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God or Satan: Who Will Win?

HINKING people are wondering that if God is a God of mercy and of love as the Bible depicts Him, why does

evil so often triumph? Why do sin, want, disease, distress, cruelty in the brute creation, rapacity, hatred, selfishness, and war go on throughout the ages practically unhindered and without ceasing? Is there to be an end of these things?

These questions are problems to a large number of Christians; and there is only one book that can give a satisfactory answer to them. The Bible distinctly teaches that the present course of this world is altogether

abnormal. Ever since the days of Genesis 3, right up to the time when God's kingdom is to be established, we are to expect abnormalities. "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." "Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the chil-dren of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."

Now, these words suggest that we are in a transition period. This planet, and all dwelling upon it, and the atmosphere round about it, are subject to the bondage of corrup-

tion. And the questions we want to investigate are these: Why does God allow it? Who, or what, is the cause of it? And what is God going to do about it?

As we open up the Scriptures we find that the Bible distinctly teaches that there are two kingdoms-the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God. So let us first look at the kingdom of darkness. In 1 John 5:19, we read: "We know that the whole world lieth in the evil one." Where does this evil one come from; and why does God allow the whole world to lie in his arms? When is his power and authority to cease, and when is God's time to come?

A large majority of Christians are under a great misapprehension as to the character of the evil one. The devil is not an obscene creature, with horns and hoofs-a picture

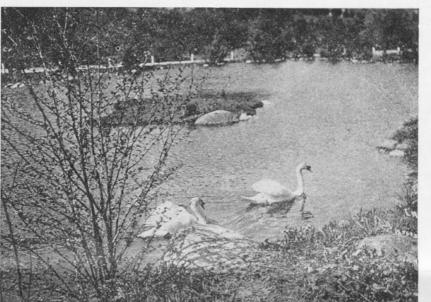
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which Milton has given to us of him in his "Paradise Lost.

But the devil of Scripture is a deceiver. He is one who makes what is true appear to be false, and what is pure to be evil. In his dealings with the sons of men he is an angel of light, fascinating, alluring, appealing to men's reason and intellect, and the esthetic side of his nature. We see what is behind the movements of today; how there is a sinister being organizing his power and authority toward one end. Back

before time he says: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High." But God says: "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

We have to face the fact that we are living in an abnormal time; we are living in the kingdom of darkness, under a king who has tremendous power and authority. In Ezek. 28:12 we read: "Thus saith the Lord God, Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou



Bringing Back the King

The air is full of party strife, And conflicts loud and long;

Each leader has some new device To remedy the wrong.

Men vainly strive from age to age

Earth's golden age to bring, But tell me why there's not a word

Of bringing back the King?

The earth is waiting for her King; The whole creation cries;

No other hand but His can bring The rest for which she sighs;

His power alone can right her wrong And heal the serpent's sting.

O earth, break forth the glad new song, He's coming back, our King!

A. B. Simpson

hast been in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering." So here we get a mighty potentate, one of the finest of God's creation, having dominion, and a place of authority and power, but falling from that place of power through sin, and setting out on a campaign to exalt himself above God and the throne of God, to be like the Most High.

Now we come to Genesis 1, and we see the beginnings of God's kingdom,

In Genesis 3 we see this mighty potentate directing his purpose against God and man. But why man? Because God created a being of a higher order than Satan, giving man glory,

dominion and power where Satan once held sway. This man was made in the image and likeness of God. And this heaven's high archangel who fell was not made in the image of God; hence this king of the kingdom of darkness determined to thwart God's plan by getting hold of this god-like man, and making that man his slave.

No sooner had he done so than God said to the devil, the prince of the kingdom of darkness, "A Man is coming, of the seed of the woman, who will crush thy head."

The theme of the Old Testament is the coming of that Man. And when He came. and set Himself to deliver man from the kingdom of darkness, being anointed of the Holy Ghost, He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted, to be

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Receiving a Call to Chile H. C. Ball at Central Assembly, Springfield, Mo.

"There was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded." 1 Ki. 18:29.

I have taken this verse because it describes the religions of China, India, and Africa, and also Latin America. As these priests of Baal prepared a sacrifice, evidently sincerely, and did all they could to get an answer, but no answer came, no voice was heard, no reply came from heaven; so it is among the pagan religions. They go through their ceremonies. They are sincere. They do all they can to get an answer from heaven; but no answer comes. This is certainly a tragedy, and it should move our hearts.

We know what it is to get an answer from God, to hear from heaven. We are saved from our sins, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and healed of our sicknesses, and we know what it is to hear from heaven.

Among our Latin-American people throughout South America the Roman Catholic church has ruled and reigned for about four hundred years. But it has failed to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified and risen, and able to save to the uttermost. It is a very simple thing to get people to God—a very simple thing. Jesus Christ is Mediator between the Father and us, and if we come in simple faith, believing and accepting Him, we know we are heard of God. But among the Latin-American people nearly every one has his own patron saint. In every home you will find an altar, as a rule in a corner of the room, and they burn candles before these sain's One saint is to do one thing, another some other duties; and very often, if they pray to a saint and do not get an answer, they will take the saint and perhaps cover him or her with a black cloth, or turn his face to the wall, or threaten the saint that he is to be sent away in a trunk somewhere, in darkness. They will even pick up the saint and spank it, and tell the saint, "If you do not do what I tell you to do, I will give you a worse spanking than this."

Of course this seems very funny to us, but to them it is not so funny. They are in dead earnest, they are trying to get through to heaven, and they do not get through. We know they do not get through because of the sadness in their faces, and because we do not find any transformation in their lives. They do not enter their great cathedrals praising and worshiping God as we do. They go through their ceremonies. They go in with a heavy heart, and they come out with a heavy heart. They have not found the Lord. And so many are turning from the church.

But people are coming to hear the full gospel. On the 15th of December we met a man who has an independent Pentecostal church in the City of Mexico. He is very close to the President of Mexico, and occupies a place similar to the place the Speaker of the House in Washington occupies. He is on fire for God. We had the privilege of dining in his home, and he told us he feels God has him in his present place in order to help open Mexico for the gospel. His son came in while we were there. His son is secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School of his father's church. We asked him how many were in church this morning, and he said over 900 people. That shows what the gospel is doing in Mexico. In our own church that morning something like 500 or 600 were present in the service, and in his church—900.

Not only in Mexico is this transpiring, but also throughout the other countries of Latin America, everywhere. In every Latin-American country you will now find men in authority, men in the high councils of their country, who have had a real experience with God. God is working among the people in all these lands, saving and baptizing them in the Holy Spirit, in a marvelous way. We believe the day is very close, throughout Latin-America, when God will grant us a precious revival. And we believe the people, who for centuries have only known the Roman Catholic church and have never had a real experience with God, are going to find the Christ who satisfies, transforms lives, takes men and women from their sins, and brings them into this glorious Pentecostal experience.

I was born in Iowa but because of my health, (my lungs were affected,) the doctor told my mother to take me South to a different climate. So mother moved, first to Mexico, and then into southern Texas, and there at the age of fourteen I found Christ as my personal Saviour. The night I was saved I also felt the call into the ministry. In a very few days I was leading prayer meetings. One day my pastor asked me if I would like to attend a missionary meeting. I had never heard a missionary after my conversion. At that service I heard a speaker from Venezuela. As he described conditions in South America, I felt a call to be a missionary. My first impression was that I was to go to South America, although I had no definite call. I was only fourteen years of age, so I knew I could not be a missionary at once. But it opened my eyes, and I saw the need of the Mexican people all around me. They had no church in that little town, and I felt the need to give them the gospel, even though I was only a boy.

That was on Wednesday. And between Wednesday and Sunday I found a Mexican woman who could speak English and Spanish. She lent me a Spanish-English New Testament, and she taught me how to sing a song in Spanish, also to read the Lord's Prayer. She taught me some words, like "El domingo, en la tarde, en la escuela," meaning, "Sunday afternoon, in the schoolhouse." With these words I went from house to house among the Mexicans, and as I pointed toward the schoolhouse, I said, "El domingo, en la tarde, en la escuela." Those people tried to talk with me in



Spanish, but of course I could not reply. I would simply start again and say the same words. I could not tell the hour of the service.

Sunday afternoon I went to the schoolhouse and rang the schoolhouse bell, and two came to my first service-a man and a woman. They were both fanatical Roman Catholics. After awhile I got up before these two and sang my first Spanish song. Then I read the Lord's Prayer in Spanish. Then I sang the same song over a second time, opened my Testament to the 12th chapter of Romans, and tried to get the man to read. He could not read. I turned to the woman. She took the Testament and began to read very slowly the 12th chapter of Romans. After a while she ceased to read and turned to the man and began to converse with him in Spanish.

She was preaching to him my first gospel message although she was a Roman Catholic. As she was talking I heard the words "Protestante" and Catolico" which I thought must be Protestant and Catholic. The poor soul had gone to a mission and had heard the gospel. She understood the principles of the gospel, and the difference between the Roman Catholics and the Evangelicals, and she was trying to tell this man the best way she could just what I myself would have told him.

When she finished, after speaking perhaps thirty-five or forty minutes, I thanked her. I could not even say "gracias." I thanked her by smiling and moving my head. Then I sang for the third time the same song in Spanish. I almost wore that song out that afternoon. I motioned toward the door. That was my way of dismissing my first congregation, and said, "El domingo, en la tarde, en la escuela." And they left me after shaking hands. The Spanish people always shake hands when meeting each other and perhaps shake hands two or three times more—it is the Spanish custom when greeting each other.

The next Sunday the lady came back and brought her children. By that time I could sing a new Spanish song and also say a few more Spanish words. In a short while another Mexican man had come, and he would read to us each Sunday afternoon a part of John Wesley's sermons. At that time I was a Methodist. And so on, every Sunday for six months. Finally I got so I could preach in Spanish, and God gave us a gracious revival. Six months later we organized a Methodist church with twentytwo members; and this lady who had come to my first meeting was the first to become a member of the church.

After about four years of being a Methodist, Pentecost came along and I received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I had felt the need of missions over in China and then over in Africa. I had not considered that I was to be a missionary to the Latin-American people. But when I was receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit I had to determine whether I would be a missionary to the Latin-American people or elsewhere; and before I got through I had promised the Lord I would continue my ministry among the Latin-American people, and then the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

After this, for some six months I noticed we did not have an outpouring among the Latin-American people. People would tell things about the Pentecostal people, and the Mexicans got afraid about Pentecost. I kept preaching Pentecost every Sunday, and salvation as well, until quite a few Roman Catholics were saved. On the 4th day of July, 1915, I was to baptize thirteen in water. Among those thirteen was this lady who had come to my first meeting. All were Roman Catholics.

After the service we went back to the schoolhouse where I had been saved four years before, and held the Lord's Supper. After giving out the bread and the wine, God's power began to fall, and the first thing I knew, an old sister was receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I went to see, and noticed that the tears were rolling down her cheeks and she was speaking in an unknown tongue. I told the saints to come and see her. They had never seen anyone baptized in the Holy Spirit. The older son touched his mother's hands to see if she was all right. She said, "All right. I am baptized in the Holy Spirit, and she went on talking in tongues. This son threw up his hands and began to praise the Lord, and shortly he was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Soon his wife was filled, and one after another were filled, until that afternoon nine were filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost had come to the Latin-American people.

At that time we did not have any Mexican preachers or even licensed exhorters to preach the gospel. But as these people were filled with the Holy Spirit we taught them to testify, and look to God, and God would call them into the ministry. From the very beginning we took these young Mexican preachers into our confidence, and God began to use them.

One time, in a service, one of them said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." A man who was present in the service, said, "That's not in the Bible!" They got together with their Bibles (they hardly knew where any book was to be found), and began hunting that scripture. There were about fifteen or twenty of them. The next day they came to me and said, "Brother Ball, where can we find the scripture, "These signs shall follow them that believe?" I told them in Mark 16:17. They marked the verse on a piece of paper and one marched back to show that fellow where the Bible says, "These signs shall follow them that believe."

