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# Why Doesn't Gad Interwene? 

By Mantaque Goadman

64E ARE passing through what is probably the strangest and most critical period of the world's history. Great civilized nations are ranged at war one with another, with the relentless purpose, on the one side, of aggressive domination, and on the other, of equally relentless resistance, in the hope of finally breaking the power of the aggressor nation and reducing it to a condition of impotence. In the meantime smaller nations are suffering cruelly at the hands of the aggressor, their countries overrun and their peoples despoiled. Countless thousands have already perished and many more have been rendered homeless and reduced to the utmost poverty and misery. In face of all these things it is little wonder that one hears on all hands the question asked, by some with perplexity, by others with impatience, "Why doesn't God intervene?"
It is an age-long question in circumstances of a similar character that have recurred througho ut the history of the world David cried, "O Lord, how long wilt Thou look on?" and the prophet Habakkuk, under strangely parallel conditions to those of the present time, prayed to his God in his burden, "Wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously and holdest Thy tongue?" Hab. 1:13. "Why," asks the man of today, "does not God do something about it? Why does He not intervene?" It is indeed a question that calls for the consideration of all thoughtful men and

that urgently requires an answer if one can be supplied.

## What the Question Implies

Now there are certain assumptions in the question itself. The first is that there is a God to intervene, otherwise the question is meaningless, for no problem would exist if there were no God. There are, indeed, men who seek to cut the Gordian knot by boldly denying the existence of God and plead as evidence the fact of His non-intervention. This does not, however, satisfy the reason of most thoughtful men. Apart from God there is really nothing that presents any problem in the course of affairs as we see them about us today. Men are acting precisely as one would expect from their known character. Man is, by nature. proud, self-seeking, avaricious and warlike. Thus the very form of the question predicates God and this indeed creates the problem.

The second assumption, and an important one, is that God has an interest in man, otherwise there would be no reason to expect His intervention in their affairs. This assumption is curiously universal in the thinking of man. Indeed, it seems impossible to conceive of a God who is not concerned in the affairs of His creatures.
The third assumption is that of His ability to intervene-that if He saw fit He certainly could stop the war tomorrow, defeat the aggressors, and remove the existing fear of attack from which so many nations have suffered for so long. This, too, is of the essence of the problem, for if He had not the power to intervene no question would arise from His not doing so.
The fourth assumption in the question is that He ought to do so. Otherwise, why ask why He does not? If there is a God who is interested in His creatures and who has power to intervene, then surely He ought to do so, and if it is right and proper that He should, then why does He not do so? That is the crux of the problem.

Now of these four assumptions the first three may be at once

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## Full Tides

By Carrie Judd Montgomery

Soft, shifting sand, I find repose Upon thy kindly bed,
The drifts of sea-weed at my fect Their soothing fragrance shed.
In line of grey, and shadow soft, The sky and water kiss,
The lifted wave and jeweled spray Bear up my soul in bliss.
The day is fair, the day is free, In circles flies the gull,
With tender monotone of song The tide flows, soft and full.

The massive cliffs, with fret of time, Are outlined in their strength,
But o'er their feet, in untamed floods, The high tides rise at length.
Within my breast the billows roll That seek the shore to win.
For hearts are strong with purpose great When Love's full tide sets in.
Flow soft and free, flow full and deep, O tide of deathless love,
Break o'er my soul in largest sweep, And all its prowess prove.
accepted. The fourth, however, begs the question and thereby creates the problem. Let us approach the difficulty by asking certain other pertinent questions.

WHY Should God Intervene?
First, why is it assumed that God ought to intervene at all? Why should He? What right have men to require $H$ im to do so? What claim has any
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## "Every Eye Shall See Him"

Matt. 25:10-Christ as the Bridegroom: 25:19-Christ as the Lord. Christ as the King.

By Donald Gee

$)^{(2)}$UR story begins with a group of young men sitting on a hillside, looking at one of the most remarkable sights in the world. I spent a month in Jerusalem. It is a very dry, arid place, no rivers or lakes to visit, so I went to the Mount of Olives where there were trees, but no grass. I sat there and looked towards Jerusalem. Jesus and His disciples were sitting in the same place looking at the Holy City. Some of the most remarkable teachings of Jesus arose out of questions and simple conversations. Today truth is made professional. The truth should be so vital, that we chat about it. May God bring us back to reality. A little boy, who was taken to hear a sermon, was much interested. At the end he asked: "Was it true, or was it preaching ?"

Jesus had told His disciples that the days were coming when one stone would not be left upon another in the Temple. Then He spoke of the signs of His coming and uttered words of warning. "See that no man deceive you," He said, and exhorted them to be ready, and to watch. Chapter 25 relates three parables all stressing with great emphasis the thought of readiness.

Some people are so intellectually interested that they are not ready. We should, however, not only be interested in the Lord's coming, but also ready to go to Him, especially in these dangerous days, when we do not know how soon we may have to meet Him.

The first parable is the parable of the ten virgins. The second is the parable of the talents, and the third is the parable of the sheep and the goats.

1. In the parable of the Virgins the Lord is likened to a Bridegroom.
There is something so daring in it. It brings us to the most intimate of human relationships we know, that of bride and bridegroom. There is nothing else so intimate or sacred as that. This marvelous Book dares to tell us that God and man come together into such a perfect communion and fellowship that even that sacred human relationship can be used to typify it. I can understand that Christ is my Saviour and Lord and King, but the Bridegroom of my soul is so amazing! For the first part of our study we must be in the inner circle. We must take the shoes from our feet. I am not sure whether some are fit to come. We shall return to some of you in the outer court later. Those who come within the veil must come with reverent spirits washed in the precious Blood. Thank God, there is a marvelous inner circle of mystic sweet communion with our Lord, especially in these dark days.

There is a place of quiet rest
Near to the heart of God.

A place where sin cannot molest Near to the heart of God.
Thank God for the secret place.
In the secret of His presence How my soul delights to hide.

The Christian experience of communion with God is not a dream but a reality. Thousands in all sections of the Church have tasted it and proved it and found it to be a reality, this marvelous communion with God. Praise God, some of us know there is a place where the world is shut out, and we are shut in with God.

Eternal light! Eternal light
How pure the soul must be
When placed within thy burning sight
It shrinks not, but with calm delight
Can gaze and look on thee.
There is a way for man to rise
To that sublime abode,
An offering and a sacrifice
A Holy Spirit's energies
An Advocate with God.
Some of you know something of Jesus as the Bridegroom.

The bride eyes not her garments But her dear Bridegroom's face. I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of grace.
Not on the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand,
The Lamb is all the glory Of Emmanuel's land.
When we are considering the Lord as the Bridegroom, the readiness to meet Him all depends on one thing, having oil. All students of Scripture are agreed that oil is a type of the Holy Ghost. It is not what you believe but what you have: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" All the virgins had lamps and they had a certain amount of oil, but some of the lamps were going out and they had not a spare supply of oil. It is not only having the Spirit, but having an abundance, being filled with the Spirit. That is the trouble with some people. They have had the Pentecostal experience. The question is, are you filled with the Spirit now? Thank God, in these tragic days, there is a heavenly peace and constant communion that nothing can destroy. Our reward for readiness is fellowship. The essence of feasting is fellowship. The alternative for the unready is to be shut out. The wise virgins all went in to the feast.

## 2. In the parable of the Talents our blessed Saviour is the Lord.

The scene is not the feasting chamber of the wedding party, but the work of the Master's servants. They are not guests but servants. I am glad the parable about

the Bridegroom comes first and the one about the work comes second. Before you are ready to work, you must have feasting and fellowship with Him, then service follows. There is a motto in Howard Carter's Bible College: "Let me ever love Thyself more than Thy service." There is a danger of thinking too much of your work for the Master. It can come between you and Christ. Everybody knows it. "Lord, first of all be the Bridegroom of my soul, then the Lord of the harvest!" Let me not put my work before Thyself-my running to and fro before my priceless communion with God.

At home I have a picture of a young married couple having breakfast. The young husband is eating his breakfast and devouring the newspaper at the same time. His gloves and hat are close by and everything is in readiness for him to catch his train. The expression on the young wife's face is a mixture of chagrin and reproach. Many of us are like that. The Lord help us to take time to commune often with the Lord. Some people go to the other extreme. They are always rapt in mystic spiritual experiences, and never do anything. When Peter said: "Let us build three tabernacles" on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus took the disciples down the mountain to grim realities.

Are you doing any work for Jesus in His harvest field? Have you spoken to anybody, prayed, or served as Dorcas? There is joy in His service.
V. 16. "Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents."

Every one of us ought to be wholly consecrated to God. Everything that God has given us should be invested for eternity. On one occasion I was walking with Mrs. Crisp, Principal of the Womens' Bible School, an intensely practical and spiritual saint of God. It was just before she died. I looked upon her as a Mother in Israel, so I asked her if she could advise me in my
work for the Master. She said: "Ten years ago I figured out that I had about ten years of activity left. Then and there I rededicated my whole self to God, to make the most I could of the ten years, with God's help."

