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# Stand in the Gap! 

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$\sigma_{2}$NLY a few more weeks and the summer vacation months will be here. Thousands of boys and girls will have nothing to do. Most children welcome vacation, but soon become restless and bored. They want something to do. And they will find something to do! What will it be?

Attempts have been made to meet their need in character-building activities. Various clubs have been formed for them. In many cities playgrounds are available. All these good things ignore the greatest character-building influence in the world-that of the Spirit of the living God!

We regret the lack of Bible teaching and spiritual training in the public schools and in many homes, but it is not enough to regret it. Something must be done to fill that gap, which increases steadily in vacation. What are you planning to do when there is nothing to hinder religious education? How many hundreds or thousands of boys and girls near you are receiving sufficient spiritual training?

Boys and girls want food. Fathers work hard to supply it for them. Mothers carefully plan and prepare balanced meals. No sacrifice is too great. But many Christian parents are failing to provide the most necessary thing of alladaquate spiritual nourishment.

A certain school health survey showed that one child out of every three among the higher-income groups is undernourished. When one girl brought home a report stating that she was undernourished her parents were indignant. "They have made a mistake," her father said. "We set a good table."

To him the girl appeared healthy, but the physician's trained eye saw that her diet lacked certain food elements essential to health and abundant life.

If we were to make a spiritual survey, how many of the boys and girls would be found spiritually undernourished? Many parents fail to realize that their boys and
girls are receiving inadequate spiritual food. Many Christians, whose hearts are deeply touched by stories of starving children, fail to realize that the spiritual diet of many


Boys and girls set their affections on some person as an ideal. They may choose a local hero, "movie" or radio stars, or national figures by whom to pattern their lives. These boys and girls strive to copy their ideal's personal characteristics and habits. Often their ideal becomes the most influential person in their lives. In many cases their love and idealization fall little short of worship. But when Christ is presented, most of them will enthrone in their hearts the One who is altogether perfect. Who will teach the children of Him?

But in every community many boys and girls are lost because no one is standing in the gap!
By what means can we most effectively stand in the gap to check the tide about to engulf them?

A Vacation Bible School will do much to stem the tide. Such schools are usually held for three hours five days each week for three weeks. Experienced workers are not necessary for a successful school. The expense is comparatively small.
Supervised play, handwork, Bible drills, and notebook work meet the pupils' need of self-expression and activity, at the same time giving them valuable training.

Because the Bible teaching is conducted over a period of fifteen days, interest is carried over from day to day, and less opportunity
boys and girls lacks elements essential to spiritual life and development.

Pastors who feel that adults should have three of four church services each week "set a table" for the boys and girls but once a week. One hour of religious instruction fifty-two days each year does not furnish sufficient spiritual nourishment. If adults need spiritual food served frequently, how much more do the children!

Let us awaken to their need and "set a bountiful table" for those within our reach Let us give them the Word of God. Present Christ the Bread of life to them, and teach them to receive spiritual nourishment from Him each day!
hinder the Word-Seed's taking root in their hearts.

The worship period in which the pupils take active part, the spiritual atmosphere, the prayerfully prepared and prayerfully taught Bible material, and the definite evangelistic appeals given in the schools set an "abundant feast" of which every boy and girl is invited to partake. Many accept Christ ; those who already know Him learn to know Him better, and receive further instruction in Christian living

The average boy or girl has an open heart toward Christ. In the Vacation Bible School, Christ is presented to the Juniors and Inter-
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# Shall Thy Weak Brother Perish? 

Ernest S. Williams

IT IS difficult to keep in the middle of the road. He who is zealous for righteousness is likely to be exacting in his demands on others ; he who is careless is likely to make excuses for things that are wrong. Wishing to err on the side of righteousness, (if one errs at all) it becomes not easy to speak in defense of the brother who is weak.
That there are weak brethren is clearly taught in the Scriptures. "Another, who is weak, eateth herbs." "Ye ought to support the weak." "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye." "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak." "To the weak became I as weak that I might gain the weak."

Weaknesses among Christians are many and various. One is weak in one point, another is weak in another. How helpful we could be could we but know the temptations which others suffer and the besetments which they struggle to overcome. Unfortunately, it frequently occurs that if one opens one's heart and confides one's weakness to another, especially if that other has little trouble along that line, the other either disdains the weak brother, or at least gives him the impression of lack of sympathy. Because of this many are crushed and never fully rise above their besetments.
The strong-strong at least in that they do not suffer the same temptations as another is tempted with-because they are not troubled as another, are likely to tell the tempted in unsympathetic words that Christ died to set us free and there is no excuse for being bound by any such weakness. True enough. Christ came to set us all free and "whom the Son sets free is free indeed." It would be glorious were we all free-so free from sinful blemish that nothing could bring us into bondage. Yet there are those who are not free. Shall we cast these out of the synagogue? Shall we refuse them the right hand of fellowship? Or shall we show them Christian love and encouragement and seek to help them? Usually those who are weak look for a helping hand, and if they do not receive it their spirits are crushed.
How long do you suppose it was before the man who had fallen among thieves on his way to Jericho was entirely healed after being turned over to the keeper of the inn? The good Samaritan said, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." The good Samaritan had ministered to him, but his wounds were not yet entirely healed, so he committed him to another. There is no doubt that Jesus has ministered definitely to him who is weak. In salvation He has gone to the depth of his wounds, pouring in the oil and the wine of spiritual life and healing. But the man is still weak and even his wounds are not entirely cured. To whom is he then entrusted? To the inn keeper, the strong and responsible among the people of God.

There should be no coddling of $\sin$, but there should be compassion for the sinner. Ought the struggling one who has not gotten victory be cast out as unworthy the fel-
lowship and help of the saints? There are bound souls who would like to be made free, who have not been able to take Christ as their complete deliverer. "Shall those perish for whom Christ died?" There are those who are able to be severe against $\sin$ and at the same time kind to the sinner, but they are not many.
Weakness caused Peter to deny his Lord in an hour of unusual trial. Fortunately he fell into the hands of One who not only knew his weakness, but also knew his worth. When the disciples were to be regathered in Galilee Peter was to be among them, and when Jesus spoke across the waters, "Sirs, have ye any meat?" it was Peter who when he was told that it was the Lord, plunged into the sea to swim to Jesus. Do you mean to say that Peter, when he was overcome in the night of betrayal, lost his love for his Lord? He had shown great weakness and had committed a grievous sin, but it crushed his heart and he went out and wept bitterly. Jesus followed him through the denial and through the repentance and would not leave him behind. In spite of his denial through weakness in a trying hour, love for Jesus continued to break forth.
We all have weaknesses. Others have to bear with us. Who has at no time provoked another? Who has steadfastly walked in all the commandments of the Lord blameless? Why then should we not put forth greater zeal to help the weak brother for whom Christ died? The very fact that someone shows appreciation or expresses confidence in him may be the urge that causes him to rise above the weakness into strength. Mr. Edison seems to have been a dull boy. At one time his teacher told him of his inability to learn, and discouraged his continuing at school. When he returned home he told his mother of the opinion of his teacher. Mother arose to the need of the hour and in emphatic words informed him that he was not dull, that he was a very bright boy. The confidence which mother inspired in him in that crisis hour changed

his whole future. Out of weakness he was made strong.

For ourselves God wishes us to "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof." We ought never to excuse our own weaknesses. When we see them we should take them to Christ and determine that through His grace we will overcome. At the same time let us be tender toward others, helpful and encouraging. We feel that many have fallen by the wayside because they have measured themselves in the light of their weaknesses, instead of looking unto Jesus, or because they have not had help in a trying hour.

The new Christian and the weak brother need to be shown their place in Christ Jesus. Never should they lose sight of His grace. In that grace they should see themselves saved and kept. They should see that the sincere soul is not cast off even though he might fail in his early efforts to climb the heights of Zion. Of course they should be told of a better way than submission to temptation, discouragement, or doubt, but always they should be made to see that their salvation is in Christ alone.
There is a difference between the struggling believer and the religious sinful doer. The hypocrite practices evil, the weak brother does not. The hypocrite has his conscience seared as with a hot iron, the weak brother's conscience is specially sensitive. The hypocrite can hurt others and do wrong with little or no remorse. The weak brother grieves deeply when he realizes he has failed the will of God.

Let the Christian who is discouraged concerning himself look to Jesus, see that in Him he is accepted of God and let him trust in Christ at all times remembering His promise, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," "Lo, I am with thee alway." And let the strong bear the infirmities of the weak, encouraging them to faith and a conscience void of offense toward God and toward man.

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## Healed and Saved

## A True Stary by 7. Naruer Gartner

She was a Roman Catholic. Her husband was a saloon-keeper. They lived in a town about fourteen miles from the town in which I lived. I was a Methodist minister at the time, and was engaged to help in an evangelistic campaign in the town in which she lived. That is the way I got acquainted with her. She came to the services, and told me her story.

She had been afflicted with a large tumor. The doctors decided to operate, and then, on account of the condition of her heart, they had been obliged to abandon the thought. They said that her condition was such that an attempt to remove the tumor by means of the surgeon's knife would undoubtedly result in her death. She was told that if the operation were not undertaken she might live a year or two. Of course death was inevitable as the tumor was now large and was increasing in size daily. So she made her plans accordingly, expecting to die in a year or two.

One day a man came into her husband's saloon and threw down a paper. It was a copy of "Pisgah," a paper published by Dr. Yoakum of Los Angeles in the days when he prayed for the sick in that city, and saw many wonderful healings in answer to prayer. It contained numerous testimonies of people who had been healed, some of tumor, and others of almost all diseases. The saloon keeper read the paper, and brought it home to his wife, and said, "Read that! If half of what is here is so, there is hope for you!" She read the paper, and faith began to spring up in her heart. She said, "I wish I could go to Los Angeles." He said, "If you want to go, and you can find some woman to go with you, and take care of you, I will pay the expenses of the trip."

She found a neighbor who was willing to go with her. She went to Los Angeles, and found Dr. Yoakum in his office. She told him her story. He said, "The Lord will heal you." He suggested that she go out to the Pisgah Home. She said, "Well, I have to pay room rent down here ; so I might just as well go out there, and pay you." "Oh," he said, "there will be no charge out there. Everything is free." This greatly surprised her.

She had now come for the first time into contact with what appealed to her as real Christianity. Here was a man who was doing good in the world, and it appeared that he was not in the business of doing good for what he could get out of it. Heretofore it had appeared to her that nothing in the world was free. Had she not always had to pay a fee when she went to confession in order to get her sins forgiven? And when a relative died had it not been necessary to pay the priest quite regularly for quite a while in order to get the necessary number of masses said that the soul of the one who had died might get out of purgatory? And here was a man who was willing to give her room and board with the assurance that there would be no charge ; all was free. Surely this was real Christianity.

