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THIRTY-FIVE million boys and girls affected by blackout! In England? Egypt? or far away in the Balkans? No, in our own United States of America! Thirty-five million boys and girls not being reached by the gospel! They live in spiritual darkness because Christ the Light of the world has not been brought to them. In this land of religious freedom where a Bible may be bought for a few cents, where the message of salvation may be heard over the radio or in thousands of churches, and where the old-time gospel message has been preached in every community, practically every adult has had an opportunity to hear the gospel.

But what of the children? In a Christless home, what chance does a boy or girl have to hear the gospel? In an average city of 60,000 population with 14,000 enrolled in the public schools, 5,000 were found who never attend a Sunday School.

In a city known for its many churches a nine-year-old girl visited her new neighbors at the hour of their usual Bible reading.
"Should you care to join us in our Bible reading ?" the mother asked the little visitor.
"What is the Bible, and why do you read it ?" the visiting child asked.
"It is God's Book," the little hostess answered. "It tells us about Jesus and how to get saved."
"Who is Jesus?" the visitor asked.
When told that Jesus is God's Son the little girl said, "But who is God? Is He a man?"

One of the most effective ways of providing a light for the spiritual blackout is to conduct a Vacation Bible School. The activities of the School will interest the unevangelized boys and girls, and the varied program will hold their attention. Because it is conducted as a school, they will feel at home. The individual attention of the teachers and helpers will win their friendship. The hours of Bible training will fill their minds with the Word of God. The spiritual atmosphere will turn their thoughts toward God. Learning worth-while songs and choruses will crowd out the common, silly, and often suggestive songs popular in many places today. The Word of God given forth in the power of the Holy Spirit will find its way into the hearts of the boys and girls! The personal work and the definite evangelistic appeals will be the means of winning large numbers of boys and girls to Christ who otherwise might never be reached by the gospel!

The girl mentioned above could not be
induced to go to Sunday School. But when she heard about the varied program of the Vacation Bible School she was interested at once, and was among the first to arrive on the opening day.

A Vacation Bible School is also one of the best means of witnessing to the power of the Holy Spirit.

In a city where there was much prejudice against the local Assembly of God, a Vacation Bible School was held in the church. Hours of prevailing prayer for the unsaved boys and girls of the community resulted in many coming from churches where salvation is not preached. Among them was a ten-year-old boy whose father had been one of the most active enemies of the assembly. This boy was among the first to accept Christ.

At the close of the commencement services the father sought out the principal of the School. With tears in his eyes he said, "I want to shake your hand and thank you for what this school has done for my boy. He told me about going to the altar. He got something real there! I can tell the difference in him, and I'm grateful to everyone who had a part in the school."

A prominent woman from a modernistic church read the advertisement about the Vacation Bible School the Assembly of God was to have, and was impressed by the emphasis on the Bibie teaching. The first day she brought her cleven-year-old son and a daughter of about fourteen. She was so pleased with the worship period that she attended the Intermediate Bible class.

At the close of the session she asked if there was not some way in which she could help, and offered to bring electric fans or any other needed supplies. The spiritual atmosphere and the teaching of fundamental truths from the Word of God so impressed her that she returned that night with her husband to again offer help. Having seen the crowded condition in the School, they persuaded their pastor to offer the use of the spacious, wellequipped rooms in their own church. The offer was gratefully accepted. As a result of the additional space, the enrollment swelled.

Before the close of the School both the boy and girl, as well as many others from that church, were definitely saved. "I thought I was a Christian," the girl told her mother, "but when they began to pray at the altar, I realized I was lost. So I ran to the altar and got saved. If I were not already a church member, I should like to belong to that church. I like the way they pray."

At the commencement services the father asked permission to speak. He said that he wanted publicly to thank the assembly for holding the school, and that he and his wife were convinced their boy and girl had received spiritual experiences which would tell throughout their lives. In closing he said, "On behalf of the people of is the finest thing we have ever had in this city."

Another way to provide a light for the spiritual blackout is to hold children's meetings in parks, community centers or private homes. The vacation months will provide the children, and if held in a section unreached by the Vacation Bible School, the
eye-gate lessons, Bible stories, music, etc., in the Vacation Bible School books will prove very useful.

Wave Berg, a children's evangelist in Chicago, Ill., writes: "I should like to tell you of the blessing of the Lord upon the Junior Evangelism work. These weekly Bible classes conducted in Christian homes one day a week for one hour during the school months have been a spiritual help to many children. At the present time we have 10 classes.
"During the past quarter we had a total of 136 hours of class work with the children, singing gospel songs, teaching Scripture portions, and telling Bible stories. This is equivalent to two years and seven months of work done by a single Sunday School. There have been many conversions and one definite healing.
"One eight-year-oid Catholic boy who came to a Bible class with ugly-looking sores on his face, hands and feet said that he was going to the hospital for treatment. After talking of Jesus' power to heal, the teacher asked for prayer requests. This boy asked for prayer. His request was included with others, and prayer was offered. He returned later with his skin perfectly healed, and said that he had not needed to go to the hospital, because Jesus had healed him. Praise God for the testimony of a child!
"Another Catholic boy who had been in a class saw a bad automobile accident in which a seriously injured man was pinned under the wreckage. While men were working to release him, the man kept asking for someone to pray. No one offered to pray, so this boy ran to the home of the children's worker, where he told of the injured man's request. Pushing her way through the crowd, she knelt near the man who was still begging for prayer. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit she prayed aloud.
"Then the ambulance came. 'Thank God someone prayed,' the injured man said as he was taken away.
"When the worker asked the boy why he did not get someone from his owe church to pray, he said, 'Oh, I knew he needed someone to pray like you do.' Even a child recognizes the difference between Spirit-anointed prayer and the telling of beads.
"I could relate many other instances of special blessing in connection with these Bible classes among the children. Would to God we had ten hundred classes instead of ten! My heart is burdened as I see the lack of vision for children's work on the part of so many Pentecostal people."

If you will go where they are gathered, thousands of boys and girls may be won this summer. During the vacation months

the public parks offer an open door to a fruitful ministry for consecrated children's workers who will enter in Jesus' name.

As Spirit-filled people who know the power of the Word of God and the saving power of the blood of Christ, the spiritual fate of millions among the $35,000,000$ unevangelized boys and girls depends upon our decision concerning Vacation Bible School work and children's meetings to follow.

In Jesus' name we plead with you not to say, "Shall I have a Vacation Bible School?" or "Shall I hold children's meetings during the remainder of the vacation months?" But may God grant that each Assembly of God pastor, Sunday School superintendent, teacher and other children's workers will say, "In Jesus' name and by His help I will do my part to hold a Vacation Bible School and to follow it with children's meetings at least once a week through vacation time."

On page twelve of this issue we give further details about our literature prepared to help you in this work.

## Denying Self

Jesus said, "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." He that makes perfect conformity to the life and spirit of Jesus his aim, will have a divine enlightenment from the life within. In that light he will learn to see the exceeding hatefulness of self: how it was this that drove out and supplanted the first life of God; how it was that that crucified the Lord Jesus, and is the cause of all the sin and wretchedness in the world. He will see how there is nothing so good and right and blessed as to have this self conquered and cast out to make way for the life in God and to God, which Christ brings; and how all that man can do is simply to deny self at every step, and yield to Christ. And when once one has consented to this life of the entire denial of self, the Cross Will Be Welcomed and loved as the appointed power of God for freeing us of the evil power that is the only hindrance in our way of being fully conformed to the image of God's Son, loving and serving the Father even as He did. To deny self is the inner spirit, of which taking the cross is the manifestation.

Let him deny himself, and take the cross daily, and follow Me. The insight into what the denial of self means makes clear why the cross must be taken up daily. It is not only special trial or suffering that calls to it; in the time of quiet and prosperity the need is still more urgent. Self is the enemy that is ever near, and ever seeking to regain its power. When he came down from the third heaven Paul was in danger of being exalted; the denials of self and the bearing of the cross is to be the everyday spirit. When Paul says, "I have been crucified with Christ," "Far be it from me to glory save in the cross by which I have been crucified to the world," he speaks of himself as living each moment the Crucifixion Life.-Andrew Murray.

Better stint than run in debt, for God has commanded. "Owe no man any thing." What we cannot pay for we should wait for.

Recently a sister asked me to write an article answering the question why those professing godliness so constantly criticize Christian workers and pass on evil reports. There is only one answer: they lack the perfect love of God that covers.
Under the old covenant and under the new we have the statements, "Love covereth." Prov. 10:12; 1 Peter 4:8. And the love chapter emphatically confirms this, as the Greek for "Love beareth all things,", is "Love covereth all things with silence." 1 Cor. 13:7.
Early in Bible history we have a record of God's appreciation of the love that "covereth."
Blessings were given to Shem and Japhet because, when they heard of their father's shame, they walked backward and "covered" him, and "saw not the nakedness of their father." Gen. 9:23-27.

The Holy Spirit, writing through Moses, must needs record Lot's worldliness for our warning. Gen. $13: 10-13$. But the Holy Spirit, writing through Peter, overlooks Lot's $\sin$, long since forgiven, and tells us, "God
delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; for that righteous man . . . in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds." 2 Peter 2:7, 8.
A true history must mention Rahab's falsehood, but love covers the heathen woman's sin of ignorance and only recalls her faith when she heard of Israel's God. Joshua 2:8-16; Heb. 11:31.