God used ignorant men in a marvelous

way to open new churches here and there. The Lord had confidence in the Mexican preachers, and in spite of the fact that some have fallen away, I believe we have as large a percentage of faithful Mexican ministers as one would have had in the American ministry. It has been wonderful how God has taken these men out of the cotton fields and the mesquite and has placed them in the pulpit, and they have grown and developed.

About fifteen miles away were mesquite trees. These Mexican people asked me if I would hold a meeting there, and they built me a brush arbor. The Mexican people are short, while I am tall. They built this arbor according to their own height. When I got there I found I could not stand up in the arbor. I had to sit on a soapbox and preach the gospel, but nevertheless God gave us a glorious meeting. The next day they had made the brush arbor about two feet higher and that night, in the brush arbor. we had a meeting with about 500 Mexicans present. It was a glorious thing after the service, on the way to my tent, to hear these Mexicans praying, "O Lord, I am such a sinner!" And someone else would say, "Thank God, I have been saved!" Hallelujah! And someone else would be speaking in tongues. God gave us a glorious meeting.

Not everything is pleasant in this gospel work. A brother and I went to a home and prayed for a young man who was dying with tuberculosis. He was very low. He had been saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. We prayed for him that God would heal him or take him home to glory. We came back three days later and after the service in the little church where God blessed us wonderfully, they gave us the very same bed and the very same tick to sleep in on which the young man had died. We could even smell the dead body. We asked God to help us, and the Lord gave us a good night's sleep. Praise the Lord! These are things that missionaries have to go through at times. They are forced to eat food that sometimes is not appetizing and under all kinds of conditions. But surely the Lord comes to our rescue, and we thank God for the humble home and the food that God gives us, because of the joy of seeing people saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. It more than makes up for what little suffering one has to go through for His glory. All during these years God has blessed

us and given us an ever-increasing number of faithful ministers of the gospel among the Latin-American people. At first, only a few were licensed to preach. After awhile a few were ordained, and the work grew and grew until now we have over 300 Mexican ministers ministering on the border, and over in Old Mexico we have about 125. How we thank God for these people who are breaking the bread of life from Sunday to Sunday to their peoplegrowing in numbers, and growing in spiritual graces. Perhaps many of them are very poorly clothed, perhaps they are poorly housed, perhaps they are poorly fed; yet, at the same time, they are being richly nourished in God's precious Word, and they are looking for the coming of the Master. Their hearts are burdened, for the conversion of their friends, relatives and

neighbors throughout the border, Mexico, and Latin America.

We have been so thankful to God, that He has helped us to publish a hymnbook for the Latin Americans. This book is used in nearly every church in Latin America.

We have our Bible school, and God has blessed us up to the present time with 147 students who have graduated and most of them are giving their lives to God.

I was going to Colorado, and I began to pray on the train. Definitely the Lord spoke to me and said, "I want your services in South America." Up in Colorado He was speaking to me about Chile, and Brother Perkin at the same time wrote to me and asked me about our devoting our lives to South America. I got to Springfield to give Brother Perkin my answer, and heard from Mrs. Ball, "I want you to know how I feel about this invitation to go to South America. The other day the Lord definitely spoke to me and called me for service in Chile, South America. So if you want to go I want to go." Here was confirmation of our call. We had been called over a thousand miles apart; I was in Colorado and she was at the Bible school in Texas, and God had been speaking to Brother Perkin in Springfield.

We have given perhaps the best part of our lives to the Latin-American work on the border, but we felt, whether the Lord should tarry two, five, ten, fifteen or twenty years, we were determined to go to South America, yield our lives to God, serve Him with all our strength, with all our life, with all our soul, to help people in South America to find Jesus Christ and to know Him as their personal Saviour. Thank God, He does answer by fire even today. He is still saving, He is still healing, and He is still baptizing.

The Lord is moving in Latin America. As I stand here I can see those countless multitudes, the poor Indians in the high mountains of Mexico, Central, and South America with their burden of sin and guilt on their shoulders, groping around in darkness trying to find light, praying to saints, seeking here and seeking there, at this altar and that altar, this shrine and that shrine, trying to hear from God, but not receiving any answer. Thank God, we can go and tell them about the Christ of the Bible, we can tell them how to pray, tell them how to hear from God, how to be saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, how to be free from their burden of sin and know Jesus Christ even as we know Him.

God holds us responsible for sending the message to these poor people. Who are willing to sacrifice for God? Who are willing to give of their money, or even their lives? Who are willing to help those who pray for hours on their knees before some shrine, and then leave the shrine as sad or sadder than when they went there? God help us to carry to them the mesage that will bring joy and peace to their hearts.

When we find ourselves drawn, with increasing earnestness, to know more of the Lord, we have evidence of growth in grace. —Finney.

The Wrath of Man

In the present world war we are seeing the wrath of man demonstrated in a very terrible way. But for the consolation of the child of God the inspired Psalmist was constrained to write: "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee" (Psalm 76:10)—a strange instrument to accomplish a strange end.

The Lord maketh the wrath of man to *praise* Him. Only God can make the impossible possible. How is it possible for the wrath of man, his anger, his spleen, to be turned to God's praise? Our natural minds do not comprehend. Man is finite and God is infinite. Man's resources are limited; we seen the limited range of his wrath. But God! His range is infinite!

See that stream coming out of the mountain? It flows on, pure and sparkling, obeying a divine natural law, seeking its level. It passes through man's habitation; it is polluted, it is fouled, it is discolored. You say it is spoiled. Oh no! It flows on over sand, pebble, rock, and it emerges pure again. So simple, so easy—it just kept going on.

The divine providences seemingly are thwarted, hindered and diverted by the wrath of man. Seemingly the plans of God are annulled—but His purposes flow on. The stream may be diverted, polluted, discolored, but it still flows on. The diverted stream will again find the right channel and reach its destination—the ocean.

The wrath of man *shall* praise Him. See those high priests with Christ before them in their power. They are vehement, hateful, blood-thirsty. The stream of God's blessing to the world was diverted, was stayed, was stopped. It went underground through the rocky tomb and came out as the River of Life, the River of God. Christ before those priests and elders, bound, condemned, bleeding, scourged, was an exhibition of the wrath of man. But that spectacle, followed by the sacrifice of Christ Himself, has meant salvation to the world, the undoing of the powers of darkness and their ultimate overthrow.

Christ sacrificed and then glorified, is the divine epitome of the wrath of man praising God. "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good." Gen. 50:20.

Calvary, the grave, the throne, is an exemplification of every tragedy in the world in which the wrath of man has attempted to overthrow the work of God. Every cross, every vexation, every on-slaught of the enemy which the children of God have known all down the ages is only a reflex of the wrath of the dragon against God's Son and the sons of God. But "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." Psalm 2:4.

The wrath of man versus the might of God! Set the case fairly. Don't magnify the wrath of man and lose sight of the praise that God can get out of it. The wrath of man is inspired by the wrath of the serpent. Take sides with God, who is making the wrath of man to praise Him. Then the wrath of man will work for your praise if you are a child of God, because you are hid in Christ, and Christ is in God.

Every time you see the wrath of man working in your daily circumstances, look twice to see how it is going to work for the praise of God and of course for your benefit. Stephen was stoned, but the stones coming on him did not prevent his seeing Christ standing on the right hand of God. Stephen saw the vision—Saul heard the words.

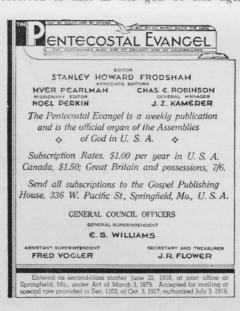
In that tragedy we see the exhibition of the wrath of man upon Stephen. By the prayer of Stephen, "Lay not this sin to their charge," it was made possible that he who had charge of the clothes of the murderers had no charge laid against him, because the charge was discharged against Saul of Tarsus by the prayer of Stephen.

And next to Calvary, Satan's kingdom had its heaviest blow through the conversion of Saul, who became a missionary to the Gentiles, turned the world upside down, and wrote the Epistles which have been the bulwark of the Christian faith. The wrath of man will contribute to His praise. It has been, is now, and will yet be contributing to His praise as long as sin remains.

The wrath of man will not continue forever, for it is written: "The remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain." Psalm 76:10. A day will come when God shall arise in judgment to save the meek of the earth. At that day all the wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.

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tested, by the devil. The devil offered Him all the kingdoms of the world. Now, our Lord did not dispute the claim of the devil, but rather substantiated it, by calling the devil the prince of this world. And Paul referred to him as the god of this age.



So today we recognize the fact that we are dwelling in the kingdom of darkness, run by a sinister being, the prince of this world.

The Old Testament tells us very clearly that God's great objective is the establishment of His kingdom, and that is outlined for us very clearly in 2 Samuel 7, and in Psalm 89:3. All through the Old Testament there is the foreshadowing of the coming King and the coming kingdom. As we open up the New Testament we see that one of the greatest themes, if not the greatest theme of the New Testament, is the King and the kingdom of God. In Matthew 1 we get His family tree, His ancestral line.

In chapter 2 we get that which was prefigured in Genesis 3:15—the virgin birth. In Luke 1 we read: "He shall be called the Son of the Highest." Later on we have the rejection of the King, and the story of His crucifixion.

There is no doubt about it that there is something uncanny and strange about the age in which we are now living. The rejected, crucified King, David's greater Son, is now in the heavenlies at the right hand of the Father, waiting for His manifestation as King of kings and Lord of lords; and in this world meanwhile, there is a mysterious development of what is called the kingdom of heaven. We are seeing strange happenings, especially in these closing days, in the religious realm, and we are finding that there are two remarkable, powerful spiritual movements in our midst, both of them growing and flourishing; one seems to be growing and flourishing more than the other. One is the work of the Spirit of God; the other is the work of the spirit of this age. One is heavenly, and the other Satanic.

There is something alike about them both. One is the wheat, which is soon to be garnered into the heavenly garner, and the other the tares, which are to be reaped by the angels and burned by fire. Now, within the church of Christendom, within the religious realm, there is coming into beng a mystery. A mystery unrealized in Old Testament days but hidden there in type and shadow. This mystery is the church of God. And there is unfolded in the Epistles its destiny, as well as its origin. And it has a glorious destiny. The coming King, before He is enthroned, and before He deals with the kingdom of darkness, is to be married, and the bride of the coming King is to be mainly a Gentile bride.

Now, the Church is almost complete. We are nearly at the very moment of which Paul speaks: "Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep." But no sooner is the mystery of God completed concerning the Church than another mystery appears, the mystery of iniquity. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now hindereth will hinder, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the wicked one be revealed—the man of sin, the son of perdition.

Upon that man and his kingdom will come all the plagues written in Revelation 16. We see evil things rapidly coming to a head against our God and His Christ. When the bride is caught up, the Antichrist

will be manifested; and he will be so deceptive that the world will believe he is the Christ; he will demonstrate his power with supernatural might and a certain amount of glory. He will sit in the temple of God as if he were God. Then suddenly, there will come to the world, full of unrest, that onslaught from the North, the gathering of the nations of the world under the standard of Russia on the one hand, and the kingdom of the South on the other against Jerusalem to battle. "And in that day, His (Jesus Christ's) feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives."

He shall come, and all His saints with Him; and His chosen people will look upon Him whom they have pierced. The kingdom of darkness will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming. The devil will be bound for a thousand years that he might no longer deceive the nations. Then shall come to pass this prediction concerning the Coming King: "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Then shall be established upon this earth God's kingdom. Then God will right earth's wrongs. For six thousand years now the earth has been going through this time of transition, because of the reign of the kingdom of darkness. But when Christ comes there will be a theocracy; then all crooked things will be put straight, all wars will cease, all disease will be assuaged, and the prayer of the Church will be fulfilled. "Thy kingdom come."

Is This Standard Too High?

In a letter from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, written by Ruth M. Babcock is the following interesting item:

"One Christian group among the untouchables (in India) has set up this sevenfold requirement for church membership. Anyone wishing to become a member of the church must satisfactorily fulfill these seven qualifications:

"1. He must conduct family devotions in his own home so that his family may realize what is involved.