She went out to the Home, and there the Lord wonderfully healed her. Prayer was offered for her, and she was instantaneously and absolutely delivered. "She felt in her body that she was healed of that plague." Her joy knew no bounds. And it was not hard to point her to the Lamb of God that taketh away the $\sin$ of the world. She was blessedly saved; the Spirit of God bore witness with her spirit that she had passed out of death into life.

Two or three weeks later she went home, walking, it seemed to her, on air. "She met her priest on the street a day or so afterwards, and told him what the Lord had done for her. He told her it was very wonderful, but that she must not tell people about it. She must keep it to herself; otherwise great confusion might be caused. She said, "Why, Jesus has healed me, and I must tell people about it. When Jesus was here on earth He healed somebody, and then said, 'Go home and tell thy friends what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion upon thee.' I must tell people about it!" He said, "If you tell people about it you will be barred from your place in the church, and you will go to hell!"

The next Sunday when she went to church her pew was closed and locked. She had been paying twenty-five dollars a year for that pew, and she told me her pew rent had been paid in advance. But the pew was closed and locked. So she went and sat down with the poor people in the back of the church. She attended only a few services there afterwards. She told me that the Lord had become very precious to her soul, and that He made her duty very clear. There was no salvation for her in that church; salvation was in Christ. So she began to attend the services in the Methodist Church, and she soon became acquainted with a little group of Pentecostal folk who met regularly to wait on God. She met with them, and the Lord graciously manifested His presence and power.

She and her friends of the Pentecostal group faithfully attended the services in the Methodist Church during the evangelistic campaign, and listened to my sermons. They came to the altar and prayed, and faithfully attended the prayer meeting that was held each day in the church. One evening after I had preached the people flocked to the altar, and at the altar the power of God fell. One good sister who was praying began to pray in other tongues. I had not yet received the Baptism, but my soul was thrilled. The pastor of the church was frightened. He said to me after the service was over, "What would Bishop Hughes say if somebody were to tell him what happened here tonight?" I replied, "I am not concerned about that at all. God was in the service this evening. We have been asking God to move in these meetings, and now God is moving in answer to prayer! Shall we undertake to dictate to God what He can do and what He must not do!" "Well," he said, "I hope it will not happen again."

The next evening I said to him, "I will preach tonight, and you will make the altar call!" He said, "Why should I make the
altar call? You have been making it every night; make it tonight." I replied, "You said that you hope that what happened last night will not happen again. It will not happen if you make the altar call. It may happen if I make it ; so you make it!" He said, "I do not want to hinder God. And, besides, I have read today a book a Methodist college professor wrote. The bishop told us Methodist preachers to read it. He said it would give us light on this tongues movement, and help us to keep our people from getting into fanaticism. Since I have read it, I am quite confirmed in my opinion that the movement is of God. So if God comes forth again like that-well, we shall just make the best of it!", But God did not come forth again like that. However, He did move in a gracious way, and many were blessedly saved. The meetings lasted three weeks.

But my story is not finished. Several months later the saloon keeper was very ill. The doctors despaired of his life. Two Pentecostal preachers came to town. They knew nobody there, but said God had sent them. They said to the Lord, "You sent us here, and you must show us where to go; we are unacquainted with anybody here." Led by the Spirit they walked down a certain street, and the Spirit stopped them right in front of the saloon keeper's home. "Go in here," the Spirit said. So they went to the door and rang the bell. The sister who had been so wonderfully healed came to the door. They said, "We are messengers of the Lord. Our Master sent us to this town; we are here at His bidding. We did not know where to go, and we prayed, and the Lord told us to start down this street, and went we got in front of your house the Spirit said, 'Go in here.' We do not know why God has sent us here, but we are sure He has sent us for a purpose." She said, "God has certainly sent you. My husband is very ill. Come in and pray for him. He needs salvation too. Ask God to save him." And they went in and pointed the man to God, and he was saved. They prayed for his healing, and the Lord healed him. Of course he gave up his business. He could sell liquor no longer. He said to his wife, "We are going to leave this town, and move down to Los Angeles. God is down there! You went down there, and God healed you. These preachers came from Los Angeles, and prayed for me, and God has healed me, and saved me. We are going to move to Los Angeles where God is!" And so he and his wife moved to Los Angeles.

What became of these people I do not know. What I have written is but a single chapter in a book that might be called, "The Acts of the Holy Ghost in the Last Days." Many of the things that God has done have been recorded for the edification of the saints, and as a warning to the unbelievers, but if all the marvelous things that have taken place were carefully written down it is certain that there would be a whole library of books. And what a library it would be! The complete record will never be written on earth. But God keeps books. And when we get to glory maybe God will let us read His records as we sit together on the banks of the river of Life and breathe the pure atmosphere of that realm

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## The Burden of Vision

"The burden of the valley of vision." Isa. 22:1. The prophets constantly used the word "burden" to describe the message which God gave them to deliver. The word of the Lord was to the prophets of old a burden, a load or weight which they were compelled to discharge before they could find relief. The burden was generally connected with vision-not visions-but vision which is the outcome of an acute spiritual insight, or power to see spiritual realities with the inward eye as clearly as men see with the outward eye the things of earth and time.
The inward spiritual man has special senses, as truly as the outward man has five senses as part of his normal equipment. While the new creation is in its earlier stages these senses are untrained and undeveloped, but as the inward man grows, the spiritual senses become awakened and unlocked, until the things not seen by the outward eye become clearer and clearer to the inward vision. Having the eyes of your heart enlightened, or filled with light, the Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians; and in Heb. 5:11-14 the senses of the full-grown believer are said to be needed to "discern good and evil." To discern is to see.

According to an old writer, this spiritual eyesight is quite distinct from the imagination. The imagination too much at work draws the spirit into the admiration of pleasant pictures instead of true substance, so the continual exercise of the Cross is very necessary, that by it we may cast down imaginations, and be led into the stage of spiritual development where the eye of the understanding sees beyond the working of the imagination.
We need to see the danger of the imagination being inflamed by the adversary to see pictures of spiritual things which are but fantasies, useless and even harmful, which keep believers living in an imaginary realm of spiritual delight, and divert them from gaining the true knowledge of God, and the pure, clear, inward sight, which is far above imagination, and enables them to see things as they are in God's sight.


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"The burden of the valley of vision" lay. heavy upon the men who had it. "I will weep bitterly; labor not to comfort me," said Isaiah, because he saw the people given up to joy and gladness when the Lord called to weeping and mourning over the condition of the land. To see the world in any measure as God sees it is to suffer. To see sin in its wounding of the heart of God is to suffer. To see men blind and ignorant of the ways of God is to suffer. Vision, in the sense of seeing things as they are, means pain.
In the days of Eli, it is said, "there was no open vision"; therefore the word of the Lord was rare in those days ( 1 Sam. 3:1, R. V. m.) ; for Eli, the aged priest, placed his family interests before the righteousness of God, and God could not give him open
vision for His people. Alas for the people, vision for His people. Alas for the people, when the representatives of God lose vision through self-interest. God must be first in all things if His servants are to be given open vision to communicate His will to the people with authority. Deut. 33:8-10; Matt. 10:34-40, Matt. 12:46-50. "I will raise Me up a faithful priest," said the Lord to Eli, through the mouth of a man of God, for neither vision nor voice could be vouchsafed to him direct whilst he was a partaker of sin, by restraining not the sin in his family. Prov. 29:24, 25. So the open vision came to a little child who grew up to be the faithful priest whom God and Israel needed.
"Where there is no vision the people perish" or cast off restraint Prov. 29:18, R. V., said the preacher, and vision, clear spiritual vision, is the great need of the Church in our day; power to see, even though it mean the burden and pain. But let us note that:

The watchman becomes a watchman by finding himself with the burden upon him!
"O Lord, Thou hast enticed me, and I was enticed: Thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed," cried Jeremiah. Jer. $20: 7$, 13. R. V. When the Lord revealed Himself one day to him, and putting forth His hand, touched his mouth saying: "Whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak," Jeremiah did not know all that it would mean. He was enticed by the Lord, he said, or drawn on into a path from which he could not afterwards retreat. And with the command to speak, Jeremiah was given the power of vision-or spiritual sight. "Jeremiah, what seest thou?", He saw a rod of the almond, or wakeful tree, as a symbol of the Lord's watching and hastening the fulfillment of the word which He would give His servant. He saw also a "seething cauldron"- a boiling pot, symbolizing evil breaking forth, in the midst of which God would make Jeremiah "a defenced city, and an iron pillar," standing alone with God. "They shall fight, against thee, but they shall not prevail," said the Lord. Jeremiah was given the power to see the purpose of God, and the condition of the land, and the burden and the pain were sure to follow, until he often cried out that it was more than he could bear.
It is so today with God's witnesses. They are watchmen with the burden and pain of vision for the Church of Christ, and find no

way of escape from it, any more than the prophets of old. They are to be found in every section of the Church, men and women lifting their voices, after secret agony and prayer, against the worldliness, the selfishness, the unrighteousness, and, above all, the thrusting aside in the pulpits of the atonement of Calvary as the only hope for a dying world. God be thanked for the watchmen of today.

The watchman has a responsible duty which he is compelled to discharge.
"Thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman; let him declare what he seeth..."Isa. 21:5. It is his responsibility to say what he sees-not what he wishes, or what he would desire to come to pass, but what he sees! "If the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and the sword come and take any person . . . his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Ezek. 33:6. "I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel," said the Lord to Ezekiel. "Warn the wicked . . . warn the righteous man that the righteous sin not." Ezek. 3:17-21. And Ezekiel warned by telling what he saw! "I looked," "I saw," he repeats many times; "then I spake . . . all the things that the Lord had showed me." The burden of vision was upon him, with its responsibility, as well as its pain. The watchman must say what he sees, not what the people wish or desire. He is not responsible for the success of his message, nor for its reception. He has but to "deliver his soul."

The watchmen with the burden of vision are the ones who can truly pray.
"I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night." Isa. 62:6. The burden of vision impels the believer Godward as well as manward. "Hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me . When $I$ say unto the wicked . . . !" Ezek. 3:17. The watchman with the burden of vision can only keep his vision clear, and declare what he sees, as he is in continual communication with the Lord of Hosts, dwelling in the mount with God; or, in Isaiah's language, "on the walls of Jerusalem"-in the place of vision. Aside from the crowd. looking on from a place with God, at the doings on earth, he holds not peace day nor night, crying to God in his spirit with the burden of vision, and holds not peace manward when God says "declare what thou seest."