I knew how wonderfully God had used her during the last ten years, and I also rededicated myself for the remaining years of activity. I can say with a feeling of intense gratitude to my Master that He has packed into my life in the last twenty years more than I could ever have conceived. God has done it, I could not have done it. Give everything to God, and tell Him to do the packing. Invest yourself. Regard yourself as a business investment for the kingdom of heaven. God gives gifts according to the ability to receive them.

Notice the reward for service is: "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The Lord said: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." The reward we are going to get is more work. The joy of His service is the greatest joy there is. Angels envy us. Death will not finish our work. Literature and art are finished by death, but death will only give us more work for the best of Masters. There will be bitter regret and weeping for those who are not faithful servants.
3. In the third parable the Lord has become
the King.

He is coming in power and great glory, not in weakness. Let us comfort our hearts with this thought. We are on the winning side. Our King is coming!

## Crown Him with many crowns <br> The Lamb upon His Throne; <br> Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own. <br> Awake my soul, and sing <br> Of Him who died for thee <br> And hail Him as thy matchless King Thro' all eternity.

This King is the same one as the Bridegroom and Lord. His late Majesty King Edward VIII, when he ascended the throne and spoke for the first time as king to the peoples of the Empire, brought a lump into many throats. He said: "You are used to thinking of me as the Prince of Wales. Now I am speaking as your king. Remember, I am just the same man."

It is glorious to think that the Bridegroom of my soul is the King of glory and the King eternal, immortal, invisible, dwelling in unapproachable light. There is nothing intimate here. It speaks of nations and multitudes. It is a Coronation scene-a judgment scene. Readiness now depends on your heart. "Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Then notice the striking element of surprise in those to whom the King had spoken. They answer: "Lord, when saw we thee an hungred?" The beauty is that the things they had done were spontaneously done because of the condition of their hearts. The loveliest service of all is spontaneous, that that comes from the heart. Those who
are called to the right side of the King have the Spirit of Christ.

The reward this time is a state of blessedness. "Come and inherit the kingdom." There is blessedness all around. During the last weeks of spring, when the country has looked so lovely, there has been a pain at my heart all the time. That verse has been quoted by all kinds of people:

## Where every prospect pleases <br> And only man is vile.

Thank God, the time is coming when there shall be no more curse: when the earth will be lovely and we can enjoy it without any pain.

What is the alternative? It is tragic and irrevocable. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." One of the grandest things about Jesus is His clear thinking. His mind was as clear as crystal when it came to moral issues. It worked with a precision which is simply marvelous. For Him everything was divided into black and white. So many people are living in "grey," Thank God for Jesus and His black and
white-heaven and hell. He finished His Sermon on the Mount with the story of two men. One built his house on the rock and the other on the sand. One house stood and the other fell. There are two roads, the broad and the narrow. One led to destruction and the other to Life. He spoke of light and darkness. He does not hint that either can be changed. He did not hesitate to use those strong words: "saved" and "lost." Familiarity has almost bred contempt. They are tremendous words.

We hear of a warship being sunk. We hear of those who are saved and those who are lost. There is no middle state. I have been in a shipwreck. I have known a ship to founder. It is nothing compared to Eternity. Thank God, some of us can say:

> I was sinking deep in sin
> Sinking to rise no more,
> Then the Master of the sea Heard my imploring cry, Christ my Saviour lifted me, Now safe am I.

Are you saved? If not, remember the unspeakable and awful alternative: LOST.

## Judgment or Blessing

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity," is a timely word for the days in which we live. God's Word shows that quick judgment will come upon these: "For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." Psalm $37: 2$.

Herod, Pilate (with the whole power of Rome back of him) and the priests, may set themselves against Jehovah and His anointed, but that does not disturb Him who dwelleth on high. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh at their impotence, He shall hold them and their false hopes in derision. He will not fail to mete out to them their due: "Then shall He speak to them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure." Psalm 2:5.

At the very time the nations rage and the people are imagining vain things, God declares: "Yet have I set My King"- the One who was born to be King of the Jews and the One in whom He is well pleased-"upon My holy hill of Zion." To Him He says, "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the nations for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession." He will bring judgment upon the nations who in their pride of heart-their military pride, their educational pride, and their religious pride-are rebellious. He shall break them with a rod of iron; He shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

In the days of His flesh, Christ cleansed the temple from the covetous ones, those who had made His Father's house a den of thieves, declaring that His house was to be a house of prayer for all people. And it is written, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof." Christ will purge the whole earth of the things that are displeasing to the Father. He will deal with the Pharaohs and the Hamans, the Balaams and the Jezebels, the Doegs and the Herods, the proud Pharisees, Sadducees,
and Herodians. They will have their day and cease to be. And then the meek shall inherit the earth. Upon everything there shall be the legend, "Holiness unto the Lord"-upon every pot and pan, upon the bells of the horses. Just as the high priest had on his forehead the words, "Holiness unto the Lord," so will all the Lord's own, who will be made priests unto Him, have "Holiness unto the Lord" written on their minds and hearts.
God's King is surely coming, and He will purge the earth of every rebel. They will have their part and lot with the arch-rebel-the dragon-in the lake of fire.

Today the Lord has a word of conciliation. It is our privilege to bring the word, "Be ye reconciled to God." The Lord says to earth's rulers, "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings : be instructed, ye judges of the earth." The powers that be are ordained of God and can be true ministers of His if they will only yield their lives to Him and serve the Lord with fear. They are bidden, "Kiss the Son." Not with the kiss of Judas, but with the humble kiss of the woman who in meekness came to the feet of the King of kings, and washed those feet with her tears of penitence, and kissed much those feet so soon to be marred by the nails inflicted at Calvary.
Now is the day of grace. But the day of wrath is speedily coming. At that time men shall hide themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountains, and say to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come ; and who shall be able to stand?"
"Blessed are all they," says the Holy Spirit, "that put their trust in Him." Put your trust today in Him who says, "Look unto Me , and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."-S. H. F.

## Overcomers

1. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb. Rev. 12:11. During a serious illness Satan entered the bedroom of Martin Luther. He unrolled, with an air of triumph, a vast roll which he carried in his arms. He cast it downwards, and the scroll unwound itself. The sick man's heart quailed when, fixing his eyes on it, he saw the dreadful record of his own sins. Suddenly a thought flashed into Luther's mind. "You have forgotten something," he said. "What is it ?" Satan asked. "It is all true," Luther answered; "but you have forgotten to write under it one thing-'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin': that instant Satan disappeared, with his heavy roll of lamentation and mourning and woe." "Through death" Christ "destroyed him that had the power of death, even the devil."
2. They overcame him by the word of their testimony. Not argument, but testimony; not eloquence, but testimony; not scholarship, but testimony; not science, but testimony: simply, "This is what Christ has done for my soul."
In a great revival in Scotland in 1630, a young man named Livingstone agreed to
preach. The day before the vast concourse had divided into bands and spent the whole night in prayer; and so did Livingstone. But when the hour of assembly came, his heart failed him. Satan told him he dared not speak before so great a mutitude of aged and experienced saints, and he actually fled. But just as the church was disappearing from his view, a voice came to him, saying, "Was I ever a barren wilderness or a land of darkness?" He returned; he preached for two hours ; and it is said that five hundred souls were born again under that one exhortation.
3. And they loved not their life even unto death. Gerlazius, a wealthy citizen of St. Angela, in Italy, when his friends entreated him to save his life by recanting, replied: "Death is much sweeter to me with the testimony of truth, than life with its least denial;" and he was martyred. Satan overthrows hundreds on the point of the blood; he overthrows thousands on the point of the testimony; alas, he overthrows millions on the point of the love of life. Oh, for the spirit of the martyr who cried, "Can I die for Christ but once?"

## Why Doesn't God Intervene? <br> (Continued from Page One)

nation upon His help? The trouble is certainly not of His making! Why is He to be called in to cure it? Which, if any, of the belligerent nations has the right to call upon His assistance on their behalf? Is any one nation so godly, so upright, and of such clean record that it becomes obvious that God ought to side with them and grant them victory? I know not such a nation on the face of the earth. On the contrary, I do know that every nation has in these latter years departed more and more from even the most formal recognition of His existence, the vast majority of the population of every country, ignoring His worship, desecrating His Day and acting in all material respects as if His existence had no bearing upon their course of conduct; in short, behaving in such a manner as might be calculated to provoke His wrath rather than His goodwill. In these circumstances is it not clear that there is neither nation nor man that has any claim upon His help as a matter either of merit or of right? Why should He then be expected to intervene?

## HOW Should God Intervene?

The second question to be asked is, How should He intervene? What exactly do we wish Him to do in the matter?-if, as one is led to suppose, His intervention is sought by way of judging the wrong and vindicating the right; for this is obviously the only form of intervention which could rightly be expected of Him. But there are certain tremendous considerations involved in facing such a prospect. If God is to judge the wrong in the world, where should He begin and, of greater moment still, where would He end? Partial intervention would, of course, be unjust and, moreover, worse than
useless. If Nazi Germany is to come under His judgment, is not Russia also? And what about Italy, with its shameful murder of Abyssinia? And can He stop at national intervention? Are there not social crimes calling out for justice throughout the wide world? Further, if He deals with nations and societies, must He not proceed to deal with individual men-and in that case with you and me? If intervention means judgment, which of us would ask Him to unsheath the sword?-for who among us would escape? We are by nature universally sinners, and while, as such, we act socially and nationally, the real source of the trouble is, and must be, individual. In these circumstances is not His non-intervention an indication of mercy rather than of indifference?