"2. He must learn to read in order that he may read the Bible and thereby have personal access to the stories and messages in it.

"3. He must attend all services of his church, during the week and on Sunday.

"4. He must tithe even though he may be able to give only a handful of rice.

"5. He must attend a class in which he studies the doctrines of the Christian religion.

"6. He must break completely with his caste by eating in public with Christians who have originally come from other castes, thereby proving to the non-Christian group that he is really in earnest.

"7. He must win someone else to Christ. "When he has done these seven things he may become a member of the church."

The Challenge of Faith A True Story by Lionel B. Fletcher

Once I was in a newspaper office in Australia, when an awful drought was blasting and blistering the land. In some places there had been no rain for three years, and in others for even six years! Where we lived typhoid fever was raging and the heat was intolerable, and the people were dying. All through the land a cry went up: "Let us pray!"

A certain day was set aside for fasting and prayer. The people were called to humble themselves before the Lord. To my office during the day came a telegram from the Government Meteorologist saying something like this: "Scientifically it is quite impossible for it to rain within the next forty-eight hours," and he said why that is from the standpoint of science.

Many men in my office knew that I had been to one of the prayer meetings for rain that day, and they teased me, and offered to bet me money that it would not rain. They pushed this official telegram under my nose, and jeered about the folly of Christians trying to alter the course of nature by prayer.

I was young, hot-headed, jealous for my Lord, strong in faith. I had tried to point out that no one would dictate to God as to when the rain should come. They were praying that it might come in His time, but as soon as He could possibly permit it to fall, and stop the misery and death of men and beasts.

Then they charged me with trying to get away from the failure that was about to attend our prayers. They insisted the people were asking for rain now and rain could not fall—it was scientifically impossible for there to be any moisture to condense and fall for the next forty-eight hours, because of the state of the atmosphere.

Suddenly I was lifted up! I felt I was commanded to act. I said: "If it is impossible for rain to fall, then it won't matter to you if God just sends one shower to let His people know that He hears, while He withholds the heavy rain until His own time. He may be punishing us for our sins, but one shower may come: that would be proof?" "Yes!" they agreed, "but it can't come." I said, "It will come, and you will have to withdraw those sneers."

I left my office at 2 a. m. to go home, almost trembling. The air was so dry and clear that the stars hung in the sky like globes of fire, and the air was hot and parchingly dry. I saw the tents in the hospital grounds where hundreds of typhoid patients had been cared for. When I got home I awoke my wife and told her that there was no sign of rain. She got out of bed and we knelt and prayed as if our hearts would break, and at 3 a. m. I was in bed and went to sleep.

At 7 a. m. I awakened with a start. My wife was shaking me and saying: "Listen! Listen to the rain! Oh, thank God! It is raining!' I leaped out of bed and the rain was pattering on our galvanized iron roof and running down the spouts, and making music as it ran into our empty iron tanks.

It did not break the drought, nor did it rain long just then, though it did later. But I bear witness that at the time the greatest scientist in our State had officially said that it was impossible for rain to fall, rain did fall, and when I went to my office men shook my hand and said: "We don't understand it, but the impossible happened."

The Secret of a Sanctified Life

A young American art student sat in a National Art Gallery in Europe, trying to copy a famous painting by one of the old masters. Day by day he patiently toiled at his easel, but with fruitless results. His work was a poor imitation of the original. One day he fell asleep, and as he slept he dreamed. He dreamed that the spirit of the old master came and took possession of his brain and hand. Eagerly he seized his brush, and taking a fresh piece of canvas rapidly reproduced the masterpiece before him. It had the artistic finish and touch of genius of the original. But the poor artist awoke to find it all a dream, and in bitter disappointment he applied himself to his hopeless task.

Spiritually however the young artist's dream may be gloriously true. We study the character of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels. We recognize that His spotless purity and perfect obedience constitute the only standard of character and conduct acceptable to God. We try to imitate Christ. We struggle for His spotless purity and strive after his perfect obedience. Yet we fail utterly at every turn. Finally, in our discouragement and despair God gives us the vision of the Indwelling Christ. Christ will inseparably unite Himself to us, blending His life with ours and our lives with His. Christ will think through our minds. Christ will love through our hearts. Christ will please the Father in us. Christ will keep the law in us. Christ will destroy the power of sin, dethrone self and reign supreme in our lives. Christ Himself will come in, and by His coming in all these things will go out. In a word, all that we cannot be and cannot do of ourselves, Christ will be and do within us. May we not make this stanza of a poem by Frances Ridley Havergal our prayer:

> "Live out Thy life within me, O Jesus, King of kings; Be Thou Thyself the answer To all my questions."

The Church and Israel's King Williams

The Christian Church

When Israel came out of Egypt her people were spoken of as a Church. "This is he that was in the church in the wilderness." Acts 7:38. They were a "church" because they were a people called out. There is another out-called people, the Church of the New Testament.

When Jesus was fulfilling His ministry here on earth, the New Testament Church was not yet formed. Toward the end of His ministry He asked of His disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" to which Peter replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was at this time that Jesus said, "Upon this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Down through the age some have argued that Peter was the Rock mentioned here, others that the Rock was Christ. We believe the Rock was a Christ divinely re-vealed to the consciousness of those who believe on Him. The Church of Christ was to be "a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5. In no place does the Scripture affirm Peter to be the Rock. Rather he is spoken of as a little rock. But the Bible is abundant in declaration that Christ is the Rock, the sure foundation of the Church. "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation." Isa. 28:16; 1 Peter 2:6. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

There were faithful disciples of Jesus before the Day of Pentecost upon whom, at different times, a mighty mantle of divine power rested. They went forth under the command of Jesus to "heal the sick, cleanse the leper, and raise the dead." They were apostolic "lively stones," foundational next to Christ in establishment of the Church, for the Church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:20. The chief corner stone here signifies "the extreme, or foundation corner."

Moreover, in John's vision of the New Jerusalem which he saw "coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband," the city had "twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Rev. 21:14. When one sees that the apostles were foundational to the Church, one does not like to hear modern men claiming apostleship. When "the Day of Pentecost was fully

When "the Day of Pentecost was fully come," the Church of the New Testament was brought into being. This is shown in the type found in Leviticus 23:15-21. In the type there were two wave loaves, signifying the Jews and the Gentiles who were to be united. It was hard for the Jews to learn that the Gentiles were to share equally with them in the privileges of the gospel without being circumcised or in any way becoming proselytes to the Jewish faith. On the Day of Pentecost Peter, under the anointing of the Spirit, declared that the promise of the Spirit was not to the Jews only, but "to them that are afar off," signifying the Gentiles, but he seemed not to have comprehended the scope of his own message. The Jewish brethren, "which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen traveled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch preaching." But to whom did they preach? "To none but unto the Jews only."

Gentiles in the Church

That Peter might learn that the Gentiles as well as the Jews were to be included in the New Testament Church, the Lord gave him the remarkable vision at Joppa of the great sheet, "wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air." These included species which would be unclean to a Jew. God would have Peter know that "what God hath cleansed" was not to be considered "common or unclean." Then the messengers of Cornelius arrived and Peter accompanied them to Caesarea where, in his message, he said, "God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean." Moreover, the Spirit fell upon the entire household of the Gentile Cornelius as at Pentecost, showing that the Gentiles were to share equally with the Jews in spiritual blessing and grace. But with all this, while Peter affirmed the conversion of the Gentiles, he confined his ministry mainly to the Jews.

Is it possible that Peter's inability to adjust himself to the Gentiles, at least in his earlier ministry, limited the usefulness of his life? And is it possible now that many, through prejudice, or incorrect teaching, have hindered their greatest usefulness through being bound by custom or prejudice? We feel that few have been so delivered from such bondage as was Paul; and who has enjoyed the complete freedom from caste or class as our Lord Jesus was, who "made Himself of no reputation"? It



mattered not how popular religious thought responded, Jesus could eat with publicans and sinners, and that without personal contamination. Wherever He went, He was there to be a blessing. He completely surmounted custom which would deprive one's being one's greatest blessing.

Whether because of Jewish prejudice, or because of God's call being on him for this special ministry, we are thankful that Peter had a fruitful ministry to his own people and was recognized thus by Paul, "The gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter." Gal. 2:7.

Paul's Revelation Concerning the Church God, who in type had shown that the Church was to consist of both Jew and Gentile, gave further revelation of this to the Apostle Paul. While Paul preached "to the Jew first" wherever he had opportunity, and reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, his special calling was to the Gentiles. Seeing the rejection which the gospel received from the Jews, he came to the decision, "It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13:46, 47.

In Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, we learn the fullness of his revelation concerning the relationship of Jew and Gentile in the Christian Church. The Gentiles are shown to have been "without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world." It was a dark picture. How hopeless was the world, outside of Israel, and how hopelessly Israel was backslidden from a heartfelt faith. Steeped in ritual, superstitiously zealous of the tradition of the elders, they entirely missed the divine interpretation of truth as we learn from the Sermon on Mount, where Jesus showed that pure and undefiled religion was a relationship of the heart. The law was fulfilled through loving the Lord our God with all the heart, and one's neighbor as one's self, not in ceremonialism and ancestral admiration.

The Middle Wall Broken Down

In Christ the middle wall of partition that had separated the Jews and the Gentiles was broken down through His having "abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances." The result of this was that He "hath made both one." This means that redeemed Jews and redeemed Gentiles became one in Christ. He "reconciled both unto God in one body, by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." He "came and preached peace to the Gentiles which were afar off (as to divine privilege) and to the Jews which were nigh." And "through Him

both Jews and Gentiles have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

Turning to the Gentile believers Paul says, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God: and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:14-20. It is Christ who ties the Church together.

It is Christ who ties the Church together. We meet, not in certain rules of worship or denominational ties, but in Christ. In the "church in the wilderness," when the Jews were en route from Egypt, all met and became one in the tabernacle in their midst where the presence of God among His people centered. We now meet in Him of whom the tabernacle was a type.

And for what purpose are believers "fitly framed together," and "builded together"? "Unto an holy temple in the Lord." "For an habitation of God, through the Spirit." The Church is God's spiritual institution among men. It is indwelt by the Holy Ghost through each of its members being filled with the Spirit. If the church is not Spirit-filled; if it is content with religious forms, with unregenerate and worldly men having recognized places in it, it may bear the name of Christ, but it fails to be of the Church which Jesus said He would build.

A New Testament Mystery

It is a New Testament mystery, unrevealed in other ages, "that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ by the gospel." Here we wish to pause for a moment. There are many "fundamentalist" leaders of today who affirm that the promise of Joel, quoted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost is "Jewish" and not applicable to the Gentiles. Yet Peter said the promise was to them that were afar off, the Gentiles, and all inclusive, "to as many as the Lord our God shall call."

These leaders would deprive us the benefits of the Gospels, saying they were written for the Jews. They would deny us the benefits of divine Healing, saying James wrote to the Jews of the dispersion and not to the Gentiles. Some would deprive us every line of the New Testament except Paul's prison epistles. We are happier they have left us these, and we are happier still that Jesus has left us the whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, and we have been assured that "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." Ephesians, however, is one of the prison epistles and what do we find here? That the Gentiles should be, first of all, "fellow heirs" with the Jews; that they should be "of the same body," no difference being made at all; and that they should be "partakers of his promise in Christ, through the gospel." What is this promise? It is "the promise of the Spirit by faith." The same promise that had been given to Israel.

A Spirit-Filled Church

There will come a great outpouring of the Spirit on the Jews as Joel lets us know. It will be a happy time when this revival takes place. It will be after Satan is bound and Antichrist is cast into the lake of fire. And friend, it will come through repentance, THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL



heart cleansing, and acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ as Israel's rejected Saviour and Lord. Yes, the Jews have a promising future. But the Church cannot wait for this time of blessing yet to be. The Church is a present living force, and has been such since the Day of Pentecost fully came. What it is to receive, it must receive during the present Church age and not the age to come. And it is receiving. Receiving what? Receiving the same Spirit that came on the Day of Pentecost and that will come to the Jews in the kingdom time. By accepting here and now the same Christ that Israel must accept, Those who believe become partakers of His promise, the promise of the Holy Spirit, through the gospel. The veil of the temple is rent. The heavenly sanctuary is open for all who will believe.