How intensely both the Church and the world need such intercessors who, "hid with Christ in God," see the whole position from the viewpoint of God, and not from
the circumscribed sphere of earth, or local circumstances-watchmen on the walls, seeing the sword, the first signs of the enemy attacking in different parts of the world. "And he cried as a lion, O Lord, I stand continually upon the watch towar . . . and am set in my ward every night: and behold here come chariots." Isa. 21:8, 9, R. V. m.

The watchman can lose his vision and burden by the least entrance of self-interest.
"His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming (talking in their sleep, A. V. m.) lying down
shepherds that cannot understand, they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain." Isa. 46:10, 11. Eli lost his power of vision simply by taking the negative attitude, he frowned not upon what he knew to be wrong. That the sin of silence is reckoned partnership in sin is plainly shown in Lev. $5: 1$, and sifts us all in these days of blurred lines in the way of righteousness. On every side the enemy of souls is having free course because men will not speak the truth to one another, and deliver their souls before God. Oh, how terrible for the Church of God in an hour of peril if the watchmen are dreaming, and talking in their sleep, not knowing what they are saying, unable to "blow the trumpet" to warn the people; lying down instead of alert and vigilant on the watch tower. Let the children of God who have had the "burden of vision" take heed. Personal interest must be put aside in every shape and form, for the very least trace of self-interest, in fearing loss of reputation or friends or influence, will blur the vision, and make the erstwhile faithful watchman blind, and unable to speak in the hour of need.

The watchman with the "burden of vision" must expect to suffer through his vision, both in body and soul.
"The burden of the wilderness grievous vision is declared to me . . Therefore are my loins filled with anguish ;, I I am pained . . . my heart panteth . . "Isa. 21:1-6.

Isaiah saw in the land what the people did not see, and so he must suffer. The burden of vision was given to Jeremiah, and he had to deliver his burden even though it meant the stocks (Jer. $20: 3$ ) and prison (Jer. 38: 15) ; but this was little by comparison with a broken heart. He cried: "Mine heart within me is broken . . . because of the Lord, and because of His holy words." Jer. 13:9. He saw the hands of evildoers strengthened, because the Word of the Lord was not declared faithfully. The very words, "the burden of the Lord" were being used by men who declared a vision of their own heart, and words of "peace" were being spoken which the Lord had not given.

The men of "vision" are men with broken hearts. Was it not so even with the Lord Himself? "He saw the city, and wept over it, saying, Oh that thou hadst known in this day, even thou. . ." Luke 19:41, R. V. m. And Paul the apostle had the same "burden of vision," saying to the elders at Ephesus, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God . . . by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." Acts $20: 27,31$. "Am I become your enemy because I deal truly with you?" he wrote to the Galatians, and, "who is stumbled and I burn not?" 2 Cor. $11: 29$.

The men with a true "burden of vision" are men with broken hearts, "speaking the truth in love." Believers who will be eyes to the body of Christ, with power to see clearly from their place "within the veil," and "teach (God's) people the difference between the holy and the common, and cause them to discern between the unclean
and the clean." (Ezek. $44: 15,16,23$ ), so that the Church may pass safely amid the perils of her course through the hosts of darkness to the throne.

May God give an increasing number of such watchmen to the Church in these days of peril.

## Blessing Ahead, Also Disaster

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power, who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38. Satanic oppression is not lifted, neither has God lifted the anointing of the Spirit from His Son. As long as Satan does works of oppression, so long will the anointing be upon the Son to undo the works of the devil.
It says in the Word, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12. But Christ anticipates that. Christ comes first to receive His own unto Himself, and as great wrath is foretold to the inhabitants of the earth, so is great blessing prophesied for those who are His.
Note Joel's prophecy: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh . . . and I will shew wonders . . . before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." The great and terrible day of the Lord preceded by an outpouring upon all flesh! Blessing before judgment! Mercy before disorder! Mercy anticipating disaster.
When God pours out, His blessing is limitless, it cannot be measured. Can you count the raindrops or the flakes of snow? Can you measure the thunder or the lightning? And when God declares that He will pour out of His Spirit upon all flesh, you can count on a comprehensive outpouring and one that will be worthy of God.
Look at the first outpouring on the day of Pentecost, spreading to all parts of the known world, turning the world "upside down." And what you see of Christianity in the world today is the evidence of it.
And you can count on the latter rain transcending the former, so that the former things do not come to remembrance. If there is to be universal disaster, there will be universal blessing first. Prior to wrath coming upon the residue, the Lord comes in power and blessing to His own. But in spite of this, there will be a rejection of the

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Spirit and of mercy by many. Will He find faith on the earth when He comes in judgment? He will deal without mercy with those who refuse His mercy.

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth, and the anointing is not lessened but intensified. If Satan has great wrath because the time is short and his acts increase correspondingly, the Son has great mercy and His acts increase correspondingly.
God has set Christ upon His throne, God has highly' exalted Him. Why? Because He carried out His Father's will. He was manifested to undo, to nullify the works of the devil, and yet people say, "There is no devil and no devil's work." Then if that be true, God anointed His Son in vain.

The Son received a specific anointing for a specific work of a specific purpose to meet a specific enemy-that old serpent, the devil, whose work Christ undid at the cross. He conquered death, disease, despair and destruction. Rejoice in that He whom God anointed obtained and still maintains the victory. The voice that said, "Get thee behind me, Satan," will also later command him to be bound with chains and cast into the lake of fire and brimstone. And into that same lake will go all who refuse His mercy.

Jesus Christ is conqueror over sin, sickness, death and the devil himself. And today He says to all: "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

## Sweet Savor

A missionary tells in Prophecy of reading in the hearing of his eight-year-old son the eighth chapter of Genesis. Reference is here made to the offering of Noah following the release of his family from the ark. "And the Lord smelled a sweet savor."
"I said to my little boy: 'It's funny that God could smell a sweet savor from that burning meat. It doesn't smell sweet to us.' Without hesitation he replied: 'It wasn't the meat, daddy: it was Noah's heart that God smelled.'

God is still quick to catch the savor of a truly devout heart. "For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ." 2 Cor. 2:15.

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## The Nem Uniwerse

D. M. Panton

AND I heard a great voice out of the throne; and He that sitteth on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new: I am Alpha and the Omega.'" Rev. $21: 3-6$. The Lord alone speaks, as though the pent-up desires of His heart have found full vent at last, and He speaks as Alpha and Omega-the Alpha that produced the worlds that are, and the Omega who will at last produce the imperishable worlds. And to John, nearly two thousand years ago, He saith, "Write! For these words are faithful and true. And He said unto me, They are come to pass." v. 6 R. V. God can put into a past tense-so certain that it is already accomplished-what even now is at least a thousand years ahead.

All have been made ready, by all-searching judgment, for something entirely new and clean. The evil angels are in the lake of fire; the redeemed of all ages have received their reward; and the vast masses of evil human dead have been dismissed from the great white throne to the lake of fire. Thus all moral problems have been solved forever. All characters who since the beginning of time, have participated in the world's drama have been tried and their destiny pronounced. Everything is ready for a new creation.

So now, as we should expect, the whole universe, because it is sin-soiled is annihilated, and the fact is stated is words impossible to be misunderstood. "I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." Rev. 20:11. Such words have only one meaning. If there is no "place" for a material object, it can only be because it has ceased to exist. So again, "the first heaven and the first earth are passed away." Rev. 21:1. Even the millennial earth, with all the wonder and glory of this old world brought under the complete control of Christ, is no lasting home for a child of God, any more than for our Lord Himself. The apostle Peter makes this all clear with the words, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise (a crashing roar-Lange) and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter 3:10. The inconceivable power of God in summoning the vast universe out of nothing is simply exercised again, in the reverse, so plunging it back-equally in-conceivably-into the nothingness out of which He summoned it.

The new universe now dawns, "the final goal of all the longing of all the pious, of all revelations of salvation, and all prophecies, even the final goal of all judgments, which make room for the eternal city of God." "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth." The Old Testament has foretold it in precise terms. God said through Isaiah, "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former things shall, not be remembered, nor come into mind." Isa. $65: 17$. And again, "The new heavens and the new earth, which I shall make,
shall remain before me, saith the Lord." Isa. $66: 22$. And the "newness" will not be only a fresh physical creation, but all nature will in its exquisite loveliness appear to human senses now able to appreciate it. It will be a stainless universe apprehended by perfect senses.
"According to His promise," therefore a promise in the Old Testament, for the book of Revelation had not yet been written, "we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." 2 Peter $3: 13$. As the Leprologist says-and who will appreciate it so much as a leper ?"Our Christian faith makes those suffering from leprosy look forward to new heavens and a new earth, to new bodies with new eyes, new voices, new touch-perception, wherewith to praise God." And an extraordinary feature of our new world will be the annihilation of the past. "The former things shall not be remembered, nor come to mind." Isa. 65:17. The past will never torment us again.
Next, a new metropolis of the universe, its central city, now appears. "And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." "It is new in its materials, in its size, in its location, in its style, in its permanence, and in everything characteristic of it." It descends on to the new earth, there to abide, as its metropolis forever. Hitherto it has been "the heavenly Jerusalem (Heb. 12:22), "the Jerusalem which is above" (Gal. $4: 26$ ), "the city which is to come." Heb. 13:14. Now it is the city lodged on the new earth, which becomes the home of redeemed humanity forever.

The supreme consummation now unfolds. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." The astounding revelation is here given that God and man are to share one home. We will enjoy a fellowship together never to be interrupted, never to be marred by a single $\sin$. No longer does God choose one nation for Himself, nor even one spiritual people separate from mankind, but "God is with men, and they shall be His peoples." That is, the Most High is visible and approachable, even as Adam walked and talked with his Maker
in the first garden of the world. In the Temple one man only could enter the Holy of Holies. Today "no man can see God and live." In eternity God dwells with men in an intimacy unknown even to angels. It is the ultimate and complete fulfilment of our Lord's words, "If a man love Me, he will keep My word: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and
make Our abode with him." John 14:23.

The consequence is a completely new world. "He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more ; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more." There will be no mourning-sorrow over the dead. There will be no more crying-a sharp cry or scream. There will be no pain-nor anguish, either mental or physical. Only the Hand that made our spirits can reach into the deep sources of our sorrows and so change everything that we shal ${ }^{1}$ never weep again.

