came from other districts as well.

One of the speakers at the convention said God did not appear to Moses in "scattered twigs" but in a "burning bush." So we feel that, with our hearts aflame in a united effort for God in this land, India will surely behold the Saviour. One effort which we made in this direction was the formation of an evangelistic band which is to put forth concentrated effort in both cities and villages of North India.

To make this plan workable, pledges for the support of this band were taken. Our hearts were deeply touched when the Girls' Industrial School of Siswa Bazar gave the first and largest individual amount toward the financial backing of the Evangelistic Band.

Since our convention was held in the winter, the missionaries' children were able to attend. Their joyous, youthful spirit was refreshing to all. We are now planning young people's meetings in conjunction with our missionary convention next year.

### Hindustani Convention

For the second time our Indian workers had full control of their own convention, and how splendidly they managed! They organized themselves, elected their chairman, secretary, and treasurer. So well did they handle the financial end of their convention that they not only met their expenses but had a good offering to give their convention speaker. We consider these things all fine training for the future self-governing and self-supporting Indian church.

The spiritual tenor of the meetings was precious. Messages on holiness, the deeper life, and the need of Pentecostal power in lives and ministry gripped the hearts of all. Many tarried in the after meetings until the "wee hours" of the morning, and one dear little Indian sister received her Baptism.

The vision of the Evangelistic Band and its splendid possibilities reached their hearts also and, in spite of their small resources, they made up a pledge to help support it. This meant a real sacrifice on the part of many.

We are looking forward to this coming year as a time of advancement of His kingdom in India. We praise Him for the encouragement we have received, and should be very glad if all our friends would give us special backing in prayer as we undertake new ventures for Him that His power and glory may be revealed.

### FEEDING THE SHEEP OF LIBERIA

"Why can you never come to preach to us? You stay so long now and you never come yet." This, Anna Stafsholt reports, has been the constant reproach of the Tuobo and Sabbo people of Liberia. Accordingly it was finally arranged to visit them during the holiday period between school sessions.

"Going on an evangelistic tour in Liberia," declares Miss Stafsholt, "is quite different from such a trip at home. We must carry cots, bedding, mosquito nets, pots, pans, dishes, kerosene stove, kerosene, gasoline for the lantern, food for the duration of our stay, empty tins for water, folding tables and chairs, clothing, books, and on and on ad infinitum. The wonder of the whole business is that we ever get packed, let alone actually arrive anywhere.

"But somehow we did manage, and not many days later we were settled in Tuobo where we remained four days. During this time God marvelously blessed. The meetings were well attended, and we had a communion service, the first ever partaken of there. During this service a backslider was gloriously reclaimed. After five years of heathenism, he boldly stood and declared, 'I want to be Jesus' friend.'

### Among the Sabbo Christians

"From Tuobo to Sabbo is a five-hour trek. Two hundred and fifty miles? No, indeed! Only about twelve—but those twelve miles were real jungle trails overgrown with sword-grass, with vines hanging from trees, abounding with thorns and briars. Logs must be climbed over or crept under, swamps and streams must be crossed. Twelve miles in five hours is not bad time at all under those conditions.

"In due time we arrived, tired, dusty, and thirsty, but happy because of the splendid welcome the Sabbo Christians gave us. We settled in a house at the edge of the mission town, got supper, freshened up, spent a little time in prayer, and were ready for the evening service.

"A day was set for the communion service. The Kitteabo Christians came and, after a time of heart searching, we served forty-three besides the students with us. One woman was so blessed she could hardly control herself. A short time ago she knew nothing of God! Today she and many others have the knowledge of sins forgiven.

"Although it was the busy farm season, hardly a Christian missed morning or evening prayer during our two weeks there. Often they lingered long at the altar, reaching out after God. Many are seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Will you not join with us in prayer for them and the countless others like them?"

### NICARAGUA WORK SHOWS PROGRESS

Melvin Hodges sends greetings and good news concerning the fifth annual conference



Indian workers and missionaries who attended the Hindustani convention. The banner in the background was carried in several processions through Moghal Sarai while workers and missionaries sang, preached the Word, and distributed Gospels and tracts.



in Nicaragua. "We rejoice to note a substantial growth during the past year. One hundred and one conversions were reported. At least thirty of these were baptized in water and added to the fellowship of the churches, while fifty-four are reported as preparing for baptism.

"Twenty-two believers received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit during the year. A growth in the work which cannot be reckoned by numbers is the deepening of spiritual life and stability in the churches.

"Immediately following the conference we conducted a course of Bible classes for the benefit of deacons and Sunday School teachers, seeking to give special instruction which would help them perform their duties and increase the knowledge of the Word of God among the believers. Thirteen people studied six hours daily for two weeks, and we were well satisfied with the results of this effort.

"We are much concerned about entering the unevangelized territory to the north. Little by little we have seen the gospel advance in that direction. This last year five were baptized in water in a town of that region, yet we have not been able to enter as we desire. We are planning a trip there later. Will you pray definitely with us that God will open the doors so we may be able to begin a work in one of the main towns of that section?"

**LOOKING BACK IN CEYLON**

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Thus begins our latest news from the Cliffords and Kathryn Long in Colombo, Ceylon.

"We surely praise the Lord," they continue, "for all His loving kindness and goodness to us during the past year. We remember the glorious revival that the Lord gave us in Colombo in the fall, when about forty-seven came to the altar for salvation, eleven received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and eight followed the Lord in waters of baptism. The whole church was revived at that time and some backsliders returned to the Lord.

"Since then we have seen a number more coming to God to be saved, among them three young Sinhalese. In November we held three days of special meetings at Ketetenna outstation among the tea and rubber plantation workers. These people have only two holidays a year, so we must never let slip an opportunity to speak to them.

"Over fifty gathered together during the three days of fellowship and waiting upon the Lord. Many sought the Baptism in the Spirit and some seemed very near. Five came to the altar for salvation, praise God!

"A tour of the up-country districts enabled us to have fellowship with many believers and to encourage them in the Lord. Then six days of special meetings in Colombo were blessed in that three souls came forward for salvation.

**Joyous Holidays**

"The Christmas and New Year's holidays were filled with many activities, especially among the children of course. The day school children gave an excellent program of Tamil action songs and a few English choruses. December 21 saw the church well filled for the English Sunday School program, and the day following found us in Bambalapatiya for the program of the Sinhalese and Tamil children.

"Program after program marked our days, and of course each one was made particularly joyous by the giving of little things—pieces of cloth, and small bags of cake and sweets.

"Christmas eve was spent in singing Christmas carols and hearing how we got these wonderful Christmas hymns. God blessed us in all our services of Christmas day, confirming His Word and making His presence known to our hearts.

"We had the joy of dedicating a new building to the Lord during these holidays. A few

miles from Colombo, on the outskirts of a Buddhist village, a Christian lawyer bought a piece of land and erected a building called the Nazareth Gospel Tabernacle intended to be used as a day school during the week, and as Sunday School and church on Sundays.