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On a previous occasion in man's history God did think fit to intervene. It was in the days of Noah when the wickedness of men had become so great that judgment could delay no longer, yet even then, we read, "the long-suffering of God waited while the Ark was preparing" ere the flood came and destroyed them all. His terrible intervention on that occasion should be sufficient warning to those who seek His intervention now. For if and when God steps in it cannot but be in the capacity of a judge "to whom vengeance belongeth," and that judgment must be both impartial and universal.
But some will say, At any rate He might intervene sufficiently to prevent men committing such outrageous wrongs as are shocking the world's conscience todaywhich leads us to another equally important question.

## How C.AN God Intervene?

How can God intervene?-for it must be borne in mind that there are some things that God Himself cannot do. That is to say, His doing them would be fraught with certain inevitable consequences which He is not willing to contemplate.

Suppose, for instance, God were to intervene now in such a way as to force men and nations against their present mind to live in righteousness and amity together (and nothing short of this would really meet the case), consider at what a price only He could achieve this end. It would be at no less a price than the destruction in man of his own distinguishing characteristic, which marks him apart from all God's other creation upon this earth, that of free agency and independent will. Of course God could, if He wished, reduce His crea ture man, "made in His own image," to the level of the lower creation, but the world would be no longer a world of men but of automata-mere puppet-men responding as do marionettes to the strings pulled by their master. Such men would be utterly useless to God, to themselves or to one another. They would be no better than the cattle in the field. God never makes men good against their will. His whole purpose in man is that he should not only be good but choose good. This is the explanation of the opportunity presented to our first parents in the Garden of Eden, where, unhappily, they made the fatal choice, the fruit of which we are reaping in the world today. If only the first Adam had said, as did the "Last Adam," in another garden, "Not my will, but Thine, be done"! No, man is of necessity permitted to work out his wicked will and to reap the bitter consequences of so doing. This is the explanation of God's non-intervention in bygone days to prevent atrocities then, even worse than those today -atrocities sufficient to make the angels weep.

## Man's inhumanity to man <br> Makes countless millions mourn.

Even the tragedy of Calvary occurred unchecked by God, though an Expeditionary Force of more than twelve legions of angels awaited the word to intervene.

But why should men be allowed to work their wicked will on their fellow men and God remain impassive to it all? Even the sage and philosophic Thomas Carlyle felt
this when he wrote in his cynical impatience, "and the worst of it is, God does nothing."

## Would Intervention Succeed?

This brings us to another consideration. Suppose God should intervene on any given occasion, would His intervention prove really effective?

There certainly have been occasions when He has deigned to do so in a marked and unmistakable manner. Some of these (but by no means all) are on record so that we may judge the effect produced. He came to the help of Israel in delivering them on repeated occasions from the oppression of their enemies. Did this make them a nation that brought forth fruit unto God? Did they in consequence become more godly and so more happy? He dethroned proud Nebuchadnezzar and taught him humility. Did this make Babylon a God-fearing land or his successor Belshazzar a good king?

There is every indication that He intervened on England's behalf in the great World War. Has the effect proved salutary in producing godliness in any of the countries concerned? What good has His intervention done? And should God be pleased to intervene in the present conflict (as we pray He may), what good do you think it is likely to do to this or any other of the nations involved?

Is God, then, reduced to a looker-on? Is He powerless to achieve anything effective on behalf of man? A thousand times, No! God never has been a mere spectator in the affairs of the world, and never will be. "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work," said Jesus. Only His ways are not our ways, nor are they such as unregenerate man either expects or understands. Yet they are tremendous in their efficaciousness. The fact is, He has been at work upon the problem of evil in the world ever since it first entered in the garden of Eden. Here, then, is the glorious answer to the question, "Why does not God intervene?" He has already done so, and that in the most effective and, indeed, the only possible manner. His intervention took place 1900 years ago, and was of a character that so far from being an expedient to provide temporary relief and deliverance from immediate calamity, dealt once and for all with the root of the trouble.

## God HAS Intervened!

For the root cause of all the chaos in the world, both in past history and today, lies in the rebellious heart of man. Man is out of harmony with God, and as long as he remains so he will never live in harmony with his fellow men. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart ... and thy neighbor as thyself," are two inseparable injunctions ; it is impossible to achieve one without the other. Man is all wrong as regards God, and in consequence he is all wrong as regards his fellows. To make a new world you must therefore have new men, and that not only new Germans but new Frenchmen, new Englishmen, new Everyman. Apart from this there is no cure for the trouble. The victory of the Allies would provide no more conclusive a solution than it did in 1918. No League of Nations will effect a universal will for peace while men's hearts remain unchanged. No conceivable intervention by God can provide
a permanent remedy that does not deal with the root cause which consists in the fallen condition of mankind.
It is this intervention that God effected at Calvary. There God effected a reconciliation of men to Himself, making peace through the Blood of the Cross, a peace into which sinners may enter by faith and entering into which they find themselves at peace with their fellows also. This glorious intervention by God has proved and is proving supremely effective wherever the remedy provided is applied. In every land in the world today are to be found new men with new hearts, new affections, new purposes, new aims and an altogether new love to other men, and these have done more to altar the wicked course of things in the world than any other influence that ever operated among the nations. One and all of these new men confess that the new thing that has come into their lives has been the direct outcome of Calvary and of the Son of God who there intervened on their behalf. For 1900 years the preaching of the cross has proved the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, and there is nothing else will save either men or nations. Thus God deals with the root rather than the fruit. It was so when our Lord was among men. He saw around Him social abuses on all hands such as would shock the moral sense of the modern world, yet He made no direct effort to intervene. On one occasion certainly, He took a whip and cleansed the Temple, but so ineffective was this that He found the same abuses rampant shortly afterwards and protested anew. But His real concern was with the souls of men.

> The Only Way

So it is today. The greatest patriot in any nation is its greatest preacher of the Gospel. It was John Wesley preaching a Saviour for sinner's that rescued England from the lawless chaos of the eighteenth century. David Livingstone and those who followed him did more for darkest Africa than all the armed forces that fought the native races there. There is one cure and only one for men today. It is the cure of the Cross of Christ. Germany is where and what she is today as the direct outcome of her departure from the Gospel Luther preached. She is reaping the bitter harvest sown during the past century by her higher critical scholars denying the testimony of God and turning the nation (and the world at large) from the only way by which they might be saved.
"But can there never be peace on earth until all men's hearts are changed ?" it may be asked. Alas, there is no other way. We are assured by the Lord Himself that there shall be wars and rumors of wars right on to the end.

Ah!- to the end! What end will there be? Such an end as God Himself would desire and that only God could achieve. For in the fulness of time He who intervened at Calvary will intervene again, and by the same Man. The Man of Calvary is to come again in all the power and glory of His Godhead in grace and in judgmentin grace for those who have received Him and in judgment for those who have rejected Him. And then, at long last, there shall be for the first time in this sad world a

King who shall reign in righteousness, and the effect of righteousness shall be peace, and "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

## One Increasing Purpose

There is yet another aspect of the subject to which attention must be given in order to achieve a balanced mind on the question before us. It is that presented by the prophetic Scriptures as examined in the light of world events. It is not my purpose to examine these in detail but rather to point to the inevitable conclusion reached by those who have done so. That conclusion is that behind the wars and rumors of wars in the world, behind the nations raging and the peoples imagining vain things, the kings of the earth setting themselves and the nations taking counsel together, behind nation rising against nation and kingdom against kingdom; behind and above and against all these things is the agelong, changeless and irrefragable purpose of Almighty God. Apart from the Scriptures no inkling of this tremendous fact would be available, and, of course, to the unbeliever its overwhelming consolation is denied; but to the humble and faithful students of the Word of God in its bearing on world events there is unfolded such undeniable evidence of the finger of God directing the course of history, making, even "the wrath of man to praise Him" and restraining "the remainder of wrath," that he is constrained to cry with the Apostle Paul, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!"

> Why do YOU not Stop the War?

And now, in conclusion, a personal word to the reader. For the subject is not without its personal application to us each individually. Let me apply it in a question formulated by a friend of mine recently. It is this:

## "Why do you not stop the war?"

For the World War is your war and my war. Were there not an individual war there would be no world war today.

What is this individual war? It is the war of your own self-willed heart against the Christ who loved you and gave Himself for you. For He Himself has said, "He that is not with Me is against Me." It is a fearful thing to be found fighting against God! The first duty of every man who desires an end of war among the nations is to make an end of war between his own soul and God. How can this be done? How can a man get right with God?
Two steps only are indicated in Scripture. One is called Repentance and the other Faith. "Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21. Both steps are of the utmost simplicity, the first consisting of a turning to God in utter renunciation of your attitude of selfwilled independence and the second of simply believing His gracious message that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin," and the trusting of the One who died and rose again to be your personal Saviour.
Take these steps now, and for you the war that matters most will be over and you will enter into peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Greatest Battle a Colonel Euer Last

"Tell me a story of when you were a great soldier. Tell me about one of the battles you won," said a little boy to his grandfather.

