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# dow to Bring a Soul to Christ bedt 

Soul winning is the greatest work in the world. We make a mistake if we engage in Christian work and leave out the great essential of leading souls to Christ. God wants the lost saved. God's Spirit assists the one who undertakes salvation. Our words are backed up by God's Spirit. I have not been such a great soul winner, but I have seen a number of people converted, among them some of the most wicked men I have ever known. In personal approach I am amazed at the readiness with which very wicked men will hear an invitation. Sometimes if they resent it, their conviction only becomes the deeper.

Mr. Beveridge, a former United States senator, wrote a letter to young ministers. I have never heard an exhortation from a bishop to young ministers that was better than this letter. He said, "In my political career I have come in contact with many of the great men of the nation, business men, men that are regarded as captains of industry. I have made it a rule to speak to them on the future of their souls. Not long since I was in conversation with one of the most prominent men of the country. If I should mention his name, it would be recognized at once. He is not a member of the church. When we got through our business, I said, 'Excuse me, do you ever think about the future, the future state, the future of your soul?' He replied, 'Mr. Beveridge, I am known as a man of great wealth. I say to you, I would gladly give every dollar I have in this world if I could be absolutely sure that it would be well with me in the next.' "

Some years ago I was pastor of a Methodist church in Frankfort, Kentucky, and there was a notorious sinner in that town. He had served penitentiary terms

for stealing. He was bullet marked. He had been a sinner, a soldier, and a blacksmith. He was a vile drunkard and a most profane swearer. He did not know his A B C's. But he was smart in other ways, a smart sinner, a foxy sinner. He lived on a fishing boat and caught fish for a living. He beat his wife severely. I saw her face all blackened, and I said, "What is the matter?" "Sam nearly killed me," she said. "It took four policemen to arrest him. He got behind an ash barrel with a gun." "Where is he now?" "Out in the workhouse." I said, "I'll go out to see him."

I went out and found him in an old workhouse with an immense door. This was fastened with a trace chain and locked with a padlock. I told what I wanted, and a colored girl was called and told to let Mr. Morrison into Sam's cell. She unlocked the padlock, took off the trace chain and let me in. Then she put the trace chain back, locked it, and went off. I thought I saw my picture in the Sunday paper with the information that Mr. Morrison, Pastor of the Methodist church, a man of great zeal but little sense, went down into the workhouse into the cell of Sam funeral services will be held at the Methodist church next

## The Impregnatle CRock

Where is stability? Where? Where?
On earth? In air?
Winds hither, thither blow,
Sun melteth snow,
Pine trees may fall,
But stedfast, not at all Moved by the passing of the things that be, The mountain standeth in his majesty.
So standeth fast the word
Of the lofty One who dwelleth in Eternity,
The Christ, our Lord.

Thursday evening. He was
young minister but was noted a promising young minister but was noted
for daring rather than discretion. I wanted to keep that out of the paper if I could.

I said to Sam, "I came to talk things over, and see if we (notice the "we") cannot make arrangements to do better than we have been doing." I was ready to back up against the wall as close as I could. But he broke down crying, saying he was nothing but a ruined, wrecked soul. It relieved me. He burst into an agony of tears. I
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## Ernest $\delta$. Williams

## The Earthly Seed

When God made promise to Abraham He told him his seed should be as the stars of heaven and as the sands of the sea innumerable. In this promise there are two classes of seed, the one heavenly, the other earthly. Those likened to the sand of the seashore indicate that during the coming kingdom age there will be a great multitude of earthly people living on the earth to receive earthly blessings. There will be others besides the Jews, but this promise refers to Israel, for to this people the promises are all more or less earthly, coupled with the blessing of the presence of God and His glory in their midst. "For, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalm, and joy in My people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days. . . . And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands . . . The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isa. $65: 18-25$.

In the battle, often spoken of as the Battle of Armageddon, not all people of the nations will be exterminated. "And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the feast of Tabernacles." Zech. 14:16. A prophecy concerning Egypt is found in Isaiah nineteen. It begins with a warning of waste and destruction, but it ends with a promise of blessing which must carry over into the kingdom age for fulfillment. "In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance." Isa. $19: 24,25$.

Many are the promises made to the Gentiles through Israel, to be fulfilled during the kingdom age. "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: For the time to favor her, yea, the set time is come. . . . So the heathen (nations) shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory." Psalm 102:13. "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit." Isa. $27: 6$. "And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen (nations), O house of Judah and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing." Zech. $8: 13$. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; It shall yet come
to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, and to seek the Lord of hosts

Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the Lord.
In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." Zech. 8:2-23.

Such Scriptures as the above show the influence the Jews will have on the other nations during the millennium. At present they are spoken of as being a "curse" among the nations, then they will be a "blessing." What a change lies before these people!

Moreover, besides the promises of those of the nations seeking the blessings of Israel, the Scriptures show that there will be definite missionary and revival work that will be carried on. "I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them into the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud . . . to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.' Isa. $66: 18,19$.

## The Heavenly Seed

Having given some thought to Abraham's earthly seed, we now look at those which are likened to the stars. The stars are in the heavens. The seed likened to stars refers to a heavenly seed. These are found in the New Testament mystery, the Church of Jesus Christ. As Christ will be King of Israel, and of the whole world, for "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth" (Psalm 72:8), He is the Lord of the Church.

Some quote Israel's promises of earthly blessings if they were obedient, as finding fulfillment in those who obediently follow the Lord in this Church age. How far this may be followed is a question. It is unwise to measure one's spiritual richness by earthly prosperity. Jesus astonished

the people, including His disciples, by teaching abandonment of worldly ambitions to receive the blessings which He had come to bring. "Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Matt. $6: 25-34$. We feel that Jesus here does not forbid careful planning. What He wishes us to see is that we need not be anxious or covetous concerning our temporal matters. The church is a people called out from the world.
Beginning with the teaching against earthly cares, Jesus advances in His teaching concerning the spiritual character of the Church, and explains that its promises are spiritual rather than material. Instead of wealth being an evidence of spiritual grace, "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" James 2:5.

Instead of the Church being promised Jerusalem, she is promised the New Jerusalem; instead of living every man "under his own vine and fig tree," Christians are promised a heavenly place in the house of "many mansions." The inheritance of the Church is "incorruptible, undefiled, and fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

Believers are reckoned as "quickened together with Christ, raised up together, and seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:5, 6. To become dead and detached from the world is the high calling of Christians. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things of the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Col. $3: 1-3$. The more we fulfill this high calling the more likely are we to enjoy spiritual fellowship with God.

The Church is in the world for a twofold purpose. One is the development of godly character, the other to be witnesses that others also may find the Lord. Pity those persons who do not see the need of character in their religion. The apostate Hebrews who, while Moses sought God on the Mount, danced around their golden calf, enjoyed as great a thrill from their worship as religious human zest could bring, but with their emotions stirred to fever heat, they danced in nakedness and shame. This is a good symbol of the spiritual nakedness of those who live in excited emotions without subjection of such tempers as anger, jealousy, fleshly lusts, untruthfulness, and kindred evils. Character is an essential quality of grace.

## Spiritual Significance of Linen

When writing to the Corinthian believers Paul said, "I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." His ambition was that his spiritual children should be pure and undefiled, fit to be presented to Christ to become His bride. When John caught a
glimpse of the marriage of the Lamb, he saw that "His wife hath made herself ready." What was her apparel? "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

Concerning linen, there are three qualities referred to in the Bible. The one is often associated with judgment, re itance, and forgiveness. When the High riest went into the most holy place once in the year to make atonement for himself and for the people he wore a linen garment. This garment was of a coarser texture. When the high priest adorned himself with his "garments for glory and beauty," the linen was of a finer texture. A third grade of linen was worn on special occasions by royalty and those of high station. The threads in this were very fine and the garment shone. It was a linen ephod such as this that David wore when he danced before the ark. It is this kind of linen with which the wife of the Lamb is to be adorned when the wedding takes place. Let us have the literal reading. "That she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright."
The coarser linen may well represent that "righteousness of Christ" which one receives when one repents and turns away from all known sin and receives the pardoning grace of God, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. The quality of linen used in "the garments of glory and beauty," well represents the holiness of life enjoyed as, having done the will of God in repentance, one walks in newness of life, setting one's affections on things above. Garments of glory and beauty seem to speak to us not only of a holy walk, but also of a joyous, triumphant life. Those thus arrayed meet temptation and pass through dark waters ; but, like the apostle, although "always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus," "the life also of Jesus is manifest in their mortal flesh." They live in the flesh, but do not war after the flesh. Blessed deliverance! Wonderful
victory! How we dislike hearing preachers proclaim that we must always have a vicious battle with sin which dwelleth in us. It is not so. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh, for if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."
The third kind of linen, that with which the Bride is to be adorned when the wedding takes place, is that with the shining sheen, of the quality that kings might be adorned with. It speaks of a matured life rich in grace; of a life of yieldedness to God in which God has wrought the excellences that He has desired.
Let us look at the forty-fifth Psalm for further thoughts concerning this. There we are introduced to the King. Then we are introduced to His bride. She is exhorted to forget her own people and her father's house. Earthly attachments are not to hinder her in her preparation. Like Rebekah, she is to be willing "to go with this man" leaving all behind her. Then she is described as "all glorious within." Her qualities are not found in rouged face, tinted nails, like external adorning. They are inward, qualities of soul. And "she shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework." She is to be adorned in fine twined linen. What means the needlework? It means that stitch by stitch she has had worked into her character a bridal costume, the design of God's choosing. Many a stitch may have caused tears, but she was willing to bear the pain because of her love. She has not been thinking of self, but of her Beloved, not of what might please her, but of what would please Him. When the wedding takes place she has had those qualities perfected which make her garments to shine as the light-linen of the finest weave. "So shall the King greatly desire her beauty" as she shines "as the stars forever and ever."

# How the Lord CProived Ms W. 〇. Savii, Đula, Okla. 

At the beginning of last year a number of our people were praying for a special visitation from God, as we felt the need of a real re-viving. There had been evangelistic meetings, with visible results; but somehow we felt that God had not done among us all that was in His heart to do, so we began to pray definitely and earnestly.

As we waited upon Him, and searched our hearts, we found some things among us that could easily have been hindrances to the revival efforts of the past, and we sought to eliminate every possible cause of hindrance to His blessing.

However, the burden of prayer and the desire to draw closer to Him, that seemed to rest upon hearts at the beginning of the year apparently lifted from most hearts before the year was many months old, and we had not yet seen a bountiful outpouring, such as we desired-or thought we desired. True, a few souls were saved, some were
filled with the Holy Ghost, and God often gave us gracious manifestations of His presence in the services. But too often a service was, "just another meeting"; a spirit of indifference, coolness, lethargy seemed to settle down as a heavy cloud upon us.
Have you ever been with a number of others in a room in which the air gradually became close, or stuffy, or even chilly, and the occupants of the room seemed not to feel or to notice that the atmosphere was no longer fresh, invigorating? Not until one comes from the fresh outdoor air into the room, is the condition even noticed. And this can be true of the spiritual atmosphere. No one had seemed to notice that the air had grown chilly, and at the same time so stuffy as to cause drowsiness, until a young couple came to supply the pulpit while the pastor was on his vacation. They noticed the bad air im-
mediately, and God burdened their hearts to pray. To their earnest prayers and efforts, say many of our church members, is due at least the beginning of the change that came.
The last week of the pastor's vacation was spent in a place where the heavenly breezes were blowing-the Interstate Camp. Meeting, in Springfield. How refreshing they were! How they awoke us to the realization that we had been lacking, and missing them! And how much more sensitive we were made, spiritually, to atmospheric conditions in our own lives, and in the church God had given us to care for!