"About one hundred and fifty people attended the simple dedication service. We gathered outside the doorway, sang a hymn, read the Scriptures, and prayed the dedicatorial prayer. Then the brother who gave the land and building cut through the paper streamers which held the gate closed, and opened it for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom. We trust that in this building given to the Lord many may find the Lord Jesus as their own personal Saviour.

**Beginning the New Year**

"At ten o'clock on New Year's eve we gathered for the watch night service. A large crowd filled the floor of the tabernacle, extra chairs were soon occupied, and a number went up into the balcony.

"We had a blessed time of praising the Lord in song, followed by Scripture reading, prayers, and testimonies. Notes of sorrow, struggles, and trials were heard, but through it all rang a joyous refrain of praise to our faithful God who has led us safely on.

"A message from the Word was followed by the Lord's Supper, the majority of those present partaking of the Communion as the old year went out and the new one began. While all were on their knees an appeal was made for the unsaved to surrender to the Lord. Two responded, praise the Lord.

"We praise God for His wondrous kindness toward us. He has blessed our labors which the friends at home made possible. The work has grown and prospered, and we know that we shall reap greatly if we faint not, bless His holy Name!"

**DAYS OF TESTING IN SOBRAL**

O. S. Boyer, Sobral, Brazil, asks those in the homeland to remember them definitely in prayer at this time, that the Work of the Lord may continue to go forward and that the power of Satan shall not prevail.

"The past month," he writes, "has been full of testings and trials, and we thank the Lord for victory thus far. Persecution has come from all sides. While we were in Camocim the work was left in charge of a new Brazilian worker, Brother Joao Alves who, with his wife, is baptized in the Holy Spirit. Upon our return, we found that the priest, jealous of the large crowds, had come with a mob and the meetings had been completely closed.

"Now the authorities are saying that not only have they no orders to protect us, but rather to close all our services. They are also threatening to jail this worker. Nevertheless,

we have had well-attended services since then, and we trust God to move on in victory against all opposition.

"We praise God for His care in keeping us safe. Brother Phinheiro recently knelt in prayer for some time before anyone realized that he was kneeling over a four-foot rattlesnake. As we regarded the sixteen rattles after the snake had been killed, we remembered the promise of God and praised Him for His wonderful faithfulness.

"One of our Brazilian brothers writes that his recent preaching trip was greatly blessed of the Lord, at least twelve having come to the Lord for salvation. Although he was suffering greatly with fever and lung trouble, he continued the journey and the Lord graciously healed him in answer to prayer."

**GOD GIVES VICTORY IN EGYPT**

Hugh Cadwalder, superintendent of the Egyptian District Council, reports victory in the work in that field. In his last trip into Upper Egypt he visited churches which had been almost at a standstill for some time, but found them now on fire for God, great crowds attending the services, sometimes as many as a thousand eagerly listening.

In one church which holds about eight hundred, the people filled every available space and many stood out on the street. There was no possible place for an altar call, so they were asked to raise their hands if they desired and meant to get right with God. Over four hundred responded at once.

Mr. Cadwalder and his interpreter arrived in one village about nine o'clock in the morning. Upon asking for the pastor, they were told he was still in the prayer room where he had been all night. Later they learned that several had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that night. Fifteen had received during that week, making sixty filled with the Spirit since the first of the year.

In one village where there is no church of any kind, where elderly men did not know Jesus from Mohammed, and where none of our missionaries or Egyptian workers had ever gone, God began to work in wonderful ways. Over fifty have received the Holy Spirit, praise the Lord! When one of the missionaries visited there, they had almost enough money to build their church, and over sixty took the Lord's Supper. In still another place, twenty-six received the Baptism in ten days. All these marvelous things have happened since the first of the year.

The great problem is lack of money, inasmuch as most of the work is among the Fellaheen class. These people are the poorest of the poor, working for ten to twenty cents a day. It is impossible for them to help much, so let us all pray that God will meet this need.



Assembly of God missionaries who gathered in Moghal Sarai for the twentieth annual missionary convention of North India

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Manasseh's Sin and Repentance

Lesson for June 2. Lesson Text: 2 Chronicles 33.

Oh, that twentieth century America might study the life of Manasseh, King of Judah! How it gives the lie to false and shallow conceptions of sin! How insistently it proclaims the inescapable truth that though man may be forgiven for sin, he cannot undo its awful consequences! How it confirms God's immutable law that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap!"

MANASSEH'S SIN 2 Chron. 33:1-10.

No sin was too great for Manasseh. He wiped out his father's good influence. He revived the worship of Baal. He embraced every conceivable form of idolatry and spiritual wickedness. He profaned the temple of God. But this was not all! His guilt was intensified because—

*He sinned in spite of the fact that he had a godly father.* Hezekiah had been one of the saintliest kings of Judah. How dreadful to despise one's God-given privileges! "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." Luke 12:28. Privilege brings responsibility and those children who have spurned the opportunities of a godly home shall be far more guilty in the day of judgment than children born in heathendom!

*He sinned in spite of repeated warning.* 2 Chron. 33:10; 2 Kings 21:16. Though he had determinedly turned his back on God, though he recklessly abandoned himself to a career of flagrant evil, yet God was merciful in sending him messenger after messenger to woo him back to pardon and peace in Father's house. Did he appreciate it? Nay! "He . . . filled Jerusalem from one end to another" with the "innocent blood" of those who would have turned him from his wicked ways! A young man was about to leave his home for a night of sinful revelry. "Don't go, Son!" cried his aged father. But the young man was determined. "Get out of the way, Dad," he said. "If you go, Son, you'll have to step over the body of your father." The old man lay down in the doorway. His son heartlessly stepped over his body and went out into the night. God unjust? Ah, no! He has done everything necessary to keep men from eternal ruin. If men go to hell, they do so over the body of God's own Son.

*He did not sin alone.* When Charles II was restored to the throne of England, the court life was changed into a brothel. Charles lived in open adultery, and the degeneracy of the throne led to the degeneracy of the kingdom. So it was in Judah. Manasseh not only fell but he led a nation into spiritual ruin. 2 Chron. 33:9; 2 Kings 21:9.

"None of us liveth to himself." Rom. 14:7. Regardless of our station in life each of us in our daily living exerts a never-dying influence on other lives. We cannot sin without involving others. The fact is inescapable! What did Jesus say about the matter? "It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:1, 2. Let us pray with the Psalmist "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path because of those which observe me." Psalm 27:11 (margin).

MANASSEH'S REPENTANCE 2 Chron. 33:11-19.

*Its occasion.* Why is it that men persist in sin? Solomon gave the answer (Eccl. 8:11)—"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed

speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is set in them to do evil." So it was with Manasseh. But the time came when he began to reap for his sin. As one writer aptly puts it, "Retribution slipped in by the guards at the door one day, and took the king rudely by the shoulders. It shook him so roughly that his crown fell from his head. Then it dragged him from his throne, dressed him in chains, and sent him a captive into a foreign country." See verse 11.