The old man had been a colonel in the Austrian army and could recount tales of fierce conquest by his troops. But today he shook his head as he took the boy upon his knee.
"I will tell you instead," he said, "of the greatest battle I ever lost, which was won by braver men than mine."

The little boy was astonished, because he thought that his grandfather's soldiers were the bravest soldiers in the world, so he listened eagerly.
"I was commanded," the Colonel began, "to march against a little town of Tyrol, and lay siege to it. We had been meeting a stubborn resistance in that part of the country, but we felt sure we should win because all the advantages were on our side. My confidence, however, was arrested by a remark from a prisoner we had taken. 'You will never take that town.' he said, 'for they have an Invincible Leader?
"What does the fellow mean?" I inquired of some of my staff. "And who is this leader of whom he speaks."
"Nobody seemed able to answer my question, and so in case there should be some truth in the report, I doubled preparations.
"As we descended through the pass in the Alps I saw with surprise that the cattle were still grazing in the valley, and that women and children -yes, and even men, were working in the fields.
"Either they are not expecting us, or this is a trap to catch us, I thought to myself. As we drew nearer to the town, we met people on the road. They smiled and greeted us with friendly words, and went on their way. So different from usual was the reception given us, that my soldiers forgot that they were under discipline, and returned greetings.
"Finally we reached the town and clatted up the cobble-paved streets, colors flying, horns sounding a challenge, arms in readiness. The forge of the blacksmith shop was glowing, and the smith left it to stand in the doorway, with some others, to watch us pass. Suddenly he waved to one of my soldiers, and I heard him say, "I knew that fellow when we were boys together."
"Women came to the windows and doorways with little babies in their arms. Some looked startled and held their babies closer, then they went quietly on with their household tasks, without panic or confusion. As for the boys-little fellows like you, my son -they made us feel as if we were taking part in a glorious parade for their special amusement. They swarmed after us, whooping with delight and asking manv questions about our weapons. Apparently they had never seen guns and swords before.
"It was impossible to keep strict discipline, and I began to feel rather foolish. The soldiers answered questions for the children, and I saw one old warrior throw a kiss to a little golden-haired tot on a door step. 'Just the size of my Liza,' he muttered.
"Still no sign of an ambush. We rode straight to the square on which the town hall faced. Here if anywhere, resistance was to be expected. This is what we found: the door of the beautiful old building was wide open. Pigeons flew up from the grass around the fountain as we approached. No cannon or barricade was in sight, and my

## Read and Remember Our Aged Ministers

Another Thanksgiving season lies before us. It il is the time of year that we like to remember in a $i$ special way those who have given their lives in Gospel service. Many of these are now aged and have made no provision for the time of declining strength. The number looking to the offerings given by their brethren is steadily increasing. They are beloved for their works' sake and we will not forget them.

On Thanksgiving Day, or the Sunday following, our churches are requested to receive an offering that these aged ministers might be assisted. The offerings which have been received from our churches and from our ministers are appreciated. We believe each Assembly will be happy at this Thanksgiving time to again respond to this need.

To our aged ministers who have labored so faithfully we say, "God bless you and give you a happy Thanksgiving season, and continue to bless you and make you a blessing." To all others of the great Council family we say, "The Lord bless you. pour out His Spirit upon you, keep you near to Him, and supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
Ernest S. Williams
"But we have come to take this town."
"Well, no one will stop you."
"Are there none here to fight?"
"At this question the old man's face lit up with a rare smile that I shall always remember. Often afterwards, when engaged in bloody battle I would see that man's smile, and somehow I came to hate my business. His words were simply: 'No, there is no one here to fight. We have chosen Christ for our Leader, and He taught men another way."
"What did you do then, grandfather ?" asked the little boy eagerly.
'Do you know son," the old soldier answered, "there seemed nothing left for us to do but ride away, leaving the town unmolested. It was impossible to take it. If I had ordered my soldiers to fire on those smiling men, women and children, I knew they would not obey me. Even military discipline has its limits. Could I command the grisly soldier to shoot down the mother or father of the child who reminded him of his Liza? I reported to headquarters that the town had offered unassailable resistance, although my admission injured my military reputation. But I was right. We had literally been conquered by these simple folk who followed implicitly ,, the leadership of Jesus Christ."-Redemption Tidings.

## Powet Over Satan

All Hell confronts us: can we conquer? Our Lord answers. "I have given you authority"-power derived from Himself-"over all the power"- the dynamic force-"of the enemy." Luke $10: 19$. The Master of all dynamics, the Lord of all forces, the God of all worlds, has given us power: power over , what? "All the power of the enemy." Not a $\sin$ is unconquerable by the power He has given us: not a demon can stand up to the power that he has given us: not a disease need stand
regiment, as it poured into the square, looked out of place.
"Just as I reached the hall and my guard was drawn up at attention, an old whitehaired man who, by his insignia, I knew was the mayor, stepped forth followed by ten men in simple peasant costume. They were all dignified, and unabashed by the armed force before them-the most terrible soldiers of the great army of Austria."
"And what did the old man say, in the face of your guns and your cannon?" asked the little boy breathlessly.
"He walked down the steps, straight to my horse's side, and with one hand extended he cried, 'Welcome, Brother!' One of my aides made a gesture as if to strike him down with his sword, but I saw by the face of the old man that this was no trick.
"Where are your soldiers?" I demanded.
"Soldiers? Why don't you know we have none?" he replied in wonderment as though I had asked "Where are your giants?" or "Where are your dwarfs?"
stubborn before the power that He has given us: not a deadness, not a coldness, not an apostasy can withstand the power that He has given us. And power over whom? The master-magician of all the ages; the profoundest intelligence, the acutest intellect, the most powerful being God ever made: if we have power over Satan, there is no higher power under God's, and Hell is beneath our heel.

## Christ Crucified

Without Christ crucified in her pulpits, a church is little better than a cumberer of the ground, a dead carcass, a well without water, a barren fig tree, a sleeping watchman, a silent trumpet, a dumb witness, an ambassador without terms of peace, a messenger without tidings, a lighthouse without fire. a stumbling block to weak believers, a comfort to infidels, a hot-bed for formalism, a joy to the devil, and an offense to God.- J. C. Ryle.

PRAYER IN SOUTH AFRICA
A private letter from Capetown, quoted in The Times of London (July 30, 1940), states: "Every day at noon a gun is fired, and Capetown is silent for two minutes. In streets and shops, cars and buses, people pray. It caught us in a shop today. The silence was intense, and the assistant attending us was praying with tears."

## BULGARIA FRIENDLY TO JEWS

The Mildmay Mission to the Jews reports that the Prime Minister of Bulgaria recently paid high tribute to the loyalty of the Jewish population and categorically denied that his government was responsible for any anti-Jewish agitation. No distinction was made between Jews and other Bulgarians who observed the laws of the country and served its interests.

## GROWTH OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD

On August 1, 1939, our records show that there were 3,496 churches in our Fellowship with a membership of 184,022 . However, on October 1, 1940 , there are 3,930 churches with a membership of 198,834 .
We thank the Lord for this increase in growth, but let us pray for an increase in spirituality, a "growth in grace and in the knowledge of God" Let us cry to God that all in our Fellowship may be like those of the early church, with great power to witness, and great grace upon them all. Acts 4:33.

## PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES BOMBED

Mrs. Alice Salter writes from Bradford, England: "We read Psalm 91 and Psalm 46 almost daily. It is a wonderful tonic after hearing war news. The center where Dr. Phair's (the son of Archdeacon Phair of Winnipeg) Mission used to be was hit, but they swept up the rubbish and broke bread, remembering His victory for us. The Elim Publishing House and Church were hit, and others. One church has a poster outside (all the windows were broken and the organ blown out), 'This church stands for things that cannot be shaken. Thanksgiving Service here Sunday.' They are carrying on in the basement. The Lord is our Shelter and Rock in this time of storm.
"We are in the last days, so although war and destruction are upon us, now is our time to seek and prove the Lord for the Latter Rain. My father (Smith Wigglesworth, who is now 81 years of age) is wonderfully active in the ministry and is more alive than the young ones!"

## BOMBINGS AND THE BIBLE

Is there any reference in Scripture to the awful bombings of the present? The Morning Star points to Isa. $13: 4$ where the battle in "the day of the Lord" is described as "a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations," and says that the crash of anti-aircraft guns, the shrieking and "crump" of sirens and bombs make a terrible and tumultous noise indeed. Many are feeling the strain badly. Some fill the ears with cotton, but this is of small help.
British psychiatrists declare that "warfare such as that now raging in the skies over Britain produces a 'civilian shell shock' more insidious than the actual death and destruction poured upon the earth from bombing planes." They mention "ghost-like figures walking the streets and screaming at the sight of German planes . . . widespread mentally induced palsy and insomnia .... increasing apathy to the value of human life ...diminishing reasoning power." Is this not another fulfillment of our Lord's words: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"? Luke $21: 26$. These are terrible times because the coming of Christ is at hand.