Jesus was unsparing in His denunciation of the Pharisees to their faces, and He sent a strong, characteristic word to the sly, cunning, deceitful Herod; but He never personally spoke evil of any individual behind his back. He reproved Peter to his face severely, but He did not tell John privately that Peter was influenced by Satan. He openly and publicly rebuked Simon, but He did not go into the home of Mary and Martha and talk over how uncourteous Simon had been.
With God, a forgiven sin is "covered." Psalm 32:1. There is not a hint of David's transgression in the New Testament, though his name occurs fifty-seven times.
If we forgive "even as" He, we never speak of an injury done to us. Eph. 4:32.
A high standard? Yes, but the overcomers reach it. The sons of God are perfect in love "even as" their Father. Matt. $5 \cdot 44-48$. They reprove those whom they believe are wrong, but they put away all "evil speaking," and "take account" only of the "lovely" things. Eph. 4:31; Phil. $4: 8$. They never mention a true, vile report, nor pass on an evil story that possibly, after all, may be much exaggerated or altogether untrue.

Years ago, when I was a babe in Christ, somebody stabbed me. It was my rule never to tell any human being of a wrong perpetrated against me. But this time I said to myself, as I lay on my couch thinking it over: "I must just tell Tom." But
the Spirit whispered, "Love covers," and I saw that I must not even tell my husband.

Then I opened my lips to talk to the Lord about it in prayer, and more decidedly than before the Spirit said, "Love covers." I was ready to weep. "Why, Father," I cried, "may I not even tell Thee about it ?" Very tenderly He said, "Love covers." I rose instantly and went to my writing. Perhaps a week, perhaps a month, elapsed before I even recalled that I had been wounded, and then could not remember who or what had caused my pain.

The years went by, and whenever the Spirit said, "Love covers," He wrought in me the obliteration of the bitter wrong, until one midnight I found myself wholly sleepless as the surges of a cruel injustice swept over me, and the love which covers seemed to have crept out of my heart. Then I cried out to God in an agony for the power to obey His injunction, "Love covereth."

Immediately the Spirit began to work in me the power that brought the forgetfulness. Mentally I dug a grave. Deliberately I threw up the earth until the excavation was deep. Sorrowfully I lowered into it the thing which had wounded me. Quickly I shoveled in the clods. Over the mound I carefully laid the green sods. Then I covered it with white roses and rapidly walked away. Sweet sleep came. The wound which had been so nearly deadly was healed without a scar, and I know not today what caused my grief.

More years went by, and there came into my life a succession of daily trials, small and stinging, that I seemed utterly unable to forgive and forget. Again my agonizing cry to God was answered. In vision, I dug another grave down in the swamp at the side of the house. Into a casket I put the noxious things, and lowered them, and covered them and put upon the earth the weeds and rushes, and waited for the roses, but none came. I cried out, "Father, aren't you going to give me any roses?" And then up from each corner of the rough mound there sprang a tiny evergreen tree, that grew slowly toward heaven. I had my victory.
Last week, opening a letter from a dear friend, I read the words, "For your eyes alone. Read and burn." So I walked down the road-way out of human sight, and sat in a breach in the stone wall and read the letter three times over with much blessing. Then I tore it into bits and threw them into the crevices beside me. Then I covered every crevice with small stones until not a single trace of the letter could be seen.

Then I sat and prayed intensely for such a knowledge of God's thought of "Love covereth" as would make it utterly impossible for me ever to "see evil any more." Zeph. 3:15; Isa. 33:15.

Despair not, for you have a God; presume not, for you are a man.

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GOD had His harbingers. A crisis was preluded by a harbinger. The exit from the ark was harbingered by the dove with the twig in its mouth. Noah interpreted the leaf. Many would have failed to interpret it. They would have thought the bird was hungry, but Noah knew the time of his departure from the ark was drawing nigh.

Scripture history is replete with such evidences. The great event of history, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, was heralded by John the Baptist. It was heralded twice. It was heralded by Zacharias who was the heralder of the herald when he declared, "And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest ; for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways." Luke $1: 76$. Here is the announcement of a herald, the child going before the Messiah.

Then there was a long blank-a silence of thirty years more or less-and then the herald came forth into the wilderness, crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low." And he cried, "Repent! Repent!"

When men mused in their heart whether John was the promised Messiah he declared, "I am not the Christ." John $1: 20$. "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord." He was the proclaimer, the herald.

Christ spoke to the multitude concerning John, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in king's houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet." But when Christ asked, "What went ye out for to see?" the scribes and Pharisees had their answer, "He hath a devil." Matt. 11:18.

Christ declared, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." He declared him to be a prophet and more than a prophet.

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But men, who reject the herald, declare, "He hath a devil." They both cannot be right. We have a right to believe that Hc who knew all men and had no need of any man to teach Him, had a right judgment of the mission, character and office of John the Baptist.

When they said of him who heralded and proclaimed the Messiah, "He hath a devil," it shows how far astray the religious world had gone prior to and at the advent of Christ. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

The inauguration of the office, reign and work of the Holy Spirit was accompanied, on the day of Pentecost, in the upper room, with strange phenomena. What went ye out to see? a reed shaken in the wind? The people came and saw them shaking under the power of the Spirit, reed-like, drunken-like. They were amazed, confounded, and many of them were scoffing.

Zachariah heralded the coming of the herald and of the One he was to herald, and for awhile there was a long period of silence. John broke the silence at the time of Christ's advent, and proclaimed Him as the appointed One when he saw Him baptized in the Spirit. So in these latter days we are having the sequence of the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. And we are having precisely the same comment from the religious world. They were expecting a Messiah in the days of John the Baptist. "As the people were in expectation all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not." Luke $3: 15$. The priests and Pharisees and scribes were orthodox fundamentalists and believed in the coming of the Messiah; but when He came, He came by way of the wilderness, heralded by a child of the wilderness, and their sense of propriety was shocked. And when, after returning from the wilderness, He read Isaiah 61:1 to them, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor," they disdained Him as simply Joseph's son and rose up and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong.

And now, at the very threshold of the appearing of the Messiah for His saints, God's appointed heralds, not in the Judean wilderness but throughout the whole world -for Christ's appearing will be all over the world; as lightning shineth from the east to the west-must naturally have the same treatment as the first herald. They said, "He hath a devil."
God spoke through Isaiah and said, "For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." Isa. 28:11, 12. Who gives the rest? In the same chapter where Christ spoke of the herald He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give

For the promise is unto you, and to rour children, and to all and to yefar off, wen as many the the Lord our God shall call

you rest." Matt. 11:28. John the Baptist, the herald appointed for the first advent of the Messiah, pointed to Him as the one who gives rest; and so the phenomenon of the Holy Spirit, speaking in another tongue, warns, heralds, points to and invites to Him who is coming, separate and apart from sin, to receive the blood-washed ones. Wise, thrice wise, are those who can not only discern the signs of the times but can read the Scriptures and discern and understand them.
God spoke through the prophet Joel and said, "It shall come to pass afterward (in the last days), that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." On the day of Pentecost Peter claimed the fulfillment, just as Zachariah claimed the fullfillment of God's promise concerning John the babe. But there must be a manhood fulfillment, and so we are now seeing the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, chosen flesh, in all parts of the world, at once. This is one of God's last signs ushering in the immediate coming forth of the Son of man. Amen.

## Consectation

Mary and John had heeded the call of the Lord and gone to China. Mary took sick. The physician spoke to her husband and said, "You will have to go down the river with your wife." He picked her up and carried her to the boat. One day Mary said: 'I am so glad we came to China. Many know Jesus now who didn't know Him before we came. It has been good to be here."

One day when they were going down the stream, Mary saw a tree and said, "I would like to go under that tree," and John picked her up tenderly and carried her to the spot indicated. "I am not going any further," said Mary. "I am going to be with Jesus," and she kissed him good-by.
The spirit left the tired body and winged its way into the presence of the angels. Nobody knew the ache in the heart of the missionary. He dug a grave and laid some branches over the body, and after hours of weeping he put on the dirt. His heart was breaking. He called his Chinese servant to get the boat ready and told him that they were going up the river to fight for God. Mary's last words to me were, "John, I wish you would go back and live for God until the end."-Paul W. Rood.

## Sin at the Root

A great and too-common cause of doubting and discomfort is the secret maintenance of some known $\sin$. For known $\sin$ and the prayer life will not fit in together.-Richard Baxter.

The first quality of a vital faith is the power to persist.-Lewis M. Hale.

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If I had but one hour to live, my parting counsel would be: Walk with God! A cry has encircled the globe that the Lord is at hand. Millions throughout the earth now are in great anguish, in much distress. It behooves us to move carefully and prayerfully.

Enoch, seventh from Adam, walked with God when the worid was ripe for judgment. And he "was not, for God took him." He pleased God. Noah walked with God when the earth was filled with violence, as it is today. He was not taken unaware when the storm broke. Being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, he "prepared an ark to the saving of his house."
Elijah walked with God. Out from Gilead, through a mighty ministry, from Bethel to Jericho, from Jericho to Jordan, he walked with God, and then was caught up to heaven by a whirlwind. He had raised the widow's son, prayed the heavens closed and prayed them open again. Have we a similar hope? "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself."