*Its evidence.* When man will not yield to the gentle wooing of the Spirit, nor submit to the authority of God's Word, God often uses methods no less loving but more severe in order to bring man back to Himself. For that reason affliction came to Manasseh. What effect did it have? Suffering only makes some men more rebellious and wicked, but not so with Manasseh! In his case affliction turned to blessing. Deep had been



his guilt. Equally deep was his repentance. "He humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto him."

*Its results.* "And he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication." Not only did God save this man. He restored him to his throne as well! And no man ever strays so far from God, nor lives so long in sin, but that if he returns from the "far country" in true repentance, a loving Father will receive him and restore to him the peace and shelter of Home!

### WHAT MANASSEH COULD NOT DO

Manasseh the sinner became Manasseh the saint. With fervent zeal he tried to undo and atone for the havoc his sins had wrought in the nation. He destroyed the altars he had erected to false gods. He repaired the altar of the Lord and attempted to lead his people back to the God he had come to know.

But did he succeed? Ah no! He discovered that it was easier far to lead people down to the pit of spiritual destruction than it was to bring them up again to the mount of God. He was blood-washed and pure. But he suffered hell on earth; for he had to stand by in utter helplessness and watch the nation crumble and go to ruin because of his evil influence. "I will cause

them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth because of Manasseh." Jer. 15:4. He could not even save his own household. He had led his own son into idolatry. But he could not lead him to God. 2 Chron. 33:21-25!

A young girl was converted and wanted to join the church. Her mother refused to allow her to do so, for she wanted her daughter to have a "Coming out" party and dance. And so the girl did not join. Three years later the minister attended the funeral of that same girl. She had gone back into sin because of her mother, and had died as a result of that sin. On the way home from the funeral the heart-broken mother repented and found Christ. She said to her other daughter, "Mary, I have found the salvation that I rejected three years ago." "No, Mother," answered Mary, "you have found salvation, it is true. But it is not the salvation you would have had three years ago. Your salvation then would have included the salvation of Nellie. Now it means only the salvation of yourself."

Manasseh, David (2 Sam. 12:9-14), Esau (Gen. 25:29-34; Heb. 12:16, 17), and multitudes of others testify to the solemn fact—"Repentance will bring us salvation whenever we repent, but there is one thing that repentance cannot do. It cannot save us from the consequences of our sin!"—J. Bashford Bishop.

### CONFESSION

A wealthy Bostonian, converted at one of Mr. Moody's meetings, resolved to keep his conversion secret. At an aristocratic dinner-party at which he was present, the conversation turned, with ridicule, on Mr. Moody; and then passed into sneers at our Lord and His cross: until, with the new life in him able to bear it no longer, the gentleman rose, trembling in every limb, and exclaimed: "I do not wish to seem rude, but I can be silent no longer. The old 'tabernacle,' at which you are sneering, is the spot where God showed me my sin, and where He led me to Christ, whom I believe to be the very Son of God, and in whose merits and blood I am resting for pardon and life. As I do not wish to disturb the freedom of your party, I beg my host's leave to retire from this table."

### THE BIBLE

An English Earl was once talking with a native chieftain in the Fiji Islands. "You are a great chief," said the Earl; "but you are a fool to listen to an exploded Book, and the absurd story of the Crucified." The old Chief's eyes flashed, and he answered: "Do you see that great stone yonder? On that stone we used to smash our victims' heads to death. Do you see that over beyond? In that oven we roasted our enemies for feasts. Sir," he concluded, "if it had not been for the great love of Christ, changing us from savages into children of God, you would never have left this spot alive."

### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

From an Alexandria, La., newspaper comes the report that Governor O'Daniel, referring only incidentally to his candidacy for a second term, devoted his entire regular Sunday broadcast in Texas on April 7 to renewal of his "Go To Church" campaign. Urging listeners to attend Sunday services, the Governor read a letter he had received from a convict, since electrocuted, who said: "I am going to the electric chair because of my parents' failure to take me to Sunday School and church." The convict, J. W. Rickman, also said he hoped a State law would make teaching of Bible truths mandatory in public schools. What excuse will parents and educational authorities have to offer when the downfall of young lives is put to their charge in the great day of reckoning?



# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS

According to *Prophecy Monthly*, a report prepared by Dr. Thorsten Sellin, University of Pennsylvania criminologist, and recently issued by the American Law Institute, said that American youths from 16 to 21 years of age doubled their expected quota in robberies and thefts, trebled it in burglaries, and nearly quadrupled it in auto thefts during the past two years. The report said that the situation is "worthy of the deepest concern." But conditions will grow increasingly worse unless more is done to win our youth for Christ.

## BRITISH AND GERMANS

The secretary of the London Missionary Society, A. M. Chirgwin, has received a letter from a German missionary who was a colleague in the Madras Conference in 1938: "Your letter was for me an unspeakable joy and encouragement. Take my heartfelt thanks for your great faithfulness. I assure you of the same from my side towards yourself and the other brethren. We meet every day in our prayers before the Throne of our common Lord, in the same faith and in the unity, which cannot be destroyed. The fellowship in Christ remains in spite of all darkness. The faithfulness of our churches towards missionary work is unparalleled."

## ONE GOOD EFFECT OF WAR

Along with the many evil effects of war comes the solemnizing effect it has on some. According to the *Christian Herald* (England), the war is causing some British preachers to return to "the old paths" of the gospel. Writes one minister: "There was the time when the big thing to do was to convert people to modern ideas of the Bible; another time when the immediate task was to apply Christ's teaching to social and economic problems; another time when pacifism was the remedy for a war-threatened world. Now that Antichrist is rampant, one realizes that the really big thing to do it, to preach the only full gospel, the gospel of redemption from sin and fear and death and hell through the grace of God in Jesus Christ."

## THE WAR AGAINST CHRISTIANITY

The following letter appeared recently in the *London Times*: "We are face to face with new and vigorous faiths which walk the world naked and unashamed. There is the faith of Karl Marx, who taught years ago that economic values alone are real, and that the Christian religion is a fairy tale, just so much dope handed out by the possessing classes to the workers. Is it not the case in Germany among the Nazis, in Italy among the Fascists, in Spain among the now dominant Falange, that those who believe that material values are alone real are as dominant and as unashamed as they are in Russia? The Roman Catholic Church may appear to hold a proud position in Italy and in Spain, but it is undermined. Those in power do not believe in truth, and they do not believe in goodness, and they do not believe in eternal life. They have utterly rejected Christ and Christianity, though as yet they may pretend otherwise.

"In the East we only see the same reign of violence and hideous cruelty—Japan advancing on its benevolent mission of civilizing by blasting the fragments of the limbs of women and children against their shattered homes. Do we truly realize to what a small area of the world at the present moment the once conquering religion of Christianity has been driven back? Do we truly realize that these new forces, with all their diverse origins, are alike in this, that they see in Christianity, and still more in the Gospel of Christ, their greatest and most dangerous enemy? By persecution, by murder, if need be, by the concentration camp, they will extirpate it if they can."