Upon our return, we found that a change had begun-at least, there seemed to be other folk who were shaking themselves from drowsiness, and realizing that we needed to open all the doors and windows, and let the Wind of heaven blow in upon us.

The National Day of Prayer called by the President found about forty of us staying from the morning until the night service, and God gave us a gracious time in His presence. We felt then that He would have us meet every night at the church to PRAY and WAIT UPON GOD. This we did the following week, with such blessing that we continued, with increasing interest and attendance, for three weeks, when a God-sent evangelist (Leland Faith) came to lead us in what was a real revival meeting, for the church members had already been revived, and God could now work among us.

In five weeks about thirty were saved, and forty-eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, and such revival fires were burning that we decided to continue the prayer services every night. Thus prayer has been going up from the church every night for seventeen weeks, to the first Sunday of this New Year.

The entire church feels new life, and inspiration, and power. Numerical increase has not as yet been marked, but we believe that our putting first things first will bring that about, in God's own time. Our deep desire is for more power-more heart-hunger-a keener sense of the momentousness of the hour in which we are living-a deeper longing for His coming with the consequent burden for the lost-on the part of all His children. And our hearts were made to rejoice when from the members came the request that the church be opened for service every night through this year, if Jesus tarries.

We believe that "His coming draweth nigh." We believe there are many who will come to Him, if they have further opportunity, and be ready for His coming. We believe our time to work for Him is terrifyingly short. And we believe we who are His, and watching for His coming, will be blessed and helped and strengthened and deepened in our own spiritual lives, and kept in the sweet, fresh, energizing air of His blessing, as we wait more and more upon Him. For these reasons, the doors of our church will not close all this year, that those who would seek Him may come at any time, and find others who will help them to the Saviour.

Every revival is a re-discovery of the living Christ

## "Ir It Pracr?"

The natural man desires permanent peace and prolonged prosperity. But is this always God's thought? What saith the Scriptures?

The principles of divine government are very clearly set forth in Deuteronomy 28. The nation which will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord and do His will can expect His blessing. But the nation that rebels against the word of the Lord and refuses to do His will can expect-not blessing but judgment.

It may be objected that this scripture applies to Israel and not to other nations. But if Israel received God's severe judgment for not walking in the light shed on their pathway, will the Gentile nations be exempt from a like judgment when they refuse to walk in the greater light that has come with the world-wide preaching of the gospel?

Elijah lived in the days of Israel's apostasy, when Ahab "did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him." Ahab not only considered it a light thing to walk in all the sins of Jeroboam, but added this: he took to wife the abominable Jezebel, who not only labored to overthrow all the remnants of the worship of Jehovah in the land, but to make every Israelite a worshiper of Baal.

When Elijah saw these conditions, did he pray for peace and prosperity for Israel? No. He prayed for judgment. And judgment came, three and a half years of drouth with its resultant famine in the land. Ahab counted the man who prayed down God's judgment on the land as "he that troubleth Israel." According to Ahab's reasoning, if Elijah had been a true patriot surely he would have prayed for blessing on the land. But the prophet pointed out that it was Ahab and his house who had troubled Israel in forsaking the commandments of the Lord and following Baal.

God was merciful, and in response to Elijah's prayers sent copious revival rains to the land. Did the goodness of the Lord bring Ahab and Jezebel to repentance? No. Jezebel sought the prophet's life. And Elijah was discouraged. We do not wonder. But God took him to Horeb, and there on that holy mount he heard the still small voice which assured him that God still lived and reigned, and that He had not abdicated the throne of the universe. He has not yet. He never will. So cheer up!

The story of Ahab coveting the inheritance of Naboth follows. Jezebel, by foul means, brought about the death of Naboth and his sons. Ahab went to possess the coveted vineyard, only to find Elijah there with a word of judgment from the Lord against him and his seed.

In due time Ahab was slain in battle, and we see his son Joram upon the throne. Joram and Ahaziah, the king of Judah, met together in Jezreel. They seemed to be having something in the nature of a peace conference together, when the watchman on the wall spied a company in the distance.

Were they coming to join the peace conference? An ambassador was sent out to greet the oncoming host with the word, "Is it peace?"
Jehu, who was at the head of this company, bade the messenger get behind him. Joram sent a second ambassador with the same question, "Is it peace?" Jehu bade this messenger also turn in behind him. When his embassage did not return, Joram, together with Ahaziah, decided to go out and meet the coming company.

Jehu, driving furiously, drew near, and Joram greeted him: "Is it peace?" No. It was not peace, but a sword. Jehu had been raised up as God's instrument of judgment upon these two wicked kings. They were destroyed. Joram's dead body was cast down on the very plat in Jezreel where the blood of Naboth and his sons had been poured out. Ahaziah breathed his last upon the battlefield of Armageddon. And as Elijah had prophesied, in the portion of Jezreel the dogs ate the flesh of Jezebel.
We are living in similar days to these, in days when we see the apostasy, not of one people but of all nations, where the gospel has long been faithfully proclaimed. The spirit of Ahab and Jezebel is seen again in our day as national leaders look with envy upon the flourishing "vineyards" of others, and covet them. By terrible violence, the blood of many is being poured out, that these Ahabs may secure the inheritance of other nations. Is God pleased with such a spirit? Will He not judge? He declared, "Vengeance is Mine; $I$ will repay."

It is only a matter of time when the nations, exhausted with war, will arrange for a great peace conference. Then men will say, "Surely at last the world is safe for democracy! Now we shall have peace and safety." But the wicked Ahabs, the Jezebels, the Jorams, the Ahaziahs, and their allies are not going to have peace. God has ordained that at the very time when men are saying "Peace and safety," sudden destruction will come upon them.



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In the second Psalm we have the picture, not of the anointed Jehu but of the anointed Jesus, to whom the nations are to be given for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. The question will arise when He comes, "Is it peace?" No. He comes to break the rebellious nations with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. In the very place where they have poured out the blood of millions, will the blood of the Ahabs and the Jezebels and their seed be poured out.

For the word of the Lord through the prophet Isaiah is yet to be fulfilled: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land (Hebrew : the earth) desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. . . . And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible (Hebrew: tyrants). I will make a man more precious (Hebrew: rare) than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger." Isa. 13:9-13.

We will find ourselves, as we get very close to the Lord, one with Him in His judgments on a Christ-rejecting world, even as Elijah was one with Him. We may frequently find ourselves praying, as did Elijah, for judgment rather than for peace and prosperity. For when God's judgments are in the earth, many will learn righteousness. As we give ourselves unreservedly to prayer and intercession, the Lord will reserve to Himself His seven thousand, possibly His seventy times seven thousand, who will not bow the knee to Baal.
"Is it peace?" many are asking. The answer is found in the Word: "Behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isa. $66: 15,16$. God's judgments are coming.

Carl Steinman tells of a trip that he took to Iceland. While he was standing on the brink of the volcano Mount Hecla, he was overtaken by an eruption, and caught by the lava. He says: "Oh the horrors of that awful realization! Over the mouth of a black and heated abyss I was held suspended, a helpless and conscious prisoner, to be hurled downward by the next great throe of trembling nature. 'Help, for the love of God!' I cried, in the agony of despair. I had nothing to rely upon but the mercy of heaven, and I prayed to God as I had never prayed before, to blot out my sins, and not let them follow me to judgment. All at once I heard a shout; and looking round I saw, with feelings that cannot be described, my guide. 'I warned you,' he said. 'You did,' I cried, 'but forgive and save me, for I am perishing.' He stretched out his hand and pulled me to solid ground. I was free, though on the very verge of the awful pit."

There is One who offers to be our guide, who has faithfully warned us of the horrors of the days to come. He it is who says to us, "Take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and life's cares, and that day come upon you sud-
denly as a snare: for so shall it come upon all that dwell on the face of all the earth. But watch at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.-S. H. F.

## Living Letters

## Silian B. Yeomans, © I. D.

"Ye are the epistle of Christ written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God . . . in fleshy tables of the heart." 2 Cor. 3:3.
Many of us have received letters that have blessed us, perhaps succored us, in times of strain and stress.

A saint of God, now in the glory, once wrote me a letter like that when I was in Zarephath.

Do you ask, "Were you ever there?" Yes, I was there, for Zarephath means a crucible, or place where gold, and other precious metals, are refined. Above the portal is written, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you. . . . The trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold." 1 Peter $4: 12$, and $1: 7$. It is a place from which you cannot escape until the Refiner is satisfied that the fire has done its work, Praise God for that!
The letter from the saint was not addressed, "Zarephath," but it reached me, and was "as the cold of snow in the time of harvest," to my soul.
It is blessed to receive such letters. It is more blessed to send them, for the Lord Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." But blessed as it is to send them it is not enough. The Scripture plainly teaches that God's purpose is that we ourselves should be such letters. Men may file away good letters, full of the Word of God, without even giving them a reading. But of these living letters, God's messengers, the Holy Ghost saith they are "known and read of all men."
What a glorious privilege to be a letter from the living God which men cannot help reading! We, all that we are spiritually, mentally, and physically, are designed by God to constitute a letter from His heart to the lost world for which Christ died!
We are the "epistle of Christ ministered by us" (2 Cor. 3:3), and we dare not be abridged or mutilated epistles. Paul says, "For me to live IS CHRIST-Christ in all His fullness of glory, power, and divine compassion. Phil. $1: 21$. Christ, our life, life more abundant, life plus life. The epistle that is $Y o u$, cannot be limited to His moral and spiritual beauty, for it is an "epistle of Christ." Christ the invigorator, the disease destroyer, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil. We are not only moral and spiritual representatives of Christ, but physical representatives as well.
What has the epistle called you to say about this aspect of Christ?
How urgent is the need in this demontormented world for strong Scriptural testimony on it!