A vision of the great day of the Lord, startlingly like our own day, was given to the prophet Zephaniah. "A day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation"-what wasteness today: ships, cities, wealth wasted!-"a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness"-smoke screens, blackouts-"a day of the trumpet and alarm against the . . cities, and against the high towers"-sirens, air-raid alarms.

God said, "I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men." We are to walk as children of the light. He said, "I will consume man and beast the stumblingblocks . . . the wicked them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord." Then the exhortation: "Gather yourselves together ... Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth . . seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.'
Joel likewise pictures that great day. The Spirit is to be poured out upon the sons and daughters. This we have witnessed. "Blow ye the trumpet . . . sound an alarm," he cries. In other words, Preach the gospel! Witness! "Gather the people
assemble the elders, gather the children." Note, "children." Then He says, "It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." Many in war-torn Europe are now calling on God and being saved because they heard the gospel through someone faithfully witnessing.

If I had but one hour to live, I should say to my brethren, Let us walk softly along the line of judging others. "Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come." Even a very spiritual person can be
tempted along this line. Elijah, a mighty man of faith, who raised the widow's son, prayed the heavens closed and prayed them open again, had a tendency towards judging others. Elijah felt he alone was walking with God: a dangerous opinion. God had to show him that not only he but 7,000 others had not worshiped Baal. If we cannot get everyone through to the Baptism and a deep experience in God, we can yet leave with them a witness for Christ sufficient that in the day of trouble they will know how to call upon the name of the Lord, and be saved.

It behooves us to walk softly with God. "If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

## The Lotd My Rock

Years ago while working among the Laguna Indians, we were asked to speak at a

## Memorial Day

While the nation is commemorating the death of the men who served their country in bygone days, we have the privilege of remembering the faithful service of those older ministers of our fellowship who are still living and who still dwell among us.

The response to each appeal so far has been ample to meet the need. Sixty-five ministers and their families are now receiving a monthly distribution of over $\$ 1500.00$. Counting the wives and dependents, the monthly allotment is about $\$ 15.00$ per person. Appeals are made only twice a year, so that the offerings now to be received must be sufficient for six months' distribution. This means we must have a total of nearly $\$ 10,000.00$. That seems like a large sum, but there are over 65,000 subscribers to the Pentecostal Evangel. If every subscriber would give one dollar, there would be no need of making another appeal for our ministers for the next three years. But all cannot give. Therefore, let the rest of us do our part.

We are expecting every pastor of an Assembly of God church to present this need to his congregation on Sunday, May 25. Should it be inconvenient to take the offering on that date, he can take the offering on a later date. But be sure that an offering is taken. Remember, it is not the size of the offering that is so important. It is the fact that all take part. The offerings of the many, though small, will be sufficient to meet this great need. This is vour last notice before Sunday, May 25. Send the offering to J. R. Flower, 336 W . Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.
little village called Pawate. We rode in large wagons drawn by horses, for it was in the days before automobiles, for some fourteen miles over rough roads until we reached this village. We had a meeting in the afternoon and Indians from all about gathered. We started back at $4: 30$ or $5: 00$ o'clock because we were to have a meeting at Casa Blanca that night. We had not gone very far when we saw a terrible storm was evidently to break over us. Soon we could see that the rain was pouring down at a distance and driving rapidly toward us.
I said, "We are certainly going to get soaked." Our driver replied, "I hope not. I think we can make the rock before the storm reaches us. There is a great rock ahead; and if we can make it, we will be sheltered." And so we hurried on and soon saw a vast rock rising right up from the plain, perhaps forty or fifty feet in height, covering possibly an acre or more of ground. As we drew near, we saw a great cave going right into the rock. Instead of stopping to unlitch the horses, our driver drove right into the cave, and in another minute or two the storm broke over the rock in all its fury. The storm raged outside and one of the Indians struck up in the Laguna tongue, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," and we realized the meaning of the poet's words then as perhaps never be-fore.-H. A. Ironside.

## The Curse of Controversy

"Oh the unmitigated curse of controversy. Oh, the detestable passions that corrections and contradictions kindle up to fury in the proud heart of men. Eschew controversy, my brethren, as you would eschew the entrance to hell itself. Let them have their way, let them talk, let them write, let them traduce you, let them judge and condemn you, let them slay you, rather than that love suffer. You have not enough Divine nature in you to be a controversialist. 'He was oppressed and He was afflicted yet, He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He openeth not His mouth.' 'Who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered He threatened not; but committed Himself to, Him that judgeth righteously.' 'Heal me,' prays Augustine, again and again, of this, lust of mine of always vindicating myself.' " -Written in Oswald Chamber's Bible.

## In Correspondence with the Book

Bishop Taylor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, used to tell the story of a wealthy Parsee in India whom he had persuaded to read the New Testament. Deeply impressed, the man declared that if he could find Christians who matched that Book, he would join them. He sought among the white people for the life of the Book, but reported to Bishop Taylor that he failed to find it to his satisfaction. The latter then sent him among the native converts, receiving his pledge that he would make as diligent search there as he had made among the Europeans. In a short time he returned with enthusiasm to say that he had discovered men and women whose lives corresponded with the Book. He himself became a Christian, and suffered the loss of wealth and friends for the sake of the Name, and when he died of violence in Bombay his last words were "It is sweet to die for Jesus."

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This is a reprint of a testimony given 31 years ago. These interesting reminiscences have retained their freshness, and we believe every Evangel reader will enjoy them.

IN THE few years that I have spent in mission work in New York City, God has manifested Himself to me as a kind and loving Heavenly Father ever mindful of my smallest need. Some remarkable instances of His providential leading are to me a very precious memory and have strengthened my faith and trust in the living God who inclines His ear to the cry of His children and answers the prayer of the heart.

Several years ago I was invited over to Flushing, Long Island, to spend the day. I didn't have a cent of money, not even car fare but I went with some friends from the meeting the night before, and they paid my fare over. The next day I had to come back to New York City in time for an engagement which I had at six o'clock in the evening, and in order to do this I had to leave there at five o'clock ; my friends would not be coming over to the evening meeting at the Mission until seven. As I put on my things I happened to think I hadn't a cent of money in my pocketbook. I went aside and prayed, and said, "Now, Lord, You know I haven't any money; for Jesus', sake remind Mr. A. to give me some." There wasn't any one else over there whom I could think of who would give me any, and I kept asking God to put it into his heart.

We started off for the car. On the way he showed me through his storage rooms, but I wasn't thinking about the storage rooms; I was thinking about that money I needed. As we reached the place where I was to take the car I was wondering what I should do. Satan said, "Borrow a quarter," but another voice whispered to me, "My God shall supply your every need." I said, "Yes, Lord, I am on business for You; You have promised but it doesn't look like Mr . A. is going to give me any money, and here comes the car." I stood for a moment not knowing just what to do; the Spirit said to me, "You preach, 'My God shall supply all your need,' and you say you never borrow. Why don't you step out on the promise and prove it?" I said, "Hallelujah, I will prove You, this time, Lord, if I only ride a block," and I stepped on the car. As I did so a great peace and joy came into my soul, that I had really stepped out on God's word. The fare to New York City is thirteen cents. As I walked into the car I saw an old minister that had been to our Mission many times, and he motioned to me to come over and sit with him. As I went over and sat down I said to myself, "Oh, glory to God, I know where my fare is coming from now." He paid my fare.
"As we got to the ferry the devil said, "You don't know whether he has any money
or not: youl can't step on the boat." But

I said, "Lord, I can trust You; I think I could walk on the water and trust You." The devil couldn't disturb me. I went on the boat and Brother C. paid my fare, and I said, "Brother C., you don't know what a blessing you have been to me," and I told him my story and the struggle I had had in my heart to obey God and prove Him; how God had him on that car to pay my fare, and what a sweet blessing it had been to test His promises and prove them true. Then he began to weep and said, "Let me tell you my part of that story. I was eating supper and wanted to drink a second cup of tea, but I felt so hurried I could not; something kept telling me to get up and go. My wife said, 'What are you going for now? You don't need to go now, it is only five clock,' but something kept telling me to go. So I took my overcoat over my arm and started down the street, running to get that car (he is an old man seventy-eight years of age). I saw the car coming a block away and ran down the hill to catch it, and when I got on I said to myself, 'C., you are a fool; you act as though this is the only car going to New York tonight.' " Then he told me if he had obeyed God at the first he would not have had to run, but he waited to reason it out, and almost spoiled God's plan. When I reached home that night there was a letter waiting for me with a ten-dollar bill in it. Brother A. also gave me two dollars that same evening when he came to the Mission, but the Lord didn't let him give it to me that day, as He wanted to teach me that sweet lesson of real trust. I saw God's hand in it; I had my eyes on Mr. A. that day, expecting him to help me instead of God. If I had borrowed a quarter from him, I should have lost that beautiful lesson.