This age is distinctly "The Holy Ghost dispensation." It was the nucleus out of which the Church should be formed to whom Jesus gave special instructions concerning the Holy Ghost. "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you." "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter." "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Do we not all too greatly "limit the Holy One of Israel"? Jesus promised unlimited possibilities of revelation in the knowledge of God through the Spirit. "He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it unto you." What may this mean? It is explained in the verse which follows. "All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall show it unto you."

Jesus showed that successful evangelism was dependent on the work of the Spirit. "And when He is come, He will reprove the world if sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." This evangelism ought to be accompanied with mighty signs and wonders for "Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that

I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father." Some try to get around this promise. They say Peter did the greater works when he had three thousand converted on the day of Pentecost. To such we would say, "Go thou and do likewise." But even that, were it the greater works spoken of by our Lord, would, I believe, be but a part of the greater works and would not excuse our failing to do the same works which the Saviour did. Why will Chris-tian leaders say, "the age of miracles is past," and thus try to bring the power of the gospel down to their own level, instead of facing the age-long promise and seek to bring themselves up to its fulfillment? To confess our own shortcomings may dishonor us, but to say it is because God will not fulfill His promise is to dishonor God. Oh, for a return of the power with which the Church started on its pilgrimage through the centuries!

Compassion

A man who was prominent in the work had been accused of drinking. The report had reached Dr. Simpson's ears more than once, but it was almost impossible to get him to entertain an evil report of any kind. We sometimes felt that he erred on that side. In this case, however, it fell to the lot of the writer to stumble across uncontrovertible evidence.

It seemed imperative that Dr. Simpson should know the uttermost of the matter. When he had listened to the facts, he turned from his desk and, facing the writer, said, "Are you sure? Are you very sure?" We insisted that there was no possibility of a mistake.

Then turning back to his desk, he buried his face in his hands, and began to sob, while his whole frame was convulsed with emotion, "Oh, the poor fellow, oh, the poor fellow, he must have been sorely tempted. He must have been sorely tempted!" Dr. Simpson had never known that particular temptation, or anything akin to it, but the compassion of Jesus so possessed his being that his prayers were such as the writer had never before heard from human lips.

The question will at once arise: How may this compassion of Jesus be obtained? We can only reply in the words of our Lord, "If ye then being evil know how to give gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give good things to them that ask him"—and again, "What ye shall ask . . . that will I do."—W. T. McArthur.

"A Place" of Prayer

Our blessed Lord had "a place" of prayer that He was wont to retire to, till even Judas knew the place. We should have said that the Son of God did not need retirement and seclusion and secrecy in order to seek and find His Father. We should have said that He did not need our aids, and instruments, and appliances, and means of grace. He was always collected, and disposed, and heavenly-minded. And yet, for reasons of His own, our Lord had a closed-in place of His own, an olive tree, a wine-press, a stone's cast out of sight, where He sought and found His Father.—Alexander Whyte.

Visitors at Headquarters from India

It is a pleasure to have so many of our missionaries visit Springfield where they frequently come to report concerning the work God has enabled them to do in foreign lands.

Just recently we have had the joy of fellowship with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis who are home on furlough from South India. God has graciously blessed their ministry. They tell us that their hearts are still in India and they look forward to the time when they may once more be physically fit to return to that field of labor.

The work is not always easy. Meetings are not conducted in fine church buildings such as we are able to secure in most places in the homeland. Frequently the only buildings available are mud huts where the people gather to hear the Word of God. In other sections better homes have been rented, and as the assemblies grow little church buildings are erected, but the process is slow, requiring much faith and patience.

Heathen Darkness

The subtle effects of idolatry and the forces of darkness have kept so many of the people in ignorance throughout the centuries, and many fear to break away even though the message of Jesus naturally brings a response in every sincere heart.

Every morning Mr. and Mrs. Davis can hear the tinkling of a little bell as their nearest neighbor arises at dawn to commence his forms of idol worship. Throughout the day the beating of drums and the tolling of the temple bells sound out, calling the people to heathen worship.

The Temple Car

At certain intervals special festivals are held in honor of certain gods, on which occasions the great temple car is dragged

SNAPSHOTS FROM SOUTH INDIA

- Below: Crowds follow the Temple Car as it is taken through the streets, pushed by elephants.
- Center (1): Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davis and a group of Christians at Palghat, a station under their charge.

through the streets by a crowd of devotees, some of whom in their fanatical zeal will cast themselves beneath the wheels, giving their lives thus in the vain hope that by so doing they may more quickly enter into peace. Of course such acts are actually forbidden by the government, but occasionally these things happen, and before the government ruled against them, it was a common practice.

Fire Walking

Other fanatics will walk over burning coals, and by some mysterious power are almost invariably protected from the effect of the flames.

Such a state of bondage has its effect upon the servant of Christ as He sees the people passing in a seemingly endless stream, most of them heedless of the message of God's love.

A Brighter Picture

The faces of Mr. and Mrs. Davis brightened as they turned to another side of the story, and told us of some consecrated young people who have stepped out to follow the Lord, and are now ministering to their own people. They spoke of a Mr. and Mrs. Jesu-Dasen who are giving their time in seeking to win others from among their own people for the Lord who has so wonderfully saved them. The name Jesu-Dasen, meaning a "servant of Jesus," was taken in place of the former name which had some reference to Hinduism. Another young man whose name has been Europeanized is Brother Wilson. These workers live on a very small amount of money yet they are zealous for the Lord. In these native workers and others like them rests the hope of India. If there are among our readers those who would be interested in helping such workers we sugFebruary 8, 1941

gest that you write to the Missions Department.

We listened with great interest as Mr. and Mrs. Davis told us of the hardness of the people's hearts in some sections, and we rejoiced as they related a marvelous miracle which God wrought in healing a leper in one village. This immediately caused a change to take place in the village and the people from that time forward were anxious to know more about the gospel.

We thank God for the groups that have been established in several different places through the faithful ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. We pray that God may strengthen them in body that they may realize their desire to return to India the latter part of this year.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

An air mail letter has just reached us from Gladys Taylor in Belgian Congo written the day following the passing of our brother Ernest Lindholm:

"'Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.' This verse of Scripture has been in our thoughts many times during the past three days. Yesterday we sent a radiogram to you saying that Brother Lindholm has gone to be with Jesus. It was so sudden that we can hardly convince ourselves yet that it is true. Nevertheless we know that God has called for him, and though it seems impossible to spare him from the 'all things' that work together for good.

"The Lord has been very real to Mrs. Lindholm, upholding her in a wonderful way during this time of deep sorrow. Stephen, her six months old son, is a ray of sunshine to his mother's lonely heart. Mrs. Lindholm said the Lord told her two weeks ago that he was going to call her husband home.

A Ministry Just Begun

"Humanly speaking, it seems his work was only beginning. His burden and love for souls

> Center (2): Transportation by land in South India—a bullock cart. Mr. Davis is standing at the left of the picture.

> Center (3): Transportation by watera native boat or wallam.

> Below: Faithful native workers—Mr. and Mrs. Jesu-Dasen and Brother Wilson.







made him a faithful worker. Many times he knelt and prayed with the station workmen while they were at their tasks. Though his ministry here in Congo was less than a year in duration and much of that time necessarily was spent in language study, the Lord used him to lead several souls to Christ. The natives loved and respected him and their sorrow at his death was indeed touching. Brother Lindholm is the third missionary 1 lay down his life for the cause of Christ in our Congo field. It can truly be said of him as of our Brother Leader and Mrs. Walker, 'faithful unto death.'

A Sad Accident

"It was not sickness that took our brother from us, but a very sad accident. November 26 was Mrs. Lindholm's birthday and as we had had no fresh meat at Gombari for months Mr. Lindholm thought it would be a pleasant treat for her birthday. Then too he had not been able to pay the workmen for four months and some were asking for meat as part of their pay. Mr. Lindholm was not a habitual hunter, in fact cared less for hunting than anyone else on the field. However, early on the morning of November 26 he slipped away with the hope of getting a buffalo which would provide meat enough for all. What a terrible shock it was to us when the natives brought back word that while hunting he had been attacked by a buffalo and killed.

A Brave Spirit

"Mrs. Lindholm has expressed her desire to remain on the field, stating that she received a definite call to Congo even before her marriage. She speaks Bangala well and has a very sweet, spiritual ministry. I am sure she will appreciate your prayers for herself and the little one at this time."

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BABY ORGAN FOR PHILIPPINES?

Blanche Appleby and Rena Baldwin who formerly labored under missionary appointment in South China, find it impossible at present to return to that field because of war conditions. In the meantime, however, they feel it is the will of God for them to go to the Philippine Islands to work with Mr. and Mrs. Leland Johnson at Baguio, where their help is much needed in the opening of a Bible school, and where they will have ample opportunity to minister among the Chinese people living in the Islands. It is hoped that a booking can be arranged for them to sail in February.

Miss Appleby and Miss Baldwin are very anxious to take out with them a folding baby organ. The Filipinos are a musical people and love to sing. A portable organ would be a great help in the Bible school as well as a means of real blessing to the Christians in their worship. Above all, it is felt that through this avenue of music it would be possible to attract sinners to the sound of the gospel, and point them to the One who in place of the music of the world would put in their hearts a "new song, even praises unto our God."

Would you like to have a part in providing this portable organ? If so, it will be necessary to send your offering at once since Miss Appleby and Miss Baldwin expect to sail very soon for the field. Please designate the amount "Baby Organ for Philippines" and mail to Noel Perkin, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri—and as you give, pray that the organ may be an instrument of real blessing, and that through the preaching and singing of the gospel many souls may be won to Christ in the Philippines.

New Advances in Latin America

It is a real joy to note the way God is moving on the hearts of a number of His servants, to enter into a more extensive ministry for Latin America. As far back as 1914 H. C. Ball became deeply interested in preaching the gospel to the Latin-American people of the United States, and although at that time he was only a high-school boy, yet he immediately began to do what he could to reach his Spanish-speaking neighbors.

God has very graciously blessed the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Ball through the years, and they have been largely instrumental in the development of our Latin-American District Council which has grown until there are now over 300 ordained and licensed ministers working on this side of the Mexican border in addition to some 125 more laboring in Mexico.

The Bible School at Saspamco, near San Antonio, Texas, has been sending out a steady stream of young men and women trained for work among their own Latin-American people. The publishing house in San Antonio also has had a very important part in the preparation and sending forth of the gospel message in printed form. Both of these institutions have been the result of Mr. and Mrs. Ball's work and planning.

We do not overlook the fact that many other ministers and missionaries have co-operated with them in this work, yet we feel that the major part of responsibility has invariably rested upon the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. Ball.

The Latin-American District Council is now

being developed under the capable administration of D. Bazan and his associates on the Executive Committee. The Bible school has been placed in charge of Epifanio Jaramillo who is ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson, Laura Kritz and other faithful helpers. The publishing house in San Antonio is under the management of LeRoy Atwood, a consecrated worker who is competent to manage this establishment and to keep the flow of gospel literature going forth to the Spanishspeaking people of the United States as well as foreign lands.

Realizing that God has graciously blessed their ministry and has now made it possible for them to devote their attention to other areas, Mr. and Mrs. Ball have been looking to the Lord for some time, seeking His guidance for the future. They have felt deeply burdened for some of the lands of South America, and particularly for Chile. At the same time that God seemed to be speaking to Mr. and Mrs. Ball, a similar impression was created in the minds of members of our Missions Committee, that Brother Ball might now be released for an even larger ministry than he has had hitherto.

It is, therefore, the united opinion of the Missions Committee and Mr. and Mrs. Ball that it is in the will of God for them to look forward to sailing for Chile this coming summer.