## SALUTING IS NOW COMPULSORY

The Supreme Court of the U. S. has decided that school boards have the right to compel pupils to salute the American flag, conscience or religious beliefs to the contrary notwithstanding, reports Christian Union Herald.

## BREWERIES SPARED

According to The Presbyterian, a report emanating from England states that in their bombing raids the Germans, intentionally or unintentionally, are sparing breweries. Perhaps they look upon liquor as an ally, which it is. Temperance forces in Britain, on the other hand, are pleading for abstinence as a valuable aid to self-defense.

## LUTHERANS AND MISSIONS

According to The Presbyterian of the South, the American Lutherans have set a splendid example that should encourage us to increase our missionary offerings in order to meet the emergency caused by the international situation. They have assumed full responsibility for all Lutheran enterprises in the world (except those of Sweden and Germany which reportedly are still being supported). This summer half a million dollars was raised in America to maintain thirty-one needy Lutheran missionary fields, including Norwegian, Danish, and Finnish missions, on a minimum basis.

## 'INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?"

Sister Leila M. Buchanan, editor of The Australian Evangel, tells of a brother who all his life has adopted the skeptical attitude of this world's "wise" men, and who has invariably closed all their Biblical discussions with the ironic query, "How do you know?" He has persistently refused to accept the personal testimony of those with an experience. But this summer a different kind of letter came from him. It said: "Well, dear, your old prophets seem to have hit the nail pretty close to the head the way this war is working out. It's very interesting, isn't it?" It is remarkable how Bible prophecy is being fulfilled. Skeptics must admit it. But it is more than merely in-teresting-it is alarming-unless one is ready. It means that at any moment the Lord may come. Are we ready to meet Him?

## PRAYER IN GREAT BRITAIN

Says Dawen, pointing out Britain's sins and her need of repentance along with her prayer: "God can, and often will, give victory to a nation which approaches Him with reverence and trust; but the modern nations need to learn that God is not a department of the War Office to be mobilized for purposes of victory, and that He answers only humble, heartfelt, penitent praysr. 'At what in stant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.' Jer. 18:8. The slackening of the national hold on God-in spite of the gracious and noble examples of Their Majesties the King and Queen-is most remarkable. Seventy years ago the national decree was for humiliation, prayer, and fasting; forty-five years ago the fasting had disappeared; today the prayer alone survives. It must be acknowledged with pain that the recent Day of Prayer corresponded but very remotely with the inspired ideal: 'All Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children; and all Judah fell down before the Lord.' 2 Chron. $20: 3 \ldots$. It is a very grave fact that the Archbishop of Canterbury has just said that 'England can no longer claim to be a Christian nation.'"

## JEWISH CONVERSIONS

A wave of Jewish conversions is sweeping Italy, reports Prophecy Monthly, but it is from Judaism to Catholicism-for Italy's anti-Semitic government classes Catholic Jews as Gentiles. It is said that 5,500 Jews ( 18 per cent of all in Italy) have either been converted or have withdrawn from the Jewish Community preliminary to conversion. Unfortunately the sincerity of converts made under such circumstances cannot but be doubted. Oh, that these storm-tossed Jews would genuinely accept the Saviour! The Man Christ Jesus, not a church, is the hiding place they need. "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, a covert from the tempest." Isa. $32: 2$.

## AMERICA'S LIQUOR BILL

For every church there are two saloons; and for every $\$ 2$ spent on education in the U. S. in 1939, $\$ 3$ was spent on liquor. The nation's drink bill was $\$ 3,228,491,968$, representing $\$ 6.42$ spent for distilled spirits, $\$ 2.10$ for wine, and $\$ 16.12$ for beer for each person in the country. So says Christian Observer, referring to the report of the National W. C. T. U. Totaling on one side the money spent to buy liquor and to pay for traffic accidents, crime, disease, etc., which liquor causes, and totaling on the other side all that the liquor trade pays back in taxes, wages, raw materials, etc., we find the American people are $\$ 400,000,000$ poorer every month in the year as a result of the legalized drink business. This is something of which America cannot be proud.

## THE PROPHETIC PICTURE

Bible prophecy gives us an outline of what may be expected in the future, but it does not present the picture in detail. Summing up some things which Bible prophecy does tell us concerning the present world outlook, Watching and Waiting (an English magazine) says: (1) We may be reasonably certain about events at the end of the age, but we cannot be certain as to those leading up thereto. Prophecy does not make us sure prophets. The stream of fulfilment may make many turns and twists between sources and sea. Dr. Tregelles said: "Scripture shows us the crisis, not the course of this age!"
(2) The signs of the times lead us to believe that the end of the age is fast approaching, but we are not yet at the end, as by the end we mean the last week (or seven years) of Daniel's seventy weeks. We have not yet reached "the time of the end" or the tribulation period, or the reign of the Antichrist.
(3) Anti-Christian as Hitler and Mussolini and Stalin are, they each fail to show the marks of the Antichrist either as to time, place, or circumstances. Similarly this war cannot be Armageddon.
(4) Germany cannot ultimately win, because she is a non-Roman power. God has given supreme world power to the nations of the four empires of Daniel 2 and 7, and not to nations such as Germany and Russia which are outside that area. Therefore Germany must give up France, Belgium and Austria (if it be true that the Roman Empire must be revived).
(5) Italy, too, can only dominate in her own sphere. Though she is a part of the ten kingdoms of the prophetic earth, she is only one of the ten and cannot permanently dominate the whole. She has blundered badly by joining Germany.
(6) Therefore we believe Nazi Germany will come to an end, possibly a sudden collapse. It may even be that Russia will attack her in the East, and facilitate her overthrow.
(7) It is not until the ten kingdoms are formed, with a democratic constitution, and in federal union that they give their power to the final Antichrist.
(8) The Antichrist, we suppose, will arise in the Eastern part of the fourth empire, i. e., in Greece or the Balkans and not in Rome or the West. Daniel 8 shows this.

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## Missionary Work Advances in Face of Difficulties

Nine of our missionaries sail from Seattle, October 5, aboard the N.Y.K. Steamship "Hikawa Maru"-two bound for Peking, China, the remainder en route to India.

We are indeed happy that in spite of many difficulties confronting us in our missionary activities these days, God is helping us to maintain the work that already has been started and even to make advances. Perhaps some of our friends might question the wisdom of sending missionaries abroad during these troublous times, but when we consider that the ministry of the missionary is a matter of eternal life or death to those to whom he is sent, we feel it is most important that the soldiers of the cross continue to advance as long as it is humanly possible to do so.

## Reassurance

In order to obtain some additional assurance as to whether we were following a right policy, the Missions Department telegraphed the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, which is an interdenominational organization representing the activities of all major missionary bodies. The reply received was not only assuring but it also stimulated fresh courage to go forward. To quote in part his reply, "Situation is uncertain and changing almost daily but the Committee felt the present was no time for vacillation and lack of faith. Generally speaking the mission boards are not planning changes in sailing of their missionaries to Japan. This also applies to China subject to available travel facilities.'
Inasmuch as the new missionaries for China will be working in or near coast cities we feel that relatively little danger is involved. Their ministry is very vital to the furtherance of our work since they are being sent to minister to prospective preachers in the North China District.

## Our Instructions-Go Forward

Thus far we have not received any advice regarding caution being exercised in sending missionaries to India. Therefore, inasmuch as our Commander in Chief has given us instructions to go forward, we are trusting that He will let us know when it is time to halt. Somehow we feel this will not be until the trumpet blows and the church of Jesus Christ ceases her work on earth to take up a new ministry in heaven.
Let us pray for our missionaries, that God may take them safely to their destination, that He may anoint them in a very special way for the difficult tasks before them, and above all that they may win many souls for the Master.


Doris Carlson


Gladys Knowles


Mrs. Schoonmaker


Mrs. Grimmette
Personnel of the Party

Doris Viola Carlson is under appointment to our North China field. Miss Carlson took a four-year course at the University of Minnesota. Her Bible training was received at the North Central and Central Bible Institutes. For the past year and a half she has been engaged in gospel work among the Indians at Morgan Siding, Wisconsin, where her ministry has proved a blessing especially among the children and in personal work.
Gladys L. Knowles, who has also received appointment to North China, graduated from Central Bible Institute with the 1939 class Miss Knowles has had office training and experience, and during the past five years has been actively engaged in Christian work, especially among children.
Miss Carlson and Miss Knowles intend to locate in Peking, where they will study at the School of Languages in preparation for future work in North China.

## India-Bound

Violetta Schoonmaker has been engaged in missionary work in North India since 1902 and is now going back to enter upon her fifth term of service. She expects to return to the scene of her former labors at Chapra.
Mrs. Schoonmaker has three daughters already engaged in missionary work in North India-Mary, who is secretary of the North India District; Martha, who has been working in the Bible school at Hardoi, and Grace, a married daughter who with her husband, James Modder, has been caring for the work at Chapra in the absence of Mrs. Schoonmaker. Another daughter and a son are returning with Mrs. Schoonmaker to India at this time, while the youngest son will remain in this country to complete his senior year at Central Bible Institute in preparation for missionary work.
Ruth Agnes Schoonmaker was born in Toronto, Canada but at an early age was taken by her parents to India, where she remained until the completion of her high school training. After returning to this country she spent one year at Wheaton College and then attended the Central Bible Institute, graduating in 1939 with the distinction of honor student and class speaker. Since her graduation she has taken a nurses' training course in New

York, besides spending some time in home missionary work in the State of Louisiana.