A visitor returning from Austria said, "I never knew before that there were so many kinds of weeping. The slow, cold tears of utter despair, the passionate, frightened crying of those whose nerves have suddenly gone, the furious, hurt sobs that speak of the absolute injustice of it all, the dreary weeping of a woman whose husband had been murdered in a concentration camp." In that glorious day it shall all be done away. No deathbeds, no funerals, no cemeteries, and better still, no heartbreak. How could there be any such things in the presence of the King of kings ?
"The first things have passed away" for they never belonged even to the first creation. The sweating, the groaning, the bleeding, the dying are not laws of God, but fruits of the violation of the laws of God. Therefore the final universe will never know them. Robert Hall, the preacher, was such a sufferer that he would roll on the carpet in agony. On his tombstone in Bristol Cemetery in England are these words, "Neither shall there be any more pain." The human race continues sinless forever.
One shadow only falls, a shadow unutterably awful. There is "the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone ; which is the second death." As there is a second and higher life, so there is a second and deeper death. And the fearful fact is that it is in the imperishable universe that the lake of fire is found. That is, the literality and imperishableness of the heaven, the earth, the city, puts beyond all doubt the literality and imperishability of hell. And in the nature of the case it is inescapable. All the incurable wickedness in the universe has to be confined, as leprosy is confined in a lazaretto, to one spot. And those in the lake "have their part" in it-that is, they inherit their share, they have drawn it upon themselves as the penality of their $\sin$.

The appalling fact is that the denial of hell fire, which is all but universal today, in no slightest degree affects the fact, and is merely a smoke screen between the world and the most awful revelation God has ever made. It is decisive to note, to name but one detail, that the Antichrist and the false prophet are "cast alive into the lake of fire." Rev. $19: 20$. Men cannot be cast alive into a 'figure of speech." So far from hell fire deflecting men from belief, it is a historical fact that where it has been most preached, most have been saved.

Most wonderful is the Apostle's practical inference from these stupendous facts. "Seeing that these things are thus all to be dis-solved"-that the world, on which we are walking, is a world that will melt away for-ever-"what manner of persons, ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness?" 2 Peter $3: 11$. In the comment of Dr. Alexander Maclaren, "Make haste about cultivating a Christlike character. The harvest is great, the toil is heavy, the sun is drawing to the west. The reckoning is at hand. There is no time to lose; set about it as you have never done before, and say, 'This one thing I do.' "

## A Plea for More Prayer

If the Church is to succeed evangelistically we must do more praying. Church officers must spend more time in this holy exercise. Sunday School teachers and Christian workers must devote their energies to the sacred occupation. The rank and file of church members must oftener gather round the mercy seat. The task is not easy. It is easier to prepare sermons than to pray. It is easier to work than to pray. It is easier to plan and organize than to pray. Prayer is hard. No duty is more earnestly impressed upon us in the Word of God than the duty of continual intercourse with Him. The main reason for this unceasing insistence is the arduousness of prayer. In this realm we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers of darkness. Says Jacob Boehme, "To pray aright is right earnest work." Uplifted hands grow tremulous long before the field is won.

Ministers must do more praying. Think of what a prayerless minister means to a church. It is his business to train his people in prayer, but how can that be done if he himself knows so little of converse with God, and of receiving day by day abundant grace for himself and his work. A minister cannot lead a congregation higher than he is himself. He cannot with enthusiasm point out a way, or explain a work, in which he is not himself walking or living.

Dr. Horton, in his "Verbum Dei," has reminded us of John Foster, who used to spend long nights in his chapel absorbed in spiritual exercises, pacing to and fro under the burden of his spirit, until his feet had worn a little track in the aisle. Oh for ten thousand intercessors like him!--Joseph Kemp.

## A Challenge

Paul W. Rood says: "We are told that there are 800 closed churches in New England, and that among the 7,000 ordained ministers of that area, only 1,000 believe in an authoritative, infallible Bible, and in the deity and atonement of Christ. We are told that there are 10,000 villages in America without a church, and that there are 30,000 villages without a resident pastor.
"The city problem in our land should cause us concern. Los Angeles has 1,000,000 people untouched by any sort of religious influence. New York has $4,000,000$ people who are unchurched; Pittsburgh, 250,000; Cleveland, 400,000; St. Louis, 300,000; Minneapolis, 300,000; Seattle, 250,000; San Francisco, 425,000. In San

Francisco, only five per cent belong to Protestant churches.
"There are 13,000,000 Negroes in America. Seven million of them are unchurched. There are 350,000 Jews in Chicago. Not more than 250 of them are known to be Christians. There are $27,000,00$ children in the nation unevangelized. The childhood of the nation provides our greatest opportunity. They must be reached and won for Christ if our nation is to be spared from complete debacle. Only eight per cent of the people of our nation attend services on Sunday morning, and two per cent Sunday evenings. About forty per cent of the American people are on church registers, but only twenty-nine per cent ever attend church at all."

## Daily Victory

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. He that loveth his life loseth it ; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."-John $12: 24,25, \mathrm{R}$. V.

All nature is the parable of how the losing of a life can be the way of securing a truer and a higher life. Every grain of wheat, every seed throughout the world, teaches the lesson that through death lies the path to beautiful and fruitful life.

It was so with the Son of God. He had to pass through death in all its bitterness and suffering, before He could rise to heaven and impart His life to His redeemed people. And here under the shadow of the approaching cross He calls His disciples: "If any man will serve Me, let him follow Me." He repeats the words: "He that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

One might have thought that Christ did not need to lose His holy life ere He could find it again. But so it was. God had laid upon Him the iniquity of us all, and He yielded to the inexorable law: Through death to life and to fruit.

How much more ought we, in the consciousness of that evil nature and that death which we inherited in Adam, be willing, yea, most grateful that there is a way open to us by which, in the fellowship of Christ and His cross, we can die to this accursed self! With what gratitude ought we to listen to the call to bear our cross, to yield our "old man" as crucified with Christ daily to that death which he deserves! Surely the thought that the power of the eternal Life is working in us, ought to make us willing and glad to die the death that brings us into the fel-
lowship and the power of life in a risen Christ.

Alas, how little this is understood! Let us believe that what is impossible to man is possible to God. Let us believe that the law of the Spirit of Christ Jesus, the risen Lord, can in very deed make His death and His life the daily experience of our souls.Andrew Murray.

## Pray for Revival

It was not Ahab's repentance that brought rain. Ahab was not converted. He and all his household continued to trouble Israel.

God's judgment was on the land, and His wrath was manifested on the false prophets. And yet for the prayers of one man, judgment was stayed, a catastrophe was averted, rain came in abundance and saved men and cattle.

The blackness of judgment upon the country, and then more black clouds filled with rain. Justice and mercy meeting together.

The world does not deserve a revival, it deserves famine. False prophets, false teachers, false preachers, deserve to have the wrath of God upon them, and they will have it too: but for the sake of the faithful prophets, even the Obadiahs, who fear the Lord greatly ( 1 Kings 18:3), God will pour out blessing. Blessing in the face of apostasy! Parched land drenched with rain, that there may be plenty!
Blessing did not mean conversion for Ahab or Jezebel. All the followers of Baal were not converted. But the goodness and the mercy of the Lord were manifested. Israel was preserved. Blessing came upon the good and the bad, and some turned to the living God.

God is going to repeat in these days what He did then. The world does not deserve it. But God's grace is greater than man's $\sin$. The sacrifice of Calvary is greater than man's apostasy. And God's people can plead that, so that there can be a triumph of grace. Where sin abounds, grace shall much more abound.

It is well to remind God of His promises. It is well also to remind God of the cross, for the wealth of the reserves of grace is still available through the work of His Son on Calvary. The slain Lamb lives, and therefore it is possible for a revival to come.

Grace is reigning and not $\sin$. The scepter of mercy has not been dropped. The rod of wrath has not been taken up. And while God holds the scepter of mercy we can pray for a revival. Avail yourself of the privilege, and expect, as Elijah did, a great rain.

A great need, a great prophet, a great God, a great rain. The conditions today are identical. There are "sounds of abundance of rain," even though wickedness abounds.

## The Family Altar

Don't fail to send for a large supply of our new devotional quarterly, "Daily Devotions," for your Sunday School. Every teacher should have one. The price is only 5 cents per copy if sent for in quantities of 10 or more. A single subscription for "Daily Devotions" is 40 cents per year in the U. S. A. or 50 cents in Canada.

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## WHAT'S NEWS

## IN THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Florence Byers who has spent a term of five years in Japan expects to sail for home next month, leaving Kobe March 11 on the President Pierce which is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco March 26. For a number of years Miss Byers has been caring for a family of about twenty orphans in Japan, and no doubt arrangements have been made for the work to be continued under native supervision during her absence from the field.

Bernice C. Lee, one of veteran missionaries in the North India field, has found it necessary at this time to return home in response to an urgent call because of illness among near relatives. We regret the circumstances which have necessitated Miss Lee's return and pray that the Lord may undertake for her and her family in this time of need. Miss Lee's home address is 2901 Eighty-Second Avenue, Oakland, California.

Gustave Kinderman is booked to sail on the M. S. Copiapo, of the Chilean Line, leaving New York on February 22 for Valparaiso.

Because of the tense situation in the Orient it has seemed advisable that some of our younger missionaries who have been studying the Chinese language at Peking should move to the Philippine Islands where they may continue their studies and still be able to assist in the development of the work in that section. We are pleased to report the safe arrival in the Philippines of the following party of missionaries: Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Tangen, Elizabeth Galley, Gladys Knowles and Doris Carlson. Their temporary mailing address will be in care of Leland Johnson, 109 Ferguson Road, Baguio, Mountain Province, Philippine [slands.

## Latin-American <br> Bible Institute in Mexica City

Ruben Medina

Our Bible school graduation conducted recently in Mexico City proved to be a time of rich blessing. More than a thousand people gathered together in the church building on this occasion. We appreciated the presence of a number of our beloved workers from the southern conference and it was a special privilege to have with us Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ball. Brother Ball brought a stirring message from the Word of God after which he presented diplomas to the ten graduates.

## Farewell

The joy of fellowship with Brother and Sister Ball was not unmixed with sorrow as we realized that in a short time these dear friends who have been our parents in the gospel would be leaving us in response to the call of God to labor in the Republic of Chile, South America. We pray that God may give them a successful and fruitful ministry in that land even as they have had during the past twenty-four years among the Mexican people.

Pray for Us
Pray for the young people who have graduated, the majority of whom are already in active work for the Lord. They will face many trials and perils but they are going forth with a deep love for the souls of those around them who are perishing without a knowledge of the Saviour.

Pray also for our Bible school as we commence the new semester next month. We are


Ruben Medina with graduating class of Latin-American Bible Institute, Mexico City, Mexico
ooking for new recruits to enter training and fill up the places of those who have gone forth into the harvest field.

## "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

 John FranklinIntercede with us for Guatemala that God will send a mighty break and that a host of workers will be raised up to do the reaping ere it be too late. The sun is setting over the harvest-the night cometh when no man can work.