There is much work for them to do prior to leaving. Mr. Ball will assist in planning the reopening of the Latin-American Institute



expecting to work together in Philippines. Blanche Appleby (right) with group of Chinese saying farewell to the Leland Johnsons as they leave the South China field (1937). The Johnsons are now laboring in the Philippines where Blanche Appleby expects to join them in the near future.

in California, and after that he will probably visit some of the assemblies in Texas in order to place before the brethren of that district his plans for the future. We can assure any assemblies that their co-operation with Brother and Sister Ball in providing funds for necessary equipment and if possible for fare, will be greatly appreciated.

We are sure that Texas has been justly proud of the work that already has been accomplished through these their representatives, and we feel that it will be with the wholehearted support and sympathy, not only of the assemblies in Texas but of our entire fellowship, that we send these workers forth in the name of the Lord, trusting that God's blessing may continue upon them as they step out into new fields for Him.

Further information will be given concerning the date of sailing as soon as this is determined. We also expect to have other announcements to make concerning developments in our Latin-American work, which we are sure will be of interest to our Evangel readers.

KANSAS MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

A good report comes to us from Victor G. Greisen, Superintendent of the Kansas District Council, concerning a series of missionary conventions conducted in the district early in January under the direction of Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary. In the party besides Brother Vogler and Brother Greisen were Carl Holleman, of South India, Marguerite Flint, of North India and Helen Gustavson, of North China. Services were held at Wichita, St. John, Pratt, Coldwater, Newton, and Chanute.

Not only were the conventions a means of inspiring greater missionary vision and giving, but at least one hundred young people surrendered their all in consecration to follow the Lord wherever He might lead.

We trust that the fire of missionary zeal kindled as a result of these meetings may burn brightly and that the vision of the regions beyond may ever increase.

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WE ARE PUT TO SHAME!

Poland, soon after the Russian occupation of a part of its territory, was invaded by 25,000 godless agitators who came in to lecture regarding atheism. Asks the *Gospel Minister*: "When has the Church sent 25,000 missionaries into a new territory?"

BOMBED IN BRITAIN

According to *Prophecy Monthly*, Spurgeon's old college in Temple Street in London, which was sacred to many gospel preachers, is in ruins. Spurgeon's Tabernacle has only lost its windows. Eighty German bombs were dropped on Barnardo's Home for Children at Barkingside; happily, however, the little ones had been removed weeks before.

BIBLES TO THE BLIND

During the American Bible Society's 105 years of service to the blind, says a report from the Society, 143,000 bulky volumes have been distributed at home and abroad; and it is expected that by the end of 1940, the Society will have supplied over 150,000 volumes to those in physical darkness. The whole of the New Testament is available on Scripture Talking Book Records, and many books of the Old Testament.

AHAB'S IVORY PALACE

According to the Associated Press, twenty carvings in ivory, fragments of the "famous" ivory palace of Ahab and Jezebel, the idolatrous rulers of Israel 2,800 years ago, have been acquired by Harvard University. Amos prophesied, "The houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the Lord." Amos 3:15. Archaeologists discovered Ahab's "ivory house" in Samaria. Thus once more the spade confirms the Word of God.

FIGHTING CHRISTIANITY

According to *The Christian Irishman*, the president of the godless movement in Russia boasts that atheism will shortly supplant Christian civilization; while the former Soviet ambassador to Rome is demanding the total withdrawal of the Vatican from Europe's political life. Says Yaroslavsky, godless movement president: "In 1939 the Soviet armies ended Catholic influence in Poland, and thereafter Scandinavian Protestantism in Finland."

INCREASED OFFERINGS IN WAR

The World-wide Evangelization Crusade report that their missionary receipts in Great Britain increased fifty per cent since the outbreak of war. Total \$274,700 as compared with a total of \$175,615 for the previous year. Thirty-six new recruits have sailed to the mission field. According to the latest news in their paper, World Conquest, their London headquarters was damaged when three bombs fell near by but none of their workers were injured nor were their activities stopped.

NO JOY IN RUSSIA

In November a correspondent of *Time* crossed the U. S. S. R. in returning to the U. S., and he writes concerning his impressions of Moscow. He says the people looked better fed than a few years ago, somewhat better clad, and a little better housed, though he saw much poverty; but he says he noticed no change whatever in the expression of people's faces. "Whether their faces were stolid or keen, arrogant or subdued, not one of them looked happy. Those radiant, laughing faces which you see exhibited in so many Soviet propaganda pamphlets are sheer humbug. The people of Russia don't look like that. They look uniformly disgruntled and unhappy. It is plainly written on their faces that they lead joyless lives."

TESTAMENTS FOR JEWS

The Million Testaments Campaign has reached its goal: 250,000 copies of the Prophecy New Testament, which has been specially adapted for revealing the truth that Jesus is the Messiah, have been distributed. The Campaign now has raised its goal to 500,000 copies! There are millions of Jews in this country who need the gospel of Christ.

RELIGION IN THE GERMAN ARMY

Forty to fifty per cent of the ministers of Germany, whose total number is 16,000 to 17,000 have been inducted into the army—a considerable number as chaplains, but a far greater number for armed service, says *The Guardian*, India. This brings the ministers into touch with the men and gives them a great opportunity for pastoral work. Many are indifferent, reject, or even hate the Christian message. But from all testimonies there is increased readiness among the men in the army and at the front to hear the Word of God.

HORSES OF WAR

Some have thought that modern mechanized warfare surely has no place for horses, and have wondered about the references to horses and horsemen in Bible prophecies concerning the latter days. *Prophecy Monthly* reports that officials at present are canvassing the country for a completely reorganized United States Cavalry. In Southern California the army recently bought 1,000 saddle horses. They have an important part in military campaigns today. Bible prophecy is right.

JEWS IN WARSAW

The New Year of 1939 opened for the Church Missions to Jews at Warsaw, reports *The Christian*, with a crowded gathering at the Watch Night Service, and some twenty-five Jews confessed their faith in Christ on that occasion. What a change a short while can make! The *Jewish Missionary Magazine* says that about 500,000 Jews have begun a new life behind an eight foot concrete wall built by Germans to enclose the ghetto district of Warsaw. The Germans say it was a health measure, but those desiring to leave, by one of the eighteen gates, must have a special pass.

LONDON ASSEMBLIES BOMBED

"Nearly all our our London Assemblies of God churches are damaged or destroyed" (there are about thirty-five), wrote Brother Howard Carter recently in referring to the effects of the air raids. "You would weep if you could see London now." He states that the evacuated premises of their Bible School have been completely destroyed but that classes are being continued in another building near by. These are days when many worldly possessions are being swept away, but what comfort it gives to know that God's children have "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven." 1 Peter 1:4.

JEWS WON TO CHRIST

The Pocket Testament League Quarterly tells how, after Hitler had taken Austria and interned the Jews, Mrs. Alexander Dixon became personally responsible for ten of them and brought them from concentration camps to her home in Birmingham, England, until they could arrange for passage to the United States. More important to her than the salvation of their lives was the salvation of their souls. She read the Scriptures to them in German daily, explaining the passages as she read them. All ten accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Messiah. Some of them already have arrived in the United States, and have visited the officers of the Pocket Testament League, exhibiting their Testaments which they are faithfully reading.

IMPURE FILMS PREFERRED

One of the largest film companies inquired of eighteen thousand picture show managers as to the nature of the pictures they wanted, thereby expecting to learn the kind of picture to produce. Sixty per cent emphatically demanded the impure, evil, suggestive type. Forty per cent wanted a mixture: some clean, some suggestive writes C. F. Wimberly in the *Allinace Weekly*.

BAPTISTS IN BESSARABIA

According to *The Watchman-Examiner*, there were but 200 Baptists in Bessarabia in 1918, but today there are 14,000. This remarkable growth has been due to the way lay members have witnessed for Christ in markets, trains, fields, homes. and everywhere. These Christians need our prayers, as their lot must be very hard since Bessarabia was annexed by Soviet Russia.

COURTING THE MOHAMMEDANS

Mussolini has spent much effort on winning the favor of the millions of Mohammedans in Africa and the Near East during recent years, but he undid much of his propaganda work when he invaded Albania, which is predominantly a Mohammedan country. Great Britain similarly has been courting Mohammedan support. According to The Christian (London), the Government has decided to present a site for a mosque and Mohammedan cultural center in London, and has invited Parliament to vote the necessary funds up to a limit of about half a million dollars for the same. Such Government support has not been given to Protestant evangelical churches. Surely in thus courting the favor of the Mohammedans, a heathen religion, Great Britain is not courting the favor of God.

JERUSALEM IN WAR TIME

All the resources of Palestine Jewry have been offered to the British government, says the *Prophetic News*. The Jews are anxious to play a prominent part in the defense of the country which they count their homeland. Thousands of them are now serving with the British forces in Palestine, and the numerous factories they have established in the country are now busily engaged on war work, making all kinds of things needed for carrying on the great struggle. The Jews of Jerusalem have been most generous in gifts to the War Comforts Fund, and in contributing to the Palestine Fighter Aircraft Fund.

During the last war Palestine became an important front. Many are wondering whether it will become the scene of active warfare in this present war, and whether the valley of Armageddon will see the bloodiest part of the conflict.

MALTA'S PRESERVATION

A letter quoted in *Alliance Weekly* states: "We are not sure whether Christian people in America realize the secret of the marvelous resistance of the island of Malta. We who know the present Governor of the island as a most earnest Bible Christian and man of prayer, see in it another testimony to the fact that Elijah's God still lives." The Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta is General W. G. S. Dobbie, whose godly principles have earned him the title of the "Modern Gordon."

A report in Prophetic News tells how the weather has had much to do with Malta's preservation. It is by one who spent some time at Malta. One clear, moonlit night, when conditions for a raid were ideal, an air raid warning was given; but as soon as the moon reached its fullest height a terrific storm suddenly came on. The lightning and thunder kept the enemy planes from raiding. The next morning was bright and sunny, and the alarm sounded again; but immediately the clear sky blackened and another violent storm intervened. Later the sky cleared again, and there was a third warning; but once more fierce lightning filled the skies. The night passed without a raid. No wonder the inhabitants, most religiously-minded folk, believe God is on their side, concluded the informant.

<u>"SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON</u>

The Shunammite Woman Lesson for February 16. Lesson Text: 2 Kings

4:8-37; 8:1-6. God's Word describes her as a "great woman," this woman of Shunem around whom our lesson centers. Why is she called great? Some commentators say that it means she was well to do. But be that as it may, she was most assuredly great in her *character*, great because of—

Her kindness and hospitality. Vv. 8, 10, 11. It seems that Elisha had frequent occasion to pass through Shunem as he traveled from Carmel to visit the cities of Galilee. And this great woman, always eager for opportunities to serve others, provided him with meals as he passed. Not satisfied with this she arranged, together with her husband, to have an additional room built to their house in which the prophet could stay when he

passed through the city. She didn't know it, but by her action she was demonstrating practical Christianity as it is taught in the Word. Heb. 13:2; Rom. 12:13; 1 Peter 4:8, 9; Gal. 5:13.

A man called one evening to see a doctor. He saw the doctor's little daughter playing on the lawn and asked her if her father was at home. "No," she said, "he is away." "Where do you think I could find him?" asked the man. "Well," answered the little girl, "you will have to look for him where people are sick, or hurt, or something like that. I don't know where he is but you will find him helping someone." May this be said of us? "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men," remembering that true greatness in Christ's estimation consists in serving rather than in being served! Matt. 20:26-28; 23:11.

Her appreciation of that which is spiritual. V. 9. It was because Elisha was "a holy man of God," that the hospitality of this woman's home was offered to him. And she found, as all who value spiritual things will find, a rich reward ahead!

Her contentment with her lot in life. V. 12, 13. In reward for her hospitality, Elisha offers to use his influence with the king to bring her blessing. "What is to be done for thee," he asks. Behold her amazing reply—"I dwell among mine own people." In other words, "I want no re-

ward, nor anything from the king. I am perfectly contented to live and labor among my own people." Her answer reveals her unselfishness, her utter lack of interest in worldly things, her contentment with her appointed lot in life, her devotion, loyalty and sense of responsibility toward those among whom she lived. Are we manifesting these same Christlike qualities?

