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BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD  
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**A**S A CHILD I was accustomed to being wakened in the early morning by a clear, sweet, yet sharp bugle call. . . . "Reveille."

I was a soldier's child. My father was a surgeon in the army, a Civil War veteran. Well did I know that when that silvery cadence vibrated on the air each soldier and officer concerned must take his place in the ranks, under the Stars and Stripes.

Each must stand at attention, clad in the regulation uniform of the U. S. Army, motionless, eyes front, listening for the voice of the commanding officer, awaiting his instructions.

Failure to respond promptly to "Reveille" was apt to get the delinquent into serious trouble. Rightly so. What would an army that failed to respond instantly to the call of duty be worth?

It behooves us to remember at all times, and under all circumstances, that we are members of the church *militant*, the *fighting* church. In other words we are soldiers in the army of the Lord.

Job knew that the battle was on. "Is there not a warfare to man on earth?" Job 7:1. Yes indeed there is, Job, and your old enemy, Satan, is still going to and fro in the earth . . . and walking up and down in it." Job 1:7.

Paul was aware of the fact also, for he says, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God." 2 Cor. 10:4. It was because he was fully armed, having put on the whole armor of God, that he was able to say in his last letter, addressed to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight. . . . I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7. (Scofield gives "the good fight" as a marginal reading. That fits in with John 6:29: "This is the work of God that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.")

The apostle's ambition for Timothy, his beloved son in the gospel, is summed up in the words, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 2 Tim. 2:3.

We live in a time when the world is calling upon its young men to sacrifice everything, even life itself if need be, to answer the imperative call to the colors. Thousands and thousands of young men who never responded to "Reveille" before are doing so today because their countries demand it of them.

God's "Reveille" is sounding too. He is summoning His forces to their places under the banner, the Blood-stained banner that has never known defeat.

What are we doing about it? What are you doing? What am I doing? Are we prompt in responding to the first call in the morning?

"Are you talking about early rising?"  
"Yes, among other things."

## God's Reveille

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The more I study the Word of God the more convinced I become that it is essential for the soldier of the Cross to rise promptly and appear, in full uniform, "clothed in His righteousness alone," before the "Captain of the Lord's host," to receive His commands and the necessary strength and courage to obey them.

All the men who accomplished mighty things for God seem to have risen early. "Those that seek Me early shall find Me." Prov. 8:17. "By faith the walls of Jericho fell" when Joshua and his army besieged the city, but note that Joshua was an early riser. Josh. 3:1.

Isaiah knew God's "Reveille," for he says, "He wakeneth morning by morning. . . . He wakeneth my ear to hear . . . and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back." Isa. 50:4, 5.

Do you ever turn back and say, "It is too cold to get up so early?" If so you are not like Isaiah. He was not rebellious.

David says, "Awake harp and lute; I will wake the dawn" (Maclaren's version).

The Psalmist was so eager to appear before God in worship that he couldn't wait for "Reveille."

It is explicitly stated of many of God's mighty men that they were early risers. For instances—Abraham, Jacob, Laban, Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samuel and others.

The women were early at the sepulcher; the apostles released from prison by an angel, entered into the temple early and taught. Acts 5:21. Our blessed Lord "rose up a great while before day . . . and departed to a solitary place and prayed." Mark 1:35.

The words "solitary place" bring Elizabeth Sisson before me. I had the high privilege of doing some campaigning with her. During the time that we were together she invariably rose before day and departed to a solitary place. I was so hungry for fellowship with her that I hunted industriously for the solitary place. I found it, but she let me know that it was to remain solitary. She took no breakfast at the time, but returned during the late hours of the morning all equipped for the battle. A battle it was! But she had had her instructions from the Captain of the Lord's host and was panoplied at every point.

The meetings aroused considerable interest and were well attended. It was a Full Gospel Church owned by an independent group. I had been called to the place and Miss Sisson was there by my invitation. The leading business man on the board came to me and said he wanted to take up offerings. Miss Sisson absolutely refused to consent to this. I do not know if she never received them. Be that as it may. On this occasion she said she would have to leave if they insisted on "passing the plate." I stood by her and told them so. The business man asked, "What are we going to do then about an offering?" "Nothing," I replied. He was much annoyed that they were reaping no financial harvest from the campaign. I suffered terribly for I had been told that Sister Sisson supported her mother ninety years old out of what the Lord gave her. The board was so angry that I was sure they would not give her her traveling expenses. She had to leave first to go to another appointment, I hadn't any money. It was Saturday and Miss Sisson was leaving Monday. I said "I have lost my victory, I feel terrible. I haven't your fare." She said, "Go away and don't come back till you have the victory." So I had to get a solitary place. The next day there were three big meetings and not a cent in sight. But I had found victory in the solitary place (She had never lost it.) and we had a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Monday morning she got ready for the train without any money in hand. Just as we were leaving for the depot an old lady—I don't know who she was—handed Miss Sis-

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# The Need of a Spirit-filled Life

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"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth. Eccles. 11:3.

Rain clouds, naturally speaking, are to be appreciated; but too many times the clouds turn out to be what my father used to call thunderheads, because they had no water in them. Some people in the Scripture are compared to thunderheads, clouds without water; people who "have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness. . . . These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever." 2 Peter 2:15-17. That is the way Peter described some people. These clouds without water are nothing but disappointments, and worse than no clouds at all. They were looking for something for their thirsty soul, something that would water their life and cause them to blossom afresh with new hope; but for some reason there was a lack among the people and they went away disappointed and dissatisfied. In other words, there were clouds without water.

"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." There is no such thing as withholding when clouds are filled with rain. The reason why we ministers so many times are incapable of feeding the flock over which God has made us overseers, and unable to reach the heart of the needy soul that comes our way, is, we are not filled with rain, as we ought to be.

We have this admonition from the Lord: "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8. I am sure everyone of us can confess that God has given to us freely of His Spirit, and given us a ministry of reconciliation that we might reconcile the world unto God. But when we are careless about keeping filled with the Spirit of God, we become incapable, clouds without water, carried with a tempest, driven and tossed to and fro.

We seek to get people to lift up their hands and praise the Lord. Everybody should praise the Lord. It is perfectly in order for us to say, "Everybody praise the Lord." But when our lives are filled with God it is our desire to glorify Him, and we speak out involuntarily, "Praise the Lord." When we keep filled with the Spirit as we should we praise the Lord, pray, and are not disobedient to the heavenly vision.

It is impossible to keep filled with the Spirit without having a burden for souls, without having a vision for the work of the Lord, especially the need that is set before us; because when those things are too deep for our finite minds, the Spirit searches out the deep things of God, the things that we are unable to grasp in ourselves. If we keep filled with the Spirit, when we try to pray and do not know what to say, the Spirit makes intercession within us with groanings which cannot be uttered. One time when I was pastor at a certain place, I knew no one to whom I could go except the Lord. I did not know how to pastor that place. In my study I would spend not only the days but the nights, many times until two, three, or four o'clock in the morning, in prayer. I would get on my knees and plead, "O Lord, You will have to help." My wife's mother came for a visit. One day I was praying and did not know what to say. The Spirit came upon me and I was just groaning. My wife's mother said to her, "I don't know how in the world you stand that; that would run me crazy." She said, "Mother, I should rather hear that than anything else in the world. I know when that is going on something is going to happen." It was only a little while until God broke down the powers of the enemy and gave us a revival that swept the city and today it is the best church in the State. Hallelujah, praise the Lord! It was simply because God worked in a wonderful way.

We are the salt of the earth, the savor of mankind, and God expects us to have power in our lives to offset and counteract the forces of the enemy. God will impart to us wonderful power if we keep filled with the Spirit. Paul realized this, and drew a chart, with the life of the natural man depicted on one side and the Spirit-filled life on the other. He said, "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." "There is something about being filled with the Spirit that is attractive. Some people say, "Oh, how they shout!" The shouts in a Pentecostal church are an outburst of the inward life, an outward expression of what people feel. And because there is an inward life that causes an outburst of praise, there is attraction, just as there was on the day of Pentecost when the people were attracted to the place where the disciples were. That is one reason it is so necessary to be filled with the Spirit.

"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." Before a cloud can give rain, it must have a source from which to draw. When in dry weather we see in the evening sunset a little vapor coming from every direction towards the sun, we hope for rain. We say, "The sun is drawing water, it is surely going to rain." But many times there is drouth because the clouds are not filled with rain. Many times our churches are clouds without water. People come to them hoping to

receive water for their thirsty souls. They come to receive a blessing, and they go away disappointed. And why? Because it did not rain from the clouds. "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." If we keep filled with the Spirit, we shall automatically empty out.

We are admonished to pay our tithes and expect the Lord to pour blessings upon us bountifully. He has as much reference to spiritual blessing as to temporal when He says, "Prove Me now herewith, . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." If we keep filled with the Spirit we shall have a life bubbling over with the presence and power of God.

"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth," not upon each other. It is easy for preachers to have a good time when they come together. It is easy for us to shout when everyone else is shouting. But clouds do not rain on clouds, clouds rain upon the earth, and they do it for a specific purpose—that life may be imparted to the earth. The Holy Spirit has been given to us in these last days that we might be soul winners for the Lord.

The only way I can retain the presence of God in my life is by a complete saturation of the power of the Spirit. "But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." We shall be quickened for the service of the Lord.

Now if we are to be filled with rain, we must have a source of supply. Thank God, there is an abundant supply in the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 4 we read that he said to the Samaritan woman: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." An outflow, hallelujah! not a pumping or drawing up.

We in Pentecost today have the same blessing that they had twenty-five years ago. When you went to hear them preach twenty-five years ago, the preacher was lucky if he got to preach a fifteen or twenty-minute message, and at the close they had a great time in the Lord. Souls would be convicted by the dozens and brought to the altar for old-time salvation. There were not nearly so many people to give praises unto God, but it took them longer to do it than it does with the great multitude we have today—simply because whenever they had settled down to where you thought there was going to be quietness, there would be another outburst of praise back in the building, and it would stir the entire congregation because they were Spirit-filled. I may be old-fashioned but I am glad I am. I like to see this evidence of life. For if the clouds are to be filled with rain they must have a

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source from which they can draw water, and there must be a bountiful supply before they can be filled with rain and empty themselves upon the earth.

Certain atmospheric conditions have to develop before it can rain. You can see dark heavy clouds and yet have no rain. It depends upon atmospheric conditions whether we get rain. I believe our spiritual downpours from heaven depend entirely upon the atmospheric surroundings in our churches and among our ministers. If the atmosphere in a man's life is what it ought to be, thank God there is a bubbling over of God's Spirit, because that man that is baptized with the Holy Ghost keeps that atmosphere in his life, keeps filled with the Spirit.

We pray, "Lord, fill me with the Spirit." Give us the right atmosphere and the Spirit automatically is poured in: there is no strain on our part to keep filled with the Spirit except to keep the atmosphere right. If the atmosphere is right in our life, we take of the Spirit freely, and give as we have received.

One day when I was just a boy I did not want to work in the field. I wanted to quit as I was tired. We needed rain, and I saw a little cloud, but I was afraid it would not rain. After awhile my father said, "There is much chance for rain in that little thunderhead above." After awhile we heard thunder in that little cloud. We kept looking, and gradually the cloud began to grow. At the beginning it did not look like much, but there was vapor in the atmosphere, for the sun had been doing its part. There was a moving of the elements, a coming together from the north and south and east and west, and the first thing you knew it became warm. Then it started to rain.

But something had to take place before the thing happened. Before the clouds can give rain, they must be broken and yielded clouds. In other words, their entire life must be yielded. The only thing that clouds do when they give rain is, they pour themselves out; they just empty themselves, until finally they are no more. It takes a yielded cloud to give such wonderful downpours.

In order for us to be the people of God that He wants us to be, we should be willing to sacrifice and yield ourselves unreservedly to the work of the Lord. Otherwise we withhold from the dry and barren earth—the sinners—the very thing that God has imparted to us to give to such people. I do not think people filled with the Spirit of God are to retain it for their own pleasure. They ought to be yielded clouds. We must be broken and yielded.

In John 7:38 Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his inmost being shall flow rivers of living water." If you truly believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, there can be a continual flow of the Spirit of God out of your life, to give life to others. Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He has sent the Holy Spirit into this world to live in and work through yielded vessels. When a man takes the responsibility of a pastor and is made overseer of a certain flock, the responsibility is not greater for the man who has 500 in his congregation than for the one who is entrusted with only 50. They both have the same responsibility,

that of seeing that they do not preach *themselves* to the flock but that they preach *Jesus Christ and Him crucified*. You will never preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the 50 until you get to the place where you recognize that you have as great a responsibility as the minister of a church of 500 members.

God wants men who when they go to their prayer room, begin to prepare something to give the people the next day. He wants them to recognize that if there be only one sheep that needs to be fed, they need to be just as faithful as if there were 5,000. Jesus died for the whole world, and He places such a tremendous value upon a soul that He says, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" So that pastor with 50 people has a tremendous responsibility. When he prays he must see to it that God so saturates his life with His Spirit, that he will not be speaking out of his own heart his own feelings, but pouring out the divine life that is within.