Although ours is but a frail, human instrumentality, we are putting forth every effort in reliance upon the power that is working within us. Sometimes it seems that Satanic opposition is unloosed with fury so that we scarcely move forward at all-but not for long. Suddenly the enemy retreats a pace and we hasten forward to claim the territory vacated. Why is this sudden change brought about? Ah, it is because God's intercessors have prayed through for us. Prayer, work, and the faithful witnessing of the native church-these three things make possible the winning of new victories on the field.
Just three months ago one of our ministers brought the gospel to a village where it had not been preached before. The message was received without opposition and thirty-five souls were saved. Since that time men and women are coming to the Lord in almost every service, forsaking idolatry to serve the living God. Other assemblies report that the Lord is adding to the church.

Here and there over the field young men are feeling a call to preach the gospel. God is answering prayer for workers to be thrust forth-and now we must make provision for their training. The next few months will find us out in the towns and villages gathering them for Bible study in preparation for the ministry. We have just closed our fourth annual conference of ministers which was marked by God's presence and leading as we made plans for the coming year's work. Will you believe with us that it may be the most glorious year thus far? We are counting on your prayers more than anything else. As we span the distance that separates us and see you there praying daily for us, we do not feel alone in the struggle. When Christ returns, your faithfulness will have its reward.

## SOUTH CHINA BIBLE SCHOOL

In view of war conditions it has been deemed advisable, instead of reopening the South China Bible School, to leave the students on their respective stations and to carry on the school work through correspondence. The change in plans caused a good deal of readjustment but Walker Hall tells us that the lessons are now well under way.

We do not expect to have much time to 'loaf'," writes Brother Hall, "with the correspondence school to carry on as well as our regular chapel work-but we are always happiest when we are busiest. The boys, too, will be busier, for they have their work to keep up in the up-country stations in addition to the Bible-school studies. Please continue to pray for them that they will overcome the many temptations which continually vex them and become zealous workers for the Lord.
"Many of you have told us that you pray DAILY for us. Friends, this is no small thing, and the knowledge of it is giving us an added feeling of strength as we go into the new year."

## ? Belong to Nabady May I Belong to You?

"My name is Ruth Anugrah (Grace). I am eight years old. My parents both died when I was a little girl and my grandmother sold me to a man. For two years I worked as a slave to his family, doing all the hard, menial tasks. Then I was married off to a very wicked man who treated me shamefully and when I resented beat me almost to death. He began to starve me and finally put me out, telling me to beg for food. Day after day I begged, sometimes getting enough to eat, at other times going as long as three days with no food which made me very weak. I got so tired of begging and walking so far.
"Now comes the bright side for me. One day I wandered into a mission compound and asked for something to eat. Everyone seemed so kind and they gave me all the food I wanted. I ate an extra lot, not knowing when I would get any more. I was almost naked so the missionaries gave me an extra piece of cloth My, what kind people, I thought-I was hungry and they fed me, naked and they clothed me.
"How I would like to stay with these people and not have to beg any more! I could really be happy with their children."

## Could We Turn Her Away?

That is the story Mrs. Lewis tells of a poor little jungly girl who wandered into the compound at Nawabganj, North India. They kept her for a few days but could not do so permanently and considered sending her to the girls' mission school at Bettiah. This, however, seemed out of the question as it would take $\$ 3.00$ a month for her support. Yet how could they turn her away when she asked for a chance? So Mrs. Lewis wrote to the missionary in charge of our girls' school asking if she would take the girl for sixty-six cents a month until they could write home and get support for her. The missionary gladly agreed to do so for she knew the joy it is to see these little Indian jungly girls develop into beautiful Christian characters.

## A Worth-While Investment

The girl is worth while and seemingly bright -but she belongs to nobody-may she belong to you? The privilege of adopting Ruth Anugrah will be given to the first person who writes to us offering to undertake her regular support which would amount to $\$ 3.00$ a month.


## Ruth Anugrah

This little Indian girl is only one of a number in our Bettiah home who are in need of your help. If friends should send offerings in response to this appeal and we find that Ruth Anugrah's need is already cared for, the money could well be used for the support of other girls in like circumstances. When sending your offerings will you kindly indicate whether you would be willing for the gift to be used in this way or would prefer it to be diverted into another channel.
Send your remittance to the Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated for support of girl in Bettiah Home.


STREET SCENE IN NORTH CHINA
"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them." Matthew 9:36.

## Harwesting in North China

## Martin Kuamme

Though these are days of great bitterness and dark outlook, yet it is a wonderful privilege to live in such a time and witness the fulfillment of the many things spoken of by the prophets of old. It is also blessed to have a share in the work of making Christ known to the many who have not heard the gospel message. It makes us feel as those who are gathering in the harvest before a mighty autumn storm closes in both on the reaper and the grain.

## New Chapel Opened

In November we mentioned the building of a chapel at Po T'o Chen. This building was completed in time for the opening of gospel services on December 1, and since that time the place has been filled each day with eager listeners to the gospel, most of whom have not heard the message before. The head official of the community is proving a real friend of the work, assisting in so many ways. In the spring we hope to build living quarters there for the evangelist and his family. We had a real struggle to get a foothold in this city, but now the work is going forward and the station already has three outposts in the surrounding country where meetings are being conducted regularly and souls won for God.

## Pentecostal Outpouring

The Liu Shou Ying station was opened last November. Since that time many have found
the Lord and five have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We visited this station last week and at that time purchased the land and buildings which have been used for the work. In a thanksgiving service held after the purchase was completed, a sister received a mighty Baptism in the Spirit and there was great joy in the camp.
The Tsang Chia Chwang Chen station experienced its first Pentecostal outpouring during the last month, when four received the Baptism. Negotiations are under way for this new work also to secure its own mission property. The station has a number of outposts and is making a splendid center for activities in that section of the field.
Our group of Christians at Shih K'ang seem to have a true vision of working for the Lord. They have regular services in several large villages, and last month brought a good report of some very definite fruit of their labors.
Our other stations also are making progress. We prepare and print our own gospel tracts and the good seed of the Word is being sown among the masses. We are thankful to say that we are not facing any special difficulties in our line of gospel work. With your continued prayer and interest we believe for a good year in the work of the Lord. Of course no one is able to predict what the future may hold in store, but our faith is in God who is able to take us through.

## REMEMBER NINGPO

Apparently some of the friends who formerly gave loyal support to Mrs. Nettie Nichols have discontinued help since her death, yet the work at Ningpo, North China for which she assumed responsibility has been carried on. Lily Ganz who has taken over responsibility for the handling of all funds states that money is needed for the maintenance of the thirty orphans and for Bible school students as well as for some of the native workers who are engaged in outstation work.

The Ningpo work has been signally blessed of God. At perhaps the last convention Mrs. Nichols attended prior to her death something like eight hundred were present and God poured out His Spirit in a gracious manner. Joshua Bang, who was associated with Mrs. Nichols in the work and whom many friends will remember as having accompanied her on an extended tour through this country several years ago, continues to have an un-
usually fine ministry. In spite of war conditions and hazards of travel, he has held meetings in several places during recent months and reports have come to us of blessing as a result of the services.
Further information concerning the Ningpo work is contained in our booklet entitled, "God's Faithfulness in Ningpo." To anyone sending an offering for this work who requests a copy of the booklet, we will be glad to mail one without charge.

ASLESUND, NORWAY-"Lately many people have turned to God, for which we are rejoicing, and we look forward to a real revival. I am well and trust God will lead me according to His will in the coming year. Thank you for your help and prayer. Please continue to pray for the people here and for me that I may be a blessing to those whom I contact."-Inga Peterson.


## "SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND"

"I have just come from a funeral where I buried seventy," says a minister in the London Christion World, "and I am about to attend another service where we shall bury three hundred." What an opportunity to preach to the living while burying the dying!

## A LAST-HOUR OPPORTUNITY

Says the Christian Herald (London): "One evening a London city missionary spoke to 500 people in an air-raid shelter. He read the Scriptures to them, prayed, led them in singing wellknown gospel hymns, and then delivered a brief address. That same night a bomb dropped on the shelter killing thirty of those within. Thank God, they had heard of the Saviour so little time before!"

## PERISHING IN SHANGHAI

Thousands are dying of starvation or cold in the streets of Shanghai, according to the HeraldTribune. Official figures reveal that 12,091 bodies have been found from July to December 14. Of this number 398 adults and 691 children were found dead in the first two weeks of December, and the death rate has increased since the unemployed, unfed and homeless multitudes have been caught in the grip of winter. Missionaries have not sufficient funds to give help to so many.

## FOOD FOR POLISH JEWS

Relief that is being sent to German-occupied Poland is getting through to the sufferers, according to a statement in Christian Century by the European head of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. The majority of the 1,000 ,000 needy Jews there have been helped with food, money, or medical care through American contributions, he reports. He states that Polish Jews are so poor that many hungry ones are found going to places where food is cooking merely to get a smell of it.

## AN INDIVIDUAL MATTER

Said Vermont's new governor, William H. Willis, in his inaugural address: "If America is to be saved each individual must first put his own house in order. We comment about the breakdown of morals both within our State and the nation, but fail to recognize the fact that it may be due to the spiritual indifference of our citizens." Governor Willis urged the need of religion and said that the Ten Commandments could not be improved upon. A nation is no better than the individuals that comprise it.

## NEWS FROM HOLLAND

Many will rejoice to read the following lines taken from a letter which appears in The Gospel Call. They were written on November 22, 1940, by Brother Peter van der Woude, pastor of a flourishing Pentecostal assembly in Rotterdam, Holland. He wrote:
"We are all well and kept by the power of God. The Lord is blessing our gospel activity, and we are experiencing the truth that His grace enables the believers to look up in these times of wars and rumors of wars, as the Scriptures have told us would be the condition before Jesus comes back to this earth. We praise Him for His wonderful protection. He kept us in the midst of trouble some months ago. The church is still here and we are worshiping as usual, every Sunday."
As all mail is censored our brother has written guardedly. Undoubtedly they are suffering many hardships and restrictions and greatly need our prayers. However, it is encouraging io know that the Pentecostal work in bomb-scarred Rotterdam is going on with some degree of liberty.

## AMONG GERMAN PRISONERS

The American Bible Society has assisted the British and Foreign Bible Society in furnishing Scriptures for prisoners and other internees in Canada, by supplying 2,000 German Gospels. The Canadian secretary for the British Society writes that "gratitude has been expressed through German chaplains and special thanks was accorded by one German chaplain on receipt of a Hebrew Bible and a Greek New Testament to help in the preparation of his (German) sermons to be delivered in the prison camp.'