Her composure in the time of trouble. Vv. 14-23. Though she asked for no reward, God gave her one anyway, sending her a son who became But alas, when no more the joy of her home. than four or five, the little fellow received a sunstroke and died! What a calamity! Enough to drive a person to frantic distraction! Yet this woman with an almost unnatural calmness, laid her dead child on the prophet's bed and went out locking the door behind her. Showing no signs of despair or grief and without a word to her husband about the tragedy, she asked him to have the horse saddled in order that she may visit Elisha the man of God. And when her husband wondered why she wished to see Elisha on a day when it was not customary for religious services, she answered by saying, "It is all right." Several lessons are suggested by her amazing

attitude: (1) As the Shunammite faced calamity with poise and wisdom, so the Christian, enabled by the power of the Spirit, may face great trials without losing his grip on God. (2) The Shunammite woman kept her trials a secret from others and went straight to the man of God for advice and help. In like manner, when we are faced with trial and pressed by circumstances, we ought not do anything rash or hasty; we ought not to rush about in frantic haste seeking the help of man; we ought to go first of all to God and wait before Him for grace, guidance, comfort and help. (3) From the Shunammite's action it is evident that she believed there was a purpose in her trial and that the prophet could restore her Let us remember too, that in every trial son. God has a loving purpose which, if we react properly, will be worked out to our eternal advantage.



"No shattered box of ointment We ever need regret, For out of disappointment Flow sweetest odors yet."

Her faith in the God of Elisha. Vv. 24-30. Is it possible that this woman actually believed Elisha could bring her son back to life? Undoubtedly! Else why did she go to see him and insist that he return with her to his chamber in Shunem? Surely it was not that Elisha should conduct the funeral service! No, down in her heart this woman must have believed that the God who had given her her son in the first place could restore him to life again.

From afar Elisha saw the Shunammite approaching and sent his servant Gehazi to meet her. "Is it well with the child?" And she answered, "It is well." How could she say that? (1) Because she knew that her child was with God who had taken the boy to Himself. Here is a word to bereaved parents. You, too, may have watched a dear child die. Did you murmer rebelliously under your affliction? Or did you look beyond the veil to where a loving God works all things together for good and say, "It is well"? (2) Because she believed what had not come to pass—that her son would be restored to life—and counted it as done. What great things might be accomplished for God, what victories won, if we would exercise the faith that believes before it sees! Mark 11:24; John 11:40.

Her persistent refusal to be denied. Vv. 30-37. When Elisha sent Gehazi to pray for the child instead of going himself, the Shunammite would not be satisfied. "As the Lord liveth . . . I will not leave thee," she said. And Elisha arose and followed her. And her determination that Elisha himself should come was well grounded; for Gehazi was powerless to work the miracle. Why was this? We may not know for certain, but it is quite probable that God intended Elisha himself to work the miracle and that in sending Gehazi Elisha acted without God's permission. And here is a lesson for us—we cannot commit to another either the job, or the power to do the job that God has given to us!

After Gehazi's failure to revive the child, Elisha entered the room, shut the door and prayed. When he opened the door again it was to tell the Shaunammite that her son lived again! Thus she

was rewarded for persistent faith. It is the lesson of the parables again, of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:4-10), and of the importunate widow (Luke 18:3-8). "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." "For everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth."

Her obedience to a difficult command. 2 Kings 8:1-6. Some time after her son had been healed, Elisha told the Shunammite woman to leave her home and go to a strange country to escape the famine which was to come to the land. It was difficult to obey. Home ties are strong. She might have questioned the likelihood of the famine occurring. Yet she was obedient to Elisha's word. She escaped the famine all right but lost her land. Seven years later she returned to her country and went to the king to appeal for her land to be restored. Then God came to her aid. It happened that Gehazi stood in the court just before the Shunammite came. It happened that the king asked Gehazi to tell him the great things that Elisha had done. It happened that Gehazi told the king of the raising of the Shunammite's son. And it happened that just at that moment the woman herself appeared. Gehazi at once identified her. The result was the king's command, "Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the land since the day that she left the field even until now.

How wonderful are the providences of God to those who love Him!

May the noble character of this woman inspire us to manifest in our own lives a great likeness to Jesus our Lord !—J. Bashford Bishop.

A GREAT AUDIENCE

Dr. Lyman Beecher was engaged to preach one wintry day and there happened to be only one hearer. Dr. Beecher went through all the service as usual. About twenty years after a stranger in Ohio reminded him of the occasion and astonished him by saying, "I am that one hearer. Your sermon saved my soul, made a minister of me, and yonder is my church. The converts of that sermon, sir, are all over Ohio." Go, speak your word to one only; it may bring forth much fruit.

HONORING GOD'S WORD

The first ceremony of its kind in Palestine within living memory, reports *Jewish Missionary Magazine*, was carried out recently when the remains of the holy scrolls and sacred writings, burned in a recent fire in a local synagogue, were buried in the Jewish cemetery on the slopes of the Mount of Olives.



PRONOUNCED DEAD BUT NOW PREACHING

In June 1940 we received a letter from Douglas J. Friesen, our pastor at Fort Scott, Kansas, 1104 East Wall Street. He told of having been raised from the dead and healed when he was a baby. He enclosed a remarkable photograph showing himself as a baby in three poses, the middle one having been taken soon after his healing, and showing him in an astonishing state of emaciation. He said if we would write to his father we would get the details of the healing. We wrote his father and received his reply on December 30, 1940. His name is P. J. Friesen. He says:

"September 1, 1914, Douglas J. Friesen, twelve months old, took a violent case of cholera infantum. He became unconscious, ran off at the bowels, refused food, and had a high fever. We took him to the doctor who told us there was nothing that could be done.

We went home. I told my wife that I knew why this thing had come on us, that it was because I had got away from God. I left the baby with her and went out under a tree where I repented, and at about two a. m. I was restored to divine favor. I went in the house and told my wife God had showed me the baby would live. She said, 'He is dying now.' We prayed and I went to sleep. About four a. m. the doctor, without being called, came. His loud words of astonishment awoke me. The baby had no fever and the doctor was amazed. He said however the baby would die after all, for his stomach was poisoned and nothing could be done for him.

"His bowels moved two or three times an hour for three and a half months. When he was sixteen months old he weighed ten and a half pounds. Mr. Gillette was the only person I could find who believed in Divine Healing and he came and prayed many times. We decided to change doctors. Two prominent physicians in Enid diagnosed the sickness as marasmus in its last stages, and said he would be dead in an hour. In an hour he was pronounced dead and I was told to get the grave ready and bury him the next day. Instead Brother Gillette and I prayed and after an hour he revived. The doctors and a nurse gave him constant care for about ten days, when we decided to again change doctors. When that doctor came he looked at the baby and said it looked as if he had died again. He pointed to the Bible and said, 'That is the best medicine in the world.' He told us to keep on praying, and he prayed. From that time Douglas gained nearly a pound a week.

"About three weeks later the State Medical Association met in Enid, and about twenty-five doctors pronounced it 'the greatest miracle in the 20th century.' Douglas is now twenty seven years old and an ordained minister.—P. J. Friesen, Box 84, Enid, Oklahoma.

Important to Pastors

Within a few days your Sunday School secretary will receive a 1941 Report Form. The secretary will use it in sending us the name, location, and size of your School, and the names and mailing addresses of your officers and teachers. Only one report is required each year. Pastors can assist secretaries in properly reporting the School. Free Sunday School Counsellors will be mailed to each worker in the Schools thus reporting.—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

SEVEN "ALWAYS" IN CORINTHIANS Always abounding, labor not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15:58.

Always triumphant, through our Lord Jesus Christ.—2 Cor. 2:14. Always dying, to all that Jesus died to. 2

Cor. 4:10. Always confident, of a happy resurrection.-

2 Cor. 5:6.

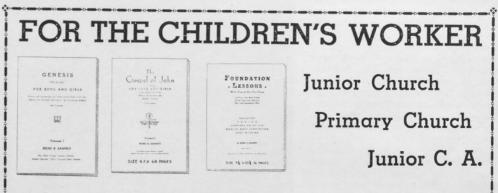
Note: The Superintendent's Guide offers this subject for consideration in the opening services of the Sunday School, February 16.

Our Sunday Schools are growing. Each Sunday we see new faces in our classes and in our Schools. For the most part, the attendance is fairly regular; the pupils are on time; many study their lessons, bring their Bibles, and remain for worship service. Better than all this is the fact that almost every one of our teachers is a born-again, Spirit-filled saint. They seek to effectively teach the Word. Parents of many of our pupils are faithful to the Lord and to their church.

As a movement, what more do we need? Could Jesus' words to the rich, young ruler, "One thing thou lackest. . , " apply to us? Let us examine ourselves. In spite of the good things we are accomplishing, are we producing the finest type of young Christians? In this dark hour would we as a people stand the test if oppression, persecution, and trial should come to us? European Christians are being subjected to such treatment. Are these serious questions worthy of consideration for a few moments in the Sunday School? Is there anything lacking when a teen-age boy, the son of faithful Pentecostal parents, can "read the law" to officers and teachers of his School, and defy them to force him to behave; when two other boys can steal a car, land in jail, and break their parents' hearts?

February gave birth to two of our nation's greatest citizens. Is America producing that type of citizens today? Is there a lack in our nation? Will it stand the crisis so near at hand?

If you feel that the thought of "Good Citizenship" could be presented in your School to an advantage, ask some capable speaker in your School to read this article as a mere suggestion of the seriousness of the matter which exists in our nation and threatens our own movement. In this connection, let them read Acts, chapters 22 and 23, noting how Paul used his good citizenship in times of testing.—M. L. G.



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Always approved as a minister of God to Man. -2 Cor. 6:4.

Always sufficient, through the abundant grace. -2 Cor. 9:8.

Always rejoicing, having nothing, yet all things. -2 Cor. 6:10.

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HOW I WAS LED INTO A REAL EXPERIENCE WITH GOD

A Colored Presbyterian Minister's Testimony First of all let me relate the incident which led up to this experience.

A Glorious Mistake

It sounds paradoxical to speak of a mistake as being glorious, but here is a mistake which had in it a glorious experience for me. It was through a mistake on my part, but certainly not on the part of God, that I made my first visit to Glad Tidings Church in Norfolk, Va. where I found God in a conscious and definite experience.

I had started out to find a certain church where it was advertised that a visiting minister was to speak on the Second Coming of Christ. I was directed to Glad Tidings Church as being the one. I got to the church just in time to hear the minister announce his text, "Launch Out Into the Deep." I then discovered that this was not the church I had started out to find. My first impulse was to get up and leave, but on second thought it occurred to me that it would look disrespectful and be disturbing to the minister, for no one would know my reason for entering and leaving so abruptly. So I decided to remain until the sermon was over.

Before long I found I was listening to a man of unusual insight into the Scriptures and spiritual things. My interest was won by the freshness and conviction his message carried, and I was glad I had made the mistake in not finding the church I had started for. The preacher was John W. Follette. The services continued twice a day for a week, and I set aside as much of my work as possible and attended all but a few of the services.

Under Conviction

In these services I came under the conviction that I needed a definite and conscious experience with God. I was brought up in a Christian home and had absorbed much of the Christian teaching and principles. I had professed Christ at an early age and joined the church, but never had had any conscious experience with God.

After the special meetings were over I kept up my attendance at Glad Tidings Church when I could. The pastor gave me some of the Pentecostal literature and I became a subscriber to some.

Building On The Foundation

Last September Virgil R. Jackson came to Glad Tidings for a series of meetings. My interest in these meetings was just as keen as it had been in the former ones mentioned. I was invited to tarry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. It was while kneeling in prayer at one of these tarrying meetings that it seemed the heavens were opened and a mighty power never felt before literally gripped me. It went all over me and through me. It was like a bath and a purge, I cannot describe it. Under the operation of this power I fell prostrate to the floor. My soul was flooded with a supernatural joy which overflowed in praises and glories. On my way home I had the hardest time trying to keep from bursting out in the streets and on the bus with praises and glories to God. I am a new creature in Christ Jesus and am hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.

