

# "Jesus Is Still Left to Us" 

A Further Story of the Bombing of Kunming

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IT IS remarkable how we missionaries in Yunnan have been able to get leadings from God. For some time before October, 1940, we felt that we should leave the city of Kunming; at least we should find a place of refuge outside the city where we would be reasonably safe from the danger of falling bombs. But the question was, Where to go, how far to go, and when to go? So we were often in prayer about it. Finally one morning my wife said to me, "Howard, I feel we must get away from the city." So I went to my room and took the matter definitely to the Lord in prayer. He called my attention to a village which marked the end of the second stage when we traveled to Tali-fu, west. He said, "You go there. That would be far enough from the city even in case the Japanese armies invade from the south or southeast, and you will be near enough so you can commute to the city on your bicycle."
So I announced what the Lord had said to me, and a few days later we were on our way to make investigation. A native helper rode Mrs. Osgood's bicycle and I rode my own. We passed many a village on the way. We stopped at a tea shop just before arriving, asked directions, and told our mission. They said, "Well, you apparently came to the right place. The old magistrate over there has a house. He built it and has stored nothing but grain in it, and we would not be surprised if you could rent it."
We walked our bicycles up a very uneven stone pavement of the village, stopped at a tea shop, and there was the very man we had been instructed to find. He seemed most pleased that we had come and suggested that we could have the major part of his house. We went over to see it. It pleased us, although it was a very poor sort of dwelling. By noon of the next day the lease had been written and signed and we were already on our way home.

Through one of the young Christians at our chapel we


A Street in Kunming
entrances. But we came around by another way and stopped in the street near our house, where we met our cook. Usually he is very prim and careful about his dress. That day it was disheveled, dirty. Even his face was dirty. I looked at him in amazement and said. "Everything is all right at our place, isn't it?" He looked at me and said, "Pastor, I am afraid not." We went to the gate, knocked on the gate. My office boy opened. He too was disheveled, hair unkempt, clothes torn. I said, "Philip, what has happened?" Well, he said, "Pastor, the bomb hit us fair and square and this is what is left."

I took one look inside but it was minutes before I could believe what I saw was true. Our beautiful home that we had left a week ago was in perfect ruin. Ceilings, boards, rain troughs, everything that used to be horizontal was now hanging vertically from the naked beams. It looked like a rain of material hanging suspended precariously by a nail here or by a still-holding electric wire there, just hanging like shreds, everything hanging down. Philip said, "Pastor, be careful where you go, because at unsuspected moments a loose tile falls, or something falls. The best place to walk is under the sky and not go anywhere unless you first take a good look." Mrs. Osgood looked at me and said, "Howard, there is no need to be frightened now that it is all over." Strange to say, although I had never been conscious of being frightened before, I was frightened at what I had seen, what had happened, and my face had gone absolutely white. It dawned on me that we had no home in the city. Then we were doubly thankful for the refuge we had taken in the country.

We did not know where we were going to sleep. We were reminded we had the key to the home of our English Pentecostal friends. They had left two years before, simply locked up their place, leaving it entirely vacant, be(Continued on Page Seven)

## "Elisha and the Bears"

## The Certainty of Judgment

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AND Elisha went up from thence unto Bethel: and as he was going up by the Iway, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.
"And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord. And there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.
"And he went up from thence to Mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria." 2 Kings 2:23-25.
"Surely you do not believe that this story records an actual occurrence. It must be just a tradition, which, through the carelessness of some scribe, became part of the text. God would not allow one of his prophets to do such a cruel thing."' One frequently hears such remarks regarding the scripture quoted above. Let us examine it together.

Elijah's colorful and dynamic ministry had just come to an end in a chariot of fire sent down from heaven. Some five years before, in obedience to God's command, he had anointed Elisha to be prophet in his stead. After that time Elijah comes into public view on several important occasions, but of Elisha we hear nothing until we see him with Elijah on that last walk, from Gilgal to Bethel, to Jericho, and then on to Jordan. It is, however, to be assumed that the two men were closely associated in their ministry, not only with each other, but also with the "sons of the prophets" during that period.

We find from the books of Kings that, from the time of Samuel, there were schools where those who desired the office of a prophet could perfect themselves in the Hebrew scriptures. Here, too, they were trained in the matter of tarrying before the Lord for the purpose of receiving a prophetic ministry. During the period of Elijah's ministry there were such schools at Gilgal, at Bethel, and at Jericho. It is certain that the prophets who studied in these schools had been told of Elijah's approaching translation.

In the second chapter of 2 Kings we read: "When the Lord would take Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.... The sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth and said to Elisha, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master today? And Elisha said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace." Again at Jericho the sons of the prophets came forth and asked the same question of Elisha. From Jericho "fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood to view afar off." Whether they were afraid to behold close at hand such a divine manifestation, or whether they feared to "lose face" with the people by appearing to believe that Elijah was to go to heaven in an unusual manner, may not be known. However, when Elisha returned from Jordan and "the sons of the prophets which
were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha, and they went to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him." Even so, they manifested their unbelief by saying unto him, "Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley." They urged him until he unwillingly gave them permission to go, "and when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?"

Let us remember that for some five years these sons of the prophets had been in contact with Elijah and Elisha. Most assuredly they knew of the three years' famine in Samaria, which had come to pass at the word of Elijah when he attempted to call idolatrous Israel to the worship of the true God. All Israel had known of the fire that came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice offered by Elijah at the time when he slew the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of the grove. Also the prophets could not but have known of the dire punishment recently visited, at the word of Elijah, on the messengers sent by King Azariah to enquire of the god of Ekron as to his recovery from an illness.

Of Elijah's devotion to God, of his zeal for service, of his mighty acts, there could be no doubt, but as to his translation-that was another matter. True, Enoch had been translated, but that was a long time ago, and he had great faith. Furthermore, Enoch walked with God. Elijah was a man of like passions with themselves. One could not be expected to believe that such a man could be translated. They talked it over among themselves, on the streets, and, alas, at home before the children, and after much discussion pro and con, quite satisfied with their superior wisdom, dismissed the matter as of no consequence to themselves. From circumstantial evidence it can be deduced that they spoke lightly of Elijah and Elisha,

even to the point of derision and ridicule, for we read that as Elisha was passing along the way from Jericho to Bethel, little children came forth out of the city and mocked him, saying unto him, "Go up, thou bald head, go up, thou bald head." That is to say, "If Elijah went up, why didn't you go up too? Why don't you go up now?" If the children had not heard such remarks by others, they would not have spoken in this manner.
Elisha, his whole being filled with the glory of the majestic event he had just witnessed, probably, at first, was unaware of their taunts, but as it would dawn upon him that they were making sport of Elijah's translation, he would be horrified. Turning to the children, he cursed them. Now, note that Elisha did not call the bears. He simply turned back and looked upon the children, and cursed them. The bears were in a wood close by, and unrestrained, came forth and acted according to their nature. "But why didn't Elisha, who had been given power to work miracles, stop the bears?" Let us remember that even as mercy and truth go before God's face, so also are justice and judgment the habitation of His throne.

One of the greatest events of all time had just occurred. A man had entered heaven without dying. Angels and archangels had looked on in worship and adoration. Yet the men who were in training to be the instructors of Israel in spiritual matters had not had the spiritual discernment to recognize what God had done. On the contrary they not only had not believed Elisha's testimony as to the fact of the translation, but had dismissed the matter in derision.

Those who have drunk deeply of the waters of salvation and have covenanted to "go all the way with God" know the poignancy of the corrective judgment of Jehovah which follows a stepping off the narrow path. Though in deep affliction, with the Psalmist they can say, "The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold: moreover by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward." In the case of the prophets at Bethel and Jericho it was necessary for the sake of the nation that its teachers and leaders be called back from their self-sufficiency, complacency, and unbelief. The penalty was severe, one that cut deeply into the heart of the family and community. We may not question the wisdom of God in the matter. Suffice it to say that the story of "Elisha and the bears" is one of those that was "written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the ages are come."

It is a fundamental law of science that all forces must be held in balance. If any force or body goes on a tangent there is disaster. From study of the Old Testament and also from secular history we are led to the conclusion that there is a law of like nature in the spiritual realm. Sin is always accompanied by penalty. Sometimes judgment follows swiftly, sometimes it is long delayed; but it is never omitted, either in the case of individuals or of nations, though it may be greatly mitigated by the sincere penitence of the offender.