## Paul DeWitt Schoonmaker also was born

 in Toronto, Canada and accompanied his parents to India in his early childhood. In 1929 he returned to the United States to take his college training at Wheaton. After graduating from that institution in 1936, Paul attended Central Bible Institute where in his senior year he held the position of editor of the first annual published by the school. He graduated in 1938 with high scholastic standing and since that time has been in active ministry as assistant pastor of one of the assemblies in Wilmington, Delaware.Both of these young people are well qualified in practical training and above all in spiritual experience to enter upon missionary work They expect to locate, at least temporarily, in Chapra.
Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Grimmette are planning to go to Sharannagar Mission, Nawabganj. Mrs. Grimmette (formerly Esther Harvey) is one of our veteran North India workers and has spent many years of faithful service in Nawabganj building up the work which includes an orphanage and school. She is now taking back a partner to labor with her in the ministry.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson J. Miller have for several years felt the call of God upon their lives for missionary work, but during the time of waiting to be thrust forth they have been active in pastoral and evangelistic work in


Mr. and Mrs. Nelson J. Miller
Montana, Oregon, and the Northwest District. They are now rejoicing that the Lord has opened the way for them to go out to the regions beyond. Their location in India will be at Calcutta, assisting Brother and Sister Derrick Hillary in the Bible school where help is urgently needed.

## WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS BOXES?

Perhaps a word to those who are contemplating sending Christmas boxes to missionaries might be helpful at this time. While we realize that a package from home always brings joy, we question the advisability of trying to send parcels this year. The cost of sending would be far greater than ever before and in many cases the gifts would never reach their destination.
We recommend that gifts of money be sent the missionaries this year instead, since we do have sure facilities for getting funds to the fields without any loss. Those who have relatives or particular friends on the mission field to whom they want to send a gift may designate their offering for that one and we shall be glad to see that it will reach that person promptly.


Ruth Schoonmaker


Paul Schoonmaker

## Our Chief Concern

Each year our Missions Department is faced with the task of providing a special Christmas offering for a large number of our missionaries who seldom have an offering designated for them. These are faithful workers who merit our consideration, but through many years on the foreign field they have lost contact with the home constituency. It is for them that we appeal especially at this time of the year that sufficient money may come in for us to add a little to the regular checks which will reach them about Christmas time. We shall appreciate receiving offerings designated for the "Christmas Missionary Fund.'

## Cards and Letters

Those desiring to send Christmas cards and letters to missionaries should mail them now. Mail is very slow in getting through to many of the fields, though most of it reaches its destination eventually. However, a number of our missionaries have reported that no letters have come to them for several months, and they fear that their own letters are not getting back to friends and contributors. But in spite of this serious disruption of mail service to some of our fields, we are still able to get funds through to them all by means of various agencies without delay.

Send all offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

## THE UNSEEN MINISTRY

"Every convert is the result of the Holy Spirit's pleading in answer to the prayer of some believer."
"The above words from 'The Kneeling Christian,"" writes Mildred Ginn, "have impressed me deeply. May God help us to see our privilege of winning souls through intercession-souls about us and those in the uttermost parts of the earth. The critical days in which we are living should draw us to our knees.
"Here in South India we are thankful to see some of our people awakened to seek God more earnestly. One assembly has had prayer meetings daily from four to six or seven in the evening. God has richly blessed; three souls have been saved in the prayer services and one child remarkably healed. We visited another assembly last Sunday, where the Spirit of the Lord brought the Word home to hearts in melting and convicting power, and a great cry went up to God from that little thatched meeting place.
"We want to see more of our Christian brethren aroused and the heathen communities stirred for God YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!"

## "BEHOLD, HE COMETH"

## Ruth F. Kelley, Dehra Dun, India

Crickets were chirping, and frogs croaking loudly, but it was another sound that aroused us from our beds at midnight-a sound like heavenly music, the song of our blessed Redeemer's soon return, "Behold, He cometh!" Our hearts were stirred and sleep fled so we, the three missionaries on the station decided to investigate the source of the heavenly sound.

Arriving at the Women's Home just a moment's walk from the house, we were touched to find about twenty women kneeling on bamboo mats, with faces turned toward the heavens, praising and magnifying God, some with hands raised and all with hearts uplifted.

## "In the Last Days . . Visions"

One of our dear Indian women had been awakened out of a sound sleep by a strange light which shone as a golden frame with a black cloud as its picture. This appeared three times, and of course there were others too who saw. All were stricken, as it were, with an awe of Christ's divine presence and began with one accord to magnify the Lord.
We slipped silently into their midst. All felt the coming of our Saviour so near at hand, and even though it was raining we remained there with joyful hearts in His presence. The rain could not dampen our spirits nor could it put out the fire burning in our souls. We heard praises ascend to God in heavenly languages, in Hindi and English. Oh, the thrill for us, as missionaries, to see those whom we love and have come to serve lost in Him!

## A Prayer

These dear Indian women were willing to arise from their beds at night, to pray and wait even through the rain, clad only in night apparel-watcting for their heavenly Bridegroom. Do we look for Christ's coming even as they? Oh, God stir our hearts and lift our unbelief, so that we may be ready for the soon coming of the Lord!
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## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

For the convenience of our assemblies we have prepared a good supply of small attractive envelopes to be used in taking up Christmas missionary offerings. These will be mailed to you, free of charge, upon
request-as many as you may require for distribution in your assembly, Sunday School, women's missionary council or C. A. group. Send in your request to the Foreign Missions Department and the envelopes will be mailed to you without delay.

## WHAT'S NEWS <br> IN THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Mr . and Mrs. W. E. Davis and Esther Marie have arrived home from South India after a pleasant voyage by way of Australia. We wish to announce a change of address from that given in the Evangel of October 12-mail will reach Brother and Sister Davis at 18 Euclid Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan.

The last letter received from our Ivory Coast missionaries was written by A. E. Wilson under date of July 29. He reports that the missionaries are all well but they are having difficulty owing to loss in value of the franc. We are glad to know that God's blessing is continuing upon the work and our missionaries are able to carry on.

Efforts are being made to obtain transportation home for some of the missionaries who should leave for furlough at this time. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Vivan Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weidman. Thus far we have no definite sailings arranged because of the limited amount of shipping between the United States and West Africa. As soon as some definite arrangement has been made it will be reported in our missionary news section.

Bernice Strickland plans to return to her work in the Hawaiian Islands, sailing from San Francisco October 25 aboard the Lurline, of the Morgan Line.
Mrs. Harold Taylor, who before her marriage on January 27, 1940 was better known to us as


MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS MISSIONARY OFFERINGS-WITHOUT DELAY!

Ada Sayer, has requested us to notify friends that owing to pressure of work during the past few months she has been unable to keep up her correspondence as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are laboring at Tali-fu, where mail will reach them addressed as follows: Wang Sheo Kiai, Tali-fu, Kunnan, Southwest China.

Note of correction: An article appeared in the Evangel of July 13 under the caption, "Open Doors in Manchuria." This heading was in error and should have been "Open Doors in China," since the extension work to which the article referred was in North China, and not Manchuria.

## OUR NILE MOTHER

In spite of the strain of war and upset conditions in Egypt, Miss Trasher writes with the brave spirit of a true soldier of the cross: "The Lord has been our faithful helper through all these years of peace. During the last war He took care of us and of our mail and saw that the money came through safely. So now that the whole world is in war, we are not expecting Him to change or to be too busy to care for His children. We of course, are being careful and saving all we can, for we realize that the mails will be much delayed; but we have the promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway,' and this is enough.
"As I hear Egypt mentioned on the radio, I feel, 'Now our friends in America will be thinking of us, and to think will mean that they will pray for us.' So having God and our friends remembering us, we are satisfied. Should it be God's will for us to die, we are rejoicing that we have been able to give these years to the Lord's work and like Paul can say, now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life or by death.' Phil. 1:20.
"Please accept our very sincere thanks for your offerings in this the time of our need. If you find our letters much delayed, I am sure that you will understand the very great difficulty of getting mail through when the whole world is so upset."

## A PENTECOSTAL COMMUNITY

Would you like to visit a town populated only by Pentecostal families? That was the rare privilege of Brother and Sister Boyer during one of their recent gospel trips in Brazil: "We cannot soon forget the thrill of visiting a Brazilian community composed only of Chris-tians-where there is neither rum nor tobacco and where no one carries a knife!
"Cruxati, the town in question, is some twelve hours' journey east of our station at Sobral, and the work there which was started less than ten years ago has been indigenous from the beginning. About two years ago it was made
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## EHE SUMDOU SCHOOL LESSOM

## Persecution, Prayer, and Power

## Lesson for November 3. Lesson Text: Acts 4:1-31.

## A powerful church will always be a persecuted

 church. Satan does not concern himself with the spiritually impotent, but how he does oppose those who, armed with God's power and fired by holy zeal and love, threaten to overthrow his kingdom! Thus we are not surprised to see that the first apostolic miracle, which drew city-wide attention and resulted indirectly in the conversion of five thousand souls, was followed by the first persecution of the apostolic church.
## THE DISCIPLES IMPRISONED. Acts 4:1-4.