The Touch Of An Unseen Hand

Many times since my first experience with God at the altar, I have felt the pressure and moving of unseen hands upon my body. The touch was just as real as any human touch. At first I was sure it was the touch of some human until I opened my eyes and saw that no one was near me. This was not just one experience, but it takes place every time I tarry long in prayer, either in public or in private. My heart is filled with praises each day because God has become so real to me. I praise God for the glorious mistake which brought me into Glad Tidings Church instead of where I had planned to go.

A. E. Fortune, Pastor, First United Presbyterian Church, Colored, Norfolk, Virginia.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Liberia, W. Africa—Pray for two of our Christians who are in the different towns witnessing for God.—Elizabeth Maynard. Mexico City, Mexico—Please pray that belivers will be more established in the faith of our Lord Jesus, and that we shall have a Holy Ghost revival.—Anna Sanders.

Havana, Cuba—We praise the Lord for helping us to be able to pray and testify in Spanish. Pray for special anointing upon all the workers, and for those who have not received their Pentecostal Baptism. Also pray that soon every large center of population will have a Pentecostal work, and that many will be saved from sin and brought into the fold during 1941.—Louie W. Stokes.

Sao Carlos, Brazil—At present we have only a small hall which does not accommodate our audience, and we desire your prayers that we may secure funds to build a church in Araraquara. —Erma L. Miller.

Callao, Peru—Please pray for a Holy Ghost revival, for the healing of a native worker and two other believers, and for three new places where we have been recently.—LeRoy Williams.

"ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER"

"I almost feel I have something to thank Hitler for," said a young woman in Reading. England, recently. "The war caused me to be evacuated here, and my soul-hunger has been met by the Baptism with the Holy Spirit." She has proved the promise, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Rom. 8:28. Even alr raids!

Announcement to Our Assemblies

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NEWARK, DEL.—We praise the Lord for His presence in our midst. The saints have been uplifted by the ministry of Howard Hardt and son, Arthur, who came for a 2-weeks revival. We have been able to enlarge our church, adding two lovely Sunday School and prayer rooms which were dedicated on December 29, free of debt.—B. F. Crane, Pastor.

CLEARWATER, MINN.—Thank God for present victory, and for the privilege of working with such a fine people as we have here. The Gospel Tabernacle has been set in order, and we expect to purchase the fine church building we now occupy. We are asking the saints everywhere to pray for us.—Joseph W. Baker, Pastor, Box 345, Monticello, Minn.

SOUTHARD, OKLA.—The Lord blessed in our fellowship meeting held here on January 14. R. S. Strange of Woodward brought the morning message, speaking on "Touching the Master." In the afternoon M. E. Collins of Ft. Worth, Texas gave us a wonderful message on prayer. There were 18 ministers present, and all left rejoicing in the love of the Master.—Ed. Springer, Pastor.

LAMESA, TEXAS—For the past 10 days we have been in a revival with Evangelist Mary Jo Barnett of Electra. As pastors, we feel that it was the greatest revival that the church has had in years. The last day of this campaign, we had all-day services. Our old-time Sunday School record was broken. Sunday afternoon Sister Barnett spoke to women only. Around 16 grown people were gloriously saved, besides a number of children. We are encouraged and feel we are marching on for the Lord,—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bozeman.

TULSA, OKLA.-Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur S. Arnold of Oklahoma City have just closed a very successful 5-weeks revival with us at the North Utica Assembly. In spite of sickness and the Christmas season, the glory of God was in every service. Between 35 and 40 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and 25 were saved or reclaimed. Brother Arnold's ministry in the Word stirred Tulsa from the center to the city limits. We had some of the greatest altar services we have ever seen. Night after night we had to bring in extra seats and still many had to stand and others were turned away.-J. R. Smith, Pastor.

PEERLESS, TEXAS—On August 25, 1940, I accepted the pastorate here. At that time the church was in debt \$88.00. By the help of God we have since paid \$78 on the debt, and bought and paid for \$16.50 worth of brick to build a cistern. God has blessed us with His Spirit. Souls have been saved. Council ministers will receive a hearty welcome. We have some used Sunday School literature we would be glad to send to the needy fields.—H. E. Brannock, Pastor.

NORMAN, OKLA.-When I came here in October I found a growing church. We recently completed a nice 4%x70 ft. basement, well lighted and in a good location. We had our dedication on December 8, District Superintendent G. W. Hardcastle preaching the dedicatory sermon. Several other ministers were also present. Almost every Sunday night someone has been saved, as high as three or four in one night. Last Sunday night we closed a special meeting conducted by Evangelist Kathleen Belknap of Oregon. About 12 were saved, and 5 received the Baptism. Our Sunday School is growing rapidly. We feel encouraged to press on.-W. J. Higgins, Pastor.

NORFOLK, VA.—The 11-weeks meeting conducted at the Glad Tidings Church by Evangelist V. R. Jackson was greatly blessed of God. Not only was Brother Jackson's ministry of benefit to the unsaved and to those new to Pentecost, but

God used him to deepen the spiritual life of the church, and to lead the people into a richer prayer life. His ministry in directing the people into a deeper reality in experience was as great a contribution as his preaching of the Word. The fruit of the meeting is continuing.—Arthur H. Graves, Pastor.

BRITTON, S. DAK.—September 1, 1940, we held our first service here, and our special meetings continued for 6 weeks. During that time there were no souls saved other than hungry people from other churches who came seeking more from God, however two nurses from the large clinic received their Baptism at that time. We had a fellowship meeting on September 18, and in about 15 or 20 minutes' time \$100 was raised toward the purchase of a lot to build our new church on. We have secured a good lot, centrally located, and have started to build a basement tabernacle.

nacle. December 29 we closed an evangelistic campaign conducted by Hans F. Bretschneider. About 6 or 8 knelt at the altar for salvation. Today, we have about 8 adults who are definitely backing us, besides several others who are sincerely interested. We have about 15 young people who are pressing on with God. Four of them are nurses from the hospital. We have a lovely children's church with a regular attendance of around 8. God is blessing our efforts here. Continue to remember our pioneer fields in prayer.—Grant Wacker.

BIG SPRING, TEXAS—The year 1940 was a blessed year in our assembly. Our first revival was conducted in January by Evangelist and Mrs. Archie Henderson. God put His approval upon the meeting by saving and filling many with the Holy Ghost. Evangelist Bracy Greer came to us in April. This was a very successful campaign. Brother Greer helped us to set a new record in our Sunday School every a new record in our Sunday School every Sunday he was here. On July 2, Evangelist and Mrs. C. H. Nicholson of Maricopa, Sunday he was here. On July 2, Evangensy and Mrs. C. H. Nicholson of Maricopa, Calif., began an open-air campaign, preach-ing for us 3 weeks. Their messages were deeply appreciated. The entire town was stirred. Evangelist and Mrs. C. R. Love of Quanah conducted the last two weeks of our open-air revival. Souls were saved continually during the five weeks these evangelists were with us. Evangelist C. H. Asher, Hot Springs, Ark., conduct-ed our last revival in 1940. This revival continued about 3 weeks. Souls were saved and many reconsecrated their lives to the Lord. Many were healed of various diseases. One outstanding healing was that of a Baptist lady who had been in bed 4 weeks and was expecting to have a serious operation. The day before she was to be taken to the hospital, she called serious operation. The day before she was to be taken to the hospital, she called for Brother Asher and me to come and anoint and pray for her. The Lord gracious-ly healed her, and she was present in nearly every service. Now she is doing all of her housework. The last night of the revival our church was filled almost to canacity capacity.

capacity. The New Year is starting off fine. Our Sunday School attendance is much better than a year ago. Our W. M. C. is doing a splendid work. Our C. A. band is cer-tainly continuing in the faith, with a vision and burden for the lost.—Homer M. Sheats, Pastor



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

WHITTIER, CALIF.-Feb. 2-; Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa, Evangelist.-John R. Duncan, Pastor.

ODIN, ILL.-North Dewolf St., Feb. 5-; Haskel Rodgers, Evangelist.-Florence Boucher, Pastor. Haskel

Boucher, Pastor.
AKRON, OHIO-N. Howard and York
Sts., Feb. 9-; Arne Vick, Oakland, Calif.,
Evangelist.-J. O. Savell, Pastor.
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.-East San Diego,
Feb. 9-; Ym. F. A. Gierke of Los
Angeles, Evangelist.-H. E. Bauer, Pastor.
LONG BEACH, CALIF.-439 West
Mandeim, Feb. 2-; Edward Robinson,
Evangelist.-E. W. Mincey, Pastor.
CHICAGO, ILL.-538 N. Lavergne, Jan.
30-; Harvey McAlister, Toronto, Canada,
Evangelist.-E. H. Chamberlain, Pastor.
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LYNN, MASS.—Feb. 2, for 2 weks; Evangelists Edwin and Irma Anderson, Centerdale, R. I.—Henry Carlson, Pastor.

Centerdale, R. I.-Henry Carlson, Pastor. CAMAS, WASH.-First and Dallas Sts., Feb. 9-; R. R. Nichols, Bayard, Nebr., Evangelist.-L. H. Sheets, Pastor. 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 weks; Clarence H. Jensen, Alexandria, Minn., Evangelist.-H. M. Barfoot, Pastor. EVERETT, MASS.-Jan. 26, for 2 weeks or longer; Virgil Jackson, Mt. Vernon, Mo., Evangelist.-W. J. Mitchell, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO-Dorr St. and Lawrence Ave., Feb. 9; Evelyn M. Olsen, Vancouver, B. C., Evangelist.-Wesley J. Domm, Pastor. B. C Pastor

Pastor. COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA-21 N. 8th St., Feb. 2-; Charles Blair, Paul Wagner, and Carlile Beebe Evangelistic Party.-Gordon H. Millard, Pastor. BELLFLOWER, CALIF.-Center and Stevens Sts., Feb. 16-March 2; George Hayes, Evangelist.-Clifford Andrews, Pas-tor.

tor. KANSAS BIBLE CONVENTIONS Sharon, Feb. 5; Corwin, Feb. 6; and Attica, Feb. 7; Three services at each place. --V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent. BROOKLYN, N. Y.-415 53rd St., Feb. 20-23; District Superintendent Flem Van Meter, Special Speaker. Lewis A. Hill is pastor.--Thelma C. Cochran, Church Secre-tary.

GLENNS FERRY, IDAHO-Jan. 28-; Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Fagerstrom. Springfield, Mo. Near-by assemblies invited to co-operate by prayer and attendance.-J. W. Beat, Pastor.

J. W. Beat, Fastor. BUSHNELL, ILL.—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, 295 E. Barnes St., Feb. 17, Serv-ices 2:00, 6:00, and 7:45, District Superin-tendent C. M. O'Guin in charge. Supper served by local church to all out-of-town visitors.—Frank Goodin, Pastor.

FLEMING, COLO.—Feb. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Silas S. Rexroat, Evangelist.— Clarence Reding, Pastor.

THE PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

HOOD RIVER, ORE.—Feb. 2—March 2; Peter Jepsen, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.— Kelsey C. Prinzing, Pastor. SIKESTON, MO.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 17.—L. C. Ramsey, Sectional Secretary, Chaffee, Mo.

APPLETON, WIS.-Gospel Temple, Feb. -; Harvey McAlester, Evangelist.-C. D.

APPLETON, WIS.-Gosper remple, reo. 12-; Harvey McAlester, Evangelist.-C. D. Goudie, Pastor. BUSHNELL, ILL.-Feb. 18-; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris, Tulsa, Okla., Evan-gelists.-Frank Goodin, Pastor. JOPLIN, MO.-J508 Virginia Ave., Feb 4-23; Arthur Arnold, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.-S. K. BiHle, Pastor. PEORIA, ILL.-Feb. 2, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. P. A. Megna. W. E. Wood is pastor.-By Evangelists. TAIOCA OKLA.-Feb. 8-; Vivian

Wood is pastor.—By Evangelists. TALOGA, OKLA.—Feb. 8—; Vivian Higgins and Nora Benna, Evangelists.— Exling Saxelid, Pastor. EAST ALTON, ILL.—319 W. Main St., Feb. 12—March 2; Bert L. Todd, Evan-gelist. L. L. Ferguson is pastor.—By Evangelist.