It is now apparent that our own beloved
country, as well as other so-called Christian nations, is under judgment. Some have asked, "Why doesn't God do something to stop this awful situation?" God is doing something. The eternal law of absolute right over which He is sovereign and by which the universe is held in order, is in motion now, as it has been from the beginning of time. Violation of that law brings inevitable penalty.

In the early days of our country, practically every university was founded with the express purpose of preparing young men for the ministry of the gospel. About fifty years ago it began to be considered "smart" for divinity students to go to Heidelberg or Vienna to study. There they came under the influence of instructors who taught them the atheistic philosophies of certain European scholars and authors, who, having repudiated the divine authorship of the Bible, had evolved theories of their own as to the origin and destiny of man. These young men went to Europe believing the Bible to be the inspired word of God. They returned to their homes imbued with doubt which was bred and nourished by the "higher criticism" of the Biblical text under the tutelage of instructors who no longer believed that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

On their return from the European institutions these ministerial students were greatly sought after because of their erudition. Some of the most celebrated of the theological seminaries called them as instructors. From the portals of these institutions went forth waves of doubt and unbelief as a flood-unbelief in the divine sonship of Jesus Christ, unbelief in the Biblical account of the fall of man from the high estate for which he was created. Within a short time the large Eastern universities were manned, not only in the colleges of religious education but in the secular courses as well, largely by professors who scoffed openly at Genesis, ridiculed the idea that this great world was lost-under sentence of death, and that a Redeemer had been sent from God to deliver, and give back eternal life.

To the Teachers' Colleges of these great Universities came thousands of public school teachers. Bewildered by the constant ridicule of the books of Moses, the derisive remarks regarding Paul's epistles and the doubt as to the sonship of Jesus Christ, some of them retained their faith; others noting that it had become a mark of academic education to accept a theory as to the beginnings of man on this planet, fell under the spell of the philosophy that flourished around them. Some textbooks were published, in which, from the first grade to the last class in the university, the youth were taught that Genesis was a myth, a tradition.

One generation passed and another arose that had been trained to doubt or entirely disbelieve that most profound of all truths: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Horace Mann, the founder of our public school system, said, "What you put into the schools will appear in the life of the people of the next generation." This has been well proven.


As though to combat this flood of Satanic doubt, spued, as it were, from the mouth of the enemy of souls, the past two generations have witnessed great revivals: the Welsh revival, the Korean revival, the worldwide outpouring of the Holy Spirit, known as the Pentecostal revival, that fell upon those who had been moved to intercessory prayer in almost every land and nation in the early days of the Twentieth Century. The same generations witnessed the evangelism of Spurgeon, of Moody and Sankey, Torrey and Alexander, Billy Sunday and others who preached with power.
For more than a decade interest in evangelistic meetings has declined pitiably in most localities. The ignorance of the Bible manifested by the children in our public schools is a sad commentary on parental instruction and guidance. In both State and Church-supported colleges and universities the lack of reverence toward God is glaringly apparent in both instructors and students. The social life of our nation is dominated, for the most part, by pleasure seeking and self gratification. In our political and economic systems there is much of greed, gluttony and graft. The substitution of the theories of modern philosophy for the truth of the Word of God has greatly diminished our sense of responsibility toward God and man. The stench of our individual and national sins has reached up to heaven, and judgment, long deferred, has fallen upon us. It is not that God delights in pouring out wrath upon a sinful people; it is, rather, that the righteous law of God, violated, automatically brings judgment, with the certainty of the dawn. The wages of $\sin$, whether in the days of Elisha, or in our own time, remain eternally the same, and are always paid in the coin of the archenemy of God.
For those of us who believe the Scriptures there remains, in this period of distress, the privilege of prayer-prayer that the hearts of many shall be turned from bewilderment and fear, from darkness, from the folly of this vain world's show to the truth of the gospel of the Son of God, who can give peace that passeth understanding, along with the gift of eternal life which He is able, through the shedding of His blood, to give to all who receive and obey Him.

## "Before They Call

In the spring of 1875, Hudson Taylor, the beloved founder of the China Inland Mission, was returning to London from Brighton, England where he had been attending some meetings. Waiting for his train at the station, he was accosted by a

Russian nobleman who had also attended the meetings, and who, on learning that Mr . Taylor was going to London, suggested that they should find seats together.
"But I travel third class," said the missionary.
"My ticket admits of my doing the same," was the courteous reply.

Presently Count Bobrinsky took out his pocket-book with the words, "Allow me to give you a trifle towards your work in China."
Glancing at the bank-note as he received it, Mr. Taylor felt there must be some mis-take-it was no less than fifty pounds (\$250.00).
"Did you mean to give me five pounds ( $\$ 25.00$ ) ?" he said at once. "Please let me return this note: it is for fifty pounds."
"I cannot take it back," replied the other, no less surprised. "It was five pounds I meant to give, but God must have intended you to have fifty pounds; I cannot take it back."

Impressed with the incident, Mr. Taylor reached Pyrland Road, the London home of the Mission, to find a prayer meeting going on. A remittance was about to be sent to China, and the money in hand was short by forty-nine pounds, eleven shillings, (\$247.75) of the sum it was felt would be required. This deficiency was not accepted as inevitable. On the contrary, it called together those who knew of it for special prayer. Forty-nine pounds, eleven shillings, was being asked for in simple faith, and there upon the office table Mr. Taylor laid his precious bank-note for fifty pounds (\$250.00). Could it have come more directly from the heavenly Father's hand? "Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall , understand the lovingkindness of the Lord."

## Hell

Just south of the city of Jerusalem there is a valley called the "Valley of the Sons of Hinnom" in the Old Testament, and "Gehenna" in the times of Christ. This valley became a place of human sacrifice in the days of the later kings; and the Jews set up a hideous image to Moloch, the god of the Ammonites. Before this image was a huge altar on which were burned the sacrifices this god was supposed to have required. Sometimes those sacrifices were human beings, usually children. Jer. 7:31; 2 Kings 16:3; Isa. 66:24. Drums and cymbals were beaten to drown out the cries of the victims so that the place came to be called Topheth, which means "the beating of drums." 2 Kings $23: 10$.

In the time of our Lord, Gehenna was the dumping ground of the city of Jerusalem. The garbage, sewage, and animal carcasses were disposed of there. Even the bodies of crucified criminals were thrown out there to rot and decay. A fire was always kept burning there; but it was still a place of vermin and maggots and filth. It was truly a place of corruption and death. Christ warned of eternal punishment in an eternal Gehenna. Matt. $5: 22,29,30$; Luke $12: 5$.

Real obedience springs from a renounced will, and from a well-rounded confidence. -Baxter.

# The Coming of the Lord Draweth $V_{\text {igh }}$ 

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (go before) them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:15-17.
Paul's inspiration was confirmed by the word of the Lord, and the promise was confirmed that the Lord Himself was coming. You have the certainty of Scripture against the surmises of men to the contrary.

The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. Never was there a shout in the history of this world equal to it. We read, "The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve" (Psalm 29:9), and "by the word of the Lord were the heavens made." Psalm $33: 6$ A voice of power and a voice of command! But this mighty roar of the shout of the Lord, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of God, will transcend every other previous sound.
"He spake, and it was done." Psalm 33:9. His former speaking had to do with creation, this other with the consummation of redemption. The one had to deal with inanimate matter; this threefold voice has to do with the bodies of the dead and living saints. A quickening and a transforming-a quickening of those whom the blood of the Son of man has redeemed. It is heaven coming down to quicken those on the earth in order to bring earth out of earth to heaven. It is divine alchemy, divine transformation. It is unique-as unique as the ascension of Jesus Christ. The shout is assured, the archangel is chosen, and God has the trumpet.

God did not and does not give false hopes, false statements, because He is truth. The fact has to be. As God says it, it must be brought about.