## SCANDINAVIAN JEWRY

With the invasion of Scandinavia by Germany, a further 16,000 Jews are exposed to the ruthlessness of Nazi Jew-hate. *The Jewish Chronicle* states that there are about 6,000 Jews in Denmark alone. Norway has only about 2,000 Jews, of whom 850 are in Oslo and the remainder are in Bergen and Trondheim. With the German occupation of Denmark a haven for refugees has been lost, for the Danes allowed refugees to enter their land and a large Government grant was made in 1938 to help refugees. In the first week of Nazi rule, the Gestapo (Nazi secret police) were busy in Denmark, acting on the basis of lists of names compiled well in advance. Jews in peaceful Scandinavia were not as immune to the cruelties of anti-Semitism as they imagined. The day of Jacob's Trouble is surely drawing very near.

## CHRISTIANS AND ANTI-SEMITISM

One of the last appeals of Dr. Mark Matthews, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle who died Feb. 5, was: "America should never tolerate racial prejudice. Let me appeal to the Christian people to awake to their sense of duty and responsibility. The House of Israel is in danger! Awake! Answer the bugle call and march forth, guaranteeing liberty, freedom, rights, and protection to the House of Israel." For years he had raised the warning against anti-Semitism. In gratitude for this, the *Jewish Transcript* of Seattle printed his picture and gave nearly two full columns to a warm tribute. "Such declarations have a profound impression on the Jews, for most of them think the average Christian is anti-Semitic," says one who has done gospel work among them.

## JEWISH GRATITUDE

The London periodical, *Trusting and Toiling*, reports that some three hundred German-Jewish ex-service men, exiled in England, lately expressed their gratitude as follows: "People of Great Britain, we thank you for the hospitality, liberty and justice which we enjoy as your guests, for the right to live which you have given back after years of darkness. And when we say, 'People of Great Britain, God bless you!' these words are a promise which we shall translate into deeds. We promise you to live our lives modestly and honorably. We promise to bring up our children in such a way that there will be no need for you ever to regret that you have opened the gates of your Motherland to us."

Such gratitude is a reward in itself. Yet a greater reward will come from God, for He has promised definite blessing to those who befriend the Jews. Gen. 12:3.

## IN AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

About a year ago Dan Gilbert, youthful Christian author, was invited to speak at the chapel period of a "great" university in the Eastern States, reports *King's Business*. His subject was, "God in Our Generation," and as attendance was compulsory a large number of students listened to the Bible message. Afterward the university president said to him: "While it was interesting, your address was quite out of the ordinary; in fact, rather irregular. To my knowledge, it has been at least two years since any one dealt with the idea of God in such a way as to convey the impression that our thinking regarding Deity should be dictated by Biblical teachings. Generally, we regard religion as a private matter, and one man's concept of God is as good as another's. We do not think the students should be indoctrinated with 'authoritarian' principles of religion." With a university head holding such an attitude toward God's eternal Word, is it safe for American parents to allow their children to enter our "great" universities?

## WHY BRITAIN WAS DEFEATED

The following report from the *Christian Herald* of England may be the explanation of Britain's defeat in Norway recently. In the middle of March the *Christian Herald* printed an open letter to the Prime Minister, begging him to institute a Day of National Prayer for forgiveness and righteous peace. But it was in vain. In the House of Commons a similar request was made twice by a minister, Dr. J. Little—and twice refused by the Prime Minister.

Writing to the *Christian Herald*, Dr. Little says: "I find all over the country perplexity at the attitude of Mr. Chamberlain. And I find also among the officials of the House of Commons a feeling that the matter should not be raised in the House again, but I will go on until they wholly rule me out."

During April the *Christian Herald* continued to publish letters from readers all over Great Britain pointing out the need of national humiliation and prayer for divine help. How can a nation hope to be victorious in "a fight for Christian principles," as this war is called, if its Government is too proud to ask for God's assistance?

## BIBLES IN A WARRING WORLD

According to *Church School Promoter*, more than eighteen million copies of the Bible were distributed throughout the world last year by various American and British organizations. But most remarkable is the way in which the demand for God's Word is growing in war-torn countries. In Germany no fewer than 280,000 volumes were distributed in 1939 by the British and Foreign Bible Society alone, says *The Christian* (London). In Hungary, 169,000 copies were sold—more than twice the sales of 1938. Whereas Scripture circulation in Czechoslovakia during 1938 totalled 50,875 copies—an increase of fifty per cent over that recorded last year. Most remarkable of all is the fact that in Poland the sales have gone up from 54,000 copies to 135,000. In Latvia and Lithuania, likewise, there are notable advances. Everywhere Bible sales have increased, in spite of the fact that colportage has been suspended in most of these countries, and although the spending power of the people is much reduced. As God's Word finds its way into so many new homes where fear and perplexity reign, may it find entrance into many individual hearts bringing men and women to the knowledge of sins forgiven and a hope beyond this warring world.

## THE COMING FEDERATIONS

These are days when national alliances are receiving great attention. Referring to the possibility of union between England, France, and other countries, the Archbishop of York said recently, "The whole scheme of federal union has made a staggeringly effective appeal to the British mind." *The Times* (London) has given assent to the idea. "All over the world it is gradually being realized that this way must be followed by the setting up of some international order capable, not of extinguishing nationalism—which would be absurd—but of transcending it with a larger loyalty," it says. Both in political circles and in religious circles the idea is gaining ground, even in America. A group of churchmen representing twenty-three denominations met in Philadelphia, reports *Time*, and came out for a World Government. Such alliances are a characteristic of the end of this age, which the Bible has foretold. Before a World Government can come, however, it shows that first must come two great federations—the northern confederacy of Russia and Germany on one hand, and the federation that will include the countries of the old Roman Empire on the other. Through the dissolving and re-shaping of the nations the inevitable boundaries that divide these two great territories are rapidly taking form, and the federations may soon come completely into existence. It will not be long after that time that Jesus shall return in power and glory to set up His world government of righteousness and peace.

# THE PRAYER CORNER

"Laboring fervently . . . in prayer"

MONDAY, MAY 27—2 Chron. 33:1-9

There is an Eye that never sleeps  
Beneath the wing of night;  
There is an Ear that never shuts  
When sink the beams of light.

There is an Arm that never tires,  
When human strength gives way;  
There is a Love that never fails  
When earthly loves decay.

But there's a power which man can wield  
When mortal aid is vain,  
That Eye, that Arm, that Love to reach,  
That listening Ear to gain.

That power is prayer which soars on high  
Through Jesus to the throne;  
And moves the Hand which moves the world,  
To bring salvation down.

—J. E. Wallace

Poona, South India—Please pray that our evangelist, who is studying for the ministry, may receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost.—Thomas Stoddart.

Martandam—The number of both stations and native workers is increasing, and we need more money. Please pray that this need may be laid upon the hearts of those who can help.—Helen Lenart.

Birthday—Mrs. E. G. Chastagner, French West Africa.

TUESDAY 28—2 Chron. 33:10-17.