On another occasion I had ten dollars given to me. As I started out to the Mission that night the rain was pouring down. My clothing became soaked through and through, and when I reached home I said, "I wonder if the Lord doesn't want me to take that ten dollars and buy a rain coat." Then I saw other places where it really ought to be used, and I said, "No, I guess I won't use it for that, because there will be other needs very soon,"-not especially needed that day, but to be very

soon-and I thought I'd better hold on to the ten dollars. The next day I had to go out to Flushing, and it was still raining; I thought, "Well, now 1 am one of the Lord's children. He has promised to supply our needs, and really I do need a rain coat; if I go away out there in the rain I will become sick." So I went aside in my closet and prayed, and said, "Lord, did You really give me this ten dollars for a rain coat? If You did I will trust You for the other needs when they come; I know they are not here for today, but I was just trying to save that money." I felt the Lord say to me, "Yes, you can trust Me, for I will supply your every need." Then I said, "I will go then and get a rain coat," and I felt an assurance that the Lord was really going to let me have it.
I went down town and went to several different stores; I was looking for a store that would give me discount, but I found I couldn't get a rain coat for ten dollars; fifteen was the cheapest. It came to me that I could borrow five dollars at home, but the Spirit said, "You know what a lesson you had on that one time." "No," I said, "I will not borrow." I was just then passing a store which had signs up all over its windows, "Anniversary Sale," and I went in. As I went in I saw a brother who attended our Mission fixing the electric cash boxes; he was in his working clothes, and pride said to me, "You wouldn't go to speak to him in his working clothes!" I realized it was Satan talking to me and I rebuked him in Jesus' Name, and walked up to the brother and touched him on the shoulder. He shook hands with me and then all that feeling of pride left me-that feeling that didn't want me to shake hands with a man in his working clothes before the people in the store. I got victory over that, told him I never knew he was working there and mentioned the fact that I was looking for a rain coat. He said he would introduce me to one of the ladies, who would wait on me. So I walked down the store with him in his working clothes, all the feeling of pride gone; usually I would have hated to walk through the store under such circumstances. He took me over to a saleslady and said, "Show this lady some rain coats; she is a friend of mine." He stood there while I tried them on; they were having a sale on them. Pride stepped up again; I wished he would go ; I didn't want to ask before him if they gave discount ; I didn't want him to know I didn't have enough money to pay for the coat, and wanted to ask the clerk about a further discount, although thev were selling them at a reduction. He wouldn't go, and so I had to ask about the discount. He said, "Do you like the coat, Miss Burgess?", "Yes," I said, "I think it is beautiful." "Well," he said to the clerk, "Miss Mary, just wrap it and charge it to me." That embarrassed me and I remonstrated with him. I didn't know what the clerk might think.

Then he began to tell right before the clerk about his sick wife; how that in the preceding January, when she was dying in the hospital, he had come to the Mission in despair. I can remember him yet; he came and wanted to know why God hadn't answered prayer for the healing of his wife, and said to us at the time, "You say the Lord heals. Why doesn't He heal my wife?" He was almost beside himself with grief. I answered, "He will heal her, and we will go to prayer right now for her." So we gathered around the platform and prayed definitely for her, and he promised the Lord on his knees that if his wife was healed he would give an offering to the Mission. She was healed that day as we prayed, and he told this story in the presence of the saleslady and he said, "This twenty-one-dollar coat I give as an offering to the Lord, and that is not all; I will make a special offering to the Mission besides in thanksgiving to God for His blessing upon my wife, for she was perfectly healed that day." She had been in the insane department of the hospital, her mind having left her. So I not only had the rain coat, but I had the ten dollars in my pocketbook besides for the special need that was coming. As I went home that day it seemed I was walking on air, for the Lord had led me to the right place and given me such a beautiful rain coat.

Another instance of God's love and providence was in connection with my room rent. The rent for the month of August was due on Monday and the Saturday night before I hadn't a cent towards it. As a rule, I had the money for my room, which was eight dollars, before it was due. I generally received money at the Mission on Saturday night from someone, but on this particular Saturday night I didn't get any, and I went home feeling rather discouraged, and said, "Why, Lord, I don't understand this at all; I didn't get a cent of money. You know I need ten dollars, and I never get money on Sunday." I got on my face and prayed, but could get no assurance because I was worrying instead of trusting, trying to figure out where it would come from; I could get no peace. Finally, after praying and agonizing, the Lord seemed to say to me, "Rest, child, rest." I said, "Lord, I don't see how I can rest, for the rent isn't paid; I can never stand it not to have my rent paid promptly." He said, "It is not time for the rent until Monday morning." I always liked to have it on Saturday, a little before it was really due. I prayed until two o'clock Saturday night, when the Spirit of God told me to rest, and I said, "Lord, I will rest it with You; there is no use in my crying and weeping over this thing; I cannot bring it that way," and I began to say in my heart that I knew God would supply. I was delivered from fear and unrest and a great peace came into my soul. I told Him I would trust Him if Monday morning came and I didn't have a cent.

On Sunday afternoon a brother came into our Mission who had never been there before. He came to me and said, "Are you Miss Burgess?" I said, "Yes." He said, "I have hunted and hunted for your Mission, and something seemed to say to me that you were Miss Burgess." We had a blessed service in Glad Tidings Hall that day, and when

healed. She didn't understand why we talked in tongues, but thought we were all Swedes and said, "If that is a Swedish Mission they have something down there." She hadn't been able to sleep for two years without some opiate, but promised God she would drop everything and trust Him absolutely. She felt rather afraid it might come back and hesitated about taking off the brace, but when she went home she obeyed, and slept like a child. Her whole being was touched by the real, living power of God. In this one week with this specialist she had spent three hundred and forty dollars, but God touched her in one night and made her perfectly whole.

## God's Righteousness for Us

The builder of the first Eddystone Lighthouse in the English Channel was so enamored of his designs and workmanship that he said: "I wish nothing better than to be in my building in a storm." He was; and neither he nor the lighthouse was ever heard of again. There is only one righteousness which will stand the hurricane of judgment.

A London minister, called to the garret of a dying man, found him plunged into anxiety over the mystery of a torn text. A stray leaf from a Testament had caught his eye. It was part of the Third of Romans. He read the portrait of the sinner, and recognized it as his own; but as he read on-"But now a righteousness of God is"-the leaf was torn off. "Is what?" cried the dying man. What worlds on worlds hang on the answer! is withheld, refused, withdrawn, forgotten, cancelled? The rest of the verse he drank in as life to the soul-"is manifested."

In Christ we have the righteousness of God manifested, and only in receiving Him and His righteousness are we safe from the impending judgment.

## Prayer Citcumference

Let a man take care, says J. H. Jowett, that the circle of his petitions grows constantly wider. The tragedy in many Christian lives is this: their prayers are no bigger today than they were twenty or thirty years ago; spiritual hospitality is no richer; there are no more guests in their hearts. Prayers of that kind become very stale, for a man must become weary of the same company from day to day and from year to year. Let him introduce an outsider into the holy circle ... and bring him under the influence of mighty intercession.

## A Testimony

Peking missionaries were astounded when an old man once rose and said: "I am glad I am a leper! For if I had not been a leper, I never should have come to this Lepers' Hospital ; if I had not come here, I never should have learned to know Jesus. And I had rather be a leper with Christ than to be free from leprosy without Him."

## A Test

"Whoever cannot bear without emotion, even the blackest falsehoods and slanders has yet to experience something of the peace of God which is like an ocean without bounds."-Dorothea Trudel.

## Kiberiani Christnnas Convention

A. J. Princic, District Secretary

On account of delay in mail this report did not reach the office till April 21-slightly late, but the news is still refreshing.
Boom! Boom! Boom! The drum, our African jungle telegraph, has just beaten announcing the opening of the Christmas convention at Feloka.
Everyone is busy at this season of the year for it is farm cutting time; but in spite of it some 500 people have been willing to come for the eight days of meetings. They come from far and near, with weary bodies and tired feet, but spirits still joyous, even though some have traveled 100 miles over winding and rocky jungle trails, carrying heavy loads of provisions. In addition to these loads, mothers are seen with their little "pickens" strapped to their backs in African fresh air taxi fashion.

## Visitation from God

A real hunger for more of God was manifested by the Christians and the sweet presence of the Lord was felt from the opening service of the convention. Time and space do not permit to relate in detail all the wonderful things God wrought in our midst, but we want to share with you some of the incidents which were precious to us all.
The day before Christmas was scheduled for a baptismal service, but it almost appeared that this would be an impossibility because heavy rains had swollen the muddy river until it was a dangerous and turbulent rushing stream. However, the candidates would not be denied. It was an encouraging sight to see 54 men, women and children follow the Master into the waters of baptism, taking an open stand for the One who had redeemed them with His blood. Pray that they may remain faithful in the midst of heathen persecution.

## Christmas

Christmas eve and all the following day the jungles echoed with the vibrant songs heralding our "Newborn King." In the afternoon we enjoyed a time of blessing when some 300 native Christians partook of the sacred emblems of communion.
Christmas night we showed slides on the life of Christ, which were an astonishing wonder to many who had "seen" the gospel for the first time. When the picture of the crucifixion was projected we explained in the simplest manner its real significance. Soon through that large darkened audience were heard gasps of surprise, faint sobs, and finally sounds of weeping as the Holy Spirit moved upon benighted hearts. Eternity alone shall reveal the results of that service.
The following afternoon Brother Simmons officiated at an ordination service when two of our faithful pastors who have proved their ministry for some ten years were set apart for full time service.

## "This God Has Power"

On one occasion Brother Simmons and myself made a call of respect to the clan chief. When we arrived at his hut we found the man in a critical physical condition, tormented with the awful fear of dying. Between gasps for breath he told of his being "witched" by his enemies and finally begged to be helped. Gladly we pointed him to the Great Physician. It was a hard struggle against the powers of darkness to release this soul who had been bound long years by demon control, but Jesus again was victor! The man confessed his many diabolical persuits. Then the glory came and that old chief began praising God for saving and healing him. He hardly knew how to control himself in this new-found happiness, and his face


Beautiful Cape Palmas
beamed with the radiance of Christian joy as he shouted, "THIS GOD HAS POWER! I FEAR NO MORE!" The next day he sent all his juju charms to be burned. What a testimony it was to hear the Christians sing, "There is Power in the Blood," while the idols of witchcraft were consumed in the fire. Pray for this chief that he may be strengthened in body and kept staunch and steadfast in the Lord.