Many years ago Rockefeller offered to make a donation to the Chinese. He advised the Government as to his benevolent intentions and stipulated that as much as possible the popular will as to the character of the gift was to be consulted. I do not know what steps the Government took in the matter but the reply came back in no uncertain language. The Chinese desired a fully equipped, up-to-date hospital, with drugs and knives and doctors and surgeons to dose and drug and cut and carve them. Isn't that a sad commentary on man's present condition? How should you feel if your darling child were so sick that the only Christmas present you could think of for him was a bottle of bitter tonic and a plaster cast?
God states that He is the Healer of all our diseases, and that it is His will that we should prosper and be in health even as our souls prosper. 3 John 2. Don't leave that out of the letter that is you. Do you say, "But the devil attacks and torments me physically"? Of course he does. He actually contended with the archangel Michael over the body of Moses, and he will certainly contend about yours. We are told by the apostle Peter that he goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He tries to scare you by his roaring into thinking that he may make a meal of you. But he cannot do it if you will trust God's Word. I recall the case of one of our own Pentecostal ministers who came to me with a spot on the side of his face. It had been there some time and a doctor, who claimed

to be a specialist on malignant growths, told him it was a cancer and would have to be removed. (By the way the information was volunteered, the minister had not asked for a medical opinion.) We took the case to the Lord who gave us, "When . . . my foes came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell." Psalm $27: 2$. God made His Word good and the spot never developed into anything harmful. Praise God!
The apostle Paul exemplified the truth that Christ is more than Conqueror, in all things that would oppose us. He took all hardships, spiritual, and physical, in his stride (including stripes, imprisonments, tumults, labors, fastings, day and night in the deep, cold, nakedness, and a stoning which left him apparently dead, triumphant1 y and victoriously. He even gloried in his infirmities "in order that Christ's power may overshadow me." 2 Cor. 12:9. (Weymouth)
The letter called Paul says to us today that under all circumstances the Lord Jesus Christ is the same all-conquering Christ who broke the Roman seal, and rose triumphant over death and hell to the Father's right hand where He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

## An Early Word to General Presbyters and Others

The nineteenth General Council of the Assemblies of God will convene at Minneapolis, Minn., September 5-11, 1941, preceded by a glorious fellowship service the evening of the 4th. Plan now to be at the Council for the opening service and to remain until its end.

## GENERAL PRESBYTERS

The General Presbyters are asked to meet at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, September 3rd. Any matters requiring consideration by the General Presbyters should be presented to them at the first meeting. If any who cannot attend the General Council wish things considered they should have such in the hands of Brother J. R. Flower before the General Presbyters meet. It has always in the past been a great strain on the Presbytery to be in the regular business of the General Council and then to have to work a large part of each night in meetings of the Presbytery. We would like to avoid this if possible.
Remember the General Presbyters meet Wednesday morning. The General Council begins Thursday night. The place of meeting will be announced a little later.

The preacher in us often needs to die. Many need to be saved from the "preaching spirit." Even the devil can be a great preacher. God pity the preacher who loves to hear himself, in fact who feels that he is a great preacher, loves to receive honor from men, to be commended for his supposed merits, and fails to hide his head in humility and shame when flattered, because Christ has been thereby robbed of His rightful glory. We should feel most conscious of defeat when complimented by others and prefer to be unknown rather than well known, fearing praise always rather than blame.

Liquor in all its forms and used for any purpose whatsoever I believe to be an unmitigated evil.-Dr. Howard $A$. Kelly, of Johns Hopkins University.

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"Yea, verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world." Rom. 10:18. It is recorded, "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt. 12:36.

The Lord will come to execute judgment upon all, to convince all that are ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. Jude 14, 15.

But there is correspondingly the blessed side. "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32. "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." Mal. 3:16.

Talking of the Lord, about the Lord, of His salvation, of the home in the glory, and of the coming glory of the Lord, are all noted by the Lord. He is pleased. Those two on the road to Emmaus, when they came back, told the good news to the disciples that the Lord drew nigh and spoke unto them. He notes, listens, recalls the talk of His people of Himself. Better talk about Him than find fault with those who are His. There is a reward attached to those who speak about Him. "And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels."

But there is no reward, but the reverse, for speaking against those who are His, "But I must draw attention to their faults," you say. Suppose Christ said the same thing about you. "If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" Psalm $130: 3$. The High Priest is pleading for those you find fault with, as well as for you, and maybe you need more intercession.

Then "he that speaketh in an unknown

## tongue

speaketh unto God." 1 Cor 14:2. Some will have a surprise when they learn hereafter the secret nature, the holy secrets in their conversation. Converse with the almighty Creator is no mean thing. Some belittle it because they have no part nor lot in it.

Esau valued his birthright at the price of a square meal of one course only. Jacob would not have parted with it if Esau had promised to keep him supplied with free meals for the rest of his life. And so men today are not valuing that which Paul valued so highly. Paul wrote, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all." 1 Cor. $14: 18$. They take Paul as a pattern in some things, but in this they do not. But they try to rearrange his pattern to suit their own ends.
"They that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened." He is hearkening. Give Him something worth while to hearken to. There is hay, wood and stubble converstaion. There is gold, silver and precious stones conversation. The world speaks of its kingdom. Let the saints speak of His kingdom.
"By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:37. Idle words belong to idle people. The saint should have no idle words, for he is a citizen of another country. Get the language of the country to which you are traveling.

Their speech betrayeth them-saint or sinner. God has been raising up a people who have been speaking to Him in a language purified, free from the dross of the world, inspired by the Spirit of God. It is a spiritual language, given by the Spirit to the spiritual one, so that he can speak of spiritual things to Him who desires worship in spirit and in truth, and as such it is entirely incomprehensible to those who are not spiritual. Amen.

## How to Bring a Soul to Christ (Continued from Page One)

have never seen a truer Christian than he became.

One day he walked into my arms saying, "I have come to live with you." "You came to just the right place," I said. He stayed with me three years. He swept my floors, built my fires, and cleaned my office, and, praise God, he lived a real Christian life. I was in a camp meeting in the far West when he died, and when I heard it, I went into the woods and wept.

Do not imagine that it is always a tremendously difficult thing to win a soul to Christ. It is not. Now there are people who will not be won, but there are people who are thin, ing far more of this subject than we suspect. They need somebody to approach them in the right way and with wisdom. I have found that if we select the individual, and pray for him, and then admonish him, the Holy Ghost attends us and puts in the word.

A Christian business man once wrote on a postal card to a low-down drunkard, "Your parents are in heaven. It is a pity for you to be lost. I am disappointed that you are not attending the evening meetings. I want you to know that I am praying for you." He read the card in amazement. John praying for me! He came that night and was converted. Two minutes. A one-cent postal card. Salvation!
I was an orphan child. Mother died when I was two years old. I had a little dog, Trip. I lived in a religious community. The people paid the same attention to my soul as they did to my dog. They did not say a thing to me. Good people, but good-for nothing. There was not a time from my seventh year to my fourteenth, when if anybody in the world had asked me to repent and said, "Let us pray," I should not have been ready. I was dead ripe. If you had joggled the tree. I would have fallen into the basket. Many a night I was sleeping with a person who chaimed to be converted. If he
had said, "I want you to give your heart to Jesus," I believe I should have been converted between the bed rail and the floor.

But I want you to know that the devil's gang, was after me hot-footed. The Lord's people let me alone. It was "Henry, come here," "Henry, come to this party, to this social," and "Henry this," and "Henry that."
In the South puff balls grow on tall bushes in great thickets. When they are ripe, they are very yellow. We would start out for puff balls, but we would never waste time looking for them. We would shake a tree; and if they were there, they would come down. God wants us to go out into the world and shake every tree. It is a wonderful way. We will find someone we never hoped for When I was a young minister, I wanted to win the children, the young people and the good people. By and by I found that some of the most desperate sinners were more easily won than the decent ones. Go into a big woods, pick out the largest tree there, so that when it jumps off the stump, it will split about ten or fifteen other trees. Then you have a revival. When a big sinner falls, there is something worth while.

We had a very desperate man in Stanford, Kentucky, a gambler, a desperado. He never went to church. We had a revival. I was preaching for a very fine doctor that we needed in our church, to help pay our expenses and be a steward. I would make the call, and he would go out. I did everything I could to try to win him. One night I loaded my gun heavy. Another man, a drunkard and gambler was also there. He belonged to a very fine family of Christian people, but through drink and $\sin$ he had a face that looked like a pumpkin that had sat on a stump all winter. He was dirty and his shoes were tied with string. As I was raising my gun to shoot at my doctor, my thumb slipped off the hammer, and the whole shot went into the drunkard. When I got up to preach, the doctor went out, and the drunkard came to the altar. And while he was at the altar, I was asking God to forgive me. We both got through about the same time. Talk about fishing! The finest sport under heaven is hunting for the souls of men.

He walked out and down the street, and I saw old Martin begin to talk to him. I said to myself, "Martin is trying to get him," and I ran down the street to save my fish. They were talking peaceably about swapping a stack of hay for a stack of oats. I missed my calculation. I thought I would atone for it. "Ed," I said to Martin, "I want you to attend our meetings." He said, "I will not be there. My oldest boy is twenty-two years old and has never been in church since he was born. The only time I hear preaching is when I pass your church and hear you holler. I suppose it is called preaching." "Ed," I said, "You have a great head. The cemetery is out beyond my church. You are going out there. I want you to stop off at my church on the way to the cemetery where they will plant you. You know you are going to the cemetery." "Yes," he said, "but I mean to put that off." "Stop
over at the church, and you will be in better shape to go to the cemetery," and turning to the one who had just been converted, I said, "Christ did something for you?" "He did." "Ed, if you come to church three nights and sit on the third bench from the front, I believe with all my heart you will become a happy Christian." He came. When I preached and called for the prodigals, he arose for prayer. I said, "You have gone a long ways forward; that's a good step; keep stepping." He stepped up and was powerfully saved. He said, "Look here, preacher, something dawned on me when you got threatening me with the cemetery. I had watched and known of the times when you were across the street and had come over to shake hands with me. I did not know what you meant. It flashed on me, there was one man who loved my poor wicked, lost soul. I could not refuse."

I tell you if "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son," and that love that is in God comes into us, that is nine-tenths of the preparation.

Now Jesus was at Capernaum. There was there a man so afflicted with paralysis that he could not possibly come to Jesus. Great power in Jesus, and great need in the paralytic. The only hope for that paralytic was the power that was in Christ. But the power in Christ is not doing the paralytic any good unless somebody has faith enough in Jesus and love enough for the paralytic to get them together. God works through human instruments, and there is so much power there and so much need here that we ought to get busy to bring the need in touch with that power.
There were four men with a great faith in Christ and a great sympathy for the paralytic, and they said, "Let us bring him." I do not know but that if they had had churches-Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational -they would have discussed the question. If so, the paralytic would have died. Being full of faith and love, they forgot to quarrel about denominations. They each might have taken hold of the cot, and one would say, "I think we should by all means take him up Broadway." Another would say, "Main Street is better." A third would have said, "The back alley is the closest and it is not exposed to the jam." And the fourth, "I think we should cross the lot." We want to get so interested in a great faith in Christ, a great love for the lost that we do not have much time to fuss about things that are nonessential. They had three things, faith in Jesus, love for the paralytic, and harmony among themselves. They united for one thing.