One of our pastors took his watch to a jeweler because it was not keeping accurate time. "When do you wind your watch?" asked the jeweler. The pastor replied, "At night, of course, as everyone else does." "No," said the jeweler, "most people may wind their watches at night, but not jewelers; for one who knows the mechanism of a watch knows that it is best to begin the day on a full spring." If we would keep in rhythm with the Eternal, we shall do well to follow the example of those who have made it a rule to begin each day with God. This was the Master's custom, and it has been the secret of the peace and poise of countless others in the midst of confusion and conflict.—J. D. Morrison.

Colombo, Ceylon—We have a great need of some consecrated Bible women, also a Bible school in which to train Ceylonese workers. Please pray for this and also that God will bless the seed that has been sown in the open-air meetings both here in Colombo and on the tea estates up-country.—Kathryn Long.

Birthday—Mrs. E. L. Phillips, Nigeria.

WEDNESDAY 29—2 Chron. 33:18-25.

"As one has well remarked, prayer is 'a sacred, princely privilege.' It is a love service, about which there is no compulsion. It is the God-appointed means by which man may obtain powerful results. It is vital contact with the Almighty God. It is man, coming as a child, into the Father's presence and making all his requests in behalf of others known to Him who has not only promised to answer prayer, but who is delighted to answer the heart cries of His dear children."

Basti, North India—Please pray that the Word preached in the bazar, villages, Gospel Hall, and roadside shall bear much fruit for His glory. Pray that God shall mightily work among the women who have been ready to listen to the Word, in their shut-in homes. Pray that those who have declared their faith in Jesus shall openly confess Him.—Bessie Gager.

Lakhimpur—Pray that the scripture portions

sold may bring forth fruit unto life eternal in many homes.—Barbara Cox.

Birthdays—Lydia Vaux, North India; Florence Blossom, Gold Coast.

THURSDAY 30—2 Kings 21:1-9.

"Away in foreign fields they wondered how Their simple word had power—  
At home the Christians two or three had met To pray an hour.  
Yes, we are always wondering, wondering how! Because we do not see  
Someone—perhaps unknown and far away—  
On bended knee."

Nicaragua, Central America—Please pray for the Indians who have taken a stand for the Lord in the section we have just visited. It is very hard to visit these people more than once a year as they live so far away, and the trails are bad the greater part of the year.—Ray Jones.

Latin American work in U. S.—Pray that God will direct us as we continue to seek His perfect will for our future work. Pray that God will supply us with a public address outfit, adaptable both to a car and to the common A. C. systems.—Frank Finkenbinder.

FRIDAY 31—2 Kings 21:10-18

To hear God speak is the better part of prayer. To speak to God is important, but unless we have heard Him speak to us we do not know what we should say to Him. When the Psalmist heard Him, a new song was born in his heart. Saul, the persecutor, heard Him and was changed into Paul, the apostle. In times of crisis, in times of rush, in times of apparent triumph, and in times of sorrow, our Lord withdrew from human society and activity to listen for the voice of the Eternal Father.—J. W. Pickett.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—This month we have prayed with twenty-five for salvation, and two came through to a wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many have been healed. Hallelujah. We have had wonderful attendance at all the services. Now pray that all these new converts may go on with the Lord; many are already asking for water baptism.—Erma Miller.

Sao Carlos do Panhal—We wish to request special prayer for a very serious problem among our Christians, one which is a great hindrance to our work.—V. L. Fullerton.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1—2 Kings 21:19-26

Will you give what you can with a prayer?

I am sure, friend, it will pay  
For hearts now sad  
Are by this made glad,  
And 'twill bring reward to you.

Will you give what you can with a prayer?

'Tis not very much to ask,  
But it helps to save  
Those for whom Christ gave  
His life—and should be no task.

Will you give what you can with a prayer?

When God does so much for you,  
To give and pray  
In a cheerful way,  
Is the least you dare to do.

—Comforter.

Cairo, Egypt—Please pray for Florence Christie who has not been well of late and is now in the hospital. Also please pray for Pastor Habib.—C. W. Doney.

SUNDAY 2—2 Chron. 33:1-7, 9-13.

"Apart from Christ and the Holy Spirit prayer has no merit and no effect, no power to win God's favor in and of itself. It proceeds from His intercession and associates itself with Him as He appears in the presence of God in the interest of men. It approaches God in the name of Christ according to His

direction because this method of approach gives new access to the Father. When the praying is done in the Holy Spirit we can never pray amiss. It is more the Holy Spirit doing the praying than the individual. The human faculties are taken possession of and praying is done through them and cannot be other than in harmony with the divine will."

Peking, North China—Please pray that the missionaries may continue to have the same free hand to preach and spread the gospel as we have had in the past; also that the Red menace will not penetrate into other provinces outside of those where they already have a foothold, seeing there are indications of this very thing taking place. The whole of China needs your prayers at this time.—H. E. Hansen.

Birthday—Mrs. F. J. Stalter, Brazil.

## GOOD NEWS

It May Happen Here

"A short time ago my husband saw me reading the Bible," a lady in Bulgaria confessed to Sasha Misheva, a worker in a Pentecostal church. "He became so enraged that he tore the book from my hands and began to kick me. After punishing me severely, he left the house, but before doing so forbade me reading that Book or attending the meetings." This lady had but recently been converted.

"He stayed away several days. But today he returned and again found me reading the Bible. I had neglected to lock the door. He took the Bible from me and after striking me several times began to tear out leaves from it. But then, dear Sister, a miracle happened. Raising his hands to tear the Bible to shreds, they became paralyzed. He looked at me, at the Book, and then lifted his eyes towards heaven and, with tears streaming down his face, in a loud voice began to pray for mercy.

"He said, 'God, I have done wrong. Please forgive me. I shall never do this again.' Then strength returned to his hands. He embraced and kissed me, while promising never to beat me again. He also said he would attend the next service. Oh, how happy I am! Now we all will serve the Lord."

Miss Misheva reports that this husband did come to the meetings, gave his heart to God, and is now the head of a happy family of Christians.

Are you a sinner, dear reader? If so does the thrilling account of how a woman, recently a sinner like you, but now saved by grace, endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ stir up your heart to enlist under the banner of King Jesus as a Christian soldier? She served her Lord with such fearless faithfulness that at the critical moment when He was most needed the mighty God intervened with such persuasive force that a hard-hearted, bold man was brought to penitence in a moment. Now she is not only saved, but she has by her boldness and faithfulness been the means of the salvation of her husband too.

In all Eastern Europe, and especially in what was Poland, Government is taking such a strong stand against Christianity that it takes genuine courage to witness for Christ. But great numbers of people are flocking to the Lord. In this land where you can serve God and be protected from all who would hinder you or make you afraid, do you not feel that now is the time for you to repent and believe the gospel?—C. E. R.

GONE ON BEFORE

Sister Leah Greenaway, the wife of Charles Greenaway, pastor of Glad Tidings Temple, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, went to be with the Lord on April 13, at the age of 21 years. Our tender sympathy is extended to Brother Greenaway in his sorrow and loneliness.