## Encouraged

This convention proved a source of encouragement to all and an incentive for those returning to their respective villages to work for the Lord more vigorously than ever before. We are expecting greater things for the Master if He tarries this coming year.
Friends in the homeland, if you could have been present with us in these meetings and had heard the prayers and testimonies from these dusky people, we feel sure that the question so often asked, "DO MISSIONS PAY?" would be definitely answered. "Brethren, let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians $6: 9$.

## JOYOUS NEWS FROM "DOWN COAST"

"We have lately been thrilled" say Mrs. Simmons, of Cape Palmas, "over some letters received from 'down coast.' When Brother Simmons visited Gold Coast before returning for his last furlough he stopped at Takoradi to investigate the possibilities of establishing a church among the group of Liberian young men who had gone there for work. Of the hundreds in that vicinity there were only five that met regularly for spiritual help. These five read the Word and prayed together consistently.
"What is our joy since returning to the field to receive letters from this same group who tell us that God has blessed and the group has grown until there are thirty-five names of born-again young men on the roll of the organized church.
"Since receiving the letters we have talked with some who have returned here from Takoradi. These tell us that the government police arrested the leaders of this group, asking them who they were and what they represented. One of the leaders explained as best he could the Pentecostal testimony and preached a little of what he knew of the Word of God. The authorities released the Christians who have since continued their worship unmolested. Pray that they may be given understanding of the things of God and may be a testimony of righteousness in that workaday sphere.

## Light!

"God is working in this field, too. Friends, you would have to see our heathen native wo-
men before you could fully appreciate what the Lord does for them. They are so degraded and misused, sunk in dense darkness. Burden bearers they are, carrying not only a load of wood on their heads and a child on their backs, but a sickening, bending weight of $\sin$. The dull eye, the dark look of the average heathen woman causes one to wonder, 'Will she ever understand?' Then the Spirit sheds His light, and a soul is reborn!"

## PARAMOUNT CHIEF SAVED

From Cape Palmas, Liberia, Brother and Sister Princic write: "Our hearts are full of praise to God for what He hath wrought in our midst. The Paramount Chief Doe of this large Barroba tribe was gloriously saved, and three weeks later his new found Master and Lord called him to the celestial home on high.
"His persistent indifference to the gospel has been for many years a cause for earnest prayer on the part of missionaries and native Christians. A few weeks ago, realizing that his life was fast ebbing away and that death was soon to claim him, he called for our native Christian leader, David Toe, to come and baptize him before he died. Afterwards, with the radiance of Christ's joy beaming in his face, he exclaimed, 'I see now that all I need is Jesus. Take my juju idols and charms and destroy them; I need them no more.' After the burning of his heap of jujus, the chief was baptized. The conversion and Christian burial of this Paramount Chief has caused no small stir, leaving a lasting influence upon the entire tribe.
"It has been a joy to witness the manifestations of God's power in our work here. Heathen shrouded souls have been saved, scores filled with the Holy Ghost and bodies healed by the mighty power of God.

## An Open Door

"God has been very gracious in placing an 'open and effectual door of opportunity' before us. In the very heart of Liberia, some ten days travel inland, is a large section which is waiting for us to come with the Pentecostal gospel message. Even though the powers of darkness, financial difficulties, hazardous jungle trails and fevers would attempt to impede our advance, still by His help we are determined to 'blaze a new trail there for Jesus.' But we are unable to go alone. We need you friends to accompany us with your earnest prayers and support in order to make this advance for Christ possible."

## WHAT'S NEWS

## IN THE MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Weidman returning on furlough from Ivory Coast arrived in the United States May 2. After a short visit with Mr. Weidman's relatives in Cleveland they plan to come to Springfield to be with Mrs. Weidman's family. Mail will reach them at 1428 North Grant Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Ruth Merian, daughter of Mr . and Mrs. Fred Merian, of North India, is reported to have sailed on the steamship President Grant which is scheduled to arrive in New York on or about May 30.

We have also learned of the arrival of Florence Byers returning on furlough from Japan. Her home address is 529 Pleasant Street, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Last, but not least in importance, congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, of North India, on the birth of a son, Raymond Weston. May God bless Brother and Sister Johnson and overshadow the little life that has come to bring added brightness to their home.

## A Chaint Dianry

"This is vacation time," writes Lois Shelton, of Liberia, "and our students are busy preaching, teaching and witnessing in their own towns or others near them.
"Three of the students made an evangelistic trip which was blessed of the Lord. I doubt if one in a thousand of the people in this section are as well educated as these boys who have reached the eighth grade. They have been offered attractive positions, but their reply comes without hesitation, 'We are not getting an education for ourselves; we are preparing for the Lord's work.' No doubt at least two of them will join the teaching staff of our Bible School."

Miss Shelton sent us a diary of the evangelistic trip as kept by one of the students, James Hinneh:
Saturday-reached Wropluka, Bowah where they gave us welcome heartily. At the evening service the attendants were counted and the number was 133. The little folks sang with all their best abilities and enjoyed the service well.

Sunday afternoon we had good attendance, including the chief and two chief men. One of these men requested that we may pray for him because his people are laughing at him for attending church often.
Afterwards the chieftains and the Christians brought a white billy goat as a present to us, for which we thanked them heartily. But the eye's investigation of ours showed that the people wanted the goat to be killed so we afterward told them to kill him and he should be divided between us equally.
Evening meeting was well attended and several souls were refreshed.

On the 13th we made our departure to Yiroka where the pastor and people of the town were all present waiting on our arrival. Big how-do
from them all. There were 94 present in the evening service.

Next day the chieftains brought us a fowl and a few cups of rice. We thanked them very well, asking that they attend the church service to receive the honey of the living Word.
The noon meeting it was my time to conduct so I began to turn from page to page in my Bible for a portion of Scripture but did not get to see the right kind for the people and myself. I knelt in prayer to the Lord, then returned and began to turn the pages around the second time. When I came to the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew, verses 1 to 13 , I was struck in mind that this was needed. The subject of the lesson was "The King's Wedding Feast," and that afternoon several souls were lovingly refreshed and five new souls were saved. May the Lord be praised!

Upon return we spent another night at Wropluka when two souls were converted.

Gotuka, Baroba Tribe-About fifteen of these Christians entered with us in the church house and began to sing as soon as they were seated. Devil attempted all he could to hinder our meeting by having messengers trouble the town people about their taxes, but praise God, He helped us that night. Forty-eight attended the service. Many were strengthened and one girl was saved.

How the pastor and believers welcomed us! They constrained us also from going to the next town so we stayed with them all day Saturday and half of Sunday.

Saturday afternoon we had been asked to go to a near-by village to pray for a leper who, when we got there, didn't care for himself only but also called some of his people to come from their farms. Many of them asked for prayer.

In the Sunday meeting many came to the altar and two were saved.

## TRANSFERRING TO SANTO DOMINGO

After five years of fruitful service in the island of Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence Perrault are at present home in the United States for a short furlough.

Mr . Perrault now feels a particular interest and burden for Santo Domingo which is part of a neighboring island to Cuba. Although there are already 11 assemblies in Santo Domingo affiliated with the General Council, we have no missionary representative there. Several of our Puerto Rican ministers are doing good work but they themselves have re-


Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perrault and family
quested the assistance of a General Council missionary.
We are therefore happy to make preparation for Mr. and Mrs. Perrault to locate in Santo Domingo. From this point it is hoped that they may be able to extend their efforts into Haiti as well as to continue some supervision of the work in Cuba.

Any co-operation that may be extended to our Brother and Sister Perrault in helping them to provide necessary articles of equipment will be greatly appreciated.

## INASMUCH

Our hearts were touched by a letter which accompanied an offering sent to the Missions Department. A mother, heartbroken over the recent loss of her own little one, a ten-monthsold girl who had been the joy and pride of her life, was moved by reading in the Evangel of so many little children who were hungry and needy. Longing to do something to help, she sold the little buggy which had belonged to her baby and in that way was able to send $\$ 1.00$ as a missionary offering. The amount was not large, but the spirit which prompted it was that of real sacrifice. We believe the blessing of God will rest upon the gift and giver in proportion to such sacrifice.

## WRITTEN ON TREK

Anna Stafsholt, Cape Palmas, Liberia
I am writing this in the doorway of a tiny round hut in a heathen town, and as you can well picture it, the door is full of grinning, chattering black children who watch our every move with intense interest. About the only time we can persuade them to leave is when we eat, or when one of the boys takes the Sunday School picture roll and some small pictures as awards for those who learn verses and sets out calling, "Children's meeting." Instantly voices join his and the story hour becomes more interesting than the white woman, although her ways are so strange.
We are in the town of our late paramount chief, and a dark place it is. Of all the towns in the tribe this one seems about the hardest to penetrate-but we are thankful that even here there are hungry hearts. Services are well attended, while both the student helpers and myself are kept busy for hours during the day answering questions. This is my first real visit to the town and I am so happy that it was possible to come. Miss Shelton and I find our hands so full that it is hard to get away from our station.
How thankful I am that God has kept me in health and strength, and that I have had very little fever for a first-term missionary, in fact very little of any trouble. Now it is getting near service time so this must be brought to a close.