The "offscouring of the earth" rising from the dead. But they are the very ones for whom God puts forth divine power to quicken, to transform, to resurrect, to translate. This is not a dream of Paul's. They are sober words written by Paul after being inspired to write them by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Husbandman, who has waited long for the precious fruit, is anxious and longs to receive His own. God is sending forth heralds now upon the earth heralding the nearness of His coming, through Spiritinspired ministers and writers, and men and women are wakening to the fact that the signs of the times portend something momentous. People are buying the Word in the hope of getting light on the signs of the times. They want light, but they will not take the Light of life, even Jesus. And even those who have light, will not seek the fullness of the Spirit that they may have
light upon light. "He shall show you things to come." God sent John the Baptist as a herald to proclaim the coming of the Lord. Now He sends the Holy Ghost to herald through His people, through circumstances, by the phenomena of the latter rain, the glad, stupendous fact that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.
Do you love His appearing? 2 Tim. $4: 8$. Or are you merely concerned with the data as to when He is to come, or the signs of His coming? Those who love His appearing love Him. They love the thought of His appearing, love the thought of His being satisfied in His people, love the thought of His receiving His kingdom, love the thought of His enemies being subdued under Him. Love His appearing. Why? Because He who is coming is altogether lovely. Love the appearing of the lovely One who is to receive the consummation of His love, who loved His own even unto the end. He shall see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

Do not be taken up with the signs of His coming. Do not be wholly occupied with the manifestations that herald His appearing, but love His own personal appearing. Then you will have a crown of righteousness. There are enough crowns to go round. He wants His loved ones to be crowned, and not crownless. Ask the Lord Himself to put a love for His appearing into your heart as never before.

The intensity of love in His people will bring the Beloved. He says, "Surely I come quickly." "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus," must be the response, not only of the Spirit, but of God's people. They must put the Amen to the Spirit's invitation.

If He has done so much for and in His people, trust Him to put the love for His appearing also into His people. The Husbandman has waited with long patience for the precious fruit. He longs to come more


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than you long for His coming. For the long suffering of our Lord is salvation. The number of the elect must be complete. Amen.

## A Devout Hebrew Lawyer

$\cap_{f}$ Joseph Rabinowitz, whom Delitzsh considered the most remarkable Jewish convert since Saul of Tarsus, Dr. A. J. Gordon wrote: "We found ourselves at our lodgings in the next room to a Russian guest, whose name was not yet told us. Hearing in the evening the strains of subdued and fervent Hebrew chanting, we inquired who our neighbor might be, and learned that he was one Joseph Rabinowitz of Russia.
"It seemed to us, as we talked day after day with this Israelite without guile and heard him pour out his soul in prayer, that we had never before witnessed such ardor of affection for Jesus and such absorbing devotion for His Person and glory. We shall not soon forget the radiance that would come into his face as he expounded the Messianic psalms, and how, as he caught a glimpse of the suffering or glorified Christ, he would lift his hands and eyes to heaven in a burst of admiration, exclaiming with Thomas after he had seen the nail-prints, 'My Lord and my God!'
"'What is your view of inspiration?' we once asked him. 'My view is,' he said holding up his Hebrew Bible, 'that this is the Word of God ; the Spirit of God dwells in it. When I read it I know that God is speaking to me, and when I preach it I say to the people, "Be silent, and hear what Jehovah will say to you."
"He would say, 'As for comparing the inspiration of Scripture with that of Homer or Shakespeare it is not a question of degree but of kind. Electricity will pass through an iron bar, but it will not go through a rod of glass, however beautiful or transparent, because it has no affinity for it. So the Spirit of God dwells in the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, because these are His proper medium, but not in Homer or Shakespeare, because He has no affinity with these writings.
"Nothing could be more thrilling and pathetic than to hear this latter-day prophet of Israel dilate on the blessedness and glory of his nation when it shall at last be brought back into favor and fellowship with God. 'The Gentile nations,' he said, 'cannot come to their highest blessing till then, nor can our rejected and crucified Messiah see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied till His kinsmen according to the flesh shall own and accept Him.'

## Wrestling for Souls

I wrestled for the ingathering of souls, for multitudes of poor souls, personally, in many distant places. I was in such an agony, from sun half-an-hour high till near dark, that I wet all over with sweat, but O, my dear Lord did sweat blood for such poor souls. I longed for more com-passion.-David Brainerd in his Journal.

Seek to cherish in your children the habit of being interested in the work of God and in the relief of need and distress; use them to relieve this need at suitable times and in suitable circumstances. You will reap fruit from so doing.-George Muller.

## Groans and Good Courage

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WHAT thinking man or woman can be without groans today? To be of good courage, because of the presence with us of the living, glorious, all-conquering Saviour, does not mean indifference to suffering, our own or that of others. It means joy in tribulation, companionship and deliverance right in the furnace seven times heated.

Twice over the Apostle Paul admits the groaning, in 2 Cor. $5: 2$, 4: "We groan . . . we do groan, being burdened." But he follows on immediately with the statement, also repeated: "We are of good courage always of good courage" (verses 6 and 8). Wonderful paradox, proved by numberless believers, all down the ages!

The Bible is nothing if not practical and true to life. It throbs with real experience. Burdened, groaning-because of bodily suffering, physical or mental limitations, it may be; because of that which comes upon us daily in our relations with others; because of the rising tide of suffering and distress the wide world over-yes, "we do groan, being burdened." What then? Are we doubtful, trembling, faint-hearted? No! Impossible as it seems, "we are of good courage," facing the seen in the light of the Unseen.

For, to be true to facts, we must recognize other elements in the world-situation, as in our own experience. God is here, still overruling evil for good. The Holy Spirit is here, brooding over the chaos sin has made. Faith is here: "We know," writes the Apostle, "that all things work together for good to them that love God." Yes, "we know"; and "the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." The groans come from more or less painful outward experiences; the joyous good courage comes from the indwelling Presence - the certainty of being the Lord's, for ever His and to be for ever with Him.

It was with such thoughts in mind that, after a night of terror in London, when the headquarters of the China Inland Mission had suffered seriously, the writer saw in that dear, familiar spot a sight to move the heart. Death and destruction had been at work. Across one corner of the garden a stick of bombs had fallen. Neighboring houses had been swept away or left in ruins. Whole families were among the dead. In the main building of the Mission House no lives had been lost, though over 100 windows were broken. It was a wonder that the building still stood, for one big crater made by a $500-1 \mathrm{~b}$. bomb was very near it.

Nearer still, just between that crater and the garden wall stood a favorite bird house, to which we turned to see what had become of the canaries. And what a parable it was! For there, in the midst of broken glass and debris on all hands, the little songsters seemed just as cheery as ever. And the caretaker who owned them, coming up just then, added to the wonder.
"Yes," he said, "it seems a miracle, for
they were right in the track of the blast. When daylight came and I could see what had happened, three of them were lying dead, it seemed, on the bottom of the cage, as the others probably were, inside. It was a pitiful sight. But later, after the sun was up, all ten were flying about and singing, with no sign of harm or fear."

Just little, helpless birds, protected by an unseen hand amid perils they could neither escape nor understand! Amid groans and destruction they were singing, full of good courage. Is it not suggestive? Suffering may be permitted, but must never silence the voice of praise. And praise prepares the way for further deliverance.

We cannot escape peril and pain in these tremendous days, and we do not want to be without our share in the birth pangs of the kingdom of God. Foretelling the very happenings that are around us now, the Lord Jesus said: "These things are the beginning of travail." And what is travail but the price of the new life that can come no other way? When labor pains begin, we do not nish or pray that they may be stopped. Terrible as they may be, we welcome themor what lies beyond them, rather. We know they are worth while. With groans there is good courage. And soon we remember no more the anguish "for joy that a man is born into the world."

Not to our fathers, but to us, has come the privilege of living in these last days, when faith is soon to be merged in sight. Groans there are and must be, "till He comes whose right it is to reign.", Meanwhile, "we are of good courage," for the coming King makes His home in our hearts.

God made a world without groans, without thorns, without pain or death. Sin changed it into a wilderness, a valley of weeping. But God came down into that wilderness in redeeming love, to bear the worst that sin can do; "to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." "To this end," we read, "was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Groaning is here still, for the prince of this world is not yet cast out. But he is a conquered foe, and his great wrath today is because he knows his time is short. The Cross proclaims his doom, no less than our deliverance. So we are of good courage. The song comes back into hearts that receive the Saviour and are united with Him by faith and love. The Bible is a book of such songs-songs of deliverance, songs of praise, "songs in the night." God is hearing many such songs today, rising to Him in faith above the din of battle, the wail of grief and tears. They are just as real as the groans of the whole groaning creation, soon to be

[^0]merged in "joy unspeakable and full of glory." Are we among the singers?
"Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord."
Quickened to Pray
"Quicken us, and we will call upon Thy name." Psalm 80:18.

The Psalmist asked for a quickening of the Spirit. He knew that as a result of this quickening there would come utterances in the Spirit, prayer in the Spirit, and praise in the Spirit.

There came a quickening to Abraham and to Sarah. The result was that Abraham was strong in faith, giving glory to God. And Sarah became fruitful in her old age. In the measure we are filled and quickened by the Spirit shall we too be strengthened to believe God, and to praise Him, and to bring forth fruit for His glory.