**AN EXPLANATION**

Since some have not fully understood our Pay-As-You-Read Plan for Ministers and Christian Workers, we feel a little explanation will be helpful.

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**GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP**

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of April, 1940.

- Ashby, Robert C., Collinsville, Okla.
- Cissna, James R., Jr., Carmen, Okla.
- Eads, Venna Mae, Polo, Mo.
- Dobbins, Chas. B., Fort Smith, Ark.
- Gallup, Bertha E., Tulsa, Okla.
- Hall, Joseph M., Dexter, Ga.
- Hollingshead, A. Everett, Chariton, Iowa
- Morgan, John H., Ames, Okla.
- Morgan, Meda (Mrs. John H.), Ames, Okla.
- Nervig, Ethel, Atlanta, Ga.
- Nicely, Eugene T., Elmer, Mo.
- Nickel, Thelma E., Tulsa, Okla.
- Nickens, Paul G., Tulsa, Okla.
- Oliver, R. Lauraine, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Pool, Wright C., Tulsa, Okla.
- Secrist, Bessie, Boynton, Okla.
- Smith, Virgil F., Tulsa, Okla.
- Taylor, Ruth, Dexter, Ga.
- Woolums, Jephtha B., Atlanta, Ga.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of April, 1940.

- Asher, George G., Fort Worth, Tex. (withdrew)
- Calhoun, Mrs. E. F., Houston, Tex. (deceased)
- Moody, W. E., Oakland, Calif. (deceased)
- Noble, G. Elmer, La Grange, Ga. (dropped)
- Rieske, Julius D., Milwaukee, Wis. (deceased)
- Shewbridge, Ivan, Lonaconing, Md. (withdrew)

**PENIEL BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Campton, Ky.

The Commencement Services of Peniel Bible Institute, Kentucky Mountains, were held on Friday, April 19. This school is operated on a missionary plan, and has shown real results since its opening five years ago. This year there were ten graduates, a splendid group of young people, the majority from the mountains—souls that have been brought to the knowledge of saving grace through the efforts of the Kentucky Mountain Missionary work.

There was a downpour of rain most of the time for three days and nights during these closing days, and therefore an abundance of water and mud, but the church was filled for the two services, both morning and afternoon. The splendid attendance proves the deep interest in the school, as people came long distances through adverse circumstances.

There are numbers of enquiries coming from prospective students and interested parents, and our hearts are greatly encouraged. We have open doors for a few missionary workers. Anyone interested can get in touch with District Superintendent O. E. Nash, 1224 Race St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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**The following books are our own publications and receive 25% discount.**

- God and His Bible, by *Robinson*, 50c
- Concerning Spiritual Gifts, by *Donald Gee*, paper 50c, cloth 75c
- A Successful Pastor, by *Riggs*, 50c
- The Cure for Empty Pews, by *Olson*, 35c
- Ages and Dispensations, by *Boyd*, 50c
- Balm of Gilead, by *Yeomans*, 25c
- God Lives, by *Burgess*, cloth 75c, paper 50c
- Healing from Heaven, by *Yeomans*, 50c
- Knowing the Doctrines of the Bible, by *Pearlman*, \$1.50
- Life and Teachings of Christ, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- The Minister, by *Frey*, cloth 75c, paper 50c
- Ministry Gifts of Christ, by *Donald Gee*, 50c
- A Pastor's Diary, by *Robinson*, 25c
- The Path of Prophecy, by *Riggs*, \$1.25
- Pentecost Examined, by *Miller*, 50c
- Personal Worker's Course, by *Atkinson*, 50c
- Praying to Change Things, by *Robinson*, cloth \$1.00, paper 50c
- Seeing the Story of the Bible, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- Studying the Pupil, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- A Successful Sunday School, by *Riggs*, 50c
- Successful Sunday School Teaching, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- The Synagogue of the Nazarenes, by *Pearlman*, 25c
- Through the Bible Book by Book, Part 1, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- Through the Bible Book by Book, Part 2, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- Through the Bible Book by Book, Part 3, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- Through the Bible Book by Book, Part 4, by *Pearlman*, 50c
- Upon All Flesh, by *Donald Gee*, 25c
- A Victorious Christian Life, 10c
- What Will Happen Next?, 10c
- Wise Words, by *Welch*, 25c

**The following books are by other publishers and receive 10% discount.**

- Shadow and Substance, by *Needham*, \$1.25
- The Tabernacle, Priesthood and Offerings, by *Haldeman*, \$2.50
- Life of St. Paul, by *Stalker*, \$1.00
- All about the Bible, by *Collett*, \$1.50
- New Topical Textbook, by *Torrey*, 85c
- The Star Book for Ministers, by *Hiscox*, \$1.25
- Cruden's Complete Concordance, \$2.00
- Smith-Peloubet's Bible Dictionary, \$1.50
- International Bible Commentary, by *Irwin*, \$2.00
- The Making of the Sermon, by *Pattison*, \$1.50
- The Gospel of Healing, by *Simpson*, 35c
- Jesus Is Coming, by *Blackstone*, 50c
- Synthetic Bible Studies, by *Gray*, \$2.25

- Handfuls on Purpose, by *Smith*, in 12 volumes, \$1.50 each
- Notes on the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy—2 volumes) by *MacIntosh*, 6 volumes in all, \$1.00 each
- Chas. G. Finney, Autobiography, \$2.00
- The Story of the Christian Church, by *Hurlbut*, \$1.00
- The Pilgrim's Progress, by *Bunyan*, 50c
- Studies in Guidance, by *Donald Gee*, 25c
- The Master's Way, by *Mangs*, 50c
- Absolute Surrender, by *Murray*, 50c
- The Blood of the Cross, by *Murray*, 50c
- The Power of the Blood of Jesus, by *Murray*, 50c
- My Utmost for His Highest (daily readings), by *Chambers*, \$1.50
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- The Spirit of the Shepherd (expos. of 23rd Psa.), by *Krikorian*, \$1.00
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- Youth's Problem No. 1, by *Murray*, \$1.35
- The Chaos of Cults, by *Van Baalen*, \$2.00
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# BOOK REVIEWS

## The Lamp of Prophecy

"We seem to be at the converging of the ages; one era appears to be closing, and another already beginning. Apart from divine revelation, no man can tell what the next age holds in store for the human race. But any man or woman who has learned to accept the Holy Scriptures as divinely inspired finds here, in God's blessed book, a complete revelation concerning the times in which we live, and the period which is to follow. This period will be ushered in by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him. Everything shows that we are rapidly nearing the end of the present dispensation."

It is the settled opinion of many wise pastors that nothing is better calculated to arouse Christians to a realization of their privileges in God, and to quicken in them a sense of their responsibility to live for God in giving the gospel to a lost world, than a thorough understanding from prophecy that the coming of the Lord may be expected at any time.