## MEETINGS AT THE NORTH POLE

"The Lapps live nearer the North Pole than any people in Europe," says World Dominion. "Sometimes the thermometer drops to nearly one hundred degrees below freezing. Contact with outside Europeans is rare, and when recently an agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society visited them with Scriptures, there was a great commotion among their Arctic Ocean settlements. This was the first visit of the kind for thirty years, and the occasion was marked by wonderful gospel meetings and a number of conversions."

## A LETTER FROM LONDON

The pastor of one of the Assemblies of God churches in London, England wrote to us on January 13 as follows:
"We value your prayers for us here. Eternal truths have a real value. His presence becomes more real. Prayer is more vital than food. Truly our life is a vapor. We live moment by moment, kept in His love. 'God be with you till we meet again,' sung at the conclusion of our meetings, has a new meaning, for the angel of death may be just around the corner as we start for home. The faces of the saints are worth seeing as they sing His praises after we have partaken of the Lord's Supper.
"We thank God all our family is safe. We have escaped two bombings-one thirty feet from our home and one seven houses away. Please join in praying that God will soon send a just and righteous peace, with a mighty spiritual revival. Surely only that will save the nations from destroying themselves. Also pray that this continual bombing (nearly always houses, etc.) may cease. It is heartbreaking to see the poor shattered homes, yet stimulating to see the calm, even cheery courage of all classes."

## A CHALLENGE FROM THE SOUTH

Speaking at the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Dr. John R. Mott referred to Latin America as "an unprecendented challenge" to the Christians of English-speaking America. He said:
"Throughout this vast area there has been relatively a serious neglect of the rural fields. The call of the west in lands like Argentina, Brazil and Mexico is like the similar call that came to us in the United States two generations ago, and to Canada at the beginning of the present generation. Latin America, as no other part of the world just now, summons us to the larger evangelisms. The intelligentsia of Latin America, represented in the stream of students and graduates of the government system of education, make a peculiar appeal to use a larger plank in our platform which must be made to give right of way to the claims of youth."
While the doors of some lands are closed to missionary work for the present, the doors of other lands are wide open, and none of these offer greater opportunities for the gospel than our neighbors to the south. Only messengers of the gospel can be the kind of "good neighbor" that the sin-sick souls of Latin America need. Luke 10:36.

MUSSOLINI AND THE VATICAN
Something which was printed in Sunday School Times about eight years ago is worth publishing today. It is an interview between the late Ralph C. Norton and Mussolini. As many know, Mussolini is the author of many books. He wrote one on the life of John Huss, the godly Bohemian reformer of the fifteenth century, entitled, "John Huss, the Man," in which he arraigns the Roman Catholic Church in the most terrific way for its wickedness.

Mr. Norton wrote: "Everyone had warned me beforehand, 'Whatever you do, don't dare to speak to Mussolini about that book.' But this was my last question, as you can guess. 'Signor Mussolini,' I said, 'you wrote a book on the life of John Huss; do you believe now as you believed when you wrote that book?' He looked up at me pleasantly as he said, 'Yes, I do.'

## A GREAT DIFFERENCE

A single word, "regeneration," explains the great difference between Protestant and Roman Catholic faiths, says Dr. Leo H. Lehmann. Writing in Revelation he says:
"As a former priest of the Church of Rome, I have many times been asked to explain the reason why the Catholic Church insists on its outworn teachings and practices-why purgatory, confession, indulgences, worship of saints and their images, transsubstantiation, infallibility of the pope, mass, fasting, penances, rosary beads, and the many other man-made devices in Catholic practice which are a puzzle to most Protestants.
"The answer is simple. Each of these strange practices is necessary in the Church of Rome because it is without the regenerative message of the true Christian gospel. Men born again, made new creatures, having direct contact with God through Jesus Christ, do not need them. They are substitutes for the true teaching that is wholly lacking in Catholic life. If a man is saved he becomes a new creature, whole and complete; he can then do all things because he possesses the power of God within him. He needs no human agency, no one to act for him as a spiritual power of attorney.' If he is unsaved and knows nothing of the power of the new creature, he naturally looks to other men to rule him and to do everything necessary for him."

## THAT VISIT WITH MUSSOLINI

About eight years ago the Sunday School Times published an account of an interview which the late Ralph C. Norton had with Mussolini. Mr. Norton talked to II Duce about the place of Russia in Bible prophecy, as well as about the revival of the Roman Empire, and Mrs. Norton talked about Christ's salvation and left a gospel booklet with him. Further information about this interview is given by Dr. Herbert Lockyer in his new booklet, "Russians and Romans." ( 25 cents from the Gospel Publishing House.) Dr. Lockyer says:
"A few months before he died, Mr. Norton sent me a very interesting letter. He stated that while in Italy he had a private conversation with Mussolini. While talking with the dictator he showed him where the Bible had something very definite to say about the revival of the Roman Empire. He told me how Mussolini became deeply interested and said to Mr. Norton: 'If you can give me the best books on the subject, I promise you that I will read them.' Mr. Norton, in writing to me, asked me to write something regarding the Roman Empire prophecies which he could send to Mussolini. I wrote back saying that the very best thing he could hand that Italian dictator is the book called 'The Roman Empire' by Mr. Vine, an English writer. That was bought and sent to Mussolini. And so he knows, without a doubt, the Biblical background."
At that time, of course, Mussolini had already fully launched his schemes for rebuilding the Roman Empire. The prophecies concerning the destruction of the revived Roman Empire by the Stone which descends from heaven cut out without hands, would be of little comfort to him!

## MS SUnDOU SCHOOL LESSOO

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## Elisha's Prophecy and Its Fulfillment

Lesson for March 16. Lesson Text: 2 Kings A DESPERATE CITY. 2 Kings 6:24-29 Benhadad of Syria, having completely forgotten the recent kindness shown to his army which Elisha had saved from total destruction (2 Kings 6:18-23), again besieged Samaria, cutting the city off from all outside help. Consequently a terrible famine raged. So dreadful was it that one day the king found to his dismay that women were actually boiling and eating their own offspring. This was more than he could stand. "God do so to me and more also," he said, "if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day." Foolish king! Blaming the situation of Samaria on the man of God when he himself was to blame! Why did he not pull down the idols in the land? Why did he not remove the prophets of Baal? Why did he not repent of his own iniquity and trust Jehovah to deliver Israel? Here we have a good lesson.

Blame yourself! One of the many deceitful characteristics of our human hearts is that we try to blame others for our mistakes and sins, try to palliate our shortcomings and lay responsibility for our errors upon people or circumstances. When Adam was asked to give account of himself for his $\sin$, he replied, "The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat." Let us not blame the pastor, the fellow church member, the wife, or our circumstances when we ourselves are at fault! If we seek to justify ourselves and blame others, we shall be condemned. Luke $16: 15 ; 18: 9-14$. No matter how far we may have come spiritually, there are two little phrases we all need to know how to say, "I have sinned," and "I was to blame."
A DESPERATE KING. 2 Kings 6: 30-33
Intending, then, to behead Elisha, the king sent a messenger to Elisha to announce his coming. But before he arrived, Elisha received another spiritual revelation by which he was informed of what was coming to pass. Calmly, and knowing that God was with him, Elisha instructed one of the elders who was with him in the house to shut the door on the messenger until the king himself arrived.

Verse 33 needs careful observation. "And while he (Elisha) talked with them (the elders), behold, the messenger came down unto him; and he (the king who followed closely behind his messenger) said, Behold this evil is of the Lord; what should I wait for the Lord any longer?" The king recognized that the Lord had permitted the terrible plight, but in impatience and rebellion he was tired of waiting for the Lord to deliver and was about to take matters into his own hands. What a rash attitude to take!

Those who grow weary of waiting for God's help, and take matters into their own hands forsake their own mercy. But blessed are those who wait on the Lord. For they shall not be ashamed! Psalm $27: 13,14$; Isa. $40: 31$.
AN AMAZING PREDICTION. 2 Kings 7:1, 2
Elisha appeased the anger of the king by making an astounding prediction. In spite of the straits to which the city of Samaria had been reduced, there would be plenty of food on the
morrow ! This implied, of necessity, that the siege would be ended. The king evidently believed Elisha's word. But one of his nobles who happened to be present mockingly declared his disbelief of the prediction. Whereupon Elisha pronounced upon him a solemn sentence-he was to see this great plenty but would not eat of it!
Unbelief is a terrible thing. It dishonors God and deprives men of favors which He so lovingly and at such a cost designs for them. The rich man, in hell because of his unbelief, saw the bliss of the righteous but could not partake of it. Luke $16: 23,24$. So the sinner who rejects Christ through unbelief will throughout eternity be conscious of the joys he missed. The murmuring Israelites saw Canaan but could not enter in because of their unbelief. In like manner unbelief
 $25: 24-29$.
activity? People are afraid they will fail, and thus become victims of fear! What can be done about it? There is but one answer. Taking the attitude, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," we must do the thing we fear! And so doing we cannot fail! But even if we fail we should be no worse off than we are now, for to do nothing is to live in a state of constant failure! We cannot rightly judge the outcome of our own actions. Far better to attempt things for Christ's sake and in His name, than to let the fear of failure which is really a form of pride bring upon you the condemnation that came upon the unprofitable servant! Matt.

Selfish neglect. When the lepers reached the Syrian camp, a miracle had taken place. God had made the Syrians think they heard a great united army composed of Israelites, Hittites, and Egyptians coming against them. And they had fled leaving their camp and all its provisions behind!
The conduct of the lepers on finding food was quite selfish. They ate and drank and began hiding treasures for themselves, apparently taking no thought for the people of Samaria who were starving for food which these lepers might have directed them to. Their action is typical of the selfish Christian who fails to do all in his power to point men and women who are dying of soul starvation to Jesus the Bread of Life.
A little girl, looking at a picture of a Hindu mother throwing her beloved child into the Ganges to reconcile the gods, said, "Mother, does God know about this?" "Yes, God knows." "Then why doesn't He do something about it?" And the mother had to tell her little girl that God is ever looking for messengers to put a stop to it, but that many are selfish and will not listen, or careless and do not care!