We read in Revelation that to the prayers of the saints was added much incense. Surely this incense is the fragrance of the prayers of Him who ever liveth to make intercession. The divine added to the human! Our poor, puny prayers may seem worthless to us, but when the fragrance of the intercession of the Son of God is added, they are a joy to God.

See those parents. That little babe of theirs who is a partaker of their own nature and life, is their joy. The utterances of the child when he coos and otherwise expresses himself may be utterly unintelligible, but they thrill the hearts of the loving parents. And in like manner, the prayers of the children of God thrill the heart of their loving Father. "The prayer of the upright is His delight." Prov. 15:8. He says to all His children, "Let Me see thy countenance, let Me hear thy voice." S. of S. 2:14.

Ask for a quickening of the Spirit, that worship and prayer and praise in the Spirit may spontaneously arise from a quickened heart, and come before the presence of God as holy incense. Psalm $141: 2$. In the meantime, pray the best you can and count on the holy incense that the Lord Jesus will add to your prayers.

## Out Only Plea

"I dare to assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that the inspired writers attribute all the blessings of salvation to the precious Blood of Jesus Christ. If we have redemption, it, is through His Blood; if we are justified, it is by His Blood; if we are washed from our moral stains, it is by His Blood which cleanseth us from all sin; if we have victory over the last enemy, we obtain it not only by the word of the divine testimony, but through the Blood of the Lamb; and if we gain admittance into heaven, it is because we have' 'washed our robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, therefore are we before the throne of God!' Everything depends on the Blood of Christ; 'Without shedding of blood is no remission.' "-R. Newton.

Never, never did Christ send a heavyladen one to work; never, never did He send a hungry one, a weary one, a sick or sorrowing one, away on any service. No! for such the Bible only says, "Come, Come, Come."-J. Hudson Taylor.

# How I Won My Husband to Christ 

By A Wife

When we were married neither my husband nor I were saved. About a year later I accepted Christ as Saviour and immediately tried to rush my husband into accepting Him also. The result was that he decided I was a "religious fanatic." For several years I made no further effort to win him to my Lord. He went his way and I went mine, and we grew further and further apart.

At church I knew other women whose husbands were not saved. They would ask me to pray for their husbands, and discuss the matter with me. For their comfort I found the verse, "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that if any obey not the Word they also may without the Word be won by the conversation of the wives." 2 Peter $3: 1$. The Word of God is a two-edged sword, and as I read it to them it pierced my own heart. I realized that my husband was not only not saved, but that I was doing very little about it. It came to me that it was not the minister's duty but my responsibility, and mine alone, to win him to Christ.

While always I had prayed for him daily, I now assumed a burden of prayer for him. Any wife knows the difference. I had to fully realize that where I used to pray for his salvation because his being unsaved was inconvenient for me, now I prayed for him because he was a lost soul.
I continued praying until I "prayed through." One day when I was praying for at least one soul for that year, the Lord showed me clearly that my soul was to be my husband.
With that assurance I outlined a program and stuck with it, and I want to pass it on to you, because it works!
First I used calendars and mottoes as the most simple method of placing scripture unobtrusively before him. In our bedroom I hung one motto, two postcards with Bible verses on them, and one calendar with verses on it. In the living room I hung one motto. In the dining-rdom, one calendar with verses for every day. In my mother-in-law's bedroom, one calendar with a scripture for each week. In the kitchen, the same. From this I did not expect a miracle, I merely considered it a part of the ordinary furnishings of a Christian home. But believe me, every time he wanted to know the date, the Word of God was right there waiting for him. I thought, "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

Next I considered our reading matter. He read the newspaper and a weekly magazine with current articles in it. I usually read Christian books, far too long to interest him. I subscribed to one weekly Christian magazine, and two monthly Christian magazines. It was money well spent. Before I enjoyed them myself, I went from one end to the other for an article that would interest him. At first I tried prophecy. He read the articles because I recommended them,
but he proved not to be especially interested in prophecy. (Your husband might be.) Next I searched for articles by outstanding Christian laymen. These he read with interest. In time he became accustomed to the familiarity of Christian literature, and when he ran out of secular reading he would pick up the Christian publication. "Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16.

The radio was my next problem. During the week all the good Christian programs were when he was away from the house. I listened to them so I would know what was good, and when he did have a day off I knew what program to turn on. I realized that because I was saved any Christian program was enjoyable to me, but not to him. I found that all voices were not equally pleasant over the radio. I decided against any program that went off on a tangent. I selected programs with plenty of singing.
On Sunday I selected one program for the morning and one for the evening, and made it a rule to have at least one every Sunday. He never crossed me on this; but I was ready, if he had, to say that I felt entitled to one hour of the radio's time. I knew that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

To make my plan iess obvious, I selected a couple of programs of good music which I enjoyed, and requested them. I also took a definite interest in the programs he enjoyed. I made the radio a partnership.

As for devotions, I had been having my devotions by myself right after breakfast, before either the dishes or bed were made, which annoyed him when he was home. I stopped this. I had my private devotions when he was eating before he went to bed (which I do not do), and therefore I was alone in the bedroom.

Have YOU received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to the Bible pattern in Acts 2:4?

His mother was glad to start devotions with me. We decided to have them right after breakfast. When he was away we would read two or three chapters, and each make a long prayer, and enjoy ourselves. The mornings he was home we had short devotions, and he was willing to remain at the table, as he would not have been if the devotions had been long. We had a list of selected short scriptures, and we each made a short prayer, and closed in unison with the "Lord's prayer."

Church was my goal, not because attending a church would save him, but because there he would hear the gospel preached and make his public confession of Christ.

I stopped permitting my religion to interfere with his comfort. I thought Sunday should be a day of rest for the women as well as the men, but he had been used to a large meal on Sunday and never liked my omitting it. I commenced having a Sunday dinner, but I planned my work. I cooked what I could on Saturday, prepared what I could before I left for church, and left my meat in the oven with a low fire.

First I invited him only to the special occasions. I presumed, of course, that he would go on Christmas and Easter. Why, everyone does! I do praise the Lord for those two occasions when most people make the effort.

My husband did not enjoy church. I realized why. It was because he understood so little of what was said. Only the actual name of Christ was familiar to him. Every time I went to a meeting I remembered the most interesting remark, or illustration, and repeated it to him until I built up his background. "The Word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line." Isaiah 28:10.

I liked to attend all the services but I realized that he would not, so I gave up some, so he would attend the others. Because he had to get up early Monday morning and liked to take his mother for a long drive after dinner on Sunday, I decided that Sunday School was easiest for him, and to Sunday School we went. "All things to all men, that I might by all means save some." 1 Cor. 9:22.

My conversation was the hardest of all. I made myself talk to him. He would say, "My, I was lucky," and I would smile into his face and say, "Yes, we're grateful to the Lord." He would look blank. I would want to cry. He would talk about luck and Mother Nature, but I gave the glory to God. In time, and oh it was a long time, he responded. "Praise is comely for the upright." Psalm 33:1.

Yes, today I can write that my husband is a saved man. He has accepted Christ as Saviour in his forties. He has joined the church. He has acknowledged Christ in testimony in church and to his friends and neighbors. Nothing takes more tact and patience than winning a husband to the Lord. No, not even a child, for they respect a mother's judgment; but a husband!

May my experience help you, and the Lord bless you, for it is your job.

## Cashing In on God's Promises

David once wrote, "The goodness of God endureth continually." Psalm 52:1.

And God would have that goodness flowing out continually to all who are His own. Christ says, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." He will cause His goodness, His grace, His Spirit, to flow into every branch.

Christ , prayed that all His own might be "one." The enemy hates this oneness. He would ever seek to destroy it. And so he seeks to sow discord, dissension and division among the saints. In doing this, he knows he will hinder the coming of God's richest blessing to them.

It is written of old, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1. And how evil and unpleasant to Him it is when there is a lack of unity. For where there is lack of unity, of one-accordness, of togetherness, the heavenly oil (the blessed Spirit of God) ceases to flow. When there is unity, one-accordness, togetherness, the Lord commands His blessing, His goodness, His grace and His glory to flow like a river, in measure unlimited.

Do not let us limit the Holy One of Israel with our limited idea of His goodness. Great is our God, great is His goodness, great is His grace. "And He challenges us with the words, "Call upon Me, and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3. He says to His disciples, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; the greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father." John 14:12. Don't let us limit Him through unbelief, but let us believe to see His goodness, His grace, His glory manifested and displayed in the land of the living.