The door to the house was full and the windows were full, but they had zeal, they had courage. They went on top of the house. The owner probably ran, out crying, "Don't tear the house up." "Never mind, we will fix the house." God wants zeal. He wants us to have a faith, a love, a union, and a zeal that knows no obstacles.
I was in India some years ago. Arriving in Bombay, I went to the parsonage, leaving my school boy in the carriage. When I came down, there was an old English gentleman talking to him. He said, "My
name is Bishop, and my boy is in Lucknow. I have been praying he might be converted in your meetings. Here is his name. You must bring him to Christ when you are in Lucknow." And he drove away. "Three hundred thousand people in Lucknow. This boy is our needle in the haystack," I said.

The first night after reaching Lucknow I noticed in a company of five hundred people a British soldier, dressed in clothes as white as snow, with his straps and bands, and his arms folded across his chest. He kept looking at me. When I gave the call, I stepped over to him and said, "Are you a Christian?" "I am not, sir." "Don't "you think you ought to be a Christian?" "I do, sir." "Would you go to the altar with me and seek Jesus?" "I will, sir." And he came. His big shoulders shook. He poured out his tears. By and by he straightened up, and I asked him, "Have you found Christ?" "I have not, sir." "Do you intend to persevere till you do find Him?" "Sure, sir." "Will you be back tomorrow night?" "I will, sir." And he came. The next night he came to the altar without being asked. He was gloriously saved. He put his Johnny Bull arms around my Uncle Sam neck and nearly, broke it. I said, "What is your name?" "My name is Bishop. My father is a good Christian. He is in Bombay praying for me." "I have your card in my pocket," I said. God answers prayer.
Shotgun prayers scatter. When a man prays, in New York for instance, like this, "Shake this city until there shall not be one left to advocate the cause of Satan," etc., I am disgusted. I do not believe that prayer will be answered. Any old hunter will tell you never to shoot at a flock. Pick out one bird and bring him down. When you have him, perhaps you will get another. We want to set our aim on some one, not to confine ourselves to just one, but do not scatter prayers.
Off went the roof and down went the man, and these four fellows filled the hole with their heads. Jesus, looking up, saw their faith. We can have faith for other people and help them to have faith. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." Some one raised a row, and very properly so if Jesus were not what He claimed to be. "Who can forgive sins but God only?" So say I. But God was there. He did not say, "I will prove it to you." But this is what He did. "Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or, to say, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk?" And then to prove that He had power to forgive sins, He healed him. "I say unto thee, Arise. take up thy bed, and go thine way into

The blood of Jesus Christ…cleanseth us from all sin.
thine house." And he did not have to crawl out through the hole in the top. He walked out. And the fellows that had no sweat on their brows said, "He is all right now, but the first time he gets his feet wet it will all come back." But the men that brought him stood up and looked at him with joy. I think every time he met them they had a good meeting.

Some think I am growing old. If it were not for the looking glasses I should not believe a word of it. One of the sweetest things in my life is the fact that I can hardly go up into central Kentucky anywhere without meeting people who say, "You led me to Jesus." I hope through His grace and mercy to get home to heaven and to meet folks saying, "You led me to Christ."
God bless your hearts and fill you with great faith in God, a great love for the lost, and a great zeal to help souls, a zeal that will meet with no obstacles that cannot be overcome. May you give your lives to the bringing of other lives out of their sorrow, their sin, their sickness, their agony, and their ruin to the feet of Jesus! May you become experts with power from on high, with a faith that will not shrink, with a love that will never fail, with a zeal that will tear away the roof of a house, and with the joy, the unutterable joy of having helped some lost one to Jesus!

The Best Answer to Apostasy is Soul Saving. We need revivals rather than polemics. As in the time of Paul, the greatest need is to preach the Gospel where Christ has not yet been named.-W. C. Townsend.

## 8 Regional Sunday School Conferences

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February 3-4 Gospel Tabernacle, Cor. 8th and Connecticut Akron, Ohio February 7-8
First Pentecostal Church, No. York and Howard Philadelphia, Pa. ........ February 13-14 Highway Mission Tabernacle, Cor. 19th \& Green Atlanta, Georgia ...............February 18-19 Capitol Ave. Tabernacle, 301 Capitol Avenue Pensacola, Florida ....... February 24-25 First Assembly of God, West Garden and M Sts. Houston, Texas February 28-March 1 First Assembly of God, Eli and Patterson Sts. Dallas, Texas .........................March 4-5 Bethel Temple, 210 E . Jefferson Avenue
Fort Smith, Arkansas ........... March 7-8
Dodson Ave. Assembly of God, So. 12th \& Dodson Pastors, Sunday School Officers, and Teachers are urged to be in attendance both days in the Regional Conference nearest you. These regional conferences will be held instead of one Nation-wide Conference as of last year.
Two days and two evenings full of Sunday School sessions will be had! The most capable workers on the field will be speakers at the Conferences. The Gospel Publishing House will send a representative from the Sunday School Department.-GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Springfield, Missouri.

# The dfarvest Field of Ceylon 

Walter and Viola Clifford, Colombo, Ceylon

Greetings to all our friends over the seas in the name of Him who loveth us and hath given Himself for us! It seems good to us to write to you, telling some thing of what the Lord has been doing in our midst.

## Bible Studies

In August we called our Ceylonese pastors, evangelists, and Bible women together for a week of Bible studies in Colombo. A number of our Colombo people joined in, so that we had between thirty and forty studying the Word to equip themselves for better service. There were six classes daily, conducted in English with interpretation into Sinhalese and Tamil. Among those who attended was a man born blind, a piano tuner by profession. He took notes of the lectures on a Braille typewriter, then on examination day took down the questions on the Braille typewriter, and answered them on an ordinary typewriter. We are happy to say that he passed the examination, qualifying for a Christian worker's certificate.
The week of studies was a time of blessed fellowship. There were more than twenty staying in our home, sleeping on mats on the floor.

## Anniversary Services

September 19 marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Colombo work. As we reviewed at that time the work of the preceding year we rejoiced over the fact that in Colombo alone, some fifty-three souls had come to the altar for salvation, eleven had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, eighteen had been immersed. The church is now self-governing, with a steadily increasing membership, for which we do praise God.

## Trip to India

In October the writer, who is superintendent of the South India and Ceylon District Council, made a trip to India to visit some of the mission stations. We spent five days with Miss Eady in Bangalore, holding special meetings and Bible studies. Following this we visited with Miss Eady, the outstation work at Krishnagiri in the Tamil-speaking country. It was a joy to minister the Word to low caste people, who simply drank in the wonderful story of salvation. During the four days we prayed with about 170 people for salvation. From Krishnagiri we went on to Kirkee and Poona, more than seven hundred miles northwest. Altogether we were away from Colombo twenty-two days during which time we traveled 3345 miles, preached 31 times, held a number of conferences with workers, immersed six in water, and prayed with many souls for salvation. Praise the Lord for His blessings and for journeying mercies!

## Outstation Work

Within a few days of our return from India we left Colombo again to hold a convention at one of the outstations. We outline to you the full program of the three-day convention:

## First Day

12:00 noon-Arrived at Balangoda, fixed our camp cots and had lunch.
3:30 p. m.-Held first meeting, devoted to prayer.
5:00 p. m.-Open-air service on main street of town, where more than a hundred listened to the Word; followed by evening service which was well attended despite sudden downpour of rain.

## Second Day

5:30 a. m.-Early prayer
9:00 a. m.-Bible study
Afternoon tarrying service.
Evening service, crowded in spite of continued downpour of rain.

## Third Day

7:00 a. m.-Off to a rubber estate where we held a service and then breakfasted.
9:00 a. m.-Back to the convention hall for another Bible study, following which we dedicated three children to the Lord and then held a blessed communion service.
In the afternoon most of the believers had to leave in order to be back for work at 6:00 the next morning.
God is blessing and prospering the work in Colombo and district. Recently another outstation was opened in a Sinhalese town named Opanake. Please pray that God will save souls in this place and glorify His name.

## Native Ministers

We now have eleven full-time trained workers, in addition to four other young people who are staying in our home to receive Bible training, preparatory to going out in gospel ministry. One of these is a converted Brahmin named George Sunder. Another, Paul, was formerly a Buddhist priest, and the other two are a young married couple, whom we hope to send out in the district early in the year.
Regarding the support of these workers, your help is needed. To take care of the fifteen workers properly would require approximately $\$ 100.00$ per month. At present we are receiving about $\$ 25.00$ for this purpose and have tried to make up some of what is lacking from our personal allowance. Our furlough time is at hand, and if these dear workers are not provided for, it will be necessary to dismiss them, thus closing down a good portion of the work. Will you not help us?
The support of a married couple varies from $\$ 10.00$ to $\$ 12.00 \mathrm{a}$ month according to the number of children in the family. $\$ 7.50$ will support a single man or a Bible woman. Any assistance, even the smallest sums, will be appreciated to help us in this great work for the Lord Jesus. Offerings may be sent to the Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for workers or station expense in our care.
To you who have prayed for us and have assisted in the work here, we say a very hearty thank you, and God bless you! We appreciate your help more than words can tell.

## WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!

## Alfred A. Blakeney, Dehra Dun, North India

For eight years we have ministered during the summer season at Childers Lodge, up in the hills, but I cannot remember the time when we have sensed the power and presence of God as we did this past summer. It seemed more like the old time Pentecostal days plus something more. Never before have we had so many strangers attending our Pentecostal meetings.
Should the Lord tarry, we are not sure whether He will have a further ministry for us there. We have felt burdened for the great crowds of educated Indians who come up to Mussoorie, which is about two miles from

Childers, where there is no inviting hall to which they can go and receive the gospel message. The great obstacle is the high rate of rent-but what is that, if the Lord is in the desire and when immortal souls are at stake?

## Pentecostal Retreat

Nearly a month ago we closed our Pentecostal Retreat here in Dehra Dun. We truly can say, "What hath God wrought!" While we did not have great crowds from outside points, the Lord gave us just what we asked, and that is, key men and key women. Practically an entire Indian family came. One member of this family has been a headmistress in various schools and has retired in the Simla Hills. Another is a lady doctor in Simla, the summer capital of India. This lady doctor was with us last year and took baptism, and it was really through her, that all the other members of the family came this year and were baptized. Twenty-five candidates in all were immersed. We do not know how many were born again, but believe there were several, while four received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit at the convention.

## A God-Honored Ministry

One of those who received the Baptism as well as taking baptism in water, was an Indian Christian professor of philosophy, in a government college at Multan in the Punjab. Now he is on fire for God, and planning a Retreat in his city, about the middle of this month which Brother Boyce and I hope to attend. This brother and his wife, are assuming the financial burden for providing for the crowd, etc. As far as we know this section of the great province of the Punjab, has never before had a witness to the Pentecostal message.

God is wonderfully honoring this method of getting the truth of Pentecost to the people. We feel that the Lord would have us go about in a band gathering the people together in this way, that they in turn may carry the message to their own centers. God has so set His seal upon this ministry, that both Brother and Sister Boyce and ourselves, feel it is His plan for us at this last hour. Pray for $u s$.