Oh, the necessity of being filled with the Spirit! "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." If the ministers keep filled with the Spirit, they empty themselves out to the world. They have a broken and yielded life.

Many ministers say, "Well, I don't see anything that I can do about this condition." When I was in the third grade at school, I read a story in *McGuffey's Reader*, I shall never forget. A farmer went out into the wheat field when everything was scorched with drouth. He looked up into the heavens and there were no rain clouds to be seen. After a while a very small cloud came. He said, "Oh, I wish it would rain!" I do not believe many people come to our churches but what they are coming because there is a hunger in their hearts. They are not coming in masses, out of curiosity, but they are seeking a place where their dry souls can be watered. They are needing God in their lives. Anyway, when this farmer spoke about wanting rain, the story goes on to tell that a certain little drop of rain said, "That farmer wants rain so much. Yet I would not amount to anything, I could not do anything by myself." It kept watching the face of that farmer, how he looked for rain. Presently the little drop of rain came down and hit the farmer on the nose. The farmer looked up so hopefully. He said, "I believe I felt a drop of rain." Then another drop of rain said, "I believe I will make him glad too." And it came down and hit the farmer on the cheek. And he looked up, and another little drop of rain came and hit him; and then another, and another, until before he got to the house he was literally drenched. All because one little drop of rain yielded and came down to encourage the heart of the farmer. When you are so broken and yielded before the Lord that God can use you, there is no one who can estimate the value of such a yielded life. "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth."

There is *responsibility* for every soul. A certain wounded soldier was dying. He had turned against Christianity because he had seen some things in the lives of professing Christians that did not satisfy him. But now he was dying. And the chaplain,

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whose business it is to minister to souls before they pass on into eternity said, "May I read something to you?" at the same time taking out his New Testament. The soldier said, "I don't want to hear anything that book has to say. I have seen the book in action. I don't want to hear it."

The chaplain did not know what to do. Here was a soul going out into eternity without God. He kept wondering what to do. Finally he said, "Could I bring you a cool drink of water?" And the soldier said, "Oh if you would, please." It was a drink he wanted above everything else. He was dying of gunshot wounds and he wanted water. The chaplain brought him water, gave him a bit to drink, poured the rest in his hand and bathed his brow.

After awhile the chaplain said again, "Could I bring you another cool drink?" And the boy said, "Oh, please!" He was getting so weak he could hardly talk. The chaplain ran to get more water. All the time he was praying in his heart. He sat down beside the dying soldier and spoke right out of his heart, saying: "Oh, Buddy, is there anything else I can do for you before you die?" And the soldier boy said, "Buddy, if you can find anything in that little book that caused you to do the thing for me that you did, please read it to me."

Brother, I believe the thing for us to do is to keep so filled with God that we may empty out rain upon dying souls.

### *"Filled with the Holy Ghost"*

What a sermon there is on a wick! Sit down beside it, and ask how it dares hope that it can supply light for hours and hours to come. "Will you not soon burn to an end, you wick of a lamp?" "No, I do not fear it, since the light does not burn me, though it burns on me. I only bear to it the oil which saturates my texture. I am but the ladder up which it climbs. It is not I, but the oil that is in me, that furnishes the light." If you wish to furnish light for the darkness of this world to see—BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST.

### *Prayer and Holiness*

Prayer and a holy life are one. They mutually act and react. Neither can survive alone. The absence of the one is the absence of the other. We are in danger of substituting churchly work and a ceaseless round of showy activities for prayer and holy living. A holy life does not live in the closet. If, by any chance, a prayer chamber should be established without a holy life, it would be a chamber without the presence of God in it.—*Purpose in Prayer.*

There are three things which cannot be recalled: a spent arrow, a spoken word, and a lost opportunity.—*Chinese Proverb.*

# The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh

When Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the people shouted, "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord." But the displeased Pharisees said to Christ, "Master, rebuke Thy disciples." He said to them, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." But we read later: "And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it, saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

Joy, pathos, tragedy, all intermingled! With the crowd and the disciples there was rejoicing over Christ and what He had done; but hidden away was a smoldering fire ready to break out into a flame of opposition. We see the rejoicing of the crowd and the weeping of the Saviour. He saw what they did not see. They saw Jerusalem the seat of prosperity, the center of the worship of God and of the whole of Judaism. There was One only who saw the terrible tragedy that awaited the city.

The overthrow of that city was so far removed from the thoughts of the Pharisees that Christ's prophecy of its destruction was never brought in evidence against Him in His trial. He tells even the details of how it was to be taken: "For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall lay thee even with the ground . . . and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another." He wept over Jerusalem, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!"

How often! What were these many times? When He sent His prophets. When they prophesied in His Spirit. Israel would not have them and Israel would not have Him. "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." The pleading Saviour withdrew. His witnesses were removed. They were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria through the great persecution, and as it got intenser, fewer were left for the destruction of the city.

The whole drama is being repeated on a bigger scale. The cross and statues of Jesus are being erected in our great cities and they are thought no more of than a weathervane. The martyrs of the past, the reformers, the leaders, their voice, their writings, their ashes, are all testifying against the worldliness, the apostasy, the indifference of the present day. Even the memories raised to these men in some places are being removed. Inartistic! crude! not in harmony with the age, is the excuse!

Christ alone saw the destruction that was coming, and few today realize the enormity, the extent, the terribleness of the impending woe and judgment.

"How often would I have gathered thy

children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not." They do not see the hawks; their eyes are so earthward that they do not see the enemy approaching. In the midst of war men are bolstering themselves up with visions of peace. Prizes are offered for peace remedies; and men are saying, "If this nation—the United States—would only take a firm hold of the affairs of the world, then we should have peace. Then we should say peace and safety!" And the Word says that when they say peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Jerusalem went on with its every day business, but Jerusalem had rejected its Messiah, crucified its Saviour, defied its God, and had imprisoned those who taught His resurrection. Its sin was not forgotten of God though they tried to forget it.

Christ today is largely rejected in pulpit and press, in the home and on the street, on the farm and in the bank, in the senate and in the club. But they say, "We are progressing from what our fathers were." Buildings do not always denote spirituality. Herod's temple was overthrown. Forty and six years in building, but it had to go down. God does not reverence bricks and mortar. The only holy place is where He Himself is. The bush in the backside of the desert was a holier place than Pharaoh's palace.

Christ wept over the impending judgment. There is an impending judgment coming and God's people should weep. There should be a weeping of God's priests at the altar, and a warning by voice and pen that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

Jerusalem proclaimed its loyalty to Caesar and its disloyalty to Jehovah and His Son. Caesar tested this loyalty, and they had Caesar and his rule with a vengeance. You worship mammon, and you will have the wages—which is death.

The warning of Christ fell on idle ears. It was fulfilled and accomplished to the letter. So the judgments foretold in the Word for the last days will be fulfilled to the letter, though the press ignores and many of the religious leaders scorn them as the religious leaders did the warnings of Christ.

## God's Reveille

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son a wad of bills. I have no idea where she got them. Sister Sisson was just as happy before they came as she was afterwards. There is a tremendous power in this early morning tryst with our heavenly Bridegroom. *Also a sweetness that is inexpressible.*

The manna, type of Christ the Living Bread who came down from heaven to die for the life of the world, had to be gathered in the early morning. "And they gathered it every morning . . . and when the sun waxed hot it melted." Ex. 16:21.

There it lay on the ground a small round thing, white, and sweet "like wafers made with honey." They had to stoop low to pick it up. But it lay at their feet and if they did not stoop low and pick it up they had to tread upon it!

God's "Reveille"—"Awake . . . and arise," (Eph. 5:14) is sounding in our ears today. I believe that if God's people will respond to the call as did Isaiah, we shall hear from heaven speedily.

## Victory Over Enemies

The story is told of a king who set forth on an expedition which he announced should witness the destruction of his enemies. As he drew near their territory, they sent a deputation offering to surrender to his clemency. He received them graciously, and freely pardoned and restored to favor all who had rebelled. This did not please some of his other subjects, and they reminded him of his threat to destroy his enemies. "I have indeed destroyed them," he affirmed, "in thus making them my friends." Nor is there any other way of permanent friendship.

## "What It Means to Pray Through"

We had such a great demand for the *Evangel* of January 4th, containing the article with the above title and the story of the prayer life of Sister A. J. Dabney, that our stock of papers is exhausted. We have, however, put this article in tract form and it can now be obtained from the *Gospel Publishing House*. Ask for tract No. 824. Price: 10c for 12 copies, 15c for 25 copies, 50c for one pound, and three pounds for \$1.25. One pastor writes that he wants everyone of his congregation to have this article.

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# Praying Robert Home

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"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:21.

Being anxious to win souls for the Master, I felt, after earnest prayer, that the Lord would have me go to a certain section in the city of Chicago, where I had never been. It was a section in which many poor people lived. Alighting from the street car, and not knowing which street to take, I stood for a few moments silently praying to God for divine guidance. Presently, I heard a voice clearly saying to me, "Turn to the right." I obeyed immediately. After walking slowly and prayerfully for about three blocks I heard again the voice of the Spirit saying, "Go in here."

I passed through a broken rickety gate, up to a dingy-looking, unpainted veranda. In answer to my knock on the partly open door, a young woman in unkempt garments appeared, and asked in a peevish voice, "What do you want?" I inquired if her mother were at home. She replied in a curt tone, "No she isn't!" Instinctively I felt that this was not true. Besides, I assuredly believed, that the Lord had led me to this house.

I said, pleadingly, "Please, dear, let me see your mother for just a moment or so."

"Oh, all right then!" she explained. Pointing to a door leading into the next room, she added, "Mother is in there. You may go right in."

With my Bible and a few tracts in my hand, I stepped quietly into the room, earnestly praying that the presence of the Lord would go with me. To my astonishment there sat a woman ringing her hands in a most despairing way, while tears flowed down her cheeks from eyes already swollen from much weeping.

Stepping quickly to her side, and putting my arm around her, I said gently, "Mother dear, what is the matter? Why are you weeping so?"

Without glancing at me, she cried aloud, "Oh, Robert! Robert! My boy! My poor boy!"

"Is your boy sick?" I anxiously inquired. "Oh, no he's lost! My boy is lost!"

When she was able to control her weeping somewhat, she explained that her only son of fourteen years, had suddenly disappeared from the widowed home, over two weeks before, and the police officers had just been to her home, to say that they felt it was hopeless to continue the search for her boy any further, as not a trace of him could be found. In concluding, she gave an agonizing scream.

Being unaccustomed to such grief, I too began to weep. Then presently I said, "Oh mother, let us pray."

"It's no use," she cried, "he's dead! I know he's dead!"

"Taking her gently by the hand, I pleadingly drew her to her knees, saying, "Dear little mother, you know God is sitting on His throne in heaven above us, and He sees

into every nook and corner of this world below. Yes, and He knows exactly where your boy is right now. What we must do is to ask God to send your boy home immediately. So now, dear mother, let us pray."

"I can't pray!" she cried piteously.

I said, "Oh, just tell God exactly what you told me. He will quickly hear and answer your prayer, and He will bring sweet peace and comfort to your broken heart."

"Then I read to her from God's precious Word, "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." Psalm 50:15. Afterwards I quoted from Isa. 65:24, "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." These beautiful passages of Scripture seemed to bring a ray of light to her troubled heart, for I saw a faint smile softly glimmering through her tears. Bless the Lord!

Then kneeling hand in hand, on the dusty uncarpeted floor, we poured out our burdened hearts to the Lord. Many times the distracted mother broke into agonizing cries, and spells of uncontrollable weeping as we pleaded before the throne of God for the return of her wandering boy! Praise God, the windows of heaven were opened that day to the cries of the broken-hearted widowed mother. For nearly three hours we knelt in prayer, not once realizing that the rays of the setting sun had already begun to fall around us.

Presently we came to the place where we could not pray any more. We did not know why, but we just could not pray another word. And besides such wonderful peace had suddenly taken possession of our hearts. It just seemed that a little bit of heaven had fallen into our midst, and that angels were actually hovering around us.

Not being able to pray any more, as we were rising from our knees, the mother gave a loud scream. Then running to the corner of the room, she fell upon her knees before a prostrated form that lay prone on the floor. To our unutterable surprise, there lay the mother's lost and wandering boy! He was lying face down, weeping and shaking with sobs which he was vainly trying to smother. God had sent him home in answer to his mother's agonizing prayers, and he had slipped noiselessly into the room without our having noticed him. Praise God!

With a cry of joy, the sobbing mother threw her loving arms around her precious boy's neck crying, "Oh, Robert my boy! My darling boy!" With tears streaming down his face, the boy threw his strong young arms around his mother, crying, brokenly, "Oh, dear mother, forgive me! I'll never, never leave you again, mother dear. Oh, forgive me!" Before the weeping lad had finished speaking, I quietly withdrew from the sacred scene, praising God, that He had given to me the blessed privilege of helping to pray Robert home.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised," for He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

## The Name "Saviour"

Willis R. Hotchkiss, a missionary to Africa, tells of his long, long search for the word, "Saviour," in the unwritten language of the tribe to which he had been sent. At last he chanced upon it in a story a headman was telling him about a man who was attacked by a lion, and of how he was saved. At once he used the word, applying it to Christ. "The blackman's face lighted up in the lurid blaze of the camp fire and he said, 'Master! I understand now! This is what you have been trying to tell us all these moons. Yesu died to save us from sin and from the hands of Satan.'"