Paul declared, "Sirs, I believe God." Let us also believe God, and believe His Word. Believe what He says, and at the end we shall testify like Solomon of old, "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise." 1 Kings $8: 56 .-\mathrm{S}$. H. F.

## Training a Boy <br> Charles E. Robinson

My maternal grandfather died of cancer, caused by smoking, the doctor told my mother. Because of this she hated tobacco as I have never known anyone else to hate it. She began with me as a baby, drawing me to her and telling me-her manner, looks and tones driving the message home to my child mind with tremendous power-how horrible a thing it is to use tobacco. She did this frequently through the years, until I was almost grown. Always she would make me promise never to touch tobacco.

Result? I have never tasted tobacco and I am seventy-five. More than that-I have never felt the slightest temptation to taste it when my smoking companions have importuned me to do so. She immunized me against such urgings. It has never required the slightest effort on my part to say a prompt and emphatic, No.

She pursued the same course-although her looks and tones were not so "scary" as they were when she talked of tobaccoabout intoxicants. She would tell of the horrors of being a drunkard, and close with the statement, "You will never be a drunkard if you never take your first drink."

Result? I have never tasted even beer, and have never felt the slightest inclination or desire to do so. Her tremendous earnestness, her early beginning and her persistent repetition of warnings brought the results.

Boys can thus be successfully bulwarked against indulging in evil practices.

## Jesus Is Still Left to Us" (Continued From Page One)

cause they felt the city would soon be bombed and they were not physically able to stand the awful tension you have to go through when in constant fear of bombs. We remembered the key and decided we would go over to this empty home.

Very fortunately the rooms in which we had slept and in which we had our office were the only rooms over which there was a second floor, and the bomb-although it had fallen right on that very building-was a contact bomb which bursts as soon as it touches anything of any substance at all, and the damage was done to the upstairs, which was a storeroom and to all the other buildings which surrounded the court. The material had just been sucked loose by the vacuum which the bomb created. But underneath the second floor our own rooms still had much in them which was salvageable and it was comparatively safe to go in. We took the bedding for our beds although we had to shake off a full half-inch of dust and dirt and broken glass and all sorts of debris. One place the shrapnel had made a hole through the bedding clear down to the mattress. We pulled it out later. We took what bedding we could and what dishes we could find still unbroken, and made our way in and dwelt in the home of our friends. There were no electric lights, no lights of any sort, but we felt our way around in this home that had been standing empty for two years, and made a place for ourselves to spend the night. And it was in this home that we lived the days that we were in Kunming until we came away.

Later I had an opportunity of inquiring of Philip what it was like on the day of the bombing. Well, he said, "I didn't run so far that day. I sort of felt I would not need to." And he said, "Long before the 'all clear' was given I sneaked my ,, way back into the city, past the policemen,"- for the policemen do not permit ordinary citizens to come back into the city until the "all clear" is given-but he said, "I sneaked my way past the policemen." And he said, "The dust from the explosion was so thick in the city you could feel it coming down like rain on your hands and on your head. It was like deep twilight." But he said, "I groped my way along until I came to our place."

It happened that on that day a Bible woman from Iliang was staying close by, and she had not gone out of the city. And when she learned that our place had been bombed she came over immediately. She had been there only a moment when Philip arrived. Both of them were standing in the midst of the ruin when they saw a tiny wicked flame creeping up from the wreck-
age and they knew at once that something had been set afire. "Quick!" the Bible woman said, "we must get in there, go upstairs and put out the fire." Philip was as brave as the occasion required, and crept through all the wreckage wich might fall at any moment, and went upstairs to see where the fire was. Between him and the Bible woman they managed to pass buckets of water upstairs. The fire was caused by a redhot shrapnel setting fire to a bag of kapok we had up there in the storeroom.

If it had not been for those dear Christians coming in long before the "all clear" was sounded to see how the place was, and braving the danger of falling wreckage, fire, and all the rest, we might not have been able to find anything. It was they who stood in the line of duty and took care of our place, so that at least we were able to find the wreckage when we came two days later, and out of it save a good deal of material with which we furnished the empty home of our brethren not far away, where we spent the remaining months we were in Kunming.

So we do thank God for the work of God that has been done in the hearts of these Chinese, who have not only risked their lives for us but have shown in many other ways that they do care for us and the Christ they have learned to know because of our ministry. Afterward a brother came in and offered his services. He pulled out stuff that belonged to quite a number of our missionaries, some of whom were home on furlough. I myself went over and took out the electric wiring that was still good. So much of the furniture was marred and broken in some places, it was too damaged to keep and too good to throw away. I had felt for other people and sorrowed with them when I had seen their homes destroyed, but after our own home was destroyed I not only felt for other people but I was one with them.
But how we did thank God that though these material things had been destroyed, yet all the precious lives that might have been lost, as far as our immediate friends were concerned, were safe. One dear Christian lady outside the East Gate, whose home was completely destroyed, was a poor woman and she did not have much in the way of worldly possessions; but when her home was bombed it meant that she had absolutely nothing in the way of this world's goods, for the bomb fell in such a way in her home that everything was just blown into the neighbors' courtyards and out into the street and everywhere.
Our own home has a high wall about it and outside the wall it does not look as if any bombing had occurred. Those walls kept the effects of the bombing entirely within. But this dear woman had just a ramshackle place, and when the bomb fell it went down through the roof and hit the floor beneath and burst there and threw everything to the four winds. When she came back she found she had nothing. I remember two or three of our missionaries went to see the place and there we found her standing outside, and spoke to her. And when she turned and saw it was the missionaries she smiled a beautiful smile. They said to her, "Well, Chang ta Sao, isn't it awful!" and she replied, "Yes, they can bomb away all we possess, but Jesus is still left to us. They cannot take Him.'


## First Direct Ward Fram Narth

 China MissianariesThe first direct news we have received from North China since the outbreak of war with Japan reached us in a letter from Harold Hansen which came through on the "Gripsholm." We were thankful to receive this letter and are happy to pass on the reassuring news it contained.
"Greetings from the District Council family," Brother Hansen writes. "We are all well and rejoicing in the Lord, enjoying the liberty granted us. Aside from the Slagers, who have only three hours a day for outside freedom, the rest of us have twenty-four hours, with liberty to visit our friends and do as we like within the limited area of three miles. The Kvammes and Baltaus, together with other enemy nationals living in Tientsin, have been moved into the British concession and have the freedom of that place.
"Mission work has been taken from enemy nationals and turned over by military authorities to the native church. The native Christian churches have met and elected a main body through which to function. They are experiencing a hard trial, not only financially, but no doubt on account of doctrine, etc. It also will

## PERU BIBLE SCHOOL

## Forrest G. Barker

The group of young men pictured is the fourth graduating class of the Pentecostal Bible Institute in Peru-the first to graduate in our new institute buildings. All are active in gospel work, some as pastors, others as evangelists and colporteurs.
Julio Ruiz, third from left, before graduating built up a good-sized and spiritual congregation in a humble section of Lima.

Elias Sierralta, in the center of the picture, known to the students as "Joyful" because of his smile, trusted the Lord through a prolonged affliction and kept the smile.

Guillermo Scanchez, on the extreme left, was suddenly stricken with spinal meningitis shortly
be hard for state and church to blend, as you can well understand. We at present are only guests, but we are not forbidden to attend services and to preach when invited.
"From what Peter Chang writes, the Council work in Manchuria is going along quite undisturbed. Pansy Blossom's and Ruth Melching's workers were in prison for a month or more but have been released. Pray especially for all our native ministers.
"Your last remittance cabled us through a certain bank was placed to the District account two days before the outbreak of war, and through the military all our missionaries are receiving living expenses monthly. Truly that was of God and has proved a great blessing since none of our Council missionaries thus far have been on relief, as have many enemy nationals.
"We are all anxious that you through the Evangel thank the saints who are praying for us, and especially each donor who is helping with offerings for us here in North China. God will reward and bless them all. We covet your continued prayers. Psalm 23 is ours these days."


1941 Graduates, Peru Bible Institute
before graduating. Delirious and at the point of death for days, he was marvelously raised up through prayer.
At the luncheon for students, alumni and faculty at the close of the 1940-41 school year, we were much impressed with the testimony of a 1940 alumnus. Ten years ago, at the age of 20, he had never gone to school and could not read. The outlook in life seemed dark. Someone lent him a New Testament, and after work he would sit up late at night spelling out the words in the Testament, until he had learned to read it. This led to his conversion. Today Daniel Terrel is one of our best native preachers.