While Peter was preaching to the amazed thousands who as a result of the healing of the lame man, had gathered outside the temple, the ruler of the temple accompanied by infuriated and troubled priests and Sadducees, seized the two disciples and threw them into jail. Why such action? (1) These men were exalting Jesus and teaching that He was the Messiah. (2) They were preaching the resurrection of Jesus in direct opposition to the Sadducee party which taught that there is no resurrection. (3) They were winning converts so fast that the Sadducees feared their own party would be eclipsed.
And so, for doing right and standing for the truth these men were imprisoned! Persecution is inevitable to a godly man-"All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Tim. 3:12) ; it is a good sign (Matt. $5: 10,11$ ) ; its absence should cause alarm (Luke $6: 26$ ), its presence be a cause for rejoicing! Luke 6:22, 23.
THE DISCIPLES ON TRIAL Acts $4: 5-20$
The inquiry. vv. 5-7. After spending the night in jail, the disciples were brought the next morning before the Jewish ecclesiastical council known as the Sanhedrin. Their question was-"By what power or by what name have ye done this?" Here was an admission that what had been done was a miraculous demonstration of power. How it must have hurt the Sanhedrin to admit that these unlearned men had power which they did not have!

The reply. vv. 8-12. Inspired with holy boldness by the power of the Spirit Peter, the man who had once been a moral coward, gives a prompt reply. (1) He reminds them that they have been imprisoned for a "good deed." (2) He declares it is the power of Christ that has healed the lame man. This to the Sanhedrin was blasphemy. Had Peter ascribed this miracle to Jehovah, he and John would have been freed. (3) Then, in one breath, Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, that they crucified Him, that God raised Him from the dead, that only through believing on this Jesus can they themselves be saved!

The acknowledgement. v. 13. Picture the amazement of the members of the Sanhedrin. They say among themselves, "Why, we thought we were rid of the Nazarene; but 10 ! He reappears in His followers! They are just like Him! They have the same calmness and boldness!"-We become like those with whom we associate! A Scotch missionary in India was teaching a group of Indian children, telling them the story of Jesus and showing them what He was like. As she
talked, one little child grew more and more excited. At last she blurted out, "I know Him; He lives near us." The little girl was speaking of a certain Christian man whose life was so much like the missionary's description of Jesus, that she thought the man was Christ. Do we give evidence in our daily living of having been with Jesus?
The debate and decision. vv. 14-18. The disciples are dismissed from the court room while the Sanhedrin decide what to do. They could not deny the miracle ; for there stood the man with the disciples. However, they thought they could keep another miracle from happening. They called the disciples "and commanded them not to sp:ak at all or teach in the name of Jesus."

The reaction. vv. 19-20. Like the three Hebrew children (Dan. $3: 16-18$ ), the disciples did not hesitate to reply boldly to the command that had

## - HAVE YE RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST?


when under the restraining influence of parents, our own homes, our neighborhood, but what do we do when we are "let go" from these influences? We may be very saintly when in the church wher the eyes of those who know us are upon us; but how do we act in the liberty of our own homes, in our places of business, in strange cities? A convict may behave in prison because it pays to behave; but the test of his character comes when he is "let go." Likewise the Christian's character is tested when he is free to do as he pleases.
They hold a prayer meeting. vv. 24-30. Said Jesus, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke $18: 1$. Prayer is always in order! To cease from prayer in the face of adversity means to be robbed of the greatest of blessings, to miss the glorious privilege of proving the allsufficiency of God! Undaunted in the face of threatenings the disciples laid their case before God. Did they pray for deliverance from persecution, or for the punishment of their enemies? Did they pray to be released from the duty of further witnessing? Nay! They simply prayed for greater power and boldness. It was the healing of the lame man that had brought about the persecution, yet they prayed for more miracles than ever (v. 30)! In other words, they were simply inviting more persecution!
They receive a fresh filling of the Spirit. v. 31. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken." And so it always is. God always shakes things in response to wholehearted prayer! If we would see mountains of difficulty removed, stony hearts broken, sick bodies quickened, let us be wholehearted in our praying!
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." They had been filled on the Day of Pentecost, but new trials and tests demanded a new supply of power. They did not depend on past blessings to bring them through; they prayed through
And what was the result of this new supply of power? "They spake the word of God with boldness... and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection $\ldots$ and great grace was upon them all.'
May we be stirred to follow the example of the first church. After all, our blessed Jesus is the same today as He was then; the same Holy Ghost moves upon us and in us. Ought we to excuse our powerlessness and inefficiency (as compared to the first church) by blaming it on the times in which we live? Is it not really a fact that if we have the same consecration and devotion to Jesus, the same uncompromising
been given them. "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." They would give heed to no man's words which conflicted with the word of their Lord. "Whether it be right" should be our first thought in the face of any contemplated or proposed action, thought, or word!
"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen or heard." Constrained by the love of Christ (2 Cor. $5: 14$ ) and the power of His Spirit, the disciples had no intention of ceasing to testify and live for His glory! Are we likewise constrained?
THE DISCIPLES SET FREE. Acts 4:21-31. After further threatening the disciples, the Sanhedrin, not from any sense of justice but because they feared the people, set the disciples free.
They return to the church. "And being let go, they went to their own company." What company do we pick when we are free to do as we please? What places do we frequent when we are "let go"? We may not do anything amiss
attitude toward the world, and the same wholehearted and believing prayer that was manifested by the first church, we may also have a similar enduement of power and accomplish for Christ a similar work?-J. Bashford Bishop.

## A SIGN OF THE RIGHT ROAD

A Spirit-filled worker connected with the African Inland Mission was giving his testimony after returning from a very dangerous service in the first World War. He said: "If someone sent me on a journey and told me the road to take with the warning that at a certain point I would come to a dangerous crossing of the river, at another point to a forest infested with wild beasts, I would come to that dangerous river crossing with the satisfaction of knowing that I was on the right road." So he told them that the Lord had predicted that Christians would have tribulation, and when the tribulations came he knew he was on the right road. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12.

## Bible Day.....Bring Old Bibles

Note to Pastor and S. S. Supt.: By referring to your Guide, you zeill note the suggestion of Bible Day for November 3.
Last week we gave consideration to "The Lessons We Study." In that article we spoke of the kind of lessons we shall have through the Sunday School new year. Today, we exalt the textbook we study-the Bible. How many Bibles can you have in your Sunday School on November 3? Perhaps everyone of your scholars can be encouraged to bring a Bible. In fact if you are using the Four- and Six-Point Record System,* you are already encouraging pupils to bring their Bibles.
Ask your scholars to bring their old Bibles. You may wish to offer an award to the one bringing the oldest Bible. As special publicity for your School, you might have an interesting Bible exhibit for a few days in a vacant store window in a business section. For a background you could display our two posters "They Must Choose," and "Children Brought Up in Sunday School Are Seldom Brought Up in Court." Five posters

* If you are not using this system we will gladly send you free sample copies for your consideration.
are available from the Missions Department. All of these would make an attractive, colorful background.
We could give you free upon request a wide selection of back-dated Sunday School papers. You could cover the bottom of the window with these papers and the headings and pictures on the front of the pages would be attractive. Elsewhere in the window you could display one each of all your teachers' and pupils' quarterlies which you use in your School, also the large Picture Lesson Roll and a number of Picture Lesson Cards. You will have room in the foreground to exhibit the old Bibles and have a placard announcing that these Bibles are to be on exhibition at your Sunday School on November 3.
Someone who is artistic might prepare for you a large sign over the display window which could read, "Ours Is a Whole-Bible Sunday School." This with your invitation to friends to visit your School should make a most interesting exhibit. In these dark times of war, turmoil, and godlessness Christians should do all they can to exalt the Book of books. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."


## A PENTECOSTAL COMMUNITY (Continued from Page Nine)

the target of bitter persecution, when entire families were forced to leave their homes and live in the woods in order to escape groups of persecutors armed with knives and clubs.

## All Pentecostal

"In Cruxati there are at present thirty-one houses, and as soon as possible over twenty other families wish to build. That will mean a town of more than fifty houses, mostly brick, and occupied only by Pentecostal people. Growth has been so rapid during the last few months that the present church building will not accommodate half the members. A large building is soon to be constructed occupying the center of the town square.
"We have made four field trips this month and praise the Lord for the open doors to gospel work."

## PENTECOSTAL FIRES

## Herbert Felton, Lima, Peru

Surely we are able to say with the apostle, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." During the past two weeks God has been pouring out His Spirit upon the believers of the Lima church and fifteen have been baptized according to Acts $2: 4$. Our hall, though very humble and in many ways inadequate for the growing needs of the assembly, has been the scene of precious spiritual blessings during these days of revival. The meetings have seldom been dismissed until after eleven o'clock, while some have lasted until two in the morning.