I have dwelt four years practically alone in Africa, adds Mr. Hotchkiss. I have been thirty times stricken with the fever, three times attacked by lions and several times by rhinoceroses, a number of times ambushed by the natives, for fourteen months never saw a piece of bread, and have eaten everything from ants to rhinoceroses; but let me say to you, I would gladly go through the whole thing again if I could have the joy of again bringing the word "Saviour," and flashing it into the darkness that envelops another tribe in Central Africa.

## Ministers of God's Grace

The angels have no experience of pardoning and regenerating grace. They have never felt rebellion in their hearts; they have never known the mystery of reconciliation; never been plucked from the burning; never been lifted from the slough of sin; never felt the Spirit within, crying, "Abba, Father." How then shall they make known the way of salvation to men? How shall they be able to communicate eternal life to dead souls? But to us it is given to be ministers of the grace of God. A friend of mine once observed, "If God gave the command to angels to evangelize the world, heaven would be empty in five minutes." But alas! alas! the eyes of men are withholden from seeing the glory of so divine a commission.—A. Paget Wilkes.

## The Hallelujah Attitude

"We must make a business of rejoicing in the Lord. Let us spend some time daily in recounting His benefits and training the soul into the Hallelujah attitude. It is wonderful what praise can do. Rejoice always. I will be glad on principle, for He Himself is my joy, as He is my expectation, the Giver of faith, hope, love, all."

## ARE YOU TIRED OF THAT BURDEN?

Come unto me, all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



Mat. 11:28

# Coming Honors for the Church

Ernest S.  
Williams

## Her Birth Essential

God, who has given great promises of blessing for the future of Israel, has given "exceeding great and precious promises" to the Church. The blessing of these is based on faithfulness and stewardship. Not all will share the same for, "as one star differeth from another star in glory," so shall the resurrection of the dead be. There will be degrees of glory as surely as "there is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars."

There will be some who have professed the name of Christ, and have thought they had done much in His name, who will be entirely disappointed. These, we believe, must be persons who have joined themselves to the name of Christ, having never received the new birth, but who have depended on self-produced works, instead of on the work of the Holy Spirit. It is grievous to think of multitudes who think themselves Christians who have never been born again. "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matt. 7:22, 23. Such scriptures show plainly that character is more essential than anything else. All ought to know this when they stop to think that "for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins." 1 John 3:5, 8.

## Importance of Character

Christian character is shown forth in Christian love. "Love is the fulfilling of the law." "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." "Charity shall cover a multitude of sins." And, "though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." 1 Cor. 13:1-3.

How are we to know that we are "walking in love"? By what rule are we to determine the pureness of this quality in our lives? The esteemed John Wesley answered this in substance as follows: "Do you feel dispositions and tempers contrary to love? If not you may feel assured that you are following perfect love." I suggest a gauge something like this: If you feel provocation to temper, does love of holiness and self-control enable you to resist the impulse to temper? If tempted to impatience, are you able, as you look to God, to show forth patience rather than impatience? If temptation to indulge any of the works of the flesh presents itself, as it will, do you have grace to resist and live "in all good conscience before God"? Temptation, sin,

evil, and natural desires must all be met. But these need not have the mastery. As we see our calling to walk in love, which is manifest in the fruit of the Spirit, we need not fear. We may safely trust in the cleansing blood of Christ. Perfect love casteth out fear.

As those who look for the reward of righteousness we must purpose, first of all, to live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." The worth of character must rise above all other worth-while things. Remember the Lamb's wife made herself ready by applying in practical living the righteousness of Christ, clothing herself with the same.

## The Talents

First in preparation for the rewards awaiting the Church is "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Next is development of character in our daily lives. Then there is the need of faithful service. We will be rewarded, "every man according as his works shall be." The disciples said they had "left all" to follow Jesus. To them He said, "In the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." This indicates that faithful followers of Christ will be honored with places of high office over the earth when Jesus reigns as King of kings. In Matthew twenty-five we are told of the talents. To one was given five talents, to another two, and to another one; "to every man according to his several ability." In Luke nineteen we are told of the pounds. These two parables might appear to be the same, a little differently recorded by the two writers. Yet there seems a difference. In the talents there is a difference in giving. One is given five talents, another two, another one. They did not all receive an equal sum. Does this not refer to natural ability as well as to divine bestowments? We do not all possess the same ableness. Some have mental, temperamental, and other qualities for usefulness above what is possessed by others. These natural gifts God is expecting us to develop.

Yet what a need here of warning! Too many develop their natural abilities for self-advancement. God wishes them mortified as to being used for the advancement of self. He would have them given fully over

to the Holy Spirit for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Had Paul used his great abilities for self-promotion how different his life would have been. But he gave them all to Jesus. He disdained everything associated with him that could exalt the flesh, and counted it all but dung. He dedicated all that he had to God and used it to the full in service for God. Doing so made his life a "sweet savor of Christ," acceptable to God. To have done otherwise would have been to offer an unworthy service.

We do not know what talents we may possess until we begin to use them for God. What service some have rendered simply by writing letters of comfort and spiritual blessing! There was the crippled lad, confined to his bed in a poor tenement room. His window opened above the crowded street and he would write portions of Scripture and words of encouragement on slips of paper and drop them to the street below, trusting that they would be picked up and read. By this means he became a blessing to many. Seemingly his opportunities were limited, but he used to the full what he had.

Too many of us are hiding our talent in a napkin because we think we cannot do things as well as others. Some hide their talent because they do not wish to put forth the effort necessary for using it. How many wasted talents there are! Some who might have five talents well developed and productive are content to make use of only one. One might have a nice voice and be willing to use it for God, but never develop the latent talents of ability to do personal work with souls, to speak in public or otherwise develop a fuller ministry. Some ministers are content to preach moderately successful sermons, but do not develop what might become a rich writing ministry, or a ministry of personal soul winning. All that God has given us He would have us cultivate and use—kind words kindly spoken, a warm handshake, a cheerful disposition, a spirit of hopefulness and cheer.

## Cultivating Fruitfulness

How much more fruitful most of us could make our lives if we would take a little time to meditate on the possibilities within us, and the opportunities which lie all about us. We live long in one place. Then someone comes to our town and uses most simple means through which he accomplishes great ends. Then we think, "Why did not I see that and do it?" Remember Jesus says, "Occupy," trade, "till I come." A large place of business is not established without experience. Recently a restaurateur in our city opened a fine place on a promising corner. But before he had done that he had served for more than ten years in a much less inviting place building up trade, experience and good will. We cannot be expert at the start. The more we use what we have for God the more efficient we shall become.

## The Pounds

As to the pounds, to each of the servants there was given an equal amount. Each received one pound. This has been likened

A BETTER HERITAGE THAN THIS  
HOME IS YOURS!



to God's bestowment upon the receptive life. All equally may be born again. All may receive the Holy Ghost. But what a difference there often is in the use made of spiritual blessings. Spiritual gifts and bestowments may be increased as natural talents may be developed. The spiritual endowment and entrustment enjoyed by Paul the aged, was far greater than when he first began. As he cultivated prayer and waiting on God, he received richness of communion which otherwise would not have been known. As he looked to God to teach him in the things of God, he received revelations that otherwise he could not have received. As he put into service the power that had come to him through the Holy Ghost, he was finally used so that from his body were taken handkerchiefs and aprons, and evil spirits and sicknesses departed. God wishes perfect blending of our natural talents with the Spirit's bestowments. Such blending does not result immediately. It comes through sanctified trust and service. The apprentice who pumps the bellows in the blacksmith shop is not efficient in welding two pieces of iron together. But if he continues faithful, watching the work of the master mechanic, he will be given the privilege of trying his hand at welding, and, with experience, he too will become a master.

God is happy when He sees us giving our best for Him. He is disappointed when He sees us withholding or lightly valuing that which has been entrusted to us. Our rewards or losses will be determined by the kind of stewardship we have rendered. It is sad to think of him who hid his talent or him who failed to make use of his Lord's pound. And is it not strange that not one in the parable was censured for poor trading? The man who hid his Lord's money excused himself saying he was afraid because he knew the exacting character of his lord. But those who traded received only approbation. They perhaps made some mistakes, but out of their mistakes they learned valuable lessons by which they became better servants later on. As we learn of men who have forged ahead we often hear some who say, "I knew him years ago. There seemed then to be little to him." His talents had not then been uncovered and put to use. But since then he had been trading while they had sat "all the day idle."

#### *The Judgment and the Rewards*

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." It is at this judgment that rewards will be granted and losses determined. Nothing that seems like success now is of any worth unless it will stand the test at that day. "If any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble, every man's work shall be tried (made manifest) with fire, for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire."

Christ shall reign. The promise is given to the faithful that they shall reign also. "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even



as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." To those whose pound had gained ten pounds, Jesus said, "Have thou authority over ten cities." Likewise to him whose pound had gained five pounds He said, "Be thou over five cities." The saints shall judge the world. They are appointed to rule.

It is sometimes puzzling to know just where the sphere of this rule will be. Will the earth be the place of habitation of the saints during the age which is to come, or will they have their home in heaven during that time? Concerning this we shall understand better by and by. It seems clear that they will share with Christ in His reign over the earth. Being then glorified, they will not be limited as we are now. To the writer it seems probable that they, being spiritual rather than material beings at that time, will have their place of residence, in the heavenlies where Satan now holds his seat of power, and from which he will be cast out. Rev. 12:7-9. At the same time they will be with Christ in His administration of earthly affairs.

Some think that during the coming age, spoken of as the millennium, because it is promised "they shall live and reign with Christ a thousand years," the New Jerusalem will be situated somewhere above the earth and that from it the saints will go forth in their administration. The book of Revelation does not teach this however. The New Jerusalem is not revealed in the Book of Revelation until after the time of the final judgment, and is associated with the new heavens and the new earth. Suffice it for us at present to know that a glorious future lies before us. Israel will be the leading earthly people. Jerusalem will be the center of earthly worship and government. Above this earthly blessedness will be the Church, the bride, the Lamb's wife, the faithful who will "forever be with the Lord," reigning with Him. It is enough that we shall "enter into the joys of our Lord." May we develop Christian character, and may we so labor that we may be accepted of Him.

#### *Reading the Bible 160 Times*

*By W. H. Chisholm*

For some time I have been impressed with the divine prescription for a successful life as given in the First Psalm. There the promise of a successful life is given to anyone who will fulfill five simple conditions. Three of these are concerned with what one shall *not* do, and two of them with what he shall do.

The promise of prosperity in whatsoever

he doeth is made to anyone who (1) walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, (2) nor standeth in the way of sinners, (3) nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but who (1) delights in the law of the Lord, (2) and in his law doth meditate day and night.

We have an outstanding illustration of God's faithfulness in keeping this promise in one of our employees of Korea. He came to us from the poorest of the poor. His home was referred to as and reminded one somewhat of, a dog kennel. He lacked all cultural advantages. He had only a lower school education. He was ungainly in appearance, and was perhaps the most unpromising employee we had.

During the last twelve years that lad has been in our employ, and in that time he has read the entire Bible through 160 times. In addition, he has read the New Testament through 300 times, making a total of 460 times for the New Testament. He has read virtually nothing else, such as magazines or newspapers. Surely such a one would ordinarily be considered "impractical" and "visionary."

What has been the result? In everything he has put his hand to he has prospered. I insist that this young man be on hand because of the accuracy of his work. His honesty and integrity were exceptionally noted. Others had winked at certain "leaks," because of the unpopularity that might ensue should they report them. But this lad brought evidence exposing a prominent man as a thief. (We had been suspicious of him but could never find definite proof.)

I might add that this young man has become one of the most useful men, and occupies one of the most responsible positions we have. His whole facial expression has been transformed from a rather boorish, somewhat stupid and perhaps "not all there" expression to one of strength of character and power.

Certainly one who wishes success in his work would do well to follow rigidly the directions laid down in the First Psalm.

## Six Regional Sunday School Conferences

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Philadelphia, Pa. _____	February 13-14
Atlanta, Georgia _____	February 18-19
Pensacola, Florida _____	February 24-25
Houston, Texas _____	February 28-March 1
Dallas, Texas _____	March 4-5
Fort Smith, Arkansas _____	March 7-8

Pastors, Sunday School Officers and Teachers, YOU are urged to be in attendance both days in the Regional Conference nearest you. These regional conferences will be held instead of one Nation-wide Conference as of last year.

Of the original 8 Conferences, the above 6 remain. Two days and two evenings full of Sunday School sessions will be had at each Conference. The most capable workers on the field will be speakers at the Conferences. The Gospel Publishing House will be represented by Marquis L. Grable, Superintendent of the Sunday School Department.—GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Springfield, Missouri.