We feel that the Bible School is a real asset to our work in Peru. Pray with us that God's continued blessing may rest upon it.


The above picture is described by Perry Dymond as a "testimony to God's saving power" in our newest Central American field, Honduras.
"These are only a few of the thirty-three who were baptized during the annual conference," he writes. "The pastor standing in the forefront was formerly a circus performer and confirmed drunkard; he is now a fruitful worker for Christ. On the left is a school teacher ; then a municipal secretary and his wife. The secretary, in spite of the important position he occupied, was a slave to drink. The first time I saw him he was under the influence of liquor, and while they told me he was a believer, I doubted the fact and wondered if God could do anything for such. But he has since proved that Christ is able to save from the uttermost. He promises to be one of the leaders in a new church that is being formed.
"Next comes a town judge who also acts as mayor at times, and then the former mayor of another town.
"Each one of them gives ample testimony of the saving grace of Jesus. If we should write what God has done for them individually it would take too long-but cases like those I have mentioned make one realize that no sacrifice can be too great that others such as they may be brought to know of Christ and His abounding love.

## OUR WORK IN HAWAII

Some have asked whether the Assemblies of God missionaries are still carrying on in Hawaii, and we are pleased to reply in the affirmative. While it is not possible to get new workers to this field which is considered in the defense area, yet those who have remained in the Islands are able to continue ministry and God is blessing their efforts.
Peter Funk, our field superintendent, and his wife are doing good work for the Lord in Laupahoehoe. Another of our Council ministers, Leonard Cross, has a church in Honolulu. Brother Cross found it necessary to come to the States temporarily on account of ill health, but until he is able to return to Hawaii the work is being carried on by Mrs. Cross.
In Hilo, good progress is being made under the leadership of Madelyn Larsen. The last letter received from her tells of a busy summer during which a series of five vacation Bible schools were held, each in a different section of Hilo where it was possible to reach many children who would not otherwise be contacted. One, held in a district practically untouched by any Christian work, was attended by twentysix Japanese children, none of whom had received any Christian teaching whatsoever, most of them being Buddhists-but how they
responded to the gospel message! This was the means of opening the door for a weekly meeting in that district. Another of the schools was attended largely by Hawaiians and Portu-guese-some of them Catholic, others nominal Christians but with no real knowledge of salvation.

Mrs. Larsen is facing an added expense at this time since her family of two Japanese girls has expanded to include four Hawaiian-Chinese children. "It is quite a problem to find beds, bedding, necessities of every kind and clothing for them," she writes, "but the Lord has helped so wonderfully, going before us each step of the way. While it has meant a considerable increase in work, responsibility and expense, I am happy to have six young lives now to train for the Lord. God grant that every one shall find a place in the kingdom!"

## Out of the Depths

## Elmer Frink, Nigeria, West Africa

At Owu, one of our outlying stations in a very backward and strongly heathen community, there is a living testimony of Jesus' power to heal. While visiting Owu last April I learned that a brother to one of our members had died so I stopped at the compound to express sympathy and give words of encouragement to the bereaved. Upon arrival, I found that the whole compound was heathen save the one brother mentioned. The members gathered, making a large congregation, and we had opportunity to preach the Word to an interested audience.
The father of the deceased boy interrupted the service by making an appeal for us to go into one of the huts where his father lay dying and help in any way we could. We consented to do so and entered the hut.
I cannot get away from the sight that met my eyes, nor wholly lose the thought of the offensive odor. The poor man was lying on a bed made from palm branches which had the middle slats removed to permit the discharge from the badly infected area to pass to the ground. Much of the flesh was rotted away and the remaining part dead and decaying. He was a victim of a dreaded social disease. He pleaded for help to relieve his suffering but we could offer no medicine for which he sorely cried.

Knowing that his days were short and that he was not ready to meet the Lord, we reasoned of righteousness and of eternal life where sin and disease could not harm. We told him of the Balm in Gilead that was able to make him whole. We then sought the Lord in prayer asking that his soul might be healed and his body touched. As I prayed my heart was touched with the realization that whereas I could hardly bear to be in the room with the man, Jesus would condescend to dwell in that rotted tabernacle of clay. Suddenly I realized that Jesus was loving through me, and tears coursed down my cheeks. The man confessed his belief in the Lord as his Saviour and we left him, knowing that he had been strangely moved.
Six to seven weeks passed before we again returned to that vicinity. I was at a church about seven miles from Owu and intended to go to the latter place but heavy rains prevented me from doing so since the journey would have to be made on foot. However, a visitor from Owu came to see me, and in answer to my inquiry said that the diseased man was almost well"just a little sick" were his words. After praying and having the knowledge that the Lord was hearing our petition, I was amazed when the answer came. "Oh, ye of little faith."

We are anxious to return to Owu, to see the effect upon the villagers. We trust it may be the means of a mighty revival where hundreds in heathen darkness dwell. May our gracious Lord grant that it shall be so!

# Things You Want Ta Knam 

John F. Hall

Furlough French West Africa
How do you get your washing and ironing done?
The lady missionaries in Mossi Land train young men to do the laundry. These young fellows often ruin more than their monthly wages come to, but God "gives more grace." The clothes are boiled in a wash boiler over an open fire out of doors; then the young Mossi uses French laundry soap and hot water and rubs the clothes between his hands. After being rinsed they are wrung out by hand and hung on the wire clothesline provided by the missionary. In the remaining wash water the Mossi does his own laundry and whatever clothes of his friends he can put in unobserved!

## Home-made Ironing Board

The folding ironing board in the picture was made by us. The flatirons-the ones which our mother had when she was married and which

she presented for use in Africa-are heated on a French charcoal burner with charcoal bought from Mossi blacksmiths. Sometimes when there is no wind the boy loiters about waiting for the irons to heat. Other times the wind blows so much the irons get too hot and the charcoal burns too quickly.

## A Favorite Trick

of these Mossi laundrymen is to make sure they get their own clothes pressed, and where the lady missionary is lenient they take in clothes on the sly for friends, ironing them on the missionary's time with her charcoal! They have already thought up excuses preparatory to being caught-either, "You never said not to," or "It is an elder and how could I refuse him." So, all in all, the Mossi laundrymen are an indispensable trouble!

## EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

Walter Erickson, of Caraz, Peru, writes: "We wish to thank our faithful contributors for their valuable offerings which make it possible to continue laboring here in the Master's great harvest field. In spite of world conditions we are able to carry on gospel work almost as usual, and souls are being saved. While our offerings arrive regularly, the designation slips sometimes take weeks longer than formerly. We will try to write to the donors from time to time, but practically the only dependable mail service is air mail, and we do not know if even that will always be available. However, we believe the Lord will make it possible for us to continue here for some time yet-possibly the
doors will remain open for the preaching of the gospel until Jesus comes.
"We are thankful to the Lord for providing us with a car. Our tires are good and it is still possible to get gasoline, so that we are reaching out as our strength enables us to do. God is giving us groups of believers int the different towns where little by little the work is becoming established; either halls are being opened or the brethren are building churches.
"Although the highways are opening up more and more, there are still towns away back in the heart of the Andes which have to be reached by mule; but the Lord is raising up faithful native preachers who, as veritable firebrands are carrying this wonderful gospel to places that our own strength does not permit us to reach. The majority of them are the product of the Bible School which certainly has produced wonderful fruit so far."

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

The following missionaries arrived in New York on the "Mariposa": Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bolton, with three children, returning from Southwest China, and a party from North India which included Mr. and Mrs. I. II. Boyce and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Long and two children, Ruby Nicodem and four children, Bessie Gager, and Ruth Kelley.

## CUBA'S FIRST V. B. S.

Einar Peterson, Oriente Province
During the last two weeks in July Dolores Redman and Hilda Reffke conducted a vacation Bible school in Palma Soriano-the first ever held by the Assemblies of God in Cuba. The attendance reached as high as 63, with an average of 53 during the two weeks. A missionary offering was taken each Friday and the children voted to put the money in the new church building.

The graduation exercises on the closing night revealed to those present that the children had really grasped the stories of the Bible and their meaning, as they retold the stories with the aid of the visual aid board. The handwork was beautifully done and each child was justly proud of his work.

We feel that the ministry of Sister Redman and Sister Reffke made a lasting impression on many little hearts. As they left our midst a number of the children accompanied them to the bus dressed in their best, and there were tears shed. Several new children who were contacted through this vacation school have started attending our Sunday School.