RIGHT ON THE SCAFFOLD-
WRONG ON THE THRONE
John F. Hall, Ouahigouya, French West Africa
Such hatred emanating


Noupoko from the eyes of one filled with wrath toward his own flesh and blood, I have seldom seen. The anger which had been nursed in the old father's heart for months finally broke out, bursting in all its intensity on the head of an innocent Christian, his own daughter.

## The Cause

Noupoko Samkilo, a Christian girl who refused to become the wife of a polygamous old soldier, to whom she had been promised without her consent, was the cause of the afore-mentioned tirade. Her brother, Nose, also a fine Christian, has supported her in this stand. The brother and sister had already suffered petty persecutions, but this was the climax.
The French colonial law will free the girl, but desiring to find another way, we first presented the proposition of helping to pay back the dowry, and regulating the situation to the benefit of all concerned. The old father would receive no such proposition and
gave full vent to his wrath. He has disowned both children, has made them go without food, and out of spite kept his son's goats all day in the barn without food or water.

Pray for these Christians who truly are being "persecuted for righteousness' sake."


Christians in French West Africa. In the center is Nose, brother of Noupoko.

## NEWS FROM MRS. GRIMMETTE

A letter has reached us from Esther (Harvey) Grimmette mailed at Shanghai where their boat called en route to India. Our hearts have gone out in sympathy to Mrs. Grimmette in the sad loss of her husband who passed away in Kobe, Japan while the India party were awaiting steamship accommodation there to continue their journey. Yet there is a note of victory and restfulness in the Lord throughout Mrs. Grimmette's letter as she writes concerning her husband and his last days in this earthly tabernacle.
Mr. Grimmette was born in England and as a young man came to America where he entered the jewelry business. In answer to the call of God for service he gave up his trade and entered the ministry, engaging for many years in pastoral and evangelistic work. In his youth he offered himself for missionary work, and while the way did not seem to open for him to go to the foreign field, it was always upon his heart.
In March, 1940 he married Esther Harvey, one of our veteran missionaries to North India, and while it was not deemed best to grant Mr . Grimmette Council appointment on account of his age, he decided to return with Mrs. Grimmette to India, happy in the thought of going at last to the mission field-but the Lord seemed to will otherwise. In Kobe, Japan he was stricken and after a brief illness passed away. The day before his passing he was for hours lost in the presence of God, and among his last words were, "At rest, forever with the Lord."

The morning following the funeral service Mrs. Grimmette had to leave Kobe since the steamship company could not longer delay its sailing. Thus in face of her sorrow and
loneliness she continued on the way to the land of her calling. We pray that God may impart to her the true comfort which He alone can give and that His richest blessing may rest upon her as she takes up ministry once again in North India.

## THE MISSIONARY VISION

## John L. Franklin

In a letter received a short time ago from a friend in the homeland there was one paragraph which particularly impressed us: "We are very glad to know that God is blessing in that field, so badly in need of the precious Word of the living God. It will not be very long now before the coming of the Lord, and I covet for Him a great company to be ready and looking up, watching for His appearing. We see how they are responding in the dark places of the earth and it does gladden our hearts to know that many are turning from death unto life."
"I covet for Him a great company to be ready. . . ". What a glorious ambition! The more one dwells on this thought, the more it lays hold upon the heart. This should be the vision of every Christian. I covet for Thee, O Jesus, a great company to be ready to surround Thy heavenly throne in glory, singing in praise and gratitude the new song-"Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation.

## "The Joy That Was Set Before Him"

Our Lord during His earthly pilgrimage was sustained, looking forward to that glorious day, the light of which shone upon His path of pain-the day when He would present to Himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. It was the "joy that was set before Him." Yes, and it can and ought to be the joy that is set before each one of us-the joy of having a part in that presentation. We press forward toward that goal, as the apostle Paul says, "Preaching Christ . . . so that we may bring every one into God's presence, made perfect through Christ. To this end," he declares, "like an earnest wrestler, I Exert All My Strength in reliance upon the power of Him who is mightily at work within me." Col. 1:28, 29 (Weymouth's Translation).

## One Burning Purpose

If we are coveting for Christ a great company to be ready, we are thinking as Christ thinks; we are in line with Him; we are one in a great purpose to which all other ends become subservient. We will live for it and if need be die for it. We will consider only that which pertains to Christ and His kingdom to be of lasting worth. All else is vanity. And toward the fulfillment of that purpose let us exert all our strength.

It seems hard for some to see further than their own little circle, and behold the regions beyond. There are those who become interested at times, but ere long the vision fades. Yet one thing is true, the closer we are to God the brighter burns the vision. Thank God, there remain many of His true servants whose zeal and love for souls never lessen. May we aspire to be included in that number !

## APPEAL FOR REFRIGERATOR

Mrs. Esther Grimmette is in definite need of a refrigerator for use at her station in Nawabganj, North India. With her large family of orphans and widows to care for, this is almost a necessity. A refrigerator to many people in this land is considered beyond the realm of a luxury-how much greater the need in tropical climates, where disease and fever abound and where, during the hot season, it is so difficult to keep food from spoiling. Mrs. Grimmette states that in India even though they boil milk three and four times during the day to keep it sweet, it usually turns sour before the day is done.

Mrs. Grimmette has received some money toward a refrigerator, and we are now appealing to friends who may feel impressed to send in an offering to supplement the funds already on hand. We feel that in so doing you will be giving to a worthy cause, and helping to meet a real need in the work at Nawabganj.

## Special Prayer Request

Pray that the way may be opened for G. V. Nikoloff to return to Bulgaria to join his wife and family and to give help and counsel which is urgently needed in the work at this time.

## - Notice to Stamp Collectors

A friend of foreign missions, desirous of making a real contribution to our work, has generously given a valuable collection of unused U. S. stamps (in blocks of fours and sheets of 40,50 and 100 ), to be sold for the best possible price and the entire proceeds placed in our missionary fund.

The giving of this stamp collection has involved a real sacrifice, and we desire in disposing of it, to obtain as good a return as we can, so that the gift may bring the greatest blessing in the furtherance of missionary work.

We feel that among our friends and contributors, there may be those who would like to obtain some of these stamps, and who would be willing to offer not only the catalog price but also a donation over and above for missions. In this way you will receive the stamps and at the same time have the joy of knowing that the entire amount sent is being used for missionary work.

In offering the stamps we desire that the sheets and blocks shall not be broken.
We are listing the stamps included in the collection, with their Scott's catalog numbers and descriptions:

No. 786, 1 pane of 50 Army Series 2c; No. 787, 50 Army Series 3 c , in "odd lots"; No. 788, 1 pane of 50 Army
Series $4 \mathrm{c} ;$ No. 789, 1 pane of 40 Army Series 5 c (and Series 4 c ; No, 789 , 1 pane of 40 Army Series 5 c (and
10 loose stamps of same); No. 790,1 pane of 50 Nayy Series 1 c ; No. 791,1 pane of 50 Navy Series, 2 c N No, 792,1 pane of 40 Navy Series 3 c , and two blocks of
four; No. 793,1 pane of 50 Navy Series 4 c ; No. 794, four; No. 793,1 pane of 50 Navy Series 4 c ; No. 794,
1 pane of 40 Navy Series 5 c (and ten loose stamps of 1 pane
same).

When you write let us know how much you will give for the stamps in which you are interested. If offering is sent and stamps are available they will be forwarded without delay, In case a certain issue is disposed of, we suggest that you give second and third choice and also let us know whether you wish your offering to go for missions or to be returned to you if none of the stamps you requested are available.

For further information concerning the collection write to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

CARRYING ON
Gospel missionaries are able to remain in French Indo-China and Thailand and carry on for the present, reports Alliance Weekly.

## NEED IN IRAN

Iran (Persia), says The Christian, is in special need of prayer at this time. The Government decision to take control of all schools makes it necessary to recast the whole of the mission work.

JEWS TO PALESTINE
Despite transportation difficulties caused by the war, 24,000 Jews migrated to Palestine in the last year, stated Sir Norman Angell, British author and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

## A GOOD MOVE

On December 6 the Minister of Education of the Vichy Government issued a decree that one hour a week is to be set aside by the elementary schools for the purpose of training the children in their duties to their neighbors, country and God.

## THE BLOODIEST CENTURY

New Orleans Christian Advocate states that wars of the twentieth century have reached a total eight times greater than all the wars of the preceding centuries, according to a statement credited to Professor Sarokin, chief sociologist of Harvard. A world that rejects the Blood of the Prince of Peace must suffer a baptism in its own blood!

## REFUGEES IN AMERICA

Far from depriving Americans of jobs, refugees have provided work for many of them, states the Committee on Refugees of the Y. W. C. A. in a pamphlet, Meet the Refugees. Between 5,000 and 6,000 refugees have brought with them to the U. S. an estimated $\$ 20,000$ each, the committee claims. A survey made by the National Refugee Service is quoted which revealed that some 2,200 American citizens were employed in 303 refugeefounded enterprises. The refugees, largely Jews, have brought valuable patents with them. God has promised to bless those who would befriend His chosen people, and apparently this is one form of that blessing.

## THIRTY JEWS BAPTIZED

It must have been a precious scene when thirty Jews, nineteen men and eleven women, were baptized at Shanghai recently. According to Sunday School Times, the winning of these souls is due to the labors of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, who conduct gospel meetings with eighty to a hundred refugee Jews present. Some of the thirty were men of fine education, with good homes and good incomes in their European countries, and all say that had it not been for persecution they never should have found Christ. One brother still limps from the bayonet stabs in the leg which were given him in Germany. There are over 15,000 European refugees in Shanghai.

GERMANY AND RUSSIA
According to a recent book, Caesars in Goose Step by Wm. G. Bayles, Himmler considers himself the logical successor of Hitler, and that Himmler believes in a combining of Russia with Germany. He regards the Russian frontier as the gateway to the great new German Empire of 250 millions. He believes that Russia will soon throw out all the Jews, opening the way for a simple process of combining the two nations, both well trained to dictatorship, under a "superdictator." The author of this book probably is not a student of Bible prophecy, as he is a former newspaper correspondent in Berlin, but what he says fits in with what seems to be the pattern shown in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Russia and Germany (Gomer) will march together, but they will march into judgment at the hand of God.

IN FRENCH WEST INDIES
The French Islands of Martinique and Guadeloupe have been in the news since the collapse of France. According to Sunday School Times, ten colporteurs recently covered these Catholic islands thoroughly, distributing Bibles and gospel literature. Everywhere they won the people's friendship, and wherever the Bibles have been burned they have returned to sell new copies.

## WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION

According to The Gospel Broadcast, Dorothy Dix made the following statement on Nov. 18, 1940: "A questionnaire was submitted to college and university girls recently in an effort to ascertain their purposes and ambitions in life. Out of the 1,700 replies received, only seven girls said they wanted to be home-makers. The thing I find disquieting in the replies is that marriage has been made so unattractive that few girls want to let themselves in for a lifetime of it." Isn't this a condition foretold in the Scriptures? In 2 Tim. $3: 3$ we read that "in the last days" people shall be "without natural affection."