# The Regions Beyond

## Tanganyika Territory

### A New Field with Its Problems and Joys

J. W. Nilsen

On July 19 we left Gombari for our new field of labor in Tanganyika Territory. It was not easy to leave the Congo where we had made many warm friends among the natives, and where we had learned to love and appreciate our coworkers after working, praying and counseling with them for years. As the people gathered to say farewell there was hardly a dry eye among the natives and missionaries, and we found our own eyes becoming moist in spite of all we could do to put on a brave front. We found a great love in our hearts for this people, and it made us rejoice to see that they also had learned to love us.

#### On Our Way

The journey, made in a heavily loaded truck, proved tiresome. While the road was fairly good in places, the greater part of the trip was through mountainous country which made progress slow. We were delayed ten days waiting for a special permit to take the car out of Congo. After six weeks of travel covering more than nineteen hundred miles we surely were glad to reach our destination.

#### Welcome!

At Igali we received a very hearty welcome. Hundreds of natives came in to greet us, bringing gifts of chickens, eggs, goats, etc.

Two weeks after our arrival we had a district meeting when several hundred of the native Christians came to Igali. A large group from Nyasaland walked a distance of one hundred and twenty miles to attend the meeting. The power of God was wonderfully manifested in every service. At the communion service it was a glorious sight to see four hundred native Christians partaking of the Lord's supper.

During the two months we have been in Igali two baptismal services have been held, and altogether thirty-five candidates immersed. We have visited some of the outschools and chapels in the district. Next Sunday we expect to dedicate a new church in a very large village about seventy miles from this station.

#### Pray for Us!

We find this language very difficult to learn, and the people in many ways are quite different from the natives in Congo among whom we have been working. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may soon acquire the language and learn to know these people and their customs in order to reach them with the gospel. As this is a British colony some of the natives know a little English. Our head teacher who speaks and understands English fairly well is acting as our interpreter for Bible

studies twice a week with the native Christians.

Truly the harvest is great and the laborers are few. There is so much to be done before Jesus comes and so few of us to do it. Pray that God will be able to use us in leading these people deeper with Him and in reaching the thousands about us who still are in their sins.

#### NORTH INDIA MEN'S BIBLE SCHOOL

At Laheria Sarai the Men's Bible Training School is moving forward under the leadership of John Johnson. Another fine class graduated December 21—Spirit-filled young men, on fire to serve the Lord in the dark land of India. Let us remember these young men in prayer that, as they leave the sheltering walls of the Bible school and go out to face the difficulties of a Christian ministry in a heathen land, they may ever be kept true to the vision of service which they have received.

#### Annual Convention

Brother Johnson writes concerning the convention held at Laheria Sarai last fall, which proved to be a time of rich blessing from God: "During the convention, which lasted two weeks, the students left their rooms in the hostel, some crowding together in a spare room in the bungalow and others dwelling in tents. The hostel was occupied by guests of whom there were quite a few. Miss Mall, of Dehra Dun, was again with us and her simple, clear messages from the Word were signally blessed of God.

"At to the actual results in figures, we rejoice to say that sixteen were baptized in the

Holy Spirit, five were definitely converted and on the last Sunday five followed the Lord in the waters of baptism.

"As the prayer meetings were in progress in the little chapel, crowds of Hindus and Mohammedans passing by would stop to listen, while others entered the chapel out of curiosity, later to be convinced that the God of the Christians was among His people.

#### Seeking the Lord

"During the tarrying meetings some of the seekers had visions of the cross, the river of life, and of the Lord Jesus. Others cried out in the agony of unclean hearts; then suddenly as they realized that the cleansing stream of Calvary still flowed for sin, the joy of the Lord would flood their hearts. Again and again the Holy Spirit spoke through yielded vessels, 'The Lord Jesus Christ is coming—He is coming soon.' People who had no evident hunger in their hearts when they came to the services left with a definite desire to seek God's face until satisfied. Towards the close of the meetings some of the gifts of the Spirit were manifested and sick ones received healing.

"Before closing we wish to thank you in the Saviour's name for the offerings which you send so faithfully, and which enable us to carry on this Bible school work. Even though many of you are strangers to us yet we are one in spirit, working together for the same great Master."

#### A GLIMPSE INTO OUR WORK

##### Irene Dietrich, Transvaal, South Africa

It scarcely seems possible that a year has passed since we left America. Looking back over the months we truly can lift our Ebenezer and say, "Hitherto hath the Lord led." While the days are getting darker, how we praise God for the upward look and a hope that ever shineth brighter.

I am happy to be back in this part of the field working with Mrs. Scoble at Johannesburg where she has for many years held the fort alone. We work both in the great Orlando Location and among the colored people of Fordburg.

#### Among the Natives

Thursday is spent in Orlando Location where the morning is occupied in visitation work and distribution of tracts in six different languages. In the afternoon we have a women's meeting and it is precious to see God moving upon their hearts. Following this service there is a young people's meeting. The young people have so much to attract them away from God, and we long to reach them for the Lord. We ask you to join us in prayer that there may be a real stir among the young people.

A mile and a half bumpy ride to the station, a sixteen mile journey by train into the city, a trolley ride, and we are home again, tired but happy that we have been hard at work for the Master.

Sunday morning we have a Sunday School and regular morning service in this location. The average Sunday School attendance is seventy. One class of smaller children is taught in Zulu, another in Sesuto, while I give instruction to the older children in English.



#### IGALI STATION, TANGANYIKA

Above: Mr. and Mrs. Nilsen with group of Christians at Igali.

Center: Native Christian women with Mrs. Nilsen.

Below: Elders who gathered at Igali for district meeting.



While we visit and conduct services in this location, we cannot touch the fringe of the work. Will you pray with us that a native worker may be raised up to fill this urgent need?

#### Among the Colored Folk

Following the Sunday morning service in Orlando Location we walk the mile and a half to the station and once again board the train, this time going to Fordsburg for a Sunday School among the colored children. Someone has well said that "Heinz has his 57 varieties but Fordsburg its 58," for these people surely are a mixed group, but how happy we are to be working among them. There is also a Sunday evening service as well as a weekly women's meeting and young people's service. We have a faithful colored pastor who has labored for years at Fordsburg.

The conditions under which the colored people live are most appalling. In many cases a family of six or eight live crowded in a small room scarcely eight by ten feet. The work among them is hard, but it is for these our Saviour died too, and we long to win them to the Lord.

We have endeavored to give you a little glimpse into this work which is near and dear to our hearts, trusting that you as coworkers with us will catch a vision of the vast field here and that you will pray as never before for the work.

### *Liberia Girls' School Appeals for Blankets*

"At the present time there is a real need," writes Ada Gollan, "for blankets for the eighty children on our compound. As the girls bring us their blankets, worn out, it makes our hearts ache, since we have not the wherewithal to replace them. We know that it means for them much suffering with the cold during our rainy season."

Miss Gollan suggests to us a very suitable type of blanket which can be purchased for the reasonable price of \$1.12 a pair. It is our desire to send a good supply of these blankets to Liberia, and we feel that friends who have so often rallied to our help in times past will not fail in this need. Perhaps some of our missionary groups or young people's societies, as well as individual contributors, would like to take the responsibility for one or more pairs of blankets. If so, please send the money to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri—and be sure to designate it "Blankets for Liberia Girls' School." We shall be glad to secure the blankets and mail them to the field without delay.

#### Showers of Blessing

Miss Gollan reports the blessing of God on the school: "For some weeks there has been a great stirring of the Holy Spirit in our midst which has been precious. Two weeks ago as we gathered in our Sunday services the copious showers fell until it was impossible to minister the Word. The service lasted from 3 until 11 p. m., and 26 of our girls were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord, the rain is still falling, and the hunger for more of God is increasing."

#### A MISSIONARY'S THRILL

"After having been in Congo nine months," writes Gail Winters, "I think the thing that still impresses me most is the prayers of these people. Every time I see them in prayer I feel moved to tears with the sheer thrill, joy and wonder of it—to think that they were so recently bound in superstition and fear, and now. . . ."



#### GROWING SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN CUBA

The group on the left shows part of a Sunday school in Pipian where a native pastor, Brother Beltran, is ministering. The Sunday School pictured at the right, is one opened at Bauta several months ago by Amy Ausherman and her sister.

## *The Challenge of Cuba's Four Millions*

*Louie W. Stokes*

Cuba, "Pearl of the Antilles" and "Sugar Bowl of the World," offers us an open door, a whitened harvest field, religious liberty. It has a population of 4,100,000 people and in length would stretch from Chicago to New York—yet there are whole provinces without a single Pentecostal witness. What a challenge to us to work while it is day ere the night cometh when no man can work!

#### Language Progress

Four months ago we arrived here. Most of our time has been devoted to language study in which the Lord has helped us. After listening for weeks to others speaking of Christ in words which we could not always understand, it is certainly a joy to be able to stand up and witness for the Lord, even though our testimony be short. Gradually we learn to pray and think and read and speak the tongue of the people, and our ministry is thereby enlarged.

All the workers here are very grateful for the lovely farm which has been purchased for use as a Bible school. It is only a few miles from Habana, on the Central Highway. The

schedule is very similar to our schools in the States, with chapel and classes in the morning and work and study in the afternoon. Recently there was a Pentecostal outpouring among the students, when several received the Baptism in the Spirit. It is hoped that these young people will soon be preaching the gospel in various parts of the island. Pray for them!

#### Contrasts

It has been said that in Cuba one sees the Oriental, the Occidental and the Accidental. Down the highways speed modern American-made autos, and in the field near by a farmer plows with oxen as in Biblical times. Across the street from our house is a palatial home with Edenic gardens, while outside its high, protecting fence, poverty and hunger abound. Around the neck of many is to be found an image of Christ or the Virgin, while the heart knows nothing of His saving grace.

"When we hear the burdened sighing, Knowing that without Christ they're dying, We cannot but do our best— Reach all we can, and pray for the rest."

"Last evening a group gathered in my front room, forming a large semicircle with row upon row of boys and men to one side and girls to the other. After a few words of testimony and singing we opened the service for prayer, and how the presence of the Lord descended in our midst! As they sat upon the floor their uplifted faces shone with the glory of God. The dominant note always is, 'Nzambe na ngai—God of mine,' spoken in tones of deepest reverence, while sometimes (dare I speak of it, for it seems almost too sacred) we might hear in clear, certain tones, 'Jesus, dear Jesus!' Truly the Spirit of God has taught them real, deep worship. Every face is uplifted, except the non-Christians who remain with bowed heads.

"Finally we parted, feeling as refreshed as the parched earth after a reviving shower—for this is the rest and this is the refreshing.' Even long after the Christians had returned to their homes I could hear voices lifted in hymns of praise.

"Thank God, O thank God for allowing me to serve Him in Africa among these 'other sheep' dear to His own heart."

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK IN ALASKA

Lester Sumrall has been laboring for some weeks in evangelistic work in Alaska, where

already his ministry has proved a real blessing. From Wrangell, A. L. Calame writes: "As a result of Brother Sumrall's meetings our own people were greatly strengthened and encouraged to a closer walk with the Lord, and a fresh determination to realize a life of greater consecration. The meetings also did much to strengthen the work itself, and give it the place which it is due in the eyes of the townspeople. Brother Sumrall had opportunity to speak twice in the local high school and to address the Wrangell Institute, a government educational project for native students. At both places he was given a warm reception and we pray that the seed sown may bring forth fruit in the hearts of these young people."

From Wrangell, Brother Sumrall went to Ketchikan, where his ministry on the radio and in the services was blessed of the Lord. Brother Personeus tells of some opposition to the meetings, but the evangelist was given wisdom in handling the situation and the opposition really served to stir up more interest in the services.

Pray for Brother Sumrall as he continues special meetings in several other towns. Alaska has been called a hard field, but we know that God is able. Let us pray that there may be a real forward movement and a harvest of souls for the Lord in that north land.

*Send All Missionary Offerings to Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.*

# THE DYING WORLD AND THE LIVING WORD

## THE ASSEMBLIES IN FRANCE

According to *Redemption Tidings*, Brother C. Domoustchief of the Assemblies of God has written from Toulouse, France, reporting that "many French pastors are again with their flocks, enjoying blessing."

## HOME CALL OF DR. TRUMBULL

We learn with great regret of the sudden death of Charles Gallaudet Trumbull, the deeply spiritual editor of the Sunday School Times. As we have read his writings for many years, have met him personally and corresponded with him, we have always been struck by his Christ-like spirit and deep humility. The Church on earth will surely miss this spiritual stalwart.

## INDIANS NEED THE GOSPEL

According to *Time*, the American Indians are not a vanishing race. John Collier, Indian Commissioner, said recently that they are increasing in North America more rapidly than whites. In all this hemisphere there are thirty million Indians. In the U. S. A. alone there are 361,000 which is over 50% increase during the past forty years. In 1900 there were only 237,000. There never were more than about 900,000 in the U. S. A. These 361,000 constitute a great home missionary field for gospel workers of this country.

## THE NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET

The *Associated Press*, commenting on the cost of our national defense program, breaks down the budget of billions into figures we all can understand. The "total defense" budget calls for the expenditure of approximately \$554 per second throughout the new fiscal year—day and night, Sundays and holidays. To meet this outgo, approximately \$262 would be collected in taxes each second and an additional \$292 raised by borrowing. Thus about twenty per cent of our annual national income would be spent to "prepare war." See Joel 3:9. Are we arming for Armageddon? It may be.