Lately several new faces have appeared in our services, and some have made a profession of salvation. Pray that many more will be saved and others filled with the Holy Spirit. We covet your prayers also for those of our young men who may be called to enter the army in the very near future, that they may remain true to the Saviour.


Vacation Bible School at Palma Soriano, Oriente, Cuba.

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## BRITAIN'S DAY OF PRAYER

At the wish of King George VI, Thursday, September 3 (the third anniversary of the outbreak of war) was observed as a national day of prayer in Britain.

CONVERSIONS IN ARMY CAMPS
According to Religious Digest, during the month of April, 1942, a total of 1,613 conversions, acceptances of Christ as Saviour, confessions of faith, reclamations, confirmations, and adult baptisms were reported by chaplains in the American armed forces.

## ONE REASON FOR DEFEAT

"Beer defeated Britain in Libya"-that is what Ernest Marshall Howse of Winnipeg practically says in Christian Century. His contention is that if the shipping used in sending beer had been used in sending guns, the result would have been different. One Canadian brewery alone shipped 19,000,000 bottles in three months.

## CITIZENS OF TOMORROW

"A tremendous responsibility rests on the citizens of America in preparing youth to be leaders of the future," says J: Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Director. "The Church, and in it, the Sunday School, is one of the institutions that must shoulder these duties, and it has inculcated and is continuing to do so among the young people of our country, the fundamental principles of morality, honesty, and integrity."

## FRANCE'S BLIGHT

France was accustomed to drink, each year, $171 / 2$ quarts of absolute alcohol per capita of population, which means that France had been consuming more liquor than practically the whole of Europe outside of Russia. As a consequence, the land was riddled with immorality, tuberculosis, syphilis, etc. No wonder France fell an easy prey to Germany !
Inward decay always precedes a nation's downfall. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs $14: 34$.

## "GO TO PALESTINE!"

Telling of her travels in Moravia, Eva Stuart Watt says she saw the remains of a Jewish synagogue which anti-Semites had destroyed, and across these remains the following words were written in red: "Jews! Go to Palestine!" Surely God can make the wrath of man to praise Him, and the remainder of wrath He will restrain. Psalm 76:10. That which the Jews' enemies wrote in hate, God has written in love. His invitation is, "Jews, come back to Palestine." He says, "I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel." Ezekiel 37:12.

## WAR-ORPHANED MISSIONARIES

Two years ago appeals were being made for funds for missionaries whose support had been cut off by war. Concerning these the International Missionary Council now reports:
"Every mission, regardless of nationality or creed, that has been separated by war from its parent church in Europe, and has been known to be in distress, has received such help as wa; needed to maintain all work that was essential to the life of the younger churches....So far as is now known, not one missionary has been withdrawn from active service because of the lack of financial support.... In the 28 -month period beginning with September. 1939. and ending with December, 1941, a total of $\$ 1,645,588$ has been given to aid these 'orphaned missions.'" The aid has been extended by 41 denominations to 120 missions in 21 countries.

## AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

"Half the Protestant missionary work of the world," writes A. M. Chirgwin of the London Missionary Society "is carried on by American missionaries, and half the cost is provided by American-churchẹs. Out 'of a peace-time total in the Far East of 8,500 missionaries working in the war zone, over 4,500 are Americans. Now suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, a stroke has been dealt them, and something like a third of the American missionaries of the world are involved."

## THE HATED HOPE

The fact that Christ will return soon for His own is a blessed hope to multitudes, but to some it is a hated hope. A London paper quotes The Free Presbyterian Magazine (January, 1942) as saying: "This popular false doctrine, relative to the supposed premillennarian second advent of Christ, is but a sidetrack cast up by the devil. Indeed it has so permeated the Evangelical section of the Church that it gains more interest among them than the gospel of the grace of God. It is a crudely carnal, Christ-dishonoring, unscriptural theory which cannot be too frequently exposed or too severely condemned."
This very tirade is proof that Jesus soon will appear, for the Bible says that in the last days scoffers shall come who cannot tolerate the teaching of the visible return of the Lord. 2 Peter 3:3-5.

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES

The extent of travel and the rate of speed in recent years is a startling sign of the times. Man has always traveled-but never as today. For example, consider the route between Rome and London. In the year $17 \mathrm{~A} . \mathrm{D}$. , Caligula made a forced journey from Rome to Britain. By prearrangement, chariots and horses were stationed all along the way. It took him twelve days to make the journey. Then in 1837 Sir Robert Peel made a hurried trip from Rome to London to become Prime Minister. His journey required twelve days also. Thus there had not been any practical increase in the rate of speed for eighteen centuries! But today warplanes fly from Britain to Italy and return in the same night. It is less than forty years since travel was so accelerated. It was only on December 17, 1903, that the first successful air flight was made by Orville Wright.
The Bible says, "The time of the end: many shall run to and fro." Daniel 12:4.

## NAZIS WELCOME AIR RAIDS!

The brutal, soulless, unchristian character of Nazism is shown in the Nazis' attitude toward the German people, as well as in their treatment of other nations. Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi Minister of Culture, recently indicated that he actually derives comfort from the bombing of German cities. In the first place, he states, most bombs strike "areas inhabited by people who are usually poor, and who are unlikely ever to improve their lot, and so they are no great asset to the community." Furthermore, he suggests that as continuous bombings "are bound to unhinge mentally those whose nervous systems are not as strong as they should be," it should be easier to discover "incipient neurasthenics who, in the interest of race selection and social hygiene, should not be permitted to reproduce their kind."
The suffering of the poor and the weak, who must represent the majority of the German population, means nothing to him. His only concern is the development of a superrace! What a contrast to Him who came to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and to set at liberty them that are bruised! Luke 4:18.

CAN HITLER WIN THE WAR?
Hitler has made three grave mistakes and because of these he cannot win-so says Hyman Appelman, a converted Jew, in an article in Sunday School Times.
First, he has raised himself against God and against Christ. The Nazis say that everything we hold holy-God, Christ, the Bible-are merely imaginations of the Jewish mind foisted on the people of the world in order to give Jewish mind and thought a strangle hold on the lives of all other races. The Bible says, "The rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His Anointed. . . . He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron." Psalm 2:2, 4, 9 .
Second, Hitler has opposed and oppressed the Church, the people of God. The Nazis have closed and are closing the churches. Wherever preachers raise their voices for the Lord Jesus against sin, the Nazi spies are on their trail, and concentration camps are their reward. God says to His people, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." Isa. 54:17.

Third, Hitler has persecuted the Jews with a heavier hand than any other tyrant the Jews have faced in all their bitter history, and God has said to the Jews, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Gen. 12:3.

## GOD'S HAND IN THIS WAR

A British preacher, J. Sidlow Baxter, sees God's hand of goodness toward Britain in the strange course which this war has taken. He writes:
"At the beginning Britain and France were friends on the one hand, with Germany and Russia as friends on the other. Today France collaborates with Germany, while Britain and Russia fight together against Germany. At the time of France's fall, Italy sprang into the war to grab a share in the spoils; but instead, she has lost nearly all of her African Empire. Two years ago all were sure that the decisive action would be fought out on the western front, but today the longer Russia fights the clearer it becomes that the decisive action is being fought out on the eastern front.
"We cannot fail to see the hand of God in these strange reversals. France's own leaders confess that her present humiliation is the result of her sins. Britain has been flung from the European mainland, both north and south, not merely by Hitler but by the hand of God, until certain dealings with the people of Europe have been effected. If we will see it, it was God who clove us from France, and at the same time gave our nation the significant pledge of Dunkirk.
"Britain is now forced largely to stand aside while the dread struggle between Germany and Russia is fought out. And although our imploring prayers ascend to God for Russia in the hour of her agony, yet can we fail to reflect that these two nations who are now pouring out the blood of their sons in their tens of thousands are the two nations which have blasphemed God and Christ above all other nations? There is a retribution at work. Hitler miscalculated. God is not mocked. Be Britain's sins what they may, she has not thus blasphemed God.
"The struggle between Germany and Russia, moreover, has so revealed the frightful strength of our Nazi foe, that many in Britain must now have asked themselves what might have happened had Hitler turned on Britain instead of on Russia. But the hand of God is in things; and Britain is given a merciful respite to strengthen herself against what may yet be coming."

Britain (and America, too), "Despisest thou the riches of God's goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Romans $2: 4$. "Oh, that Britain's blind eyes might be opened, and our people seek the Lord while He may be found. Better than army, navy and air force combined would be a nation-wide turning to God; for 'if God be for us, who can be against us?'