## NATIVE MINISTERS CARRY ON

Grace Nicholson who is home on furlough from North China has received good news from her native workers who are carrying on faithfully in her absence. The Lord has richly blessed Gideon Yu and Stephen Cheng in their visitation work among the villages and in distribution of tracts. "The fact that these young men were able to go through the country" says Miss Nicholson, "leads me to believe that conditions are more peaceful now, for which I do thank God!
"Gideon also writes that the Puchi meetings are good and the Christians zealous for the Lord. They sent their greetings, with the assurance that they never forget to pray for me. Let us stand with the workers in prayer for the four spring conferences, that many may turn to the Lord and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Please pray also that the way may be open for me to return to China and be with them for the meetings in November."

While Sister Nicholson is home on furlough she is still responsible for the five native ministers who are continuing the work at Puchi unaided by the help of a missionary. The co-operation of friends will be appreciated in standing with her in prayer and helping with offerings toward the support of these faithful workers.


Grace Nicholson's native workers at Puchi, with Harold Hansen.

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## CHRISTIANS IN RUSSIA

Only half of the population of the U. S. S. R. has "severed its connection with the church," according to a statement by the president of the Godless League published in Bezbozhnik, the atheist newspaper. "There still remains the need for incessant antireligious propaganda," he said.

## MARTIN NIEMOELLER

Widespread publicity was given recently to a report that Pastor Niemoeller had become a Roman Catholic. This report has been emphatically denied by the Nazis, by the Vatican, and by Niemoeller himself. He is still a Protestant, languishing in a concentration camp because he protests against the Nazi doctrine of the supremacy of the State.

## YOUNG GERMAN AIRMEN

According to Dawn, the Bishop of Lewes (who has to do with the German airmen prisoners of war) said at a recent Youth Committee meeting: "Fifty per cent, when questioned as to their religion, answered Nature; forty per cent, Hitler; ten per cent, atheists." The present generation in Germany has had little chance to learn of the real Christ.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CRIME

Warden Frank G. Sain of Cook County Jail has to deal with more boys and young men in trouble than perhaps any other man in Chicago, and he says: "There is no doubt in my mind that the lack of Sunday School training is responsible for the majority of crimes." How much effort are you making to gather outsiders into your Sunday School?

## CRIME INCREASING

In 1940, the Justice Department announces, in the United States $1,517,026$ serious crimes were committed. There was a felonious homicide every forty-five minutes, a robbery every ten minutes, a burglary every two minutes, and an automobile theft every three minutes. Evil men are becoming "worse and worse" as the Scriptures foretell. 2 Tim. 3:13.

## LEARNING FROM THE BIBLE

General Wavell, whose soldiers won such victories over the Italians in Libya, told reporters that he got much advice for his desert campaign from a study of the Bible. From Gideon, who fought on the scarred plain of Armageddon, he says he learned principles of night attack. On the use of mechanized equipment in the rainy season, he took the warning of Elijah: "Prepare thy chariot and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not." On the uselessness of hoping for Egyptian military assistance, he heeded 2 Kings 18:21: "Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt; on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it."

## DIVORCE

Preliminary surveys show that divorce figures for 1940 will reach an all-time high, reports Lutheran Companion. Dr. Arthur J. Todd of Northwestern University, internationally famous sociologist, makes this significant statement: "People enter marriage with mental reservations. They are experience hunting. It is not marriage with the purpose of establishing a family, of sacrificing for each other, of contributing to the welfare of society, but of getting a sensation, of having a rooming place, of living more conveniently." More and more are streaming through the divorce courts and making new matches, until divorce and remarriage has become a fearfully common thing. Thus men and women trifle with one of the holiest institutions of God. The Word says that "in the last days" men will be "unholy." 2 Tim. 3:1. 2.

TWO BILLION BIBLES
It is estimated that two billion copies of the Bible have been published since the invention of the printing press five hundred years ago. The circulation of no other book can be compared with this. Shakespeare has been translated complete into only twelve languages, and in part into twenty-three; but the Bible has been printed complete in nearly two hundred languages and in part into over a thousand.

## DR. WEIZMANN'S FORECAST

"After the victory of the democracies," said Dr. Chaim Weizmann, "must come a Federation of the great Arab countries extending from the Euphrates to Libya. It is possible to have a Jewish Commonwealth side by side with this Arab Federation." Dr. Weizmann is President of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, and spoke at the recent B'nai B'rith (Jewish) convention.

## SCRAPS OF PAPER

David Lawrence in The United States News lists many of the recent peace pacts that have become mere scraps of paper. During the past three years no less than fourteen major friendship treaties have been broken in Europe. Germany, Russia, Italy, Bulgaria, and Hungary have all violated their solemn promises for the sake of acquiring territory. Never has there been such widespread trucebreaking. God's Word says that "in the last days" men shall be "trucebreakers." 2 Tim. 3:3.

## "RESERVED UNTO FIRE"

Dr. Spencer Jones, the Astronomer Royal in Britain, says in World Without End that "the sun may pass into a 'nova' stage." "When the sun is ripe for this catastrophe we shall have little, if any, preliminary warning. The sun would rapidly swell, and its output of heat would be such that the oceans would be turned into vapors, and the trees, forests, cities and everything combustible would be burnt." His words are almost identical with those of Peter, who wrote: "The heavens and the earth, which are now . . . are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment . . . in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." 2 Peter $3: 7,10$. Let us pray that we "may be accounted worthy to escape these things" and to be safe with Christ when this catastrophe takes place.

## JEWS GOING HOME

In spite of the war, during its first year 24,000 Jewish refugees entered Palestine, states Watch-man-Examiner. British restrictions have failed. The terror from which Jews have to flee in Europe makes the idea of a concentration camp in Palestine seem like a picnic. They sail old boats across the Aegean and Black Seas at the risk of their lives. Several hundred Jews were drowned recently in the Sea of Marmora as their overloaded craft went down. The exiles drive their small boats on to the Palestinian shore and leave them there, wrecked. They filter through border fences, risking death from the bullets of the sentries. They arrive in almost every conceivable means of disguise. In the last eight years, 280,000 Jewish refugees have reached Palestine from Europe. The one hope in the bosom of millions of Jews in Europe today is that they may reach the land of their fathers.
God is gathering His people "from the people among whom they are scattered," as He promised in Ezek. 28:25, 26. Many are returning to their ancient homeland now but they will return in increased numbers after their Messiah, the Lord Jesus, returns to earth and sets up His throne

NEGLECTED FRANCE
France is a great neglected mission field, according to G. P. Raud. There are about 8,000 missionaries in China where there are about 400 million people. There are 6,000 missionaries in Africa among 150 million people. There are 900 missionaries in the Belgian Congo alone where there are only 10 million people. Yet in France, among its 40 millions, there were only about 50 missionaries. There have been plenty of British and American tourists, but scarcely any missionaries.
When in France a few years ago an old Christian gentleman reminded Mr. Raud of these facts and made a touching appeal. "Many here are hungry for the gospel of Christ," he said, "as hungry as any of the people in Africa or India. We are a nation of white people, but what have you done with us? You have left us to die in our sins. Missionaries should have been sent to us by the hundreds. How we should have welcomed them and helped them!"

## QUEETIIONS:MANSWERS EROEST S. WILLIAMS $=$

Can one who has not received the Holy Spirit go up in the rapture?
Without being born of the Spirit a person is not ready for the rapture. It is the "blessed hope" to all born-again believers who are walking in the light to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

## Is it sin for a man to wear a mustache? Some say it is.

The Bible teaches that we should all adorn ourselves in modest apparel, with sobriety and self restraint; and that our adorning should be "the hidden man of the heart." In our outward appearance we all ought to "adorn the gospel," whether men or women. Beyond this we have no right to set a standard for others.

Please explain what constitutes an overcomer, and will partial overcomers be in the rapture?
An overcomer is a person who overcomes temptation in his daily life. Daily we meet things over which we find it necessary to get victory. Example: A mother has the duties of the home. She becomes tired. The children want something or the baby cries. These try her patience, but she looks to God for grace and exercises selfcontrol. She is thus an overcomer. To look out into the empty future with a vague idea of becoming some outstanding character and thinking this would make you an overcomer is a mistake. We are to live for Christ day by day. "Take no anxious thought for the morrow." "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Practice living for God moment by moment and you will be an overcomer.
It is best that we leave God to decide who will be in the rapture. "Judge nothing before the time, till the Lord come." "The Lord knoweth them that are His." "The last shall be first and the first last." "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

## MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Chapra, India-Pray that God will save the children in the Sunday Schools before they become steeped in heathen superstition.-Martha Schoonmaker.
Colombo, Ceylon-Pray for a Holy Ghost revival in Colombo, that we may have strength to carry on the work, and that the way may open for others to come to Ceylon and help us. -Walter Clifford.
25 de Mayo, Argentina-Pray the Lord to bless His Word spoken and distributed. Also pray that sinners will turn to the Lord, and that the Christians will make a complete conse-cration.-Alice C. Wood.