## NEW SOVIET REPUBLICS

*The Godless Magazine*, organ of the Militant Godless Movement in Russia, reveals that anti-religious propaganda in the new Soviet republics of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, is not making the headway desired, and that there is opposition to the Militant Godless Movement even in the Communist Party itself. "In our endeavor to enlighten the people" (of the new republics), says the leader of the Movement, "we must use special tactics in insisting upon the harmful character of religion. . . . But since 22 years have not been enough to liquidate the church in Russia, we shall have many difficulties in extirpating the remains of religious prejudices in the Baltic countries."

## ANOTHER FALSE PROPHET

According to *Look Magazine*, the following predictions were made in 1939 by Norvell, Hollywood's favorite astrologer: "The spring of 1940 is the period of worst affliction in Hitler's chart, but in any event he cannot survive the year. . . . With the Maginot Line as an impregnable barrier, they (England and France) will invade German territory, weakening Germany and at last shattering her morale." But 1940 now is past. Hitler has survived, the Maginot Line has proved to be anything but "impregnable," and France has fallen. Norvell even predicted a Republican victory in the 1940 election—another wrong guess! It is hard to understand why so many will persist in looking to star gazers, spirit mediums, and similar sources for guidance, in view of the failure of their predictions. And yet they will, and in increasing numbers. It is a sign of the times. "In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits," the Bible says. 1 Tim. 4:1.

## EVERYMAN'S BOOK

The American Bible Society reports that out of the world's two billion population, nine tenths of them could read the Bible in their own language which they can understand. One of the latest translations, the Nwa Lisu New Testament which is used in Yunnan Province in China, is printed in Roman characters, with the words set from left to right and the entire book read from the front, which is a decidedly Western touch to the Far Eastern practice.

## THE GOSPEL IN LIBYA

As interest focuses upon the steady British advance into Libya, Christians might well ponder upon the effect that British capture of Libya will have on gospel work there. *World Dominion* states: "Libya is the name of Italian North Africa, and consists of the two provinces of Tripoli and Cyrenaica. The latter will always be remembered in connection with Simon of Cyrene, who carried the cross of our Lord. Cyrene, the capital of Cyrenaica, in the time of our Lord was a flourishing Jewish center." The Italians expelled the Turks from this territory in 1912 and have ruled ever since.

An Italian Protestant society called, "The North Africa Mission," maintained in the city of Tripoli, a medical and evangelistic work for half a century. However, this work was suppressed in 1937 and the doctor and his wife were expelled. Roman Catholicism is now supreme. There are forty churches which minister to some 53,000 Italian Catholics in Libya, but we do not know of any Protestant missionaries being permitted to work. If Libya should fall to the British forces Protestant missionaries undoubtedly would be able to work freely among the hundreds of thousands of Arabs in that land. The apostle wrote: "Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." 2 Thess. 3:1. Let us pray it may be so in Libya and in other lands where missionary work now is barred.

## DIVINE PROTECTION

A Pentecostal soldier of London, England, tells in *Elim Evangel* how the Lord miraculously kept him from death. He says: "I caught the 9.50 p. m. train from Paddington to Taunton. All the journey down I felt very perturbed and uncomfortable, and as I was dozing during the journey in my mind's eye I could see the front wheels and rails of the express. I told my sailor friend in the same car about it, and he told me to go to sleep. But God definitely guided me to alight at the stop before my intended one, and so I did. I felt very relieved to get out and away from that train. As I set out to walk to the barracks, I heard a terrible smash. It was a rail accident a few yards from Taunton station. It was a horrible sight; twenty-seven people were killed and over fifty injured. It was the train on which I had been traveling, and the car I had been in was wrecked completely. My sailor friend was killed. How I thanked God He had blessed me to that marvelous extent. Had He not warned me, it was my intention to go on to Taunton station, but I got out and was thus saved from death."

Another remarkable testimony is given by a Pentecostal sister in the British Ambulance Service. She writes: "During my duty hours I have had many narrow escapes. The latest instance was when I was out one particularly bad night. We had a case of severe hemorrhage in the ambulance, and having rushed to the hospital and seen the child admitted, I had a great urge to hurry away. It was so strong that I persuaded the driver to leave at once. I know now that that impulse was from the Lord, for within two or three minutes after leaving the entrance of the hospital a bomb was dropped on the very spot where our ambulance had been standing."

## LAUGHING AT DEATH

A funeral which was given wide publicity was held recently in Ohio. A retired showman in his eighties had passed away leaving instructions as to the conduct of his funeral service. He wanted no tears, no solemnity, no whispering. People were urged to walk about, talk, and have a good time. An orchestra played "The Devil's Dream," "The Music Goes Round and Round," and such pieces. The minister said that the deceased had gone up to "God's Big Top." It was a merry service as the showman had requested, but what brazenness to laugh in the very face of death! Perhaps the attitude of this showman may be compared with the rich man to whom Jesus referred in Luke 16. Probably that rich man lifted up his chest in haughty pride when faced with the thought of death. But after dying it was different. He found himself in the torments of hell. Jesus said that in hell he lifted up his eyes. It was a late hour to lift his eyes heavenward and begin to pray. It was too late. If he could have sent a message back to his five brothers who still lived on earth he would have warned them not to laugh at death, but to prepare for eternity by accepting Christ while they had the opportunity.

## COLLEGES AND CHRISTIANITY

States *World Religious News*: "Harvard was founded in 1636 to save the churches from an illiterate ministry. William and Mary was founded in 1639 for the same purpose. Yale in 1701 declared its aim was to prepare young men 'for public employment both in church and civil state.' Columbia was established in 1753 with the chief objective 'to teach and to engage children to know God in Jesus Christ.' Dartmouth was to impart Christian knowledge to 'savages.' Of the first 119 colleges founded east of the Mississippi River, 104 were Christian, and all of them were primarily for religious purposes."

But most of these colleges have drifted far from the course that was set for them. Instead of molding Christian character and building faith in the Bible in the hearts and minds of the students, they have the very opposite effect. In a desire to bring the situation before the minds of American parents, a number of leading Christian educators met in Chicago during Christmas time and drew up the following statement, signed by the presidents of Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute, Bob Jones College, Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training School, Nyack Missionary Training Institute, Houghton College, and Toccoa Falls Institute:

"Whereas, modern education manifests trends toward Atheism, Communism, Fascism, and Materialism, and in many directions seems to have set itself for the destruction of the very foundations upon which civilization so far has found security, and

"Whereas, some educational institutions which were originally brought into existence by the churches have now become the foes of the churches, through their attacks on the Bible and the faith of the churches, and

"Whereas, multitudes of young people have been sent from Christian homes to these educational institutions, only to be returned with broken faith, a cynical sneer, and at times wrecked morals,

"Be it Resolved, that we express our amazement at the sight of Americans who believe in the things for which America has stood through the years, giving their children and their money to educational institutions which, intentionally or not, are at work undermining the very foundations on which our economic and moral structure rests, and

"Be it Resolved, that we call the attention of educators to the need of a personal return to the Word of God, with an open mind and humility of heart.

"Be it Further Resolved, that we call on the people of America, in these dangerous days, to rally to the educational institutions which are teaching the things consistent with the revealed will and Word of God."

The leaders of the Bible schools within the Assemblies of God say "Amen" to such a statement.

# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## Naaman, the Leper

Lesson for February 23. Lesson Text: 2 Kings 5:1-19.

A PITIFUL FLIGHT. 2 Kings 5:1.

Naaman the Syrian was a great man. He was commander in chief of the army. He was admired and revered by both king and people, for Naaman's heroic military achievements had saved his country from downfall. Yes, Naaman was truly a great man. BUT!—with all his honors and fine qualities, Naaman was no better than a dead man, for Naaman was a leper! What lessons are suggested in those five words!

1. *Riches, position, and power do not make men immune to trouble.* God is no respecter of persons. Naaman in all his splendor was no better off than thousands of beggars in Syria who suffered as he did. And every Naaman, today, has his cross. The rich man cannot sleep for worrying about his money. His health may be so poor that for all his wealth he cannot enjoy a good meal. His children die. His loved ones suffer. There is always a "but" in his life which takes the joy out of what he possesses. Happy is the man, however poor he may be, who can go to God when in trouble!

2. *Sin is like leprosy.* Says Alexander Whyte, "It is the most mysterious, stroke-like, malignant, loathsome, and mockingly incurable of all our ills. Sin is like Naaman's leprosy in this also, that a man may be great with men, and honorable, and a mighty deliverer—but all the time he is a sinner. And all a sinner's life, and all his greatness, and all his honor, and all his praise are but rich ornaments dressing a dead body, or the sprinkling of sweet smells in a sepulchre."

A POSITIVE PROCLAMATION. 2 Kings 5:2-4.

"Would God my Lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." So spoke a little Jewish maid who had been taken captive and was serving in Naaman's house. She was not afraid to declare her faith in the midst of a hostile environment. It was nothing to her that Naaman's disease was incurable and he himself outside of God's covenant. What an example of loyal witness and unshakable faith she presents.

A lighthouse keeper went ashore one day and was seized and held as a prisoner by a band of wicked men. They thought they would prevent the lighting of the light, and that ships would be dashed upon the rocks, enabling them to get the spoils. But they forgot the little daughter of the lighthouse keeper. When the time came, she climbed the stairs alone and lit the light. The Lord delights in fulfilling His will by using feeble instruments. A child's hand can move the lever which launches a mighty ship. Just so, a few words of testimony may bring inestimable blessing to others and glory to God.

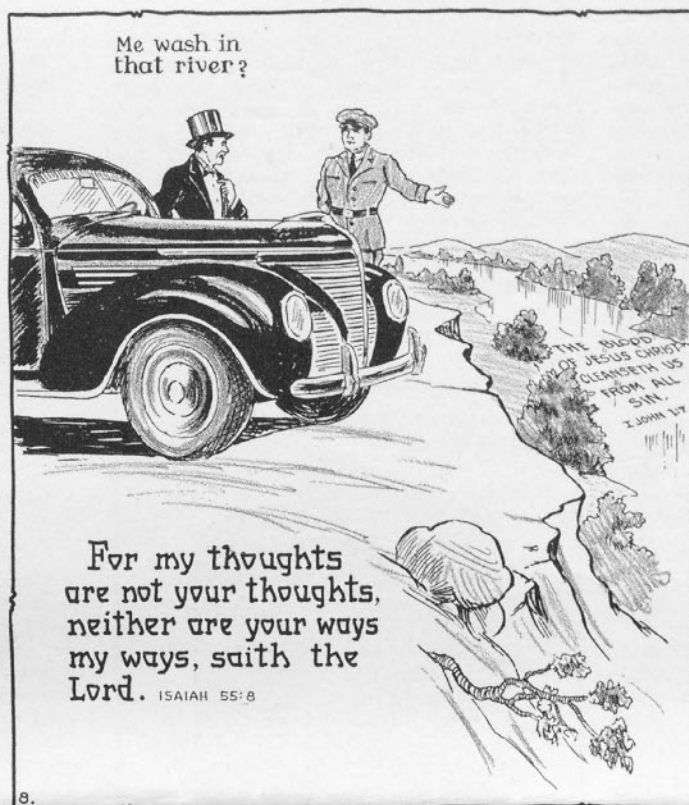
A PERILOUS PREDICAMENT. 2 Kings 5:5-7.

The King of Syria was so impressed by the captive maid's testimony that he sent a letter to Israel's king asking him to arrange for Naaman's healing. Notice the distress of Israel's king. He felt he was being asked to do an impossible thing, and that the King of Syria was only seeking an excuse for invading his land. Natural power and authority is helpless in the face of spiritual needs. Zech. 4:6.

A PROPHET'S PRESCRIPTION. 2 Kings 5:8-10.

Elisha, hearing of the king's dismay and wishing to prove the power of God, said concerning Naaman, "Let him now come to me." If Naaman really wanted healing, it was his obligation to take the initiative and not for Elisha to force his services on Naaman. In like manner, if we would obtain things from God, we must take the initiative and come to God asking definitely, wholeheartedly, and determinedly, and not suppose that God will force His blessings upon the indifferent and passive. Compare Mark 10:51; Luke 18:41; John 5:6; James 5:14.

"So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot. . . . And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." What a simple prescription, so simple in fact that Naaman stumbled over it! How like Naaman we all are inclined to be!



Beloved, salvation, healing, the Baptism in the Spirit and all the blessings of God may be had very simply! Let us be simple enough to take our Lord at His word.

A PETITIONER'S PRIDE. 2 Kings 5:11-12.

"But Naaman was wroth and went away." Why was Naaman angry? The divinely appointed method would be humiliating. Pride, more than leprosy, was Naaman's real trouble! To think of dipping in the muddy old Jordan when Abana and Pharpar were so much better! What would his friends think if he, the chief of the Syrian army, were to do such a ridiculous thing as to duck seven times in a dirty river! Why, he would be the laughing stock of the crowd!

It was no insignificant thing that God was trying to get at in Naaman's heart. Pride—the root of all sin! The thing that crucified Christ! The Satanic characteristic which causes rebellion in the heart of man today! How God hates it. How thankful we should be when He uses methods and means to rid us of it, lest it ruin our lives.