## IN THE VALLEY OF JEZREEL

A correspondent in the Manchester Guardian writes: "One of the most notable features in the recent development of Palestine consists of the agricultural colonization that has been successfully undertaken in the Valley of Jezreel, thanks to the enterprise of the Zionist organization. The area in this district in the Jewish possession is about seventy-five thousand acres. During the last four or five years the valley, which had for centuries lain waste, has been converted into one of the most fruitful parts of the country. There are small holders' settlements, as well as large and small cooperative farms, and there is a total landworking population of four thousand equipped with all the technical, social and cultural requirements of up-to-date villages. The buildings, livestock, agricultural machinery, plants, seeds, as well as schools and hospitals, have been supplied with the funds of the Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) which were raised from the Jews in all parts of the world. Of particular interest are two farm settlements under the leadership of two Chassidic rabbis of Poland, who have shown that the cultivation of the soil is very compatible with the study of the Talmud."

## THE ONE BOOK

For forty years in the discharge of my duty, says a representative of one of the Bible Societies, I have devoted as much time as any man living to the study of the sacred books of the East, and I venture to say the one keynote of all these socalled sacred books, whether it be the Veda of the Brahmans, the Koran of the Mohammedans, the Zend-Avesta of the Parsis, or the Tripitaka of the Buddhists, is salvation by works. They all say that salvation must be bought with a price, and that the sole purchase money must be our own works and deservings. Here, then, we make our chief contrast. Our own Holy Bible is, from beginning to end, a protest against this doctrine.

Good works are indeed enjoined upon us in that Book far more thoroughly than in any other sacred book of the East, but they are only the fruits of our faith, the outcome of a grateful heart. They are never the ransom money of the true disciple of Christ.
"Put off the pride of self-righteousness," says our Holy Bible. It is a filthy garment, unfit to cover the nakedness of your soul at that awful moment when you are face to face with a holy God. "Put on the garment of self-righteousness," says every other sacred book of the East. "Cling closely to it. Hold it closely to your heart of hearts. Multiply your prayers, your pious acts, your pilgrimages, your ceremonies, your external rites for all hands, for nothing else but your own meritorious acts, accumulated like capital at a bank, can save you from eternal ruin."

## THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

For half a year Bible distribution in Japan has been a united work under the Japan Bible Society. During this time there has been a genuine increase in Scripture circulation, as compared with that of the same period in 1939. Over half a million copies were distributed, reports Bible Society Record- 13,243 Bibles, 44,148 Testaments, and 454,107 Portions.

## CHURCHES BOMBED

There is a widespread opinion that Satanic agency has been at work in causing so many churches and hospitals to be wrecked through the air raids, especially in the London area, states The Christian Herald (London). As of midNovember, nearly three hundred Methodist churches, mission halls, or schools in London and the provinces had been demolished or severely damaged; nearly five hundred Anglican church buildings have suffered, including parsonages, halls, and schools; and other denominations probably have suffered a proportionate loss.

## A NATIONAL MENACE

"In 1936 I pointed out," says Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, in a recent address in the United States Senate, "that there were at that time 200,000 places for sale of beverage alcohol, as against 177,791 saloons before national prohibition. Today the number of retail outlets is estimated to be over 400,000 . . . We cannot continue to pour nearly $2,000,000,000$ (two billion) gallons of alcoholic drink every year into the veins of our democracy and expect it to retain the vigor and efficiency so vitally needed in these critical times. . . . The publication of liquor advertisements in newspapers and magazines where they cannot well be ignored by young or old, the radio broadcasting of appeals in the interest of beer and other intoxicants subjecting millions of women and children to alcoholic beverage salesmanship, and the display of intoxicants among necessities and harmless luxuries in stores frequented by multitudes of women and children all represent a fraud on those who trusted the Government to protect the people instead of promoting liquor by the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment."

## FOOD SHORTAGE

Reported The New York Sun in August: "Half of the population in the area around Warsaw, it is feared-aggregating between six and seven million people-are starving already. In this part of Poland a thousand persons are said to be dying of starvation daily." In one province of China alone (Hopei) six million people are facing starvation at this moment. Food shortage threatens many other war-torn lands today. Why does God permit it? Often it is His judgment because of men's $\sin$. He said of one wicked nation, "I will pursue after them that the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence." Jer. 29:17.
Men have done their best to safeguard against famines, but God's Word says, "There shall be famines." According to the London Times of August 14, Marshal Petain of France said: "The stoppage of work, the destruction caused by the war, and the paralysis of communications have brought before our eyes the specter of hideous famine which we believed had been abolished for ever." Man seems powerless to avoid it.
Here we have one of the great aims of famine. "He suffered thee to hunger, that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only; but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God doth man live." Deut. 8:3. God permits food shortage at times in order that men may realize their need, most of all, of the Bread of heaven, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. John $6: 51$. The worst famine of the world is pictured by the "black horse" of Rev. 6:5. See Lam. $4: 8 ; 5: 10$. In spite of any human precautions, it will come. We ought to pray daily that in these times of suffering and judgment many may repent of $\sin$ and turn to Christ for forgiveness and help.

## HESUNDRU SCHOOL LESSOON

Oil and Bread Multiplied
Lesson for February 9. Lesson Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7, 38-44.
Again we see Elisha as a type of the Spiritfilled believer, never at the mercy of circumstances, but able, through the power of the Spirit, to minister to the needs of others.
the multiplying of Oil. 2 Kings 4:1-7.
Here we have Elisha ministering to the widow of one who had been a member of the school of the prophets. Notice-(1) Her desperate need. v. 1. In Old Testament times men borrowed, offering as security themselves or their sons. This woman's husband had died leaving debts. According to the law, the creditor was entitled to take her sons to be his servants until they had worked out the debt. And he was about to do so! The widow's situation was well nigh hopeless, representing the most helpless state in which a child of God can be found. Yet great faith is often born in times of extremity and distress. Let us then receive difficulties not as misfortune to be bemoaned, but as opportunities given us by God to increasingly know Him and prove Him as the All-sufficient One! (2) Her only resource. "And Elisha said, What hast thou in the house? And she said . . . Not anything . . . save a pot of oil." God loves to make use of the resources which He has already given us. See Ex. 4:1-9; John $6: 5-13$. Our least is enough for God, if we allow Him complete control. The pot of oil illustrates the power of the Holy Spirit which every believer in some measure possesses, and which is equal to every possible situation.
Let us notice further that the story illustrates the conditions of receiving and realizing the help of the Holy Spirit in time of need. (1) We must make room for God. The widow was told to get empty vessels to hold the oil about to be supplied. Our greatest need is to make room for God, to be emptied of self-consciousness, selfsufficiency, and everything else that springs from self. Then when we are empty we are in a position to receive the Spirit's fullness. (2) We must be unselfish in our asking. The widow was told to borrow empty vessels and to pour her own meager but precious supply of oil into them. For all she knew she was giving her oil to others and evidently was willing to do so. Doubtless when she returned the vessels they were not returned empty! In the parable of the man who went to his friend at midnight, it is well to note that he asked not for himself but for his friend. Luke $11: 5-8$. As we pour out our lives in service to others God will pour into us. As we ask in the interest of others, God will pour us out a blessing we shall not be able to contain! (3) We must believe God's promises and act in accordance with His commands regardless of how unreasonable they may seem, counting on Him to meet us with actual help. The widow did not say, "Why borrow empty vessels? I certainly can't fill them with my bit of oil. There must be some mistake or else Elisha is trying to mock me." Instead she demonstrated her faith by doing exactly as Elisha had said. And as she poured, her oil continued to flow. It was when the water at Cana was poured out that it became wine. John 2:7-9. It was when the lame man stretched out his withered hand that it was healed. Luke $6: 8-10$. It was as the lepers went on their way that they were made whole. Luke $17: 14$. It was as the father went home believing, that the mes-
senger came telling him his son was alive. John $4: 48-53$. (4) We may depend upon the Holy Spirit as being equal to every possible need of our lives. The widow was told to sell the oil which would bring her money enough to pay off her debt and to sustain her life as well. Thus the oil was a representative value convertible into everything she needed. In like manner, the Holy Spirit is equal to every imaginable need of our lives.
the healing of the pottage. 2 Kings 4:38-41.
The second miracle of our lesson took place at Gilgal where there was evidently a school where young men were trained for the prophetic office Elisha visited the school during a time of famine and ordered the younug men to prepare a meal.

## WILD GOURDS


prize ring, committed suicide less than a year ago, leaving this note behind, "I can't stand this world's madness any longer." Let us not be deceived by appearances!

Sincerity is not enough! Some say that every one who is sincere will go to heaven no matter what he believes concerning God. This story shows the foolishness of such a statement. The young men were sincere in thinking they were gathering edible food. But they were sincerely mistaken; for the truth of the matter was that they gathered poison! Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." The man who believes he can get to heaven in any other way may be perfectly sincere, but he will be everlastingly lost !
There is death in the pot of false doctrine. The world today is full of poisonous doctrines which are damning men's souls. What can we do about it? Let us be diligent in proclaiming God's Word in the power of the Spirit! This is the most effective way of counteracting false teaching and of saving those who have been poisoned thereby.
THE MULTIPLYING OF THE BREAD. 2 Kings 4:24-44.
"And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof." The firstfruits of the corn, wine and oil were assigned by the law to the priests. Num. 18:13; Deut. $18: 4,5$. But since the time when Jeroboam had driven from the kingdom (1 Kings 12:31), the spiritual people of the land regarded the prophets as their successors and therefore supported them accordingly. Objections to a paid ministry are without Biblical warrant. See 1 Cor. 9:6-14.
"And he (Elisha) said, Give unto had freely received; now he freely gave all that had been given him in order that the people might be fed. Elisha sets a good example for ministers. Those who preach to others about sacrificial giving, must be sure they practice what they preach!
"And his servitor said, What, should $I$ set this before an hundred men?" The loaves spoken of here were nothing more than what we call buns or rolls, which of course would not make a meal for ten men, much less hundred. We may feel we have little of either means or ability with which to help others. But that little God can so bless as to be of immeasurable blessing.
"He said again, Give the people that

Just as people today sometimes mistake the poisonous toadstool for the edible mushroom, so in gathering vegetables for the meal one of the young men accidently gathered a poisonous growth which evidently resembled the vegetables he was gathering. After the men had been eating for a time they noticed the bitter taste which identified the poisonous plant and in great consternation one of them cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot." Elisha, undismayed and knowing that God would not allow his servants to be victimized by circumstances, commanded that meal be thrown in the pot. Immediately the poisonous effect was counteracted. Was there virtue in the meal? No. The power of God wrought the miracle. The meal was simply a help to faith as is the oil used in anointing the sick. Several lessons are suggested from this miracle:

There is death in the pot of worldly pleasures. Satan, who appears as an angel of light as well as a roaring lion, is clever in deceiving people. The pleasures of sin seem so harmless, so attractive, yet once indulged in they produce bitterness, emptiness, disappointment, sorrow, and finally damn the soul. Kid McCoy who won hundreds of thousands of dollars and great fame in the
they may eat; for thus saith the Lord." Elisha knew the provision would suffice, for God had spoken. We need not hesitate to do what may seem absurd, if we have a "thus saith the Lord" to back it.
"So he set it before them and they did eat, and left thereof." It had seemed impossible; but twenty buns had fed a hundred men with plenty to spare. Let us use what we have in service for God. It is not a question of our ability, but of His mighty power. Our human best, anointed by His Spirit, will not fail to bring blessing to others!-J. Bashford Bishop.