SAN JOSE, CALIF.-4th and San An-tonio Sts., Feb. 9-23; Theodore E. Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.-Max Frei-mark, Pastor.

DATE CHANGED CHANUTE, KANSAS-Feb. 2-; Lillian Crouse and Karlene Burt, of California, Evangelists.-Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaddis, Pas-

LODI, CALIF.--Walnut at Washington St., Feb. 9--; Guy Renfrow and Leonard Rogers, Evangelists.--Stanley P. McPher-son, Pastor.

son, Pastor. TORONTO, ONT.-833 St. Clair West; Feb. 2, for 4 weeks; G. B. McDowell, Texas Gospel Singer of Dallas, Evangelist. -H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor. WICHITA, KANSAS-Main and Lincoln Sts.; Feb. 2, for 3 weeks; Louise Nankivell, Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.-Chas. Sheall, Pas-tor

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tor. REDONDO BEACH, CALIF.-Jan. 28-Feb. 16; Carl and Edna Goodwin, of Los Angeles, Evangelists. L. B. Reynolds is pastor.-By Evangelists. QUANAH, TEXAS-Church Dedication, Feb. 9. District Superintendent F. D. Davis will be with us. Former members and pastors invited to attend.-Clarence Love, Pastor.

Love, Pastor. KELLYVILLE, OKLA.—Fellow ship Meeting, Feb. 9, 2:30 p. m., Lee Krupnick, of Tulsa; night service, Mrs. Lee Krup-nick. Brother Stubblefield is pastor.—G. W. Alsup, Sapulpa, Okla. ST. LOUIS, MO.—C. A. Rally, St. Louis Section, 2413 So. Broadway, Feb. 9, 2:30 p. m. David Plake is pastor.—Lester Shockley, President; by E. J. Boettcher, Secretarv. Secretary

Secretary.
EL DORADO, ARK.—Quarterly C. A.
Rally, Southwest Section, Feb. 24, night;
Mrs. Agnes Stokes, District C. A. Presi-dent, in charge. Wm F. McPherson, Main Speaker.—R. C. Jones, Pastor.
GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT
Missionary Prayer Conferences: Moultrie

DISTRICT Missionary Prayer Conferences: Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 6-7. Different ministers will help in these services, and a time of much prayer and blessing is expected. Rooms tree.-S. W. Noles, District Superintendent.

Iree.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent. CONFERENCE POSTPONED Due to influenza epidemic, the Second Quarterly Ministerial Conference which was to be held at East End Assembly, Meridian, Miss., Feb. 4—5, has been postponed in-definitely.—Harvey L. Smith, District Secretary.

Secretary. MOBILE, ALA.—All ministers of Sec-tion 5, Alabama District, urged to attend the first of what will be known as our Sectional Ministerial Fellowship Meetings, Crichton Assembly of God, Feb. 10, 10:00 a. m. Service will include Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and Home and Foreign Missionary work. Evangelistic service at 7:30.—Clyde C. Goree, Pastor and Presbyter.

Presbyter. MALVERN, ARK.—Bible Conference Southwest Section of Arkansas District, Feb. 10—15. Stephen Vandermerwe, Host Pastor. A. W. Tanner, Sectional Pres-byter, Mrs. Agnes Stokes, S. S. and C. A. President, and David Burris, Superintendent Arkansas District, will be active in sponsor-ing this program. All ministers urged to attend. Write A. W. Tanner, Camden, Ark.

Ark. SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Mid-Winter Convention, Northern California and Nevada District Council, 21st and W Sts., Feb. 4-7. W. T. Gaston is pastor. Southern California District Superinterdent Ben Hardin, Evening Speaker. Foreign and Home Missions services Feb. 7. For reser-vations write A. J. Lebeck, 2622 W St. -R. J. Thurmond, District Secretary-Treasurer, St. Helena, Calif. POCKY MOUVTAIN DISTRICT

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION

The 24th Annual Rocky Mountain Dis-trict Mid-Winter Convention will convene at The Peoples Tabernacle, 20th and Lawrence, Denver, Colo., Feb. 11-14. General Superintendent E. S. Williams will be guest speaker. First service a District C. A. Conference, Tuesday afternoon; Tues-

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 day night, District Fellowship Meeting, Wednesday afternoon, District S. S. Con-ference. For further information write District Superintendent J. E. Austell, 5700
 So. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.
 KANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONVENTIONS
 Toddwater Feb. 18; Greensburg Feb. 19; Dodge City Feb. 23; Oarden City Feb. 24; Scott City Feb. 23; Oi00 and 2:30; Tribune (Cactus) Feb. 23, 10:000 and 2:30; Tribune (Cactus) Feb. 23, 70:00 And 2:30; Tribune (Cactus) Feb. 24, 70:00 Andreh 5; Osborne March 6; Jewell March 7. Three services each place except where stated. One or more Presbyters will be present at each service. Pastors announce meet-ings and all assemblies co-operate. Round table discussions for ministers in Bible conventions throughout the District-V. G. Greisen, District Superintendent, 1017 So. Market St., Wichita, Kansas.
 OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
 South Central, Ardmore, Feb. 10–12; Central, Norman, Feb. 24–26; North-west, Taloga, March 31–April 2; North-west, Taloga, March 31–April 2; North-west, Taloga, March 31–April 2; North-west, Caloga, March 31–April 2; South-east, (not located), May 12–14; East Central, McAlester, May 19–21; South-east, (not located), May 12–14; East Central, McAlester, May 19–21; South-east, (not located), June 16–18.
 Tach of these meetings begins with Young People's and Sunday School Rally on the first day mentioned, at 7:30 p. m.-W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasure, Box 28, Okmulgee, Okla.

The Inst day mentioned, at 7.35 p. in W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.
 FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLES
 TRENTON, MO.-C. A. Rally, Feb. 10. Services afternoon and night. Glen McChure is paster.—Harris V. McCall, C. A. Secretary-Treasurer.
 BLOOMINGTON, ILL.—Fellowship Meeting, East and Mulberry Sts., Feb. 10. Services 2:00 and 7:30. Supper will be served.—Elsa Schmidt, Pastor.
 BIG STONE GAP, VA.—Southwest Virginia Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 28. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30. Come and make this a great day of fellowship.—Andell L. Todd, Fastor.
 KANSAS CITY, MO.—Sectional S. S. Convention, 3100 East 31st St., Feb. 10. 6:30 to 9:30 p. m. District Superintendent Ralph M. Riggs in charge.—John H. Waugh, Sectional S. S. Sceretary.
 BROCKPORT, N. Y.—Western New York Fellowship Meeting, King Street, Feb. 5. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30.—C. Stanley Cooke, Secretary, 840 Culver Road, Rochester, N. Y.
 KNOXVILLE, TENN.—Eastern Sectional Fellowship Meeting, South Knoxville Church, Feb. 8. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30.—Therms. P. H. Lowe, District presbyter, in charge.—Mrs. P. H. Lowe, Secretary.
 PHOENIX, ARIZ.—Annual Mid-winter Convention of Arizona C. A.'s, 11th and Garfield Sts., Feb. 22–23. Elder and Mrs. Ben Hardin, Speakers. For information of Arizona C. A.'s, 11th and Garfield Sts., Feb. 22–23. Elder and Mrs. Ben Hardin, Speakers. For information write Norman L. Field, Box 738, Ajo, Ariz.—Paul M. Cooper, Secretary.
 WHOMGTON, DEL.—C. A. Rally, South Jersey Section, 23rd and Pine Sts., Feb. 22. Services 2:00 and 7:00. Mrs. Robert A. Brown and several young people will speak. Bring instruments.—J. E. Jenkins, District Secretary, 3118 N. Harrison St. A. Confireme, Feb. 20–23. District Superintendent Davis Burris and District C. A. President Agnes Stokes will be in charge. Will try to provide free

Jenkins, District Secretary, 3118 N. Har-rison St. WEST FORK, AK.-Ozark Sectional Bible and C. A. Conference, Feb. 20-23. District Superintendent Davis Burris and District C. A. President Agnes Stokes will be in charge. Will try to provide free provision for all who come.-Omer Jarrell, Presbyter, Rogers, Ark. NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.-Hudson Val-ley Sectional Fellowship Meeting, 57 Ander-son St., Feb. 10. John W. Tucker is pas-tor. District Superintendent Flem Van Meter will be present. Annual election of officers at Ministers' Meeting at 1:30, fol-lowed by services at 3:00 and 7:45.-Thos. R. Brubaker, Secretary.

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with their families and friends who are here. Interested persons please write them that we invite them to our services or that they call on us for any spiritual help we can render them.—Pastor Warren L. Hill, 544 W. Sixth St., San Pedro, Calif.



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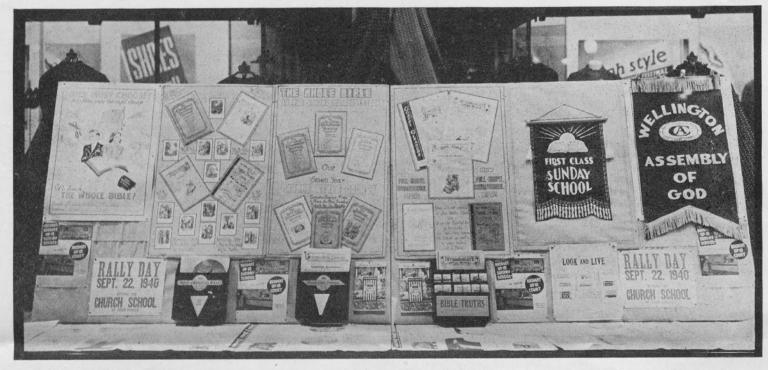
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	Racine Full Gospel Tabernacle & SS 36.50 Superior Central Gospel Tabernacle 18.59 Wautoma Gospel Tabernacle
5	Gillette Pent Assembly of God CA 1.50
	Glenrock Assembly of God 3.70
	Osage Assembly of God & CA 3.30
1	Pine Bluffs Assembly of God 3.00
1	Torrington Assembly of God 7.00
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For the Glory of Jesus and the Winning of Lost Souls

Most of our preaching is anointed of the Lord and intended for the glory of This Jesus and the winning of lost souls. is as it should be, but often we see but few results because such preaching is done before congregations containing very few sinners. In many instances the sinners present have so often rejected the opportunity to get saved that the salvation appeal does not move them. We call them "casehardened."

So, we need to do all we can to go out where the sinners are and take the message of the gospel to the lost. There are many ways of doing this. Probably the most effective way is by man-to-man witnessing on the part of every saved person. This is personal evangelism. Christians ought to be instructed to do this. It is our most effective weapon for building up the Sunday School and church. Distribution of gospel litera-

ture, tracts, and gospel papers is another means of witnessing to the lost who do not attend our services.

Pastor E. F. Pierce of Wellington, Kansas, and his helpers found another way of witnessing to lost souls. It was suggested that all the churches in Wellington observe Rally Day, September 22. Every church was expected to have a window display of their Sunday School literature. Pastor Pierce wrote us for suggestions for making a display. In response to his request, we sent him the large panels displayed in the picture. They are mounted on large cardboards.

The J. C. Penny Store Company was glad to give Pastor Pierce the privilege of using their lovely window. It is no little thing for a store manager to do, for you will note that the display practically excluded the

advertising of the ladies' shoes, dresses, and suits. Such a window might well be worth \$150.00 to the merchant for the display of his merchandise. We should appreciate the friendly interest of business men. Who can estimate the value of such a window if at least one soul is directed to the Lord? Such a one is not purchased by corruptible things such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Jesus. So, for His sake, let us do as Pastor Pierce has done when opportunity affords to let the general public know the Assembly of God Church and Sunday School are in the soul-winning business. Let us do it only for the glory of Jesus and the winning of lost souls.

NOTE: When not otherwise in use, you may borrow items shown in the picture for your window display, merely for cost of transportation .- Gospel Publishing House.