"I thought," said Naaman. And here he betrayed himself. He had his own ideas about how God ought to deal with him. If he had relied on them, he would have perished. We, too, may

lose great blessings and even our souls by holding to preconceived ideas of God's workings. The plan of God is not cut to our pattern. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. Isa. 55:8." We do well to let God run His universe and prescribe for us in His own way. God does not promise to grant His blessings to the proud, but abundantly provides for the humble. James 5:6.

A PRECIOUS PRIZE. 2 Kings 5:13-15.

"If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it?" Naaman's servants showed him the folly of his pride and anger. The foolishness and inconsistency of our own attitudes, to which we are so often blind, is often very evident to others.

The reasoning of his servants was unanswerable. Naaman's desire for health overcame his desire to preserve his self-life. He dipped seven times in the Jordan and was perfectly healed!

How often we today have similar experiences. There is a desire for a closer walk with God, but also the desire to keep up appearances, to save self from the humiliation involved in admitting one's need, and seeking the Lord persistently and earnestly. An inward struggle ensues. Those who are willing to humble themselves as Naaman did receive whatever they need. Those who spare themselves go on in their spiritual poverty.

A PRAISEFUL POTENTATE. 2 Kings 5:15-19.

Naaman had come to the place where he was willing to "hate" his self-life (see John 12:25) and submit to the humbling process, and he received not only the healing of his body but the healing of his soul as well. He became a follower of God and out of gratitude wished to give Elisha a large love offering.

Many condemn Naaman for his pride but forget his ultimate humility. But he will rise up in the judgment and condemn many who, knowing their spiritual need, were not willing to humble themselves before the God who would have healed their hearts and bodies, filled them with His fullness, and made them a blessing to the world.—J. Bashford Bishop.

### PEACE WITHOUT JEWS?

New measures were taken in August against the Jews in Germany. According to *Time*, no Jew is allowed to use a telephone except in the cases of doctors, nurses, and hospitals. Jews were ordered to remove red crosses painted on their hospital roofs as protection from bombing. Jews were forbidden to enter stores and markets except during one hour each day. The Nazis would like to do away with all Jews. *Das Schwarze Korps*, the Gestapo mouthpiece, proclaimed that Hitler's gift to Europe will be a "Jewless peace." But there will be no abiding peace until a Jew named Jesus, the Son of God, reigns over the world. There can be no "Jewless peace."

### RETURNING GOOD FOR EVIL

"By the peace treaty with Russia, the important fortified port of Hango had to be handed over to the Russians," reports *World Dominion*. "With heavy hearts the Finns evacuated the town. The Bible Society agent, however, had an inspired thought. Shortly before the Russians entered he got together a party of Christian friends who went through the deserted town placing Russian Scripture portions in the empty rooms of the houses, hospitals, and other buildings. So when the Russian troops entered shortly afterwards they found the Word of God awaiting them. Thus did the Finns heap coals of fire on the heads of their enemies."

# THE LORD'S HEALING

## MY HEALING BY THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

In 1928 at Selma, Calif., I had a doctor's examination which showed that I had Bright's disease and diabetes. I suffered many attacks of nerves and kidney trouble but continued with my ministry until 1934. May 11, I was critically ill. Dr. Chas. E. Robinson, a Christian physician, who was called to our home immediately, diagnosed my case as a serious one. I had been in bed at home three and a half weeks when I was taken to the hospital for laboratory test and observation.

While I was at home several ministers, including J. Narver Gortner, of Glad Tidings Institute of San Francisco, and many friends, stood by my bed in intercession. After being examined by twenty-two doctors and nurses and having prayer offered for me by hundreds of God's people, I lay in a coma for five days perfectly conscious of all my relations with God. I saw myself as it were, in an undertaking parlor and I called on the name of the Lord. I quoted this from the 90th Psalm, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten and if by reason of strength—fourscore years." Then I prayed, "In the face of sickness, death, and the devil, I claim your promise NOW."

It appeared as though I turned in bed and from that hour I recovered, Hallelujah, as I had testified to all the doctors that I would. I had been healed often before, once of a broken bone. My voice was gone. I was covered with bed sores, and weighed a little over a hundred pounds. When the doctors saw that I would recover they said it would be six months or a year before I could preach. After coming out of the hospital, I gained a pound a day for 35 days and returned to the pulpit in four weeks.

On February 2, 1940, I was examined by E. E. Getslaff, M.D., Salem, Oregon. He found I had normal good health; no albumin, no sugar, normal action. My heart, lungs, stomach and blood count all normal.—Mark 11:22, 23.—Evangelist F. E. Robertson, Box 398, Saint Helena, California.

## FLOWERS

When Myer Pearlman received the following letter his comment was: "Say not that editorial life is one brickbat after another! Here is a bouquet for the Lesson Committees!"

Houston, Texas

Greetings in Jesus' name! We the pupils, teachers, and officers of the Little Log Church Sunday School want to thank you for the wonderful series of lessons of the past quarter. They were so beautifully connected and selected that we feel we have derived more light and help than we have ever before had on the book of Acts. We pray that the dear Lord will speak through you this new year as never before, in giving more light and helpful thoughts to hungry hearts before Jesus comes. In Jesus' name. The Little Log Church, M. E. Stubblefield, Pastor.

(There followed the signatures of Superintendent, Secretary and teachers of this Sunday School.)

## HERE IS ANOTHER LETTER

The writer wishes to take this opportunity to express her appreciation of the improvement in the Sunday School quarterlies since Springfield has left off following the International Sunday School outline.

My sister, Mrs. E. J. Rook, who has the ladies' class, and I, who teach the young people at the Church of the Fourfold Gospel, have been especially impressed with the interest created in our classes by the deeper and more complete teaching presented by the teachers or writers of the various subject matters. The background of the lesson which is so ably covered and simply presented is a marvelous help to us as teachers,

and we wish to sound a note of thanksgiving for such a writer as Alice Luce, whom we know only through her writings. Also the originality of her presentation is a constant source of joy and appreciation of what God can do with a yielded vessel.

We appreciate also the other writers and wish to thank God that He has privileged us to have these excellent students of His Word as our instructors.—Emma E. Hollenbeck, 37 Stayman St., Battle Creek, Mich.

We believe we are responsible before God to bring the whole Word of God to our Sunday Schools, and this we are seeking to do both through our three years' Primary Course, and in our Seven Years' Course for all grades from the Juniors upwards. We thank God for the splendid support we are receiving from all in our fellowship as we seek to follow this purpose.

## "DEATH" TO THE CHRISTIAN

"Death" to the Christian is not the end of life, but the beginning of a fuller life. At three o'clock one morning, Dr. A. T. Pierson received a telegram asking him to preach the sermon at the funeral of Dr. A. J. Gordon. Unable to sleep, he spent the rest of the night searching his Greek Testament for what is said about death. He made an important discovery. According to the *Baptist Courier*: He confessed before the great throng of Boston notables, and others who had gathered for the occasion, that he was surprised to find that after the Resurrection, the apostles never used the word "death" to express the close of a Christian's earthly life, but referred to the passing of a Christian as "At home in the Lord," "To depart and be with Christ," "To sleep in Jesus," "Fallen asleep," "Loose the moorings," and "Forever with the Lord."

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# SEED THOUGHTS

ALICE E. LUCE

What will be the outcome of the present war? This is the question which is disquieting men's minds all over the world.

When you study the attitudes, the strength, the weakness, the political entanglements, and the past records of the various nations, the whole matter becomes so complicated that you can only confess, "Nobody knows."

But for the Christian all is different. Thank God, we do know. All is told us in His Word, and we know there is no uncertainty about its fulfillment.

Point out Psa. 33:10, 11 (R. V.) to your unbelieving neighbor: "Jehovah bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought; He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect. The counsel of Jehovah standeth fast for ever, the thoughts of His heart to all generations."

Now the main duty for us is to find out what are those "thoughts of His heart" which are most surely going to be carried out in all parts of this world.

In order that we may do so He has given us "the Word of prophecy made more sure, whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place." 2 Peter 1:19.

We have surely come to that "dark place" in the world's history; let us see to it that we do not neglect to use the lamp.

These should be days of Bible study such as has never been before in the history of the Christian church. Begin by studying your own Bible from cover to cover.

Then urge every young man or woman you meet to do the same. Tell them with no uncertain sound that the solution of all their problems can be found in God's Word.

Next pray for all Sunday Schools and Bible Institutes, that our youth may not wander aimlessly through life, but may be led to the study of the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make them wise unto salvation.

## SAFE METHODS OF BUSINESS

Someone has said, "It is as important to use business principles in Christian work as it is to use Christian principles in business." Recently we received word from Mrs. Pickett of Fort Worth, Texas; she uses business methods in Christian work. Some time ago she assumed the responsibilities of *Evangel* secretary for her church. The one acting in that capacity before her became discouraged because he found that the deposits in the *Evangel* box was insufficient to pay for the *Evangels* each quarter, so he gave up the task and his mantle fell on Sister Pickett. As soon as she took up her duties, she called upon the more prosperous members of the assembly and asked them if they would be willing to pay as much as ten cents per week when they secured their *Evangels*. Many consented to do this. As a result, Sister Pickett found that the *Evangel* receipts far surpassed the amount necessary to pay for them; thus, she had extra money with which to buy gospel tracts to be supplied to personal workers. Hearing of this use of the extra money she states that one brother gave her two dollars to be used in the purchase of tracts. So they now have paper racks and tract boxes in bus stations, and her *Evangel* list has increased from 30 a month to 40 a month. She gives this testimony of her experience, thinking it may be of encouragement to other *Evangel* secretaries.

Sin is an awful thing, and one of the most awful things about it is the way it hinders prayer. . . . Any one who would have power in prayer must be merciless in dealing with his own sins.—Dr. R. A. Torrey.

Love never asks how much must I do, but how much may I do?

# A Child in the Midst

The Superintendent's Guide offers the above topic, by A. Adele Flower, for consideration in the opening service of the Sunday School, February 23.

"Where shall I get a teacher for our Primaries?" asked a troubled superintendent of a year-old Sunday School one day. It had been a good year. From nothing their Sunday School had grown to almost a hundred. But many of their helpers were so new and inexperienced themselves in the ways of God, that it was an exceedingly difficult thing to find teachers who were really capable of teaching efficiently.



"What about Miss Aldred?" asked the pastor hopefully.

"Oh, I couldn't think of wasting her on the Primaries," objected the superintendent. "She's far too valuable!"

"But Brother Rucker," the pastor protested, "there isn't a more important place in the whole Sunday School."

Surprised, the young superintendent turned to his pastor. "What do you mean?" he asked. "They're so young that they don't really know what it is all about?"

"That's exactly it!" the minister of God said emphatically. "Each life is a little bud—opening for the very first time to the sunshine of God's love—to the west wind of His grace—to the rain of His goodness. Can we afford to let that very first impression of God be given to them by someone who is inexperienced—both in the ways of God, and also in understanding little children? That first impression may influence their whole future life. What are you doing with your Beginners?"

Brother Rucker looked embarrassed. "We have them out in the vestibule where they won't bother the others. A young girl is keeping them entertained during Sunday School. But—"

The man of God nodded his head. "You're right. We aren't doing enough for them. The vestibule is all right, since there is no other place to take them. No—you can take them to the front room of my own home. It isn't far down the street, and there they can sing and worship and work without being bothered or bothering anybody else. But I think they need a better teacher—and more than entertainment. They too are 'opening buds.'"

"I've been thinking," the young superintendent said after a minute, "that perhaps we could do the same thing with our Primaries. Mrs. Sims doesn't live far from the church either, and I'm sure she'd be glad to let us use her front room. Maybe she would teach them too. She isn't as well-educated as some of the others. But she

loves God. And she loves and understands the children. They love her too."

And that is how it came about that that Sunday School became a departmentalized one. In the privacy of the two homes, the children could sing songs and choruses that they understood. They could move around in other activities to rest their squirming little bodies without disturbing a whole Sunday School. Then they were ready to sit still and listen to a story that was told by a teacher who understood them well enough to give them just the truths they needed from God's Word.

Have you considered it impossible to departmentalize your Sunday School because your building was too small? What about trying this suggestion? If none of your people live near the church, perhaps someone who lives nearby would be glad to let you use their living room or kitchen for an hour on Sunday morning—even though they do not belong to your church. Or someone might even rent you a room. The fact that there is no piano available is not important. Use a guitar or an accordion. Or—just sing. It is far better to let the children sing songs that fit their realm of experience without any accompaniment than to have them sing grown-up songs that are beyond their experience.

If your Sunday School is in the country, away from other houses, you might even be able to take your class outdoors when the winter is over. You could do it reverently. And there is no greater textbook for teaching Primaries and Beginners about God than the great one of nature.

There are times, of course, when it is absolutely impossible to do any of these things. If this is true, ask for the corner of the church that is the very farthest away from other classes. You cannot carry on your own individual worship service there. But perhaps your superintendent would be glad to use a song during the general worship period, that is especially fitted to the Primaries and Beginners. The older people won't mind. You'll probably find that they will enjoy it.