## A PRAYING KING

One of the few remaining places in London where the custom of family prayers is maintained every morning is Buckingham Palace, states an English newspaper. The service is held whether their Majesties are in residence or not. It takes place in the private chapel and is conducted by the king's domestic chaplain. It includes a short reading from the Bible. This custom of daily prayers at the palace is a direct link with the reign of Queen Victoria, and nothing is permitted to interfere with its observance.

GOOD MEUUS
CONTACT WITH GOD
There is no salvation without direct, personal contact with God. An elderly man was once visited when in deep distress of soul. A visitor spoke to him of the blood of the Son of God. He rose, took down a book, and pointed to some writing on the fly-leaf. The visitor read it. "I do now and here give myself, spirit, soul, and body, to the Lord to be His, and to serve Him for ever. Signed, -
The visitor replied: "That is good in its place; but it is not the Gospel. The Gospel is: 'As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.'" The old man replied: "Five years after I signed that, I discovered that I had nothing to rest my weary soul upon. One day while in my room alone I told the devil, if he would give me twenty years of good health, I would give up the blood of Christ, and cast it from me. I got the twenty years of good health: they were up last Friday."
He then broke down, crying: "I am doomed." He went on: "I have taught. a large class in a Sunday school, and I taught them the path to Hell. They are either there or going there. I composed hymns, and wrote the music for them; but I am going to Hell, and can never be saved."
Even another's prayers are useless for a soul that refuses contact with God. "My mother," says Commissioner Carpenter, the General of the Salvation Army, "was a good Salvationist; and
when I couldn't get away from the conviction that there really was a God, I used to console myself with the thought that the prayers of a godly mother would save me, whatever I did. That night the preacher took the good old text, 'How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?' I don't remember anything he said except one phrase: 'You may think others' prayers will save you; but I say that if the Lord Jesus Himself prayed for you, and you didn't seek Him for yourself, it would be useless.' That night I went to the altar in spite of the jeers of the half dozen members of the gang who had been sitting with me. I never prayed a word. I just knelt. I said nothing. But I meant it."
Seek the Lord and ask for His great salvation, and He will not fail to provide.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS
Tenkodogo, Ivory Coast-Pray with us that our native workers will be filled with the Holy Spirit soon, and that we may be able to get gasoline so we can go to other places with the gospel.-Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Kitch.

Ouahigouya, Ivory Coast-Pray that our Bible classes may be blessed in Mossi's receiving the Baptism and gifts of the Spirit, and that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth Mossi Christians into the unreached areas, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.-John Hall,

Athens, Greece-Pray for us as we go to Macedonia to work for the Lord. We praise the Lord for the salvation of a young lady in Salonika. -Eddie A. Dictos.
Ribeirao Preto, Brazil, South AmericaPlease pray that I may soon learn the language here.-Elsie Strahl.

## mLORDS MEOMLING

PRAISE BRINGS HEALING
For twenty-five years prior to June, 1940 I had suffered severely with itching eczema. I prayed about it a good deal at times, but it seemed as though I had to suffer it to the end. Finally after praying and leaving the matter with Him, in a long season of praise I was suddenly conscious of healing. It was complete and wonderful. I have been so happy over it ever since.-Mrs. C. K. Eidsen, 1232 Quincy Street, Bakersfield, California.
Ed. note-After holding this testimony some weeks we wrote Sister Eidsen as to her present condition. December 30, 1940 she replied that she was perfectly healed, and her husband sent us a note telling how dreadful her affliction had been, and how in a thirty minutes season of praise it had suddenly been healed completely. He said the healing occurred in June, 1940.

## A SAINT GOES WRONG

When Riverside Church in New York City was erected some years ago (Dr. Fosdick's great church), a number of secular "saints" were honored in the beautiful stained-glass windows. Among them was Dr. Einstein of "relativity" fame. Recently Dr. Einstein publicly announced that he is an atheist, much to Dr. Fosdick's embarrassment. It would have been better for Dr . Fosdick to let the Lord decide who are "saints" and who are not!

## A Visit to the Congo Mission Field

Note: This topic is suggested in the Superintendent's Guide for Missionary Day in the Sunday School, February 9. Any other day may be observed, if more convenient. You may wish to read or review this article by Noel Perkin in your School and receive an offering for foreign missions.


For many years the Belgian Congo was looked upon as one of the most needy mission fields in the world, perhaps in part because of its location in the very heart of the dark continent of Africa. Nevertheless, the publicity given to the field has resulted in much attention being directed toward it by many missionary societies, so that at the present time although there are still hundreds of thousands of people unreached, yet there is a well arranged distribution of missionary bodies seeking to reach the people with the gospel message.
Our Mission in Congo. Our Assemblies of God mission field is located in the northeast section where we have a territory of about ten thousand square miles unoccupied by any other mission.
About seventy different languages and dialects are used in the colony. There are a number of different tribal languages in our own section, but the Bangala, a trade language, is understood quite generally and is used by the missionaries. In the western section of our field Kingwanna, another trade language, is understood and used.

Villages are scattered quite widely. Some are on the main roads and can be reached by automobile, but innumerable others are only accessible by native trails through the forest. It is difficult to estimate the exact extent of the population in our Assemblies of God section but a rough calculation would bring the number to about one hundred twenty thousand: This means that there is no other church or missionary body working among this number.
Type of Work. The work of our missionaries can be described as evangelistic, supplemented by Bible school and elementary school work. Elementary schools are conducted because of the
necessity of Christian converts knowing how to read the Word of God for themselves.
Most of the mission stations have a number of boys who live on the mission concession, which usually includes 25 to 50 acres of ground. These boys raise their own food and prepare it and are not any particular expense to the mission apart from perhaps some simple material for the school work.
A morning service is conducted at 6:00 o'clock after which the school work begins. This includes a study of the Scriptures-in fact the textbook for reading is the Bible.
Village Evangelism. Evangelistic work in the villages is most important and at the present time there are from fifteen to twenty native evangelists who itinerate from village to village holding meetings as regularly as possible in the various communities. Because of the large number of villages some can only be visited at widely separated intervals.
In these village meetings the native evangelists keep record of the names of those who express interest in the gospel and also report whether the same ones are present at subsequent meetings, so that when the missionary covers the same ground he is able to contact those who have shown some special interest and perhaps help them to a definite decision for God.
There are a number of villages where the believers met together for prayer even though they are without native evangelist or missionary to lead them.
Leper Work. Leprosy is one of the many dread diseases found quite commonly among the people The government is endeavoring to deal with this menace by segregating those who are found to be lepers, putting them in villages by themselves and offering certain medical treatment where it is desired. In one of these colonies our missionaries have been holding regular services and quite a number have accepted the Lord as their Saviour. Meetings are held by them even though
the missionary cannot always be present. Mrs. Alva I. Walker who passed away a few years ago was instrumental in pioneering this work.

Pygmies. The pygmy people are also found in the Congo. These little folk who rarely are more than four and a half feet in height and who spend most of their time hunting in the forests have been contacted by our mission. In one meeting held by a native evangelist sixty-five expressed an intention of accepting the Lord and a desire to know more about the gospel. It is doubtful whether they fully comprehended the message, but their hearts responded to that which promised to fill a recognized need in their lives. We understand that two of these pygmies have been coming to the mission for regular Bible study.

Pentecostal Outpouring. It has been a great joy to note the way in which God has been moving during recent years in the Congo by pouring out His Spirit upon the people. Some three hundred gathered together in one of the conventions and for four days there were almost continuous meetings devoted to Bible study and seeking the Lord. As a result of these meetings a number were baptized in the Spirit, speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance, and great joy was among the people. They aferwards went out to witness in a way that was far beyond anything they had done before, manifesting that it was indeed the Spirit of God who had come among them, giving them power to become witnesses unto Him.

Every morning the native evangelists start out about dawn to put in a full day of service some riding on bicycles, others traveling on foot, going from village to village, testifying of the grace of God. At night they return, weary, but usually happy because of the indications of God's favor upon their ministry, as they bring in fetishes, idols and objects of heathen superstition which have been discarded by people they have contacted who in place of these things have opened their hearts to the Saviour.

The work centers around four main stations and extends to a large number of villages. We thank God for these lighthouses which are being accomplished and we are looking for further advances this year.

## REPORTS Su RERPERS

CARUTHERS, CALIF.-We closed 3 -weeks meeting with Zola Grosscup as the evangelist. Several knelt at the altar
for prayer. Some were saved, and all enjoyed Sister Grosscup's inspiring mes-sages.-W. R. Brock, Pastor.

VIRGINIA, ILL-We are in the secon week of a revival with Jack Gibbs as
evangelist. God is blessing. Already 11 people have been to the altar for sal vation and one has been filled with the
Spirit. The Sunday, School attendance has increased.-Harold V. George, Pastor.

SAINT JO, TEXAS-A revival was conducted here in December by Evangelist Howard Taylor, of Hynes City. His
messages stirred the hearts of the peole, and the Lord gave us a gracious revival. Seven were filled with the Holy
Ghost, and 6 were saved.-John Nothalf, Ghost,

DODGE CENTER, MINN.-We accepted the pastorate here November 24, 1940,
and God is blessing in a precious way. Each department of the church is showing an upward trend. A few weeks ago we started penny offerings to buy a Sunday money for a down payment. We just closed a 6 -nights campaign with Evangelist and Mursh at Marshalltown, Iowa. Brother and Sister Bell were radio ministers for five years over Station KFJB, of Marshalltown people came forward for sampaign, Brother Bell has a message for both saint and sinner. -Mr . and Mrs. F. R. Lummer, Pastors.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.-In October, purchased a church formerly owned by the German Methodists, but which had
not been used for church work in a number of years, until rented by us several years ago, November 17, 1940, District Superintendent Flem Van Meter conducted the dedication service. In the three year our pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.