# III SUNDDUW SCHOOL LESSON 

## Seven-Year Whole-Bible Course

Jesus the Giver of the Comforter
Lesson for June 1. Lesson Text: John 14.
It is a good plan while studying this quarter's lessons to read over John 13 to 17 every week. In these priceless chapters we have the Saviour's
closing words to His loved ones before His death. He knew that He would rise again and repeatedly told them so; but even if they had believed that promise, there would still remain
the prospect of being left without His bodily the prospect of being left without His bodily
presence on the earth; and to meet those new conditions He sought to instruct and comfort their hearts. Jesus Himself had always been their Comforter; but now He explained to them that proceeding from Him and from the Father would come another Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the blessed Trinity.
We may trace five special lessons given by We may trace five special lessons
the divine Teacher in His parting message: (1) A lesson on cleansing (ch. 13). This we studied last Sunday. (2) A lesson on the knowledge of God (ch. 14). This is the essence of today's lesson. After the Holy Spirit was poured forth on the Day of Pentecost, the record seems to emphasize His work as power for service. In today's lesson, however, the emphasis is upon His work in the believer, as Purifier, Comforter, Teacher and Advocate. Just as Jesus revealed the Father while He was here on earth, so the Holy Spirit was to reveal both the Father and the Son to the believer whom He indwelt (v. 23). (3) A lesson on fruitbearing (ch. 15). (4) A lesson on testimony to the world (ch. 16). (5) A lesson on intercession (ch. 17). As we study these chapters in future lessons, let us always keep in mind their bearing on the present life of the Christian in a worid that knows not God, and how they are meant to fortify us to "fight the good fight of faith" until Jesus comes again. The oft-repeated phrase "at that day" refers to the coming of the Holy Spirit.
We are confronted with four classes of problems in this world:
I. THE PROBLEMS OF CREATION AND PROVIDENCE. The answer to all these is found in the simple words: "Believe in God." While reason may not be able to soar so high, simple faith has no difficulty in declaring that He is, and that He is a Rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
II. THE PROBLEMS OF SIN AND SALVATION. The answer to these is found in the command, "Believe also in Me." Jesus came forth from God to manifest the Father and to carry out His will in making the atoning sacrifice for sin. It is through the Holy Spirit's operation in applying the blood of Jesus to our souls that we receive the New Birth and are made children of God. He Himself puts into us the spirit of adoption, bearing witness that we are His children, and teaching us to cry "Abba," which is Aramaic (spoken by Jews after the Captivity) for Father. Note that this tiny syllable needs only the lips to pronounce, so can be lisped by a baby before he has any teeth. Is it not a beautiful expression of the love and devotion of the new convert to the Father whose Spirit gave him birth? Study also the mother love of the Godhead as revealed by the indwelling Spirit. Isa. $66: 13 ;$ Gen. $1: 2 ; 17: 1$. In this last reference the title El Shaddai (Almighty God) literally means the breasted One, or the ALL SUFFICIENT Supplier of every need.
III. THE PROBLEMS OF DEATH AND


Baptism with the Holy Spirit today. He draws us into the Holy of holies, the very heart of our Father-God, and gives us a fresh vision of Jesus from that point of view. The Father is rejoicing over the Son of His love; and we are privileged to rejoice with Him over the attributes, perfections, and glories of our blessed Redeemer. See Eph. 2:18.

The third question was asked by Jude, and refers to THE INDWELLING SPIRIT. He had grasped the truth that another Comforter was coming and that He would take Jesus' place to them; but he could not understand that He would not be visible to the world even as Jesus had been. So the Saviour tenderly explained that the Holy Spirit's abode would be in their hearts, and that He could only come to those who love Him. How erroneous is the teaching which identifies the gift of the Holy Spirit with the new birth. We must first receive God the Father's gift and let Jesus come into our hearts. Then we can receive the gift of God the Son, which is the Holy Ghost. It is after believing in Christ that we are sealed with His Holy Spirit, the Promise of the Father. Eph. 1:13. He also has gifts to bring us, as we find from the four lists of gifts of the Spirit in 1 Cor. 12:3-11, 27-31; Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11. When we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit it is called a baptism, which means immersion or dipping under. This pictures the Holy Spirit as water, a type which is used three times in John ( $3: 5 ; 4: 14 ; 7: 37$ 39) in connection with the New Birth, Sanctification, and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Comforter is already in the believer (Rom. 8:9), but we now see Him like the water which covers him completely and keeps nim out of sight. This is how Paul described his own life in the Spirit: "Not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20. The Spirit never speaks of Himself, but always glorifies Jesus. John $16: 13,14$.
The disciples to whom Jesus gave the promise of the Comforter were already saved. ch. $15: 3$. They had learned many lessons in the Master's Bible School for three years; but they had not yet received the promised power for service. They were like a great machine with every part cleaned, adjusted, polished, and set in its place, but without the motive power being turned on to make it run. On the Day of Pentecost the POWER fell, and the hundred and twenty went forth from the upper room to be flames of fire and rushing winds to carry the life of God unto the very uttermost parts of the
at our mother's knee, lie the solutions to all the problems of this earthly life.
We may note three Questions in this chapter, revealing some difficulties which beset the believer's mind and which the Comforter comes to solve. The first was asked by Thomas ABOUT COMING TO THE FATHER. "How can we know the way?" is a question we often meet in our personal work. Remember that Jesus Himself is the answer. Instead of trying to refute arguments, let us ever hold HIM up to every inquirer; and as the Holy Spirit brings them into contact with Him their feet will be planted on the way everlasting.
The second question was asked by Philip, and it was ABOUT KNOWING THE FATHER. Though Jesus had been with them so long and had been telling them that He came as the revelation of God the Father, they could not yet grasp the fact of knowing Him spiritually, without any physical manifestation. But after Pentecost this difficulty vanished away. They then had the third Person of the Trinity dwelling within them, and He enabled them to know the Father in the same deep, spiritual sense. This is the experience of every believer who receives the
earth. The very same infilling and the very same power are for every true Christian today. The Spirit takes possession not only of the soul and spirit but also of the body of the believer; and the evidence that He has done so is the speaking in other tongues the praises of Jesus, as the Spirit gives utterance.
THE COMFORTER OUR ADVOCATE, The Greek word is a legal one, usually translated advocate. It takes us into a court of justice, and pictures the believer as the prisoner, with Satan as his adversary (the literal meaning of the name "Satan") bringing many serious accudefend himself. Satan is much stronger and
delpless, and cannot much more clever than he is, and spreads out his many sins before God to prove that the prisoner must be condemned to eternal death. In oriental countries it was the custom for the advocate (also called lawyer, attorney, or pleader) to stand at the right hand of the prisoner and answer every accusation for him. Psalm 109:31. This is just what the Holy Spirit does for us He stands at our side answering every accuof Jesus Satan by holding up the precious blood of Jesus which has blotted out all those sins. (Continued on Page Twelve)

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To aid you in the glorious ministry of the Vacation Bible School we have prepared our own Vacation Bible School literature. The textbooks are departmentally graded, and all material has been selected for its value to the particular age for which it is to be used. The textbooks are simple, practical and spiritual throughout. The four departmental textbooks (together with the cut-outs when indicated) and the administration book, The Ideal Vacation Bible School, contain all the teaching material needed for any School, regardless of its sizes.
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IHE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
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Our Advocate does not say that they were never committed, but that they have been already punished in Jesus, our Substitute. Will you not put your case completely in the hands of this divine Advocate, and let Him plead for you? See 1 John 1:7-9; Rom. 3:26; 1 Peter 4:19.Alice E. Luce.

NINETEENTH GENERAL COUNCIL<br>of the Assemblies of God<br>Will convene at the Civic Auditorium,<br>Minneapolis, Minn.,<br>Sept. 5 to 11, 1941.<br>Opening Rally, Thursday evening, Sept. 4.

## YAKIMA VALLEY CAMP MEETING

The Northwest District Regional Camp Meeting in the Yakima Valley will open June 2, at 7:45 p. m., at the Washington State Fair Grounds in the City of Yakima, Washington. The services are scheduled to start each day at 10:00 a. m., $2: 00$, and $7: 45 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Guy Shields will be the main speaker, and will minister each day at the afternoon and evening services. Brother Shields is bringing his Musical Trio with him and they will minister in music and song throughout the camp meeting.

## Missionary service will be held Sunday

 afternoon, June 8, at the close of which our missionary offering will be received. We are expecting returned and prospective missionaries to speak at this service. A Children's meeting will be conducted each day from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m. Capable, experienced workers will be in charge. The Saturday evening services will be conducted especially in the interest of the Young People. A special meeting for Pastors, Evangelists, and Christian Workers will be conductedeach day at $10: 00 \mathrm{a}$. m. by District Superintendent Frank Gray, in the First Pentecostal Church located at Fourth and A Streets.
There will be a community kitchen and sandwich stand on the grourds. Tents and cots may be rented at the office. For further information write R. F. Ashworth, Chairman of Camp Meeting Committee, Fourth and A Streets, Yakima, Wash.

## BISHOP TAYLOR SMITH'S LAST SOUL

## WINNING

Bishop Taylor Smith had his Master's passion for preaching the gospel. Not long before his death he was taken ill at San Francisco and was ordered to the hospital. There Dr. Philpott and a friend visited him. It was eleven o'clock at night when they reached the hospital. When they opened the door of his room they saw the bishop with his two hands on the head of the nurse praying earnestly on her behalf. They felt it was too sacred a scene to intrude. Later the nurse came out in tears and said, "That dear old man. I am the third nurse he has led to Christ today."

SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS will be gathering at the Home Gardens Assembly, Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 23 and 24 (Friday and Saturday), for a Regional Sunday School Conference.

Oklahoma speakers and four workers from Gospel Publishing House will appear on the program.-Gospel Publishing House.

## WHO WON?

Some few years ago, in the south of England, three men who were traveling were interested in the entrance of a stranger just as the train was starting. His bag and sword-case indicated that he was a military man, and after a moment he said, "That was a close shave. I've come from Gibraltar, and specially wanted to catch this connection." Said one of the other men, "I am glad you have joined us, for we have been warmly discussing the comparative merits of Napoleon and Wellington. We should like your opinion, as a military man, as to which of these was the greater general strategically. We are of the opinion that Wellington was the greater."
With considerable skill and graciousness, the stranger proved that strategically Napoleon held the first place.
"Ah! who won Waterloo?" was the rejoinder.
In quiet and reverent voice the stranger, who they learned was one of England's greatest generals, said, "God won Waterloo."

## THE BEST MEDICINE

Dr. Hyslop, one of England's greatest physicians, said to the British Medical Association : "The greatest medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer. Of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depression of spirits, I give first place to prayer. It is of highest importance from a physical point of view to teach children to hold daily communion with God. Such a habit does more to quiet the spirit and strengthen the soul to overcome mere incidental emotionalism, than any other therapeutic agency known to man."

# REPORTS S M REERPERS 

MILTON, FLA.-We have enjoyed a 3 -weeks revival with Evangelist T. C. Anderson of Bay Minette, Ala. A numand strengthened spiritually by our brother's messages.-O. L. Thomas, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.-We are praising the Lord for the inspiring 5-weeks revival conducted here by Mrs. Nellie Barr. Seventeen were wonderfully saved and some received the Baptism. Sister Barr has a very fine message. Her sermons The whole church was benefited by these special services.-F, L. and Catherine these Pastors.

ROBSTOWN, TEXAS-We just closed a 2-weeks revival with Brother and Sister Odis Shipley of Dallas. The Lord met with us in a gracious way. Three were saved and filled with the Spirit and one was reclaimed and refilled. Brother Shipley's messages were very stirring and were enjoyed by the whole church. The Brother and Sister Jeffers.

BEAVERTON, ALA.-Evangelist and Mrs. P. F. Kellett recently conducted a 2-weeks revival at the Sharon Chapel Assembly. The Lord blessed in a wonder: ful way. About 10 were saved, and 14 united with the church. Brother and Sister Kellett are fine evangelists and we appreciate the good work they have done in our assembly. They were formerly in the Arkansas District.-Joel Reedus
tarted bere, MO.-An assembly was lader about a year ago under the leadership of Frank and Emma Miller, and since that time 18 persons have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and 11 have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Easter morning 12 children were dedicated to the Lord. Many both in this town and in neighboring towns have received healing for their bodies. A new church building is well under way.-Frank Miller.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA-T he Charles Blair Evangelistic Party, consisting of Brother Blair, Paul Wagner, and Carlyle Beebe, closed a very successful revival with us. There were many at the altar for salvation. Eight were filled with the Holy Spirit, 9 were baptized in the chilly water, which brought considerable comment from the large newspapers in our Middle States, and several became members of the assembly.-Gordon H Millard, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.-We have just closed a 3 -weeks revival, the first in our new church building. V. E. Wilson, Dallas, Toxas, was our evangelist. Eight were saved, 3 received the Baptism, and our church was wonderfully blessed. We surely appreciated the fact that Brother Wilson preached the Word, and the anointing of the Holy Ghost was upon the preaching from night to night. Also we appreciated his good wife and baby, for they were a blessing in all the services.-C. L. Bell, Pastor, Assembly of God, S. W. 13th and Rockwood.

MILES CITY, MONT.-Ora DeVon of Springfield, Mo., has just completed a
profitable 10 -days period of Bible teachprofitable 10 -days period of Bible teach-
ing. Much blessing was experienced by the saints as he ably unfolded the Scrip. tures to us. Brother DeVon has some splendid charts covering Dispensations, the Great Tribulation, Daniel and Revelation, Tithing, etc. This was his second lation, Tithing, etc. This was his second period of ministry in the church in the past year, and he has an urgent invitation
to return and minister again as the Lord may lead in the future.-Leonard and Frieda Palmer, Pastors.
ST. LOUIS, MO.-The Glad Tidings Tabernacle recently enjoyed a great revival. This meeting was opened by Pastor F. E. Heady and was successfully concluded by Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge. Thirty eight persons were filled with the Holy Ghost and a large number were healed Many felt the healing touch of the Master's hand. A $60 \times 120 \mathrm{ft}$. Int adjoining the property has been bought to enable us to enlarge the building. The Lord has blessed in such a way that we were able to pay cash for this property.-Clyde

## WE'LL GIVE THEM TO YOU

It's terrible what some boys and girls are reading-stuff that makes criminals out of them. We only wish it were possible to place in their hands some of our left-over Sunday School quarterlies for children and teen-age youth.

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OKMULGEE, OKLA.-We are glad to report a good revival with Paul S. Boyer
as the evangelist. About 20 were saved and 4 received the Baptism in the Holy
Ghost. The church in general was greatly blessed, and on Easter we reached a new record in our Sunday School attendance,
there being 820 present.-Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.
HANFORD, CALIF.-We have just closed a $31 / 2$ weeks meeting with Gladys
Pearson and Margaret Plunket. Several were saved or reclaimed, and some re-
ceived the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The saints were stirred and drawn closer to the Lord. Such old-fashioned preaching under
the anointing of the Spirit was marvelous. the anointing of the Spirit was marvelous.
We thank God for the way He blessed in the meeting.-Reporter.

## SILURIA, ALA.-My wife and I recentAlabaster Assembly where O. C. Hickman is pastor. This is the eighth revival we have conducted for Brother Hickman, the previous meetings being in other churches which he was pastoring. Brother Hick. man and his family are highly appreciated here. Before moving to this section of the State they labored in south Alabama churches and these churches had a

 substantial growth. When they movedto Siluria they found the people were worshiping in a small building. The old ing was erected in a fine location. This
is about the third or fourth building program Brother Hickman has assisted in.
The business men of the town gave liberally to the building fund. In fact, one man gave the church more than $\$ 600$. The
church people co-operated in the effort and in less than a year the building was paid for. It is finished with ceiling, paint, etc.
It should inspire some of us younger men to go out and build for God when
we can see that the more mature ministers are still willing to sacrifice for the gospel of Jesus Christ.-Grover Langston, Pastor Temple Church, Clanton. Ala.
WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL annual West Texas District Council convened in the Municipal Auditorium, April 22-24. This was one of the greatest
councils we have had. It was the greatest in unity, seasons of refreshing, and benefits received. A total of 432 registered, and the peak attendance was approximately 1,000 . General Superintendent E. S. Williams, the special speaker, brought
many timely and most profitable messages. Others speaking during the Council were: Clifford Andrews, George Hayes, Superintendent F. D. Davis, Superintendent H. M. Fulfer, H. C. Ball, and other visiting brethren.
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The officers elected were: H. M. Reeves, District Superintendent; E. R. Foster,
Assistant Superintendent; and H. Paul Holdridge, Secreary-Treasurer. The District and General Presbyters remain the
same. Council was concluded with a most
The Coll impressive ordination service. Brother Williams preached the sermon and Brother Reeves gave the charge; after which 7
young men knelt, one at a time, before an open Bible on an altar, as the Elders laid hands on them and ordained them.-H. Paul Holdridge, Secretry-Treasurer.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA-We came here work, being assisted by Mr full gospel Alden of California. After constructing
home, there being a scarcity of houses CLINTON, IOWA-May 25 Lillian
in this federal-project boom town, we Crouse and Karlene Burt of California, started a Sunday School in the home. This continued until January, 1941, when we Hall for meetings. Due to having no home support I was obliged to take some secular work to care for our temporal needs.
This took me to Nome and to the Kenai This took me to Nome and absence. Brother and Sister Alden and my
wife cared for the work.

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vival that would stir the nonreligious
element of the Far North. The prayers
of the General Council workers throughout
Alaska were answered by the coming of
Lester Sumrail, who has been well re-
ceived in each town. Several sough the Lord for salvation here. The evangel-
ist's talks to the students at the High
School and the use of Radio Station KFQD
helped to fill the hall night after night
with attentive listeners. The last night with attentive listeners. The last night
of the radio program, the station owner announced that Mr. Sumrall's program
had been most interesting and had created presentation for some years.
A Monday night service was conducted at Palmer, in the famed Matanuska Valley,
50 miles north. The building was filled and many were turned away. The colonists Iequested the evangelist to return ro
further services.-James M. Reb, Pastor.

## WORDS OF POWER

Our Lord Jesus Himself had none of the superficial marks of greatness. Patul seems
to have been specially deficient in those qualities which were demanded from those who aspired to leadership in the world. His public speaking seems to have been the
special point on which his enemies attacked him. Greek orators were probably the most accomplished the world has eve
seen. By comparison Paul's presence was weak and his delivery contemptible.
But what has become of all those masters of forensic art? They are dead and their efforts have died with them. The few that remain are models of beauty but words transformed his hearers, not by his mode of delivery, but by their truth and

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