A bud—opening for the first time to the sunshine. A child—catching his first glimpses of God. How important are these first impressions! And how prayerfully we should approach this great task of presenting Him to the very best of our ability—in a way that they will understand!

If further interested in children's work, write for our free folder, "Our Beginner-Primary Children."

## MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Igali, Tanganyika, East Africa—Pray that we may learn this language quickly and that we may be able to get the consent of a paramount chief to open several chapels on his land.—J. W. Nilsen.

Tientsin, China—Please pray for us and for the work.—Fred E. Baltau.

Moghal Sarai, India—Please continue to pray for our services and for support for our workers. Also pray for the salvation of a Hindu who says he has been saved from death through the prayers of our workers.—Anna Helmbrecht.

Leon, Nicaragua—Pray that nothing will happen to stop our new work at Somoto, and pray for the ones who are so interested in the gospel message.—Ray Jones.

Lapa, Brazil—We have six street meetings and one cottage meeting a week. Please pray for these services that we may have more power and that many souls will be saved.—F. J. Stalter.

Ribeirao Preto, Brazil—Please pray for some who are interested and have frequented our meetings but have not fully given themselves to the Lord. Also pray that the Lord will help us to enter into the many towns near here.—Theodore Stohr.

Sobral, Ceara, Brazil—A lady in Sobral desires those in the States to pray for her lost family. One of her sons is under conviction but will not yield to the Lord.—O. S. Boyer.

Sao Carlos, Brazil—Please help us pray that God will send a real Holy Ghost revival to this city as well as to Araraquara.—Lillian Flessing.

Lima, Peru—Please pray for our services here, and also that God will help us to open new halls. Our Bible school students need prayer very much.—Herbert Felton.

## OUR HOME

"A Little Sanctuary" art Thou to me,  
O Jesus, best Belov'd! I live with Thee;  
My heart has found its everlasting Home,  
Its sure abiding place, where'er I roam.

—E. May Grimes

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# REPORTS FROM THE REAPERS

VIRGINIA, ILL.—A 3-weeks campaign was conducted here by Evangelist Jack Gibbs of Havana, Ill. The Lord made his ministry a real blessing to the church. Twenty-four came to the altar for salvation and two were filled with the Spirit. The Sunday School hit the 100 mark in attendance. The spiritual tide among the saints is high.—Harold George, Pastor.

KENOSHA, WIS.—We are very grateful to the Lord for His gracious blessings especially in a recent 3-weeks revival conducted by Evangelist Virgil R. Jackson of Mt. Vernon, Mo. Brother Jackson ministered under a heavy anointing which stirred and revived the assembly greatly. Both afternoon and evening services were well attended, and souls sought the Lord.

The revival fire is still burning in our midst and souls are continuing to seek God.—R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—Evangelist Joseph Giusti began a campaign at the Italian Christian Church on January 6 which lasted two weeks. During this time 4 received the Holy Ghost Baptism according to Acts 24. We also thank God for His healing power. One man was completely healed of a diseased leg, after the doctors had given him up. The saints were refilled, and sinners also responded to the call of the Lord. We praise God for the old-time religion and for His saving grace. January 19 we had a baptismal service and the Lord's Supper which proved a wonderful blessing to all.—F. A. Maruso, Pastor.

MARTIN, TENN.—It is with joy in our hearts that we report the wonderful way in which the Lord is blessing through the Evangels and tracts that have come to us from different parts of the United States. The people are eagerly reading them. Some have begun to pay tithes which we feel is a result of reading the tracts on tithing that have come to us. The W. P. A. workers are reading the tracts, and a spirit of interest is growing in their midst until they are coming to the parsonage and calling for more tracts. Big stout men who have never been seen to cry, shed tears when they hear these tracts read. We are giving the Evangels out from door to door and praying that God's Holy Spirit will go with them into the homes. Pray for us in this needy field.—Pastor and Mrs. A. E. Baker, 320 Poplar St.

HAGERMAN, N. MEX.—We have just closed one of the most successful revivals this church has experienced in several

years, with Eddie Strickland, Evangelist, and her husband, Clarence Strickland, Song Leader. Both of them did special singing. Sister Strickland preaches under the anointing of the Holy Ghost with such a spirit of love that it melts hearts. Seventeen were saved or reclaimed. Eleven of these were men, three of whom received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues as the Spirit of God gave utterance. Another man was refilled with the Spirit. There were some middle-aged men saved who were new to the church. We are thankful for this band of people, especially for the men. We organized a Men's Bible class with 17 present. There were 27 men present at the 11:00 o'clock service. We have a membership of 46, and 15 of this number are grown men. Our average Sunday School attendance is approximately 75 but the last Sunday of this revival there were 117 present. Due to the fact that our Sunday School attendance has grown, we are building two new class rooms. Our pastor is G. W. Pitts.—Bill Still, Secretary.

**TALOGA, OKLA.**—We have just closed a revival conducted by Harvey Mitchell, of Tulsa. Twenty-two people were saved, and 23 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We had a watch-night service and J. S. Murrell, Sectional Presbyter, set the church in order with 34 charter members. He also dedicated the church. Brother Mitchell came back to be with us that night, and many more were seeking God at the altar at the beginning of the new year. Our Sunday School is steadily growing.—E. Saxelid, Pastor.

**FLAT ROCK, OHIO**—There is a Holy Ghost revival among our young people as well as among the older folk. On December 29 the power of God fell, and a young man was filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and called to attend Bible school. Then at our watchnight service, the power of God filled the church, and old and young were slain under the mighty power of God. Another young man was filled with the blessed Holy Spirit and others were refilled. We left the church after 3 a. m. with the praises of God ringing the old year out and the new year in. The power is still falling. A young lady received the Baptism Sunday night and other young people were under the power of God. We never know when we will leave the church after we gather for service and prayer.

Keep praying for us, as we want all of our young folk to attend Central Bible Institute, if Jesus tarries. It seems that God is working in a mighty way with our young people. They are taking charge of the prayer, testimony, and song services. We can depend on them to do anything in our church services. They are workers now. Praise God, things are happening at the Flat Rock Gospel church. All Council ministers passing this way are welcome.—Louella E. Nathan, Pastor, Moscow, Ohio.

**DIVINE LOVE**

"Jesu, what didst Thou find in me.  
That Thou hast dealt so lovingly?  
How great the joy that Thou hast brought,  
So far exceeding hope or thought!  
Jesu, my Lord, I thee adore,  
Oh, make me love Thee more and more."

**CRITICISM**

"In speaking of another's faults,  
Pray, don't forget your own.  
Remember, those with homes of glass  
Should never throw a stone.  
If we have nothing else to do,  
But speak of those that sin,  
'Twere best that we should look at home,  
And from that point begin."

Thou art my Way;  
Without Thee, Lord, I travel not, but stray.  
My God, Thou art my Way, my Life, my Light  
Thou art my Way; I wander if Thou fly;  
Thou art my Light; if hid, how blind am I!  
Thou art my Life; if Thou withdraw,  
I die.  
—Frances Quarles (1592-1644)

**TRUST AND WAIT**  
God has promised to satisfy—but He did not promise when. God has time enough, and so have you. God has boundless resources, and His resources are yours. Can you not trust Him? Trust and wait. He knows what is best for you, He has reasons for denying you now, but in the end He will satisfy.—Maithe D. Babcock.

**COMING MEETINGS**

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

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

**AKRON, OHIO**—N. Howard and York Sts., Feb. 9; Arne Vick, Oakland, Calif., Evangelist.—J. O. Savell, Pastor.

**TAMPA, FLA.**—7th Ave. and 50th St.; meeting in progress; W. H. Couch, Evangelist.—Fred A. Voigt, Pastor.

**ALTON, ILL.**—Edwards Street Assembly, Feb. 9; The Quabush Evangelists. O. R. Kenner is pastor.—By Evangelists.

**SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**—East San Diego, Feb. 9; Wm. F. A. Gierke of Los Angeles, Evangelist.—H. E. Bauer, Pastor.

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.**—439 West Anaheim, Feb. 2; Edward Robinson, Evangelist.—E. W. Mincey, Pastor.

**CHICAGO, ILL.**—538 N. Laverne, Jan. 30; Harvey McAllister, Toronto, Canada, Evangelist.—E. H. Chamberlain, Pastor.

**KANSAS CITY, MO.**—Independence Ave. and Spruce St.; Feb. 23, for 2 weeks or longer; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Luther S. Sherlund, Pastor.

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

**PAYNESVILLE, MINN.**—Feb. 23, for 2 weeks or longer; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—O. W. Klingsheim, Pastor.

**LONG BRANCH, N. J.**—457 Hampton Ave., Feb. 25—March 10; Beatrice Wells of West Virginia, 13-year old Child Evangelist. Young People's Rally, March 1, 7:45 p. m. Ministers' Sectional Fellowship Meeting, March 10, 1:00 p. m.—Andrew Rahner, Pastor.

**MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCES**  
Missionary Prayer Conferences, Georgia-South Carolina District: Dexter, Ga., Feb. 24—25; Macon, Ga., Feb. 27—28; Thomas-ton, Ga., March 10—11. First service, night of first day. All urged to attend and seek the Lord for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

**ARIZONA DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
The Second Annual Arizona District Council will be held at 11th and Garfield Sts., Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 30—22. C. A. Convention, Feb. 22—23. The Credentials Committee will meet those desiring recognition on Feb. 20, 2:00 p. m. Ben Hardin, Superintendent of Southern California District, Special Speaker. Ordination service, Feb. 21, evening.—N. D. Davidson, District Superintendent, 1225 E. Fillmore St., Phoenix, Ariz.

**LYNN, MASS.**—Feb. 2, for 2 weeks; Evangelists Edwin and Irma Anderson, Centerdale, R. I.—Henry Carlson, Pastor.

**CAMAS, WASH.**—First and Dallas Sts., Feb. 9; R. R. Nichols, Bayard, Nebr., Evangelist.—L. H. Sheets, Pastor.

**APPLETON, WIS.**—Gospel Temple, Feb. 12; Harvey McAllister, Evangelist.—C. D. Goudie, Pastor.

**BUSHNELL, ILL.**—Feb. 18; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Harris, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelists.—Frank Goodin, Pastor.

**JOPLIN, MO.**—1508 Virginia Ave., Feb. 4—23; Arthur Arnold, Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelist.—S. K. Biffle, Pastor.

**PEORIA, ILL.**—Feb. 2, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. P. A. Megna. W. E. Wood is pastor.—By Evangelists.

**HOOD RIVER, ORE.**—Feb. 2—March 2; Peter Jepsen, Seattle, Wash., Evangelist.—Kelsey C. Prinzing, Pastor.

**FINDLAY, OHIO**—406 E. Sandusky St., Feb. 2—16; Wm. E. Long, Des Moines, Iowa, Evangelist.—T. K. Leonard, Pastor.

**ANACONDA, MONT.**—300 E. Fourth St., Feb. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Larsen, Evangelists.—T. F. Lane, Pastor.

**WILDER, IDAHO**—Feb. 18; Evangelist and Mrs. E. W. Fagerstrom, Springfield, Mo.—Charles A. Slaughter, Pastor.

**LOUISVILLE, KY.**—2735 So. Fourth St.; Feb. 11, for 2 weeks or longer; Jean and Angel Benefiel, Colorado Evangelists and Musicians.—J. J. Humphries, Pastor.

**MONROVIA, CALIF.**—Feb. 18—March 9; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists. Lewis E. Weston is pastor.—By Evangelists.

**BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.**—3rd and Virginia, Feb. 16—March 2; Jack and Esther Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

**EL DORADO, ARK.**—Feb. 24, for 3 weeks or longer; Wm. F. McPherson, Leesburg, Fla., Evangelist.—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

**BELLFLOWER, CALIF.**—Center and Stevens Sts., Feb. 16—March 2; George Hayes, Evangelist.—Clifford Andrews, Pastor.

**EAST ALTON, ILL.**—319 W. Main St., Feb. 12—March 2; Bert L. Todd, Evangelist. L. L. Ferguson is pastor.—By Evangelist.

**SAN JOSE, CALIF.**—4th and San Antonio Sts., Feb. 9—23; Theodore E. Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Max Fremark, Pastor.

**LODI, CALIF.**—Walnut at Washington, Jan. 26; Guy Renfrow and Leonard Rogers, Evangelists.—Stanley P. McPherson, Pastor.

**BROOKLYN, N. Y.**—415 53rd St., Feb. 20—23; District Superintendent Flen Van Meter, Special Speaker. Lewis A. Hill is pastor.—Thelma C. Cochran, Church Secretary.

**ZION, ILL.**—Annual Missionary Convention, March 2—9. Noel Perkin and Paul K. Derr, Main Speakers. Services 7:45 each evening, 11:00 and 7:45 both Sundays. Near-by assemblies invited.—C. E. McCarrell, Pastor.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
The 24th Annual Rocky Mountain District 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; Tuesday night, District Fellowship Meeting; Wednesday afternoon, District S. S. Conference. For further information write District Superintendent J. E. Austell, 5700 So. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.

**KANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE CONVENTIONS**  
Coldwater Feb. 18; Greensburg Feb. 19; Dodge City Feb. 20; Garden City Feb. 21; Scott City Feb. 23, 10:00 and 2:30; Tribune (Cactus) Feb. 23, 7:30; McAllister Feb. 24, 2:30 and 7:30; St. Francis Feb. 25; Traer Feb. 26; Oberlin Feb. 27; Dresden Feb. 28; Morland March 2; Webster March 3; 7:30; Woodston March 4; Alton March 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 meetings 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.

**FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, S. S. AND C. A. RALLIES**

**SIKESTON, MO.**—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 17.—L. C. Ramsey, Sectional Secretary, Chaffee, Mo.

**PLATTSBURG, MISS.** (10 miles west of Noxapater)—C. A. Rally, Central Section, Feb. 19. All-day services. Lunch served by local church.—E. R. Schulz, Sectional Representative.

**ST. LOUIS, MO.**—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, 3458 Minnesota Ave., Feb. 24. Services: 7:00 C. A. Vesper Hour, Lester Shockley in charge; 7:00, Ministers' Meeting; 8:00, Narvia Tapp, Speaker.—Clarence Wiegand, Secretary-Treasurer.

**CLAY CITY, IND.**—Southern Indiana Fellowship Meeting, March 3. Services 10:30, 2:00, and 7:00.—Howard R. Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, Lebanon, Ind.

**EL DORADO, ARK.**—Quarterly C. A. Rally, Southwest Section, Feb. 24, night; Mrs. Agnes Stokes, District C. A. President, in charge. Wm. F. McPherson, Main Speaker.—R. C. Jones, 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, Pastor.

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

**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 write Norman L. Field, Box 738, Ajo, Ariz.—Paul M. Cooper, Secretary.

**WILMINGTON, 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.

**WEST FORK, ARK.**—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, Presbyterian, Rogers, Ark.

**CHELSEA, MASS.**—Annual Chelsea Day Fellowship Meeting, Feb. 22. Wesley R. Stealberg Guest Speaker. Services 2:00 and 7:30. Lunch served at 5:00. Brother Stealberg will be with us Feb. 20—23. District Executive Committee will meet Saturday, 9:00 a. m. Those desiring to meet the committee can do so at this time.—J. Earl Douglass, Pastor.

**OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

South Central, Ardmore, Feb. 10—12; Central, Holdenville, Feb. 17—19; North Central, Pawhuska, March 10—12; Northwest, Broken Arrow, March 31—April 2; North-east, Broken Arrow, April 14—16; Pan-handle, (not located), May 12—14; East Central, McAlester, May 19—21; South-east, (not located), June 16—18.

Each 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-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS**

Paul D. Pittman, Lawrence, Kansas, will conduct a series of Sunday School Conventions in Washington and Idaho, assisted by the District Superintendent. Schedule follows: Spokane, Wash., Feb. 19—20; Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 21—22; Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24—25; Burlington, Wash., Feb. 26—27; Bremerton, Wash., Feb. 28—March 1; Centralia, Wash., March 3—4; Wapato, Wash., March 7—8; Walla Walla, Wash., March 9—10; Caldwell, Idaho, March 12—13; Gooding, Idaho, March 14—15; Pocatello, Idaho, March 18—19.—Frank Gray, District Superintendent.

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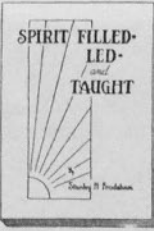
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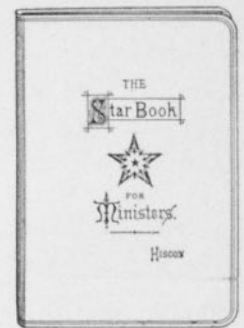
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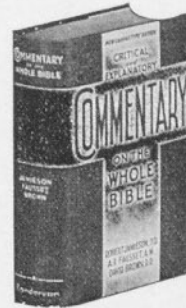
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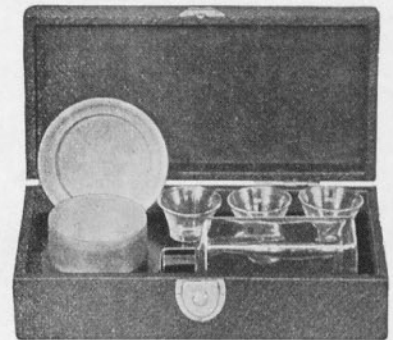


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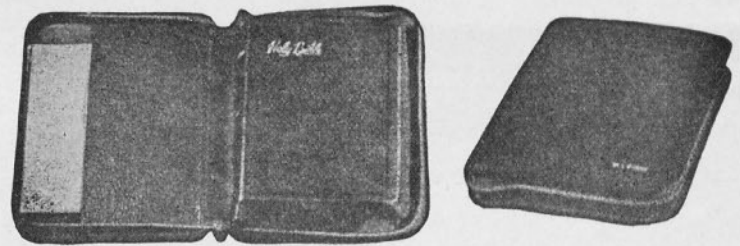
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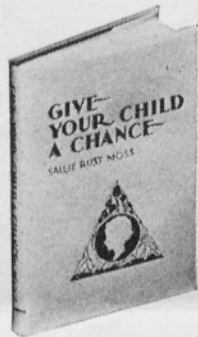
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Jamestown Calvary Pent Church & SS	44.10	Soper Assembly of God SS	1.00	Amarillo Assembly of God	34.06	Copalis Beach Full Gos Church	3.56
Newburg First Pent Ch of G & CA	18.00	Sparks Assembly of God SS & CA	3.50	Austin First Assembly of God SS	16.99	Enneclaw Full Gospel Taber SS	8.00
New York Glad Tidings Tabernacle	1,356.50	Terral Assembly of God Church	2.60	Beach Assembly of God SS	2.00	Land Full Gospel Church	11.35
New York Mizpah Missionary Home	20.00	Tulsa Full Gospel Tab & SS	159.00	Beaumont Magnolia Park A of G Ch	2.00	Longview Revival Taber & WMC	13.00
North Hornell Glad Tidings Taber	5.00	Tulsa N Peoria & Haskell Church	12.10	Bonham Assembly of God	1.00	Mossyrock Pent A of G & SS	14.00
Ossining Gospel Assembly SS	50.00	<b>OREGON</b> Personal Offerings	399.00	Brownwood First A of G Church	5.00	Naselle Finish Pent Church	6.00
Ossining Gospel Assembly CA	5.00	Albany Pent Assembly of God & SS	36.50	Bruni Assembly of God SS	2.57	Olympia Assembly of God	67.84
Rochester Elm Tabernacle Church	68.32	Bay City Assembly of God	3.00	Cedar Park Sandy A of G Church	1.50	Oroville Full Gos Assembly of God	5.00
Syracuse Grace Tabernacle	20.70	Colton Assembly of God	10.50	Chamnelview Assembly of God	1.50	Packwood Assembly of God	5.00
Tottenville Wells Memorial Church	57.00	Corvallis Assembly of God Church	5.93	Daisetta Assembly of God CA	10.50	Pasco Full Gospel Church & SS	8.88
Yonkers Full Gospel Assembly	21.25	Drain Assembly of God Church	4.72	Electra Assembly of God	10.25	St John A of G Childrens Church	2.00
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b> Personal Offer	22.00	Eugene Full Gospel Assembly	4.50	El Paso First Full Gospel Church	12.56	Seattle Campbell Hill Sunday School	6.00
Buxton Assembly of God	4.46	Garabaldi Assembly of God & SS	8.00	Flynn Assembly of God SS	4.00	Selah Pent Church SS	3.00
Charlotte Garr Auditorium LBC	10.00	La Grande Gospel Tab YP Society	8.00	Fort Worth Polytechnic A of G WMC	1.00	Tacoma (Ruston) Glad Tidings A of G	61.44
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b> Personal Offerings	5.50	Lebanon A of G Womens Bible Class	3.00	Galena Park Assembly of God	3.00	Tacoma Pent Tab A of G & SS	175.00
Egeland Pentecostal A of G	4.50	Medford Full Gospel Church A of G	15.84	Galena Park Assembly of God WMC	5.00	Tacoma Pent Tab A of G YP	10.00
<b>OHIO</b> Personal Offerings	144.80	North Bend Assembly of God Ch CA	1.50	Genoa Assembly of God WMC	3.00	Wapato Pentecostal Assembly of God	11.09
Akron Door of Hope Tabernacle	3.00	Oregon Assemblies of God Coun Meet	57.01	Holliday Assembly of God	5.00	Yakima First Pentecostal Church	59.49
Canton Pent Mission SS	5.50	Salem Evangelistic Full Gospel A	22.60	Houston Broadmoor A of G WMC	11.50	Yakima First Pentecostal SS	30.00
Centerburg Pent Assembly of God	9.00	Swissworn Deadwood Creek Open		Houston Central Assembly of God	5.00	<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b> Personal Offer	1.16
Conneaut Assembly of God & SS	15.00	Door Sunday School	5.15	Houston Cen A of G Love Sis SS Cl	5.50	Grafton Assembly of God	3.92
Dayton Bethel Temple	15.00	Trail Assembly of God SS	2.18	Houston First A of G & WMC	19.86	Mt Hope Assembly of God	2.68
Dorset Assembly of God Mission	2.76	Woodburn Assembly of God	4.75	Houston Hardy Park Tabernacle	6.00	<b>WISCONSIN</b> Personal Offerings	9.25
E Trumbull Assembly of God	1.75	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b> Personal Offer	166.26	Houston Magnolia Park A of G	31.37	Beaver Dam Full Gospel Tabernacle	9.00
Hagerstown Assembly of God	2.80	Allentown Pent Pray B A of G & CA	40.00	Houston Magnolia Park A of G WW	5.00	Berlin Gospel Tabernacle	11.45
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New Philadelphia Glad Tidings Tab	10.00	Gravity First Pent Church	23.00	Irving Shady Grove Pent Lighthouse	8.70	Siren Gospel Tabernacle	10.62
Sidney Bethel Mission Church	11.17	Hamburg Full Gospel Tabernacle	6.00	Karnes City A of G Church	2.25	Wilson Assembly of God SS	1.00
Springfield El Bethel Tabernacle	3.00	Kane (East) Pentecostal Assembly	3.50	Laird Hill Assembly of God	8.00	Wisconsin Rapids Gospel Tab & SS	19.50
Uhrichsville Pentecostal A of G	2.00	Lebanon Pentecostal A of G SS	3.10	Lancaster Assembly of God	8.00	<b>WYOMING</b> Personal Offerings	12.00
<b>OKLAHOMA</b> Personal Offerings	54.80	Lewistown Full Gospel Tabernacle	5.00	Longview Assembly of God	5.09	Casper Assembly of God	8.74
Arlington Free Holiness Church SS	2.13	Mechanicsburg Pent Assembly of God	5.00	McCamey F Gospel A of G Church	7.47	Gillette Pentecostal A of G & SS	6.08
Barnsdall Assembly of God SS	5.00	Nanticoke Glad Tidings Assembly	8.23	Mexia A of G Church & SS	3.15	<b>CANADA</b> Personal Offerings	105.15
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Canton Hickme Assembly of God	8.45	New Kensington Gospel Tabernacle	55.00	Rosenberg Assembly of God WMC	2.00	<b>FOREIGN</b> Personal Offerings	1.01
Chester Elm Grove Assembly	4.00	Peckville First Pent Tabernacle	7.45	Talco Assembly of God	5.90	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	20.27
Collinsville Assembly of God	14.50	Pitcairn First Pent Church & SS	37.30	Tyler Bascom Assembly of God WMC	1.00	Total Amount Reported	\$10,444.91
Connersville Assembly of God SS	24.15	Philadelphia Bethel Tab Prayer Group	10.50	Wichita Falls Fifth & Broad Assembly of God WMC	1.14	Home Missions Fund	402.12
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Dillard Keller Assembly	1.75	Philadelphia Pentecostal Gos Mis CA	6.00	<b>VIRGINIA</b> Bluefield First Pent Ch	5.25	Literature Expense Fund	19.30
Eakly Assembly of God & SS	2.25	Pittsburgh Bethel Tabernacle	26.40	Dungannon First Pentecostal Church	2.00	Reported Given Direct for	
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Fairland Assembly of God	5.61	Reading Glad Tidings Tab & CA	24.45	Norfolk Glad Tidings Church SS & CA	36.05	Reported Given Direct to	
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Jenks Assembly of God SS	12.00	Windsor Lighthouse Assembly	23.25	Auburn Full Gospel Ch Mis Society	8.00	Amount Previously Reported	33,859.86
Muskogee Assembly of God WMC	2.50	Wrightsville Pentecostal Church	21.00	Auburn Mission	10.00	Amount Received for Foreign Missions This Month	\$42,741.29
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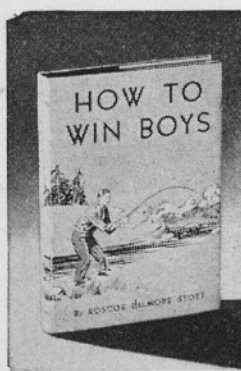
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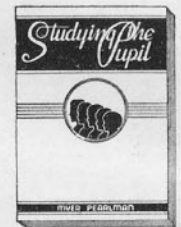
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