Merciful consideration. "Then they said to one another, We do not well; this is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace . . . now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." It took these lepers quite some time to awaken to the needs of others; but finally they realized their responsibility and returned to the city with their happy news. As it was in Samaria so all around us today are dying souls, broken hearts and lives perishing for want of the glorious message of Christ's salvation which we have to carry. Let us be faithful in our testimony!
A SOLEMN PUNISHMENT. 2 Kings 7:17-20
will keep Christians from entering into their spiritual privileges in Christ.
AN AMAZING DISCOVERY. 2 Kings 7:3-12
Excluded from the city because of their disease sat four lepers. In normal times they received food from the people in the city. Now, with the famine raging, they were starving. How sensible was their reasoning. If they went into the city they would die for there was no food there. If they sat idle they would die. Their only hope was to take a chance, trust themselves to the mercy of the Syrians. For it would be better to be captured and live than to sit still and die. At any rate they could be no worse off than they were.
Inactivity is disastrous! Hell is full of people who did nothing about their soul's salvation. But apply this truth to the Christian life! Many Christians have gifts and talents which are lying dormant and useless. They are asked to pray, sing, speak, or testify, and they say, "I can't." Consequently their lives are comparatively useless as far as others are concerned. And they are dissatisfied with themselves because at heart they would like to do for the Lord the thing they feel they cannot do! What is the cause of this in-

The news at first seemed too good to be true. The king, suspecting a trap, sent out a scouting party which found that the report was true. Starving people poured out of the city to gather food and spoil, and then came the predicted punishment of the unbelieving nobleman. He had been appointed to direct traffic of people through the city gate. But the job was too much for him. He was trodden down by the rushing throng and trampled to death. Thus we see the fatal end of unbelief. Let us be instructed! Shall we stagger at the promises of God? Nay. The God of Elisha is our God in 1941, "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Let us be simple enough to take Him at His Word!J. Bashford Bishop.

## God's help is always sure;

His methods seldom guessed:
Delay will make our pleasure pure, Surprise will give it zest.

## His wisdom is sublime;

His heart profoundly kind;
God never is before His time, And never is behind.

# GOOD MELUS 

## MOTHER'S PRAYERS

## A Testimony

My mother was a dear little old-fashioned mother. She had served the Lord faithfully for about 12 years. She had seven children, raised four grandchildren, and one adopted girl. All of her children were unsaved, except the little adopted girl who was raised in Pentecost, and at the age of 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost while playing the piano for a service.

My brother is two years older than myself, and lived a life of ease (as my father was a doctor). He spent the money that was given him for a life of parties and good times. He drank, gambled, and was breaking my mother's heart. She loved her children dearly, and said many times, if it took her life to bring her children into this glorious salvation, she would gladly give it. He finally joined the Navy and was gone four years. But he said his mother's prayers followed him. He could hear those prayers when Satan's grip seemed to be heavy upon him, and he felt surely hell would be his doom. His life was miserable.

When he was discharged from the Navy he came home, broken in spirit and body. But he still felt those prayers and God's Spirit striving with his heart. He had heard his mother tell how Jesus had suffered, bled and died for him, how Jesus had healed the sick; and that He was the same Jesus, yesterday, today, and forever. Heb. $13: 8$. One night he made his way down to an old-fashioned altar bench, at a little church his mother was attending, poured out his heart to God, and asked for mercy and pardon. And Jesus says, "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

God saved my brother. What a wonderful change took place in his life. He didn't smoke any more, he didn't attend parties any more, he didn't drink any more, he didn't curse any more. I wondered at the time what had happened to this brother of mine. In a few short years God baptized him with the Holy Ghost, and called him to preach the gospel.

He, along with my mother, began to pray for me. I fought off conviction. I wouldn't go to church. I wouldn't listen when they tried to tell me about Jesus. I would only harden my heart and tell them I wasn't in the least interested. But although my lips were saying mean, harsh things, my heart was crying out for this wonderful something I knew my mother and my brother had. I truly saw the beauty of Jesus shining forth from their faces.

I would come home at two or three o'clock in the morning, and hear my mother praying, "O God, save my baby girl." I wanted to run, I wanted to cry; and then I'd try to stop my ears. The devil had me bound. I had served him faithfully, and he was fighting. He didn't want to lose one of his faithful servants.

One Sunday afternoon, a radio program was coming from a baptismal service they were having at the Sand Springs Park, near Tulsa, Oklahoma. I wanted to turn it off, but I couldn't. It seemed I was spellbound as I heard those dear saints of God coming up from the water shouting, praising God, and glorifying the name of Jesus. Conviction once again seized my heart and this was one time I couldn't seem to fight it off. I even called a friend of mine over the 'phone. But no matter what I tried to do, I felt that something tugging at my heart. I could stand it no longer.

I went to church that night-it was the last night of a revival in the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Tulsa. I wanted to be saved, but someone had to ask me twice that night before I could break away from the chains the enemy seemed to have me bound with. But when I reached that altar I was so sin-sick, I was so tired of every-
thing; I only wanted this Jesus my mother and my brother had. And praise God, He did not fail me. I was wonderfully saved.
It was only a few short months until Jesus took my mother home to be with Himself. After all those years she had an answer to the desire of her heart. Her children are all saved now but three, and I am praying for them. I believe God is going to answer. I have been preaching the gospel now for three and a half years. My brother and I are in God's great harvest field winning others to God. My mother did not get to hear me preach before she went to be with Jesus, but many times when trials, hardships, and persecutions come my way, I can hear her praying, "O God, save my girl," and I think, "Father, I cannot fail Thee now. I am too near the goal." One of these days the trumpet is going to sound,
those old graves are going to burst open, and my mother is coming forth. I pray, "God, help me never to fail Thee!" That is the desire of my heart-to be caught up with my mother, to meet the One we love and adore above everything else, and that One is Jesus, the One altogether lovely. 1 Thess. $4: 16,17$.-An Evangelist.

HAVE FAITH IN GOD Doubt sees the obstacles; Faith sees the way! Doubt sees the darkest night; Faith sees the day! Doubt dreads to take a step; Faith soars on high ! Doubt questions, "Who believes?" Faith answers, "I."


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Peking, North China-We praise the Lord for delivering some from the opium habit. Please pray that two Bible women will be brought back to the Lord and that the natives will have a burden

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for the lost; also pray for the healing of Sister Hansen.-H. E. Hansen.
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Basti, U. P., North India-Pray for a Holy Ghost revival at our outstation, and pray especially for two men who need the Lord in their lives.-Bessic V. Gager.
Lakhimpur, Kheri, U. P., India-Pray for our work and for a young Mohammedan man who has been touched through the testimonies and lives of Christians.-Fred Merian.
Landour, India-Pray for the many denominational missionaries and natives who have attended our services and are seeking the fullness of God's blessings.-Bernice C. Lee.
Moghal Sarai, India-Pray for the salvation of those who attended our services and that believers will be baptized in the Spirit. Also pray that sufficient support will come in for one preacher, one Bible woman, and one colporteur.-Anna Helmbrecht.
Nawabganj, Gonda, India-Pray for a man who has become a Christian and for the salvation of his wife.-J. M. Lewis.
Saran, Bihar, India-Pray that God will save souls as we put forth a special evangelistic effort. -J. Modder.
Palghat, South India-Pray for us as we work among the Hindus.-Ellen Esler.
Habana, Cuba-Pray that God will direct us to our place of labor as we launch out in the work. Also pray that we shall be anointed to make Christ known to those who have not heardLouise W. Stokes.
Guatemala City, Central America-Pray for my wife's healing and for God's blessing on our Bible schools and campaigns of evangelization in new fields. Pray that the Lord will raise up native ministers and that workers will be filled with the Holy Ghost.-John L. Franklin.
Guatemala City, Central America-Pray for us as we feel an urge to open a number of shortcourse Bible training schools for native workers and believers.-Ralph Williams.
Villa Salles, Brazil-Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit on our assembly and district, and for funds to support a native evangelist and also enough to purchase three horses so we can go to other places and tel! of Christ.-Mabel L. de Garcia.
Baguio, Philippine Islands-Please pray that God will help Miss Carlson and me in the study of Chinese, and that He will also help us to contact those who speak English but are without Christ.-Gladys Knowles.
Saspamco, Texas-Pray that the students in the school who have not received the Baptism will press on and receive the fullness of the SpiritLaura Kritz.

## WARNING

A man is going about the country visiting our assemblies. He proposes to have folders printed advertising the church, to be paid for by the ads he will sell. He also agrees to donate to the church a mimeograph machine. When he gets a contract with a church he proceeds to sell the ads and collect as much money as he can from the advertisers. Then he skips out with the money, leaving the church feeling beholden to the advertisers for a refund of the money they paid him.
It is extremely regrettable that some of our smaller assemblies are still being duped by this old trick.

## LAST ONE!

Regional Sunday School Conference at Fort Smith, Arkansas
The Conference is to be held at Fort Smith, Arkansas, March 7 and 8. Capable speakers from southern districts will bring worth while messages on important phases of Sunday School endeavor. Workers who can are urged to attend.Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

# REPORTS 

SAN JON, N. MEX.-We just closed a revival with Sister D. M. Johnson of Galena Park, Texas, as the evangelist. It was the best meeting this church has had in years. Twenty were saved and 22
were filled with the Holy Ghost. The were filled with the Holy Ghost. Tise
whole church was much stirred by Sister whole church was much stirred by Sister
Johnson's Messages.-J. W. Nash, Pastor.
BALTIMORE, MD.-On March 5, the work at Bethel Tabernacle will be two years old. On March 9, we are planning an all-day celebration with praise and
thanksgiving unto God for His manithanksgiving unto God for His mani-
fold blessings. Souls are being saved and believers baptized in the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School is growing and the future looks very bright. Our revival campaigr will begin on March 2, with Mabel Wiletts of Midlothian as our
C. Wood Jr., Pastor.

ELM GROVE (Chester), OKLA.-A Fellowship Meeting was held here recently The Lord met us at the beginning of the service and His presence contunued throughout the day. After a fine song service, followed by a praise service, Sister Higgins of Tulsa brought a message
on "Waiting on the Lord." Isa. 40:31. After lunch Robert Peters of the Roseland Assembly spoke from 1 Tim. 4:14, a message that stirred our souls. There were of Mayfield, C. A. representative, had charge of the evening service, and R.S. charge of the evening service, and R. S.
Strange of Woodward brought the closing message from Ex. 10:26.-Eugene Reynolds,
Pastor. Pastor.
Sow the Bible in the world, and show
the Bible in your life.-T. Baird.
"The soul is stronger, for having met
and resisted temptation."

I once rebuked a Christian worker for
manifesting an unforgiving spirit toward manifesting an unforgiving spirit , toward
another. At length she said, "Well, 1 will another. At length she said, Well, I will
forgive her, but I never, want to have any-
thing to do with her." I said, "Is that
 but He will have nothing more to do with
you?"-E. L. Hamilton. Wt often haps
ThatCH
Tou when the day most peaceful dawns,
Yout ned a care
Lest lead you far astray.
Beause of peace
He'd urge you cast restraint aside,
And soon the path your Master trod
You'II leave for ways He never knew.
Translated from Pastor Hsi.
The Chinese.

THE LAW OF LOVE

## "Make channels for the streams

 And love has overflowing streams"For we must share if we would keep Ceasing to give, we above;
Such is the law of love."-Trench.

## PRAYER

But of say my prayers.
But do I ever pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?
may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone,
For words without the heart
The Lord will never hear;
Nor will He to those lips attend,
Whose prayers are not sincere."