The first paragraph above is quoted from a new book I have just read with great satisfaction and profit. It is a book on prophecy, written

in such a plain and simple form that the ordinary man in the street can understand it readily. It is written by the pastor of the great Moody church, Harry A. Ironside, and called "The Lamp of Prophecy." A mere list of the chapter titles in the book makes interesting reading. Here it is: 1. All signs point—to what? 2. The calling and destiny of the church. 3. "The Kings of the East." 4. Reaffirmation of dispensational truth. 5. Was the kingdom offered to Israel and rejected? 6. Will Israel be re-gathered? 7. Israel, Jehovah's witness. 8. The Great Tribulation. 9. Are the Jews responsible for the Protocols? 10. Will there be an age of righteousness? 11. Will there be a millennium? 12. May we expect a great revival? 13. World-wide missions and the Lord's return.

This well bound interesting and uplifting book of 159 pages can be had of the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., for \$1, postpaid.—C. E. R.

## Depression Analyzed

"Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider your ways. Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man into his own house. Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from her fruit." Hag. 1:7-10.

Quaint term, the word "recession." It is a sugar-coated term employed to designate the "furious relapse" of a sick nation, which follows the nostrum administered by her economic doctors. It would appear to be far sweeter to "expire of recession" than to "die of depression." But "recession" or "depression," the Bible assigns therefore a tremendous, contributory reason; namely, mankind's repudiation of the demands God makes for the support of His church. Financial loyalty to God's will is a part of the larger obedience included in the statement, "Righteousness exalteth a nation."

It is a singular circumstance that, as, far as thy servant has checked the matter, times of niggardly giving are closely followed by falling stocks and sour investments. Whosoever men set greedy eyes on selfish interests, and watch their mounting pile, *God blows upon it*. Why? Because He will not tolerate an age or individual which refuses to support in proper fashion the program of heaven. Generous interest in God's affairs and favorable seasons do not seem at all related in the minds of selfish men. But God affirms that when men are self-centered and forget Him, the heaven is stayed from dew, and the orchards report a crop failure.

Ed. note—The above is a copy of a page headed "August 24" in a most excellent day by day Bible study help called "Filled with the Spirit," by Richard Ellsworth Day, to be had from Gospel Publishing House at Springfield, Mo., for \$1.50 postpaid.

# REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

**MERIDIAN, MISS.**—The Lord has given us the most successful revival the Eighth Street Assembly of God has had in many years. Frank Moffitt, Tulsa, Okla., was the evangelist. The entire membership was stirred to a closer walk with the Lord. About 40 came to the altar for salvation, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Thirteen were baptized in water.—James Calhoun, Pastor.

**BRIDGEPORT, CONN.**—We have enjoyed 3 weeks of evangelistic meetings with Evangelist Milton Richards, Wilmington, Del., at the United Pentecostal Church. The presence of God was manifest at the very beginning and every one who attended the meetings received spiritual help. As the altar call was given each evening, many sought the Lord for salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—H. L. Ettinger, Pastor.

**BILOXI, MISS.**—A successful 4-week revival has been conducted at the Oak Street church by Evangelist Pauline Hughes, Mobile, Ala. Nine were reclaimed, one was saved, 8 were filled with the Holy Spirit, 2 were baptized in water, and the members were wonderfully blessed. Our Sunday School attendance reached 218 on April 28. We have recently completed an addition of six Sunday School rooms and enlarged the platform.—James M. Ming, Pastor.

**JONES CREEK, MD.**—We have enjoyed two weeks of wonderful meetings. Evangelist Margel Spencer, of Pocomoke City, was in charge, and God through her message called sinners to repentance, and reclaimed backsliders. The saints were stirred, and some were healed. The whole community was stirred and people came from far and near to hear the wonderful words of life, and to have fellowship with the saints.—F. J. Miller, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Church; by Minnie Tomlinson, Church Secretary.

**TOPEKA, KANSAS.**—The church has greatly appreciated the excellent and unusual ministry of Evangelist T. J. Jones, of London, England, the past two weeks. Large crowds, manifesting a real hunger for God's Word, which was made a living reality, attended every night. Deeper consecrations were made and shouts of victory were heard from many. Several were saved and others were filled or re-filled with the Holy Spirit. A standing

invitation is extended Brother Jones to return.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

**DENTON, TEXAS.**—We have had a wonderful revival in the church where R. E. Ford is pastor. During the 3½ weeks we were there, 18 were saved and 12 were baptized in the Holy Ghost. The house was filled to capacity almost every night. A flour salesman was kind enough to lend us his loud speaker set-up, and many heard the gospel songs and messages from their homes. The Sunday School record was broken and every department in the church blessed.—Bessie Adams, Evangelist, 306 Second S. E., Ardmore, Okla.

**SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.**—We have been in a wonderful tent revival with Evangelist G. B. McDowell, Texas Boy Preacher, of Dallas. He was with us over three weeks. The power fell in the old-time way. Some nights Brother McDowell did not get to preach; the power would fall, and people would come to the altar. Some who had been in Pentecost for years, said they had never seen the power fall so greatly as it did in this revival. We did not keep an account of those saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, but many found the Lord precious to their hearts.—W. H. Sumrall, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

**LEVELLAND, TEXAS.**—May 1, 1939, we accepted the pastorate of the church here. The Lord has blessed us in the past year. The interest has been good and people have responded nicely in every service. We have had four good revivals. The outstanding one was the revival Guy Shields conducted last September. The church was built up and left in a splendid condition.

We have given up the church and taken over the Young People's work, having been elected District Christ's Ambassador President. We are devoting full time to this work and the evangelistic field.—M. D. Stokley, Box 10, Plainview, Texas.

**LONGMONT, COLO.**—We have just closed a very successful revival with Virgil R. Jackson as the evangelist. The power of the Lord was present throughout the campaign which continued 7 weeks with increasing interest nightly. A goodly number were saved and several received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in Pentecostal fashion. The closing day of the revival 17 united with the church. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-

time high of 231 and is far exceeding any previous average. New Sunday School rooms have been added. We are enjoying the Evangel and are happy that we have been able to increase our bundle. We hope to increase the order again soon.—Paul L. Ferguson, Pastor.

**VINITA, OKLA.**—The church is making fine progress in every department. The Sunday School is growing, and the children's church is being blessed under the leadership of Mrs. B. Spalding. It is wonderful to see the children saved and filled with the Spirit in their own services.

We have just closed a revival with R. F. Davis, Marionville, Mo. Fifteen came to the altar for salvation, and 4 received the Baptism in the Spirit. The saints were all encouraged to press on to greater things. Services were conducted each morning at 10 o'clock which proved a real blessing to the church. We have a nice native stone, 33x54 ft. church. We came here about a year ago and started this work.—J. R. Harris, Pastor, Box 375.

**WAMPUM, PA.**—We have enjoyed 3 weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist Jack Lucas, of the Central District. The spiritual tide that started to rise four months ago when we took over the work, continued, and the blessing of the Lord was poured out night after night. The church was greatly uplifted by the inspiring messages of Brother Lucas, as well as by the singing by Brother and Sister Lucas. Four received the Baptism, 7 were saved, and several were reclaimed. The whole church was drawn into a closer walk with God. We thank God for the stir among the young people. This has been one of the best meetings we have been in since the work was started eight years ago.—Edwin C. Schmid, Pastor.

**SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.**—We came here a year ago to accept the pastorate, and God has surely blessed us in our work in all the departments of the church. Brother Hardin, the former pastor, had done a very fine work in the three years he had been here, and we found the church in a healthy condition. We have had 78 kneel at the altar for salvation, and 28 have received the Baptism. We now have 398 enrolled in Sunday School, and are launching a campaign for still more even though our quarters are already crowded.

W. M. Lamar, Scotts Bluff, Nebr., was with us in a week's meeting, and then L. R. Faith came. God has given us a very good meeting, several having been saved and 16 having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—F. C. Woodworth, Pastor.

**JAMESTON, N. Y.**—On December 31, just when this city was heading directly into one of the severest winters of recent years, Evangelist Leroy Dodge came from Washington, D. C., to begin revival services in our church. We began with ten days of special prayer meetings, holding our evangelistic services each night. Special days of fasting and prayer were observed by various members of the congregation and we set apart an upper room as a prayer room. We followed this with a prayer chain throughout the hours of the day. The meetings were good, but we do not recollect that anything special happened during the first two or three weeks of our special meetings. We were brought face to face with a grave condition in our work, viz.: there was a lack of unity. In the upper room on the day of Pentecost they were all with one accord. All our efforts to bring about accord seemed abortive. One thing we could do, that was to pray, and every morning men and women met in the upper room of prayer and earnestly wrestled with God for victory in the work.

I think it was at the end of a day of fasting and prayer that God gave us the unity we so long had coveted and then things began to move in our revival meetings. People were saved and received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and the power of God was blessedly in the meetings and in the altar services. At the close of ten weeks of meeting about 48 or 49 had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and a number had been saved or reclaimed. We baptized in two water baptismal services 30 people. We received 34 people into our membership. During this season of special revival we were able to begin a radio broadcast on Sunday afternoons at 5:15-5:30 over Station WJTN. This has proved a great missionary undertaking. We are continuing this ministry.

While Leroy Dodge was with us, he spoke to the students of a number of the local high schools and left a deeply impressed testimony for Christ and godliness with them. We thank God the spirit of revival continues with us and we are going forward in dependence on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. God has brought into the church here some fine people during the past few weeks, and according to the Bible pattern added to the church such as should be saved.—Fred D. Drake, Pastor, Calvary Pentecostal Church.

**MODESTO, CALIF.**—Three years ago H. T. Langley came to be pastor of this church, which then seated 200. The assembly began to grow under his ministry. Plans were made for building a new church, and at Christmas time in 1938 we moved into our new tabernacle, which seats 600





GROOM, TEXAS—C. A. Rally, North Plains Section, May 30. Services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30. Bring your musical instruments and special songs. Special speakers, Ed. Spellman, Pastor.—James D. Wilkers, Sectional Representative, Skellytown, Texas.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—C. A. Convention, June 3-5. First service Monday night, Morning, afternoon, and night services, Tuesday and Wednesday, Parade, Tuesday, 2:00 p. m. Special speakers, singers, and musicians, including Royal Gospel Chorus, of Enid. Special broadcasts over various radio stations in city. Services at Faith Tabernacle and Shrine Auditorium.—W. C. Shackelford, State C. A. President, 919 W. First St., Okmulgee, Okla.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA—Sunday School Rally, Gospel Tabernacle, 21 Avenue A, May 30. Services 10:30, 2:00, 6:00, and 7:30. Young people in charge of six o'clock service; all other services devoted to S. S. work. Marcus L. Grable, Springfield, Mo., will be with us, also Roy E. Scott, District Superintendent. In addition will have the most talented and successful S. S. workers available from nearby towns.—Benson B. Compton, Presbyter, 309 Maple St., Shenandoah, Iowa.

OHIO MEMORIAL DAY RALLIES CLEVELAND, OHIO—E. 55th and Lexington Aves. Services and speakers: 10:30, speaker to be announced; 2:30 and 7:30, Wesley R. Steelberg, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arthur Thornton, Ohio C. A. President, will preside at the 7:30 meeting.

CINCINNATI, OHIO—1224 Race St. Services and speakers: 10:30, speaker to be announced; 2:30 and 7:30, Theodore Gannon, Louisville, Ky.; T. E. Hartshorn, Ohio C. A. Vice President, will preside at the 7:30 meeting.

Bring your special songs and musical instruments, also basket lunches.—Dorothy Ellis, Secretary, Box 168, Salineville, Ohio.

MICHIGAN C. A. MEMORIAL DAY RALLIES

Eastern Section: Christian Fellowship Cruise on Lake Huron: J. O. Savell, Special Speaker; Cantata by Berea Tabernacle Choir; Bible Spell-Down, by Young People of different churches. Other special features. For information write D. G. Foote, 1618 Stone St., Port Huron, Mich.

Western Section: First Pentecostal Church, 134 Gregg St., Grand Rapids, Mich., Raymond DeVito, Pastor. Services: 10:30, Discussion of Present Day Young People's Problems; 2:00 and 7:00, J. D. Menzie, Gary, Ind., Special Speaker.

Northern Section: By-Way Gospel Tabernacle, Rapid City, Mich.; Elmer Way, Pastor; 2:00 and 7:00, Special Dedication Services; Myrtle Beal, of Detroit, and Blanche Appleby, of China, Speakers.—Mrs. J. Engelhardt, Route 2, Atlanta, Mich., C. A. Secretary.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

R. A. Sherrill, Van Buren, Mo.—"I have resigned my pastorate here to enter evangelistic work."

J. Alva Dean, 219 Park St., Fort Collins, Colo.—"Would like booking for evangelistic meetings after July 1. Illinois, Iowa, or Missouri preferred. Licenced by Rocky Mountain District Council."

W. M. Jackson, Augusta, Ill.—"Am resigning the pastorate here to enter the evangelistic field. In fellowship with Illinois District 4 years. Reference: C. M. O'Guin, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 512, Rockford, Ill."

Evangelistic or Pastoral

H. V. Foley, Sumner, Mo.—"Am resigning the pastorate at Orrick, Mo., effective June 1. Over 14 years in the ministry."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—1453 Colfax Ave., Benton Harbor, Mich.—Paul J. Emery.

NEW ADDRESS—"Have been engaged as supply pastor of Faith Tabernacle, 1110 N. W. Second St., Oklahoma City, Okla."—J. Paul Bruton.

NEW ADDRESS—1109 N. Allen Ave., Pasadena, Calif. "We have accepted the pastorate of Trinity Full Gospel Church here."—P. B. Franklin.

NEW ADDRESS—710 Parkview St., Dallas, Texas. "We have resigned the pastorate at Trinity Tabernacle, Goose Creek, Texas, and for the time being will be in evangelistic work."—U. S. Grant.

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WORLD MISSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

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