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## Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 14 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices us 16 days before that date. <br> HEBRON, N. DAK.-Jan. 28, for

 weeks or longer; Christian Hild, Evangel-ist.-Edward D. Kidroske, Pastor.
WOOD RIVER, ILL.-First and Jennings, Feb. 2-23; Louis O. Rynning, Evan-gelist.-Adolph Peterson, Pastor
EVERETT, MASS,-Jan. 26, for 2 weeks $\stackrel{\text { or longer; Virgil Jackson Mt. Mernon, }}{\text { Mo., Evangelist.-W. J. Mitchell, Pastor. }}$ FLEMING, COLO.-Feb. 16, for 2 weeks Clarence Reding, Pastor
TALOGA, OKLA.-Feb. 8-; Vivian Erling Saxelid, Pastor.
MILWAUKEE, WIS. -18 th and Brown Sts., Jan. 15-Febr. 2; The Quanabush
Evangelists.-H. A. Ulrich, Pastor,
LOS ANGELES, CALIF,- 1250 Ave., Feb. 2-16; Hattie Hammond, Evan-
IRVINGTON, N. J.- 60 Paine Ave., Feb. 2-23; Beatrice Wells, of West Virginia,
Child Evangelist.-Jos. R. Potter, Pastor.
CROSBY, N. DAK.-Jan. 31, for 3 weeks; Clarence H. Jensen, Alexandria, Minn., GRAFTON, W. VA.-Jan. 19- Mr. Mr.
and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha,
Kansas, Musical Evangelists.-Ivan R.
Loy, Pastor. Loy, Pastor.
MONROVIA, CALIF--Jan. 26, for 2 weeks or longer; Lillian Crouse and Veston, Pastor.
REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.-Jan. 28
Feb. 16; Carl and Edna Goodwin, of Los Angeles, Evangelists. L. B. Reynolds is pastor.-By Evangelists.
F. L. Strength, have labored here, two
small groups of Full Gospel people have united and the church now has a mem bership of 40 . The work is growing and a spirit of love and fellowship pre ails. Since incorporating and establish ing a membership, there have been seekers grown to a membership of 50 or more. This is the only Pentecostal work in the Recording Secretary.

## WINNIPEG, CANADA-Calvary Temple

 formerly the First Baptist Church, is free of debt. This beautiful building was a seating capacity of 1,600 and has lovely pipe organ. A little over two years ago, the Pentecostal congregation The purchase price was $\$ 20,500$. In less than 27 months, the Lord has enabled us to pay this amount, and also $\$ 4,500$. improvements, making a total of $\$ 25,000$. We have recently axperienced a wo derful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It was during a campaign conducted here byEvangelist Edith Mae Pennington of Evangelist Edith Mae Pennington of
Shreveport, La. This was generally beShreveport, La. This was generally be in the history of the church. Sister Pennington was with us 9 weeks, during which time about 52 received the Bap-
tism in the Holy Spirit, and many found Christ as their Saviour. On the night when he evangelist told her life story, the serv vice was held in the Winnipeg Auditorium with about 2,500 present. It was deeply spiritual campaign. The gifts of the Spirit were in operation, and often the glory came down in such a way it was impossible to minister. We trust it will be possible for Sister Pennington


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KITZMILLER, MD.-Feb. 2 for 3


NEW CASTLE, PA.-Pearson and Epworth Sts. Jan. 28, for 3 weeks or longer Chase, Pastor.

TULSA. OKLA.-North Peoria and gelist and Mrs. G. R. Kelly, Birch Tree

HERTFORD, N. C.-Grubb. St.; Tan. 26 Feb. 9 , or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. acob Heck, Shenandoah, Va. Neighboring

LA MESA. CALIF-Feb. 2-16: Evangelist and Mrs. Elwin Arme. Winnineg.
Canada. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.-Fleming May, Pastor.
WICHITA, KANSAS-Main and Lincoln Sts. Feb. 2, for 3 weeks; Louise Nankivell,
Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.-Chas. Sheall, Pas-
tor.
GLENNS FERRY, IDAHO-Jan. 28 Evangelist
Springfield, Mo. Mrs. E. W. Far-by assemblies invited I. W. W. Beat, Pastor. DATE CHANGED
CHANUTE, KANSAS-Feb. 2-; Lillian Crouse and Karlene Burt, of California,
Evangelists. -Mr . and Mrs. A. Gaddis, Pas. Evan
tors.

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LODI. CALIF-Walnut at Washington St., Feb. 9-; Guy Renfrow and Leonard
Rogers, Evangelists.-Stanley P. McPher-
TORONTO,
Feb. 2, for 4 weeks; G. B. B. McDowell,
Texas Gospel Singer of Dallas, Evangelist.

HARRODSBURG, IND.-Tan. 26-; Wm M. Emenegger and L. C. Hicks, Findlay,
Ohio, Evangelists.-F. E. McDonald,
Pastor. HUTCHINSON, KANSAS-Deeper Life Meeting, Jan. $21-\mathrm{Feb}$. $2 ;$ Harry E,
Bowley, Evangelist.-Robert R. Morrison, Pastor.
HAGERSTOWN, MD.-Howard and Spruce St., Jan. ${ }^{26-F e b . ~ 16 ; ~ D . ~ H . ~ M c . ~}$
Dowell, Jeannette, Pa., Evangelist.-R. M Jeffrey. Pastor.
SULLIVAN, MO.-Feb, 2, for 3 week or longer; $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hildreth Ethridge. } \\ & \text { Kansas, } \\ & \text { Evangelist.-Odis } \\ & \text { H. Virgin, }\end{aligned}$ Vell, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.-600 S. E 30th, Feb. ${ }^{4-16 ;}$; Jack and Esther Martz,
Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.-Roy
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA-21 N. 8th St. Feb. 2-; Charles Blair, Paul Wagner,
and Carlile Beebe Evangelistic Party.Gordon H. Millard, Pastor.
AKRON, OHIO-4th Ave. and Chittende St. ; meeting in progress until Feb. 2; Pau
H. Ralstin of California, Evangelist.-Claude Weaver, Pastor. Calhoun St., revival in progress; Mrs. NeignBert Webb, Pastor.
WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.-In brown Tent on North Dixie Highway, between
14th and 15th Sts., Jan. 19-Feb. 16: Paul and Lura Johnson Grubb, Evangelists.
UNION CITY, TENN.-Bible Conference Tan. Bible teaching, night daily. Day serv gelistic. Rooms and meals furnished as far as possible. Sponsored by presbyters of
Tennessee District.-H, E. Waddle, DisMINISTERS' INSTITUTE
The Third Annual Ministers' Institute of the Illinois District will be held at 26 th A. N. Trotter is pastor. Free rooms to ministers. Meals on free-will offering plan
-C. M. O'Guin, District Superintendent. KANSAS BIBLE CONVENTIONS Chanute, Jan. 29; Humboldt, Jan. 30
Iola, Tan. 31; Kiowa, Feb. 3, $2: 30$ and Iola, Jan. 31; Kiowa, Feb. 3, 2:30 and
7:30; Medicine Lodge, Feb. 4; Sharon, Feb.
5; Corwin. Feb. 6; and Attica, Feb.
wise stated.-V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent.
MERIDIAN, MISS.-Second Quarterly Ministerial Conference, East End Assem bly, Feb. 4-5. Free rooms to ministers,
free lunches served both days at the church. All our ministers urged to be present. Visitors welcome. No business; Harvey L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, SACRAMENTO, CALIF-Mid-Winter Convention, Northern California and Nevada $\underset{4-7 . W . W . ~ W . ~ T . ~ G a s t o n ~ i s ~ p a s t o r . ~ S t s ., ~ F e b . ~}{\text { Disthern }}$ California District Superintendent Ben Hardin, Evening Speaker. Foreign and
Home Missions services Feb. 7. For reser -R. J. Thurmond, District SecretaryTreasurer, St. Helena, Calif.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

The 24th Annual Rocky Mountain Dis trict Mid-Winter Convention will conven at The Peoples Tabernacle, 20th and
Lawrence. Denver, Colo. Feb. 11-14 Lawrence, Denver, Colo.: Feb. $11-14$ be guest speaker. First service a Distric day night, District Fellowship Meeting Wednesday afternoon, District S. S. Con erence. For further information write
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attend. Write A. W. Tanner, Camden,

EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER
ONFERENCE

ELIZABETH, N. J.-Eastern District Prayer Conference, Trinity Pentecosta Church, 417-19 Pennington St., Jan. 28-30, of the dangers confronting our nation, the great need of prayer for our brethren in
war-stricken countries, and need of deep war-stricken countries, and need of deep spiritual revival among Christians every-
where, we urge ministers and Christian workers to gather for special seasons o
intendent Flem Van Meter is planning to be present. Services $9: 30$, $2: 30$, and Kible. Meals on free-will offering plan Anthony, 415 Pennington St.-Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND ALVA, OKLA-All-day, Fellowship GREEN FOREST, ARK.-All-day Fellowship Meeting, Feb, 4. James B. Hosier
is pastor,-Omer Jarrell, Presbyter.
CAMPBELL, MO.-Fellowship Meeting, Kennett Section, Feb. W. Wooten, Sectional ing Speake
JEFFERSON CITY, MO.-C. A. Rally, Sedalia Section, Jan. 30 , All-day services,
Bring basket lunch.-Agnes Fleming, Bring basket lunch.-Agnes Fleming,
Secretary TRENTON, MO.-C. A. Rally, Feb. 10. Services afternoon and night. Glen McClure is pastor--Harris V. McCall, C. BLOOMINGTON

Mulberry Fellow sts ip MLOOMINGTON, Mulberry Sts., Feb 10. Services $2: 00$ and 7:30. Supper will BROCKPORT, N. Y.-Western Ne York Fellowship Meeting, King Strect, Feb. 5. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30.C. Stanley Cooke, Secretary, 840 Culver WEST FORK, ARK.-Ozark Sectional Bible, and C. A. Conference. Feb. 20-23 District Superintendent Davis Burris and be in charge. Will try to provide free provision for all who co
Presbyter, Rogers, Ark.
HARRISBURG, PA.-Fellowship Mee ing, Capitol Section, 2540 Jefferson St. fellowship $2: 30$ and $7: 30$. District Super Flower of Pottstown, Speakers.-Frederick D. Eide, Secretary. ALPENA, MICH,-Northern Michigat and 7:30. Evangelist James Cockman will speak. Local church will serve hot dish
and coffee.-L. A. Thompson, SecretaryTreasurer.
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO-Northeast Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Highway Tabernacle, Feb. 3. General theme: Personal Work. Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer, 907 Ashland Ave., Akron, Ohio,
KNOXVILLE, TENN--Eastern Sectional Fellowship Meeting, South Knoxville Church, Feb. 8. Services $10: 00,2: 00$, and Lowe, District presbyter,
CHICAGO, ILL.-Illinois Christian Women's Fell 7.45 Ave speakers at both services. Missionaries and Christian workers especially urged to attend.-Mrs. G. A. Lundmark, Secretary, 4031 N. Hamlin Ave
MANSFIELD, OHIO-Northwestern Ohio Fellowship Meeting, Glad Tidings Taber nacle, 259 Glessner Ave., Feb. 3. Services $10: 00, ~ 2: 30, ~ 6: 00$ ministers meeting, and
$7: 30$. All near-by assemblies invited.R. Al near-by assembles Horfere Secretary-Treasurer, Fostoria Ohio
INDEPENDENCE, MO.-Sectional Fellowship Mecting, Feb. 3. Services $10: 30$, Bring basket din ner, musical instruments, and special
songs. F. G. Conley is pastor.-J. L. O'Dell, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer, NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.-Hudson Val son St. Feb. 10. John W. Tucker is pas Meter will be present. Annual election o
Menting at $1: 30$, fol officers at Ministers' Meeting at $1: 30$, fol-
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