## Revival Born of Prayer

Special prayer services had been held for some days previous to this outpouring, and we invited our native worker, Palermo Rivera, to help us in a week of continued prayer meetings. The first night he was with us two received this glorious Baptism. Others soon caught the fire and now most of the time is devoted to prayer in all the services. Praise God for the showers of latter rain that are falling! We earnestly covet your paryers that the work may go on in increasing power and that revival may spread to all Peru.

We could not begin to tell you all that has been done in the hearts of these dear people as a result of this outpouring. Our hearts are encouraged beyond words to express-and surely you who have helped with your prayers and offerings during these past months will also be blessed in the proportion that you have taken part in this glorious work.

FISH STORY! SHE BELIEVES IN SIGNS!
Next to an iced exhibit of prize winning fish in a sporting goods store in Seattle, was a box containing vacation pamphlets and a big sign-


Within a few short weeks it will be time for making Christmas gift selections. Let us help you. We have something to meet every spiritual need, from an ABC Book for little Jimmy to a lovely Bible or commentary for Pastor Jones.

Do your shopping early and in a most convenient way in the leisure of your home, by referring to the announcements in recent and forthcoming issues of the Pentecostal Evangel.
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"Take One." So many persons took one that the pamphlets soon disappeared.
Along came a women. She unfolded a newspaper, took one of the big fish and went home with her dinner problem solved.

The proprietor took down the sign!
That's how simple a matter faith is! The woman saw the splendid specimens of fish-and the invitation to "Take One." She believed the sign meant what it said-and said what it meant -for there was no literature on the box when she appeared on the scene.

To her the sign could only mean "Take one fish." She took one, and as the reporter said, her dinner problem was solved.

To use somewhat the same figure alongside the fountain of the water of life can be seen a sign saying: "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.

All who believe God take the water of life and have their thirst slaked.

The Lord Jesus said: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14). Do you believe in God's signs?Tom Olsen in Now.

## THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

In the old days of the Mississippi gamblers one of the most desperate of the crew, named Holcombe, one night at the gambling table accused another man of cheating at cards, drew out his revolver, and shot him. The bullet entered the man's neck; and seeing what he had done, Holcombe sprang forward, and tried to stanch the wound. But the man bled to death. Holcombe was acquitted on the ground that he had shot the man in self-defense ; but his own conscience didn't acquit him. He tried every way to find peace, but in vain. Two years after, alone in his own room he knelt and cried:-"O God, can anything blot out the awful memory of what I have done and give me peace?"-and the answer came at once:-

> What shall wash away my stain? Nothing but the blood of Jesus:
> What shall make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Then and there he accepted it. Later he became a minister of the gospel, preaching up and down the country the Blood that gave him peace.

## THE DECEITFULNESS OF SIN

There is on record a laboratory experiment in which a frog was placed in water heated at the rate of .0036 of a degree F. per second, and which, although it never moved, was found at the end of two and a half hours to be dead. The explanation was that at any point of time the temperature of the water showed such little contrast with that of a moment before that the attention of the frog was never attracted to it. It was boiled to dcath without noticing it!

Satan is a past master in the art of slow approach, taking his prey easily from things familiar to those that are unfamiliar. This sin and unbelief of today is not in marked contrast with that of yesterday. No shock is felt as men are drawn farther and farther away from God, and their attention is not permitted to rest upon it. The world will not know when it is ripe for judgment.James M. Gray.

## THE PRAYER CORNER

Some of our readers are missing the column that we have carried during the past nine months, giving daily devotional readings and missionary prayer requests.
These daily readings, meditations and prayer requests have been transferred to our new quarterly Daily Devotions. The price of this quarterly is 40 cents per year, or 10 cents per copy (Canada 50 cents per year, or 15 cents per copy). Quantities of 10 or more to one address 5 cents per copy (Canada 7 cents per copy).

## REPORTST num REOPERS

STONE HILL, ARK.-God has blessed us with a wonderful revival. A num-
ber of people were saved and baptized in water, and the Sunday School attendance increased from about 25 to 96 ,-Irvin J. Midlock, Evangelist, Mulberry, Ark.
MADISONVILLE TEXAS-We closed
a wonderful revival the last of August,
J. D. Mahaffey, Ada, Okla., Evangelist.
Sixteen were saved and our church was
wonderfully blessed under his preaching.
Then Sister Laird, formerly of Oklahoma,
conducted a week's revival, in which 5
were saved and one was baptized with
the Holy Ghost.-C. A. Oliver, Pastor.

TRINIDAD, COLO.-Evangelist and Mrs. F. A. Sturgeon just closed a 5 -days meeting in the District Court Room. The special prophetical messages created inwho have never had time for the gospel who have never had time for the gospel
before. The influence of the ministry of Brother and Sister Sturgeon will be felt indefinitely, and is their introduction to a
lengthy "soul-saving campaign" in the near future. The Sunday services were
conducted in the church, with a large crowd, and several souls were saved.-Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Schaffer, Pastors.

## OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

 TULSA, OKLA.-The Oklahoma District celebrated its 25 th anniversary in Conof glorious fellowship as several hunchurches, and visitors from various States gathered for the great occasion. On the night of the 23 rd there was a great serviceconducted by the C. A.'s of the District, Wonducted by the C. A.s of the District, charge and speaker of the evening.
The various reports showed a marked increase in each department of the Dis-
trict's work, and heart-felt praise went forth from the lips of the happy throng as the reports of the year's work were
given, showing how God had blessed the given, showing how God had blessed the
untiring efforts of His people during the past 12 months.
All officers were re-elected to their positions, as follows: G. W. Hardcastle, Super intendent; Berl Dodd, Assistant SuperTreasurer; and Wm. C. Shackelford, DisTreasurer; and Wm. C. Shackelford, Dis-
trict Sunday School Superintendent and trict Sunday School Superintendent and trict Secretary.

## EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Lord gave us three wonderful days of spiritual blessing at the Eastern Disings, Tabernacle, Reading. Pa., Sept. 25--27. Fellowship in the Holy Ghost appeared to be the keynote of this convention, and as
is generally the case, the last day was the richest in spiritual power and the conscious blessing of God. There were precious times of prayer, a number of
messages in tongues with interpretations, and occasions when the heavenly anthems broke forth spontaneously from the lips of the people of God. The Lord's mes
sengers ministered the Word of God with a special anointing of the Spirit, and the Word was both searching and consoling. Those who were able to stay through the entire conference were well repaid and we have been present without great profit to thave been present without great pront to
their
The following ministered the Word of God: District Superintendent Flem Van Meter, Byron Jones, Samuel Benson,
Evangelist Minna Seaholm, and Fred D. Drake. Jacob Feuerstein, Missionary to Venezuela, also spoke briefly on missionary activities. There were probably 50
or more ministers, missionaries, and their wives, and evangelists present, also other visiting friends besides the local congregation. We gratefully acknowledge the kind hospitality and entertainment by Pastor Ralph Bender and members of his con-
gregation. This prayer conference brought to me a very special spiritual uplift for which I am deeply grateful.-Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader.


NORTH NEW HOPE, ARK.-We are praising God for the way He has blessed
on our C. A. class, and for the number
of souls that have been saved and bap-
tized with the Holy Ghost. September 8 ,
Brother McNinch of Appleton came for a Brother McNinch of Appleton came for a
2-weeks revival. The powers of darkness
were prayed out and the Lord began to were prayed out and the Lord began to
bless in a wonderful way. God conand interpretation. People were at the 17 were saved or reclaimed, 8 received the
Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and 9 were baptized in water. Our C. A. class has 101 on the roll. We go from place to
place to help others. Since this class was organized, April 7, 1940, 28 have been
saved and 12 have received the Holy saved and 12 have received the Holy
Ghost Baptism. One young man fell under the power and had a vision of angels. of whom were saved.-Mrs. Connie Vann, ELAMVILLE, ALA.-A precious oldtime revival has been and still is in our
midst, William (Bill) Croley, Evangelist. Between 70 and 100 knelt at the altar for salvation, and 20 prayed through to olf-
time victory. We feel that we already have a good assembly as most of those saved were heads of families. The whole business at night to attend the services ing before. There were several out-

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18 months; he was healed instantly and eft the church without the aid of crutches. God wonderfully confirmed His Word with
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The revival fires still burn brightly. Coun cil brethren when passing this way are fellowship with us. We have called
Brother Croley to be our pastor.-Eva Brother Croley to be our pastor.-Eva
Smith, Church Secretary-Treasurer.

ARIZONA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND

## The first session of the Arizona District

 Arizona. After the morning session we Ceved into the Arizona Church Conference business sessions and Camp Meeting. Nearly 100 per cent of the ministers,ordained and licensed, were present. Since the May convention of the Southern California and Arizona District Council, Arizona has been functioning as a tem-
The officers
Superintendent, Charles O. Gavidson, District
presbyters are Marshall C. Foulk, North
tion; and Elton Hill, South Section. The
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gelist and Mrs. Hans Bretschneider.-C. E.
Thompson, Pastor. BEAUMONT, TEXAS Avenue A and Martz, Reading. Pa., Singing Evangelists.
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byter, 1035 W . Walnut St., Rogers, Ark. CHICAGO, ILL.-Northern Illinois Fel lowship Meeting, Calvary Tabernacle, 2715
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