## JOY IN THE WORD

## "I rejoice at thy word, as one h great spoil." Psa. 119:162.

make a common temptation of Satan to Word and prayer when our enjoyment is gone, as if it were of no use to read
the Scriptures when we do not enjoy them. In order to enjoy the Word, we ought to continue to read The less we read the Word of God, the

PINE ISLAND, MINN.-Evangelist Ernest L. Powlesland, formerly of Seattle, Wash., but now of Spencer, Iowa, came to us January 5 and closed his services on February 2. The altar was filled with seckers at many services. Conviction was
deep and pungent at every meeting. About 35 different seekers came to be saved or reclaimed and we thank God that most of
them are going on faithfully with the Lord. The saints were greatly revived and encouraged. We accepted the call to Pine Island in October, and God's blessing has been on our efforts for Him. enjoying real unity among the saints.A. C. Abrahamson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL-Harvey McAlister just closed a very successful campaign at the Austin Gospel, Church, 538 N . Lalergne. Although we had only our own small nucleus of about five faithful families to begin with, the crowd grew each night until the church was filled. Several outstanding healings were granted of the Lord. Many new families responded to
the ministry of the gospel. The climax came as a surprise to all of us, when on the closing night, under the prompting of the Spirit of God, Brother McAlister raised $\$ 800$ toward the building of a new streamlined summer tabernacle to be erected this summer. We are indeed grateful for the answers to prayer God has granted, The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."-E. H. Chamber lain, Pastor

Christ is not only the life before God as the ground of our acceptance; He is the life within us as the divine spring and
-Evan Hopkins.

## SOUL WINNING

Even if I were utterly selfish, and had no care for anything but my own happi-
ness, I would choose if I might, under Cod, to be a soul winner; for never did
I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most enne bling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found the Saviour through over her first-born child, no warrior was


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WILMINGTON, CALIF.-March 2-;
Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa, Evangelist.
Gene Martin, Creston, Iowa, Evangelist.
-Grady L. FFannin, Pastor.
KINGSBBURG, CALIF-March 9-; Wm.
F. A. Gierke of Los Angeles, Evangelist. A. Forsgren, Pastor, 1108 Union St.
BROOKLYN, N. Y.-73 Himrod St. March 2-16; D. H. McDowel,
WILBURTON, OKLA.-Meeting in pro gress; Fredonia Amerman
Evangelist.--Joe Laffoon,
LYNDEN, WASH. 7 th and Liberty
FERRIDAY, LA.-Meeting in progress Mr . and Mrs. E. C. Allen, Austin, Texas,
Evangelists.-W. T. Holcomb, Pastor, RIPLEY, TENN.-Whitefield Assembly, March 16-; O. R. Ball, Bearde P Ark.,
Evangelist.-Nolon B. Rayburn, Pastor. COMMERCE, OKLA.-March 12, for 3 weeks or longer; Arthur Arnold of Okla-
homa City, Evangelist.-Harry Rogers, GREAT BEND, KANSAS-Feb. $26-$ March 16; Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Logan, Evangelists.-C. E. Peak, Pastor.
OSHKOSH. WIS.-Gospel Tabernacle, March 12-23; Harvey McAlister, Evan-gelist.-Emery A. Johnson, Pastor. March 11-: Arne Vick, Race St.,

BLOOMINGTON; TLL-Trinity Taber-
nacle, March 9 - 30 ; Louis 0 . Rynning. Evangelist.-Elsa Schmidt, Pastor.
ASHLLAND, OHIO. -34 E, 2nd
evangelistic meetings, March $9-30 ;-$ B. ., MASON CITY, ILL-March $1-$; J. R.
Harris, Evangelist. LeRoy Fiby is pastor Harris, Evangel
APPLETON, WIS.-Gospel Temple, Feb. Evangelist.-C. D. D. Goudie, Pastor. LOS ANGELES, CALIF,- 68 th and
Denver: March 12, for 3 or 4 weeks: Denver; March 12, for ${ }^{3}$ or ${ }^{4}$ weeks;
George Hayes, Evangelist.-John Bunyan
Lilley, Pastor.

## PHILADELPHIA, PA.- 3455 Frankford

 Ave., March 4 ; Gay Benson, of Phila-delphia, Pastor. to March 9, or longer; W. Keith Reed, of Grand
Sherman is pastor.- By Evangelist. AMARILLO, TEXAS-Feb, 18, for ${ }^{3}$ weeks or longer; Martin Luther David.
son, Colorado Springs, Colo., Evangelist. -E. R. Foster, Pastor.
FT. WORTH, TEXAS-Rosen Heights Martz, Reading, Pa., Singing Evangelists. -O. B. Braune, Pastor. March 4, for 4 weeks; M. W. Richards, Wilmington, Del., Evangelist.-Oliver P

## Brann, Pastor

MADISON, WIS.-Preaching and Heal${ }^{\text {ing }}$ March 9; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist. Samuel' P. Bell, Pastor.
$\underset{\text { weeks: }}{\text { HANSEN, }}$ Evangelist weeks; Evangenst and Mrs,
Fagerstrom, Springfield, Mo.- John
P. Coxe Pastor.
SPRINGFIELD, MO.-Glad Tidings Church; March 18 , for 3 weeks or longer;
Evangelist and Mrs. Glenn Kelley.-Earl Evangelist and Mrs. Glenn Kelley.-Earl
J. Hance, Pastor. STRAFFORD, MO-Potter Assembly,
 Pastor, SOSE, CALIF.-4th and San
SAN Jots
Antonio Sts., March 9-: Guy Renfrow Antonio Sts., March ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Leonard Guy Renfrow
and
CAMBRIDGE, MINN--Gospel Tabernacle;
Ernest
L. Parch 9, for
${ }^{3}$ weeks or $\begin{aligned} & \text { or }\end{aligned}$ Ernest L. Powlesland, Evangelist, Donald DEARBORN, MICH.-7041 Schaefer
 Fla., Evangelist. All neighboring assembies invited to co-operate.-W. Daryle
Webster, Pastor.
ZION, IL -A ZION, ILL.-Annual Missionary Conven-
tion, March 2-9. Noel Perkin and Paul K . Derr, Main Speakers. Services $7: 45$ each evening, $11: 00$ and $7: 45$ both $\quad$ Sun-
days. Near-by assemblies invited.-C. McCarrell, Pastor.
St. NINOT, N. DAK. N . 4 th Ave. and Main Hild, Evangelist.-L. R. Anderson, Pastor PLANT CITY, FLA-Tent located on
Fairgrounds; Feb. 27, for 3 weeks, Guy
Shields, Evangelist, assisted by Shield of Faith Trio, consisting of Mr. and Mrs.
Eston Pack and Norman McCutcheon.


MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCE Missionary Prayer Conference, Georgia-
South Carolina District: Thomaston, Ga.,
March 10 . 11 . First service South Carolina District: Thomaston, Ga.,
March $10-11$. First service, night of first
day. All urged to attend and seek the day. All urged to attend and seek the
Lord for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit.-
S. W. Noles. District Superintendent,
(Near) LOCKNEY, TEXAS-Sectional
Convention, Central Plains Section, West Texas District, will convene at Cedar Hest
Thill
Church, March. $26-27$. Those desiring credentials should appear before the com-
mittee. Rooms provided for visitor mittee. Rooms provided for visitors as
far as possible. ${ }^{\text {Mrs. }}$ Mddie Strickland,
Route 2, Lockney, Texas, is pastor.-J. W. Presbyter, Turkey, Texas

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Paul D. Pittman, Lawrence, Kansas, will conduct a series of Sunday School Conven-
tions in Washington and Idaho, assisted by
the District Suterintendent Schedule fol the District Superintendent. Schedule fol-
lows: Wapato, Wash., March 7-8; Walla
Walla, Wash., March 9 Mald Caldwell,
Idaho, March 12-13; Gooding Id Idaho, March 12-13; Gooding, Idaho, March
14 I $15 ;$ Poatello, Idaho, March is-19.-
Frank Gray, District Superinten Duperintendent.

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 Arthur, April $1-2 ;$ Houston Section, Den-
ver Assembly, ${ }^{\text {Hen }}$ Houston, April 3 - 4 ,
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questionnaire. Those desiring to make questionnaire. Those desiring to make
application for ordination will be required to meet the Committee in section where
they reside, at time of convention. For information write District Superintendent
F. D. Davis, Route 1, Box 420 , Ft. Worth, Texas. Special thought will be given to F. D. Davis, District Superintendent.

FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS,
SAUK CENTER, MINN-Fellowship Services, March
Alfed Nelson is pastor.-O. W. Klingsheim,
Sectional Presbyter, Paynesville, Minn. LONG BRANCH, N. J.- 457 Hampton Ave. Ministers'
Meeting, March 10, $1: 00$ p. m.-Andrew Rahner, Pastor
Fellowship Meeting, ${ }^{24}$ Fstern New Yor Mt., March
5. Services $10: 30, \quad 2: 30, \quad$ and $7: 30$.-C Stanley Cooke, Sectional Secretary.
TRENTON, MO.-Sectional Fellowship and 7:30. C. A. Service 6:30,-Glen McClure, Pastor.
WEST EMINENCE, MO.-West Plains
Sectional Fellowship Meeting, March 11. Sectional Fellowship Meeting March 11.
Services $10: 30,2: 00$ and $7: 30$. Louis Hibber
is pastor.-R. F. Davis, Sectional Secreis pastor.-R. F. Davis, Sectional Secre-
tary, Willow Springs, Mo. M. Ratly, St
ST. LOUIS, MO.-C. A. Rally, Louis Section, 3437 Henrietta Ave., March
9. Paul O. Byerly is pastor.-Lester
Sheckley President, by E, Boettcher, Shockley, President, by E. J. Boettcher,
Secretary.
McALESTER, OKLA.-East Central Sectional Fellowship Meeting, March 10 .
Services 2.00 and $7: 30$ L. Arnold is
pastor. All ministers of East Central Section come and make this a great day of
fellowship.-R. M. Catlett, Sectional Representative.
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.-Fellowship
Meeting, Eastern Section, March 8. ServMeeting, Eastern Section, March 8. Serv-
ices $10: 00,2: 00$, and $7: 00$. L. A. Jollay
is is pastor. Come and make this a great day
of fellowship.- P . H. Lowe, Sectional
Representative, $14121 / 2$ Euclid Ave., Knoxville Tenn. OKLA.-Northwest Sectional Council, Community Hall, March 31-April
2. District Superintendent G. W. Hardcastle in charge. W. S. Bragg, District SecreFirst service Monday night, a $\quad \mathrm{C}$. A. rally
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