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Daniel in the King's Court Lesson for October 4. Lesson Text: Daniel 1.
Daniel has been called "The Prophet of the Times of the Gentiles" due to the fact that to him was granted a special revelation of the history of that period, beginning with the capture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar and ending with the setting up of Christ's kingdom, during which time God's chosen people would come under Gentile dominion.
While only a boy of about eighteen, Daniel was carried captive to Babylon. Along with three of his friends he was stationed at the court of the king where he attained to one of the highest ranks in the kingdom. Because of the blameless life he lived in the midst of the corruption and godlessness of a heathen court, he is one of three men mentioned by Ezekiel as being outstanding examples of godliness. Ezek. 14:14, 20; $28: 3$.

## DANIEL'S TEST. 1:3-7.

King Nebuchadnezzar was seeking for outstanding young men who might be trained and prepared for service in his royal court. Quite naturally he wanted men who were "the cream of the crop," healthy, attractive young men whose appearance wouid grace a king's court. Consequently, he ordered that promising looking young men, whether Jews or his own subjects, should be selected and trained for three years, at the end of which time they would be inducted into the king's service.
But!-complications developed! In the very first semester of his special course in the training college of Babylon, Daniel faced a big test. The king's bill of fare included certain foods which by the law were forbidden to the Jews. What were Daniel and his friends to do-obey the king and displease God, or obey God and risk the loss of their heads?

## DANIEL'S DECISION. 1:8-16.

Jesus said, "fear not them which kill the body," but are not able to kill the soul. Daniel knew what not to fear and therefore was quick to make his decision. He would far rather risk losing his head than jeopardize his standing with his God. So "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, or with the wine which he drank." He could not avoid being captured by the king; he could not prevent the king from issuing certain decrees; he had no control over certain circumstances; but he did have control of his own heart and actions and he could refuse to compromise his convictions. and defile his conscience.
"Therefore, he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel did not make the mistake of doing the right thing in the zorong way. Showing respect and consideration for the "Dean" who was responsible for the training course of the young men, Daniel asked that he and his companions be allowed to eat simple fare-"pulse"-that is, a vegetable diet. When the prince demurred, fearing that such a diet would be detrimental to the physical wellbeing of the young men, and that he in consequence would lose his head when the king discovered it, Daniel suggested a ten-day trial. To this the "Dean of men" consented and a comparison ten days later proved that Daniel and his friends appeared "fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat." DANIEL'S REWARD. 1:17-21.
"As for these four children, God gave them

knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." R. G. LeTourneau, the millionaire Christian manufacturer of Peoria, Illinois, says, "Don't obey God because it pays, for then it won't pay. But obey Him because you love Him, and then it will pay." Daniel's obedience to God was motivated by love alone. And behold his reward!-a clear conscience, good health, an enlightened and quickened mind, and spiritual insight

## SEED THOUGHTS

Faithful witnesses in an evil age. Daniel and his friends witness to the fact that there was a faithful remnant among God's chosen people, even in those days of apostasy and judgment.
be encouraged, realizing that victorious living is not a question of human strength but of divine enablement! See Jude 24, 25.
4. The relationship between spiritual rightness and physical and mental health. As a result of simple living and eating, Daniel and company enjoyed better physical health and mental altertness than those who lived on rich fare. Instead of being anointed and prayed with for healing, a good many people need to regard the simple and well known laws of health and diet. A lot of stomach trouble and heart trouble is due to intemperate eating. Anger, resentment, and worry not only rob one of spiritual life and peace, but have a positively poisonous effect on many of the organs of the body and hinder proper bodily functioning. These facts which are definitely, revealed in God's Word are being confirmed today by physicians, psychologists, and psychiatrists. A guilty conscience, an unconfessed $\sin$, an unrighted wrong, an un-Christlike attitude of heart is root cause of many a nervous disorder and organic disturbance. This is not to point an accusing finger at all who suffer physically or mentally. But we are absolutely safe in saying such things as a clear conscience before God and man, a constant state of yieldedness to the Holy Spirit, and the constant maintenance of Christlike attitudes of heart and mind are wonderfully conducive to physical and mental soundness.
5. The way to spiritual insight. Had Daniel compromised, his convictions and ignored God's revealed Word, he would never have been the channel through whom God poured such tremendous and far-reaching truths, and to whom God gave such amazing spiritual discernment. Jesus said, "The pure in heart shall see God." The voice of God is not to the intellect first but to the heart. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." If we walk in the light we have, more light will be given.
. The importance of "little things." The matter of eating or not eating certain foods may have seemed insignificant to other young men in the king's court; but certain principles were involved which meant a good deal. Some today speak of nonessentials. There are none in the Christian life! There may be many things which perhaps are not essential to salvation, but the lack of which will very effectively rob us of the enjoyment of Christ's presence and hinder spiritual growth and ministry. "All things are lawful
2. "Be not conformed to this world." See Rom. $12: 1,2$. To be conformed to, means to run parallel with, or "to adapt one's self to." Daniel was true to God though it meant crossing with Babylonian custom and law. Are we running parallel with present day customs, ideology, and practice? The only antidote for carnal, worldly thinking and living, is to love the Word, to become saturated with the Word, to live the Word; to love Jesus, to obey Jesus, and to be filled with the Spirit of Jesus.
3. Purpose of heart-a prerequisite to victorious living. Daniel "purposed in his heart," that is, he had unreservedly decided that come what may he would be loyal to his God. Many people fall by the wayside or else spend a number of years of in-and-out Christian living simply because they have never fully decided to go through with God. Some say, "I can't live it." They should say, "I don't want to live it." For everyone who really wants to live for Christ can do so. This is true regardless of how weak or strong we think our will power may be. If we will yield to Christ whatever will we may have and will to do God's will, God will take us through victoriously. Are we conscious of human weakness? We may capitalize upon it! God says, "My We may capitalize upon it! God says, "My
strength is made perfect in weakness." Let us, then,
unto me, but all things are not expedient." 1 Cor. $6: 14$. When things are doubtful, we do well to give God the benefit of the doubt. If we aspire to a life of ever-increasing usefulness to God and man, we shall have to be faithful in the little things.-J. Bashford Bishop.

## FREE!

Any Sunday School leader may ask for a free sample copy of the October issue of "Our Sunday School Counsellor." It is one of the most helpful issues and contains as much valuable information to the Sunday School at this time of year as any book which would cost a dollar. Free to leaders for the asking. If you are not a subscriber, you may wish to subscribe to the Counsellor for a period of two years, $\$ 1.00$, or for one year, only 60 c . At least you should have the October issue.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS Havana, Cuba-Please pray for a woman who for three years has been in bed, suffering from tuberculosis. Recently she accepted the Lord as her Saviour and requests prayer for the healing of her body.-Hilda Reffke.
Pray that God will direct about the opening of new fields and also the Bible Institute.-L. W. Stokes.
San Juan, Puerto Rico-Requests have come from those who have loved ones in the service
here that we try to contact them. Stand with us in prayer that God will bring these boys in. Please pray that God will give me greater faith to step out on His promises and believe Him to do the "greater things" in this place.-Marguerite Jansen.
Colombo, Ceylon-Pray that the new converts may be kept true and faithful, also that a mighty anointing of the Spirit may rest upon the Ceylonese pastors.-Kathryn Long (furlough) Nawabganj, North India-Pray for our four
outstations. The work in three of these is most encouraging, and the people are greatly interested. Pray with us for real conviction of $\sin$ and that courage may be given these people to step out openly for Christ. Pray for our night meetings in villages around Nawabganj.-Esther Harvey. Johannesburg, South Africa-Pray for the new outstation opened in Natal and for the worker and his wife. Pray for more native workers for evangelistic work in this great, thickly populated area -Mrs. Daniel Wilcox.

# REPORTS $\underset{\text { the }}{\text { them }}$ REAPERS 

TINSLEY, MISS,-We are having an old-fashioned tent revival here with Evangelist Eva Wright of Eldorado, Ark.. doing the preaching. This is a new field and God has been with us from the start and has met every need. Our crowds have been very good and people are showing great interest in the full gospel.-Mrs. Golde Payne.

BRIGHTON, TENN,-L. T. Drumright held a meeting at Wright's Assembly in June, in which 6 were saved. We are now in a good meeting with J. W. Harris, Four or 5 have been saved, and 2 have
received the Baptism. Brother Harris is received the Baptism. Brother Harris is a good sound preacher and a splendid
altar worker.-John T. Sparks, Pastor.

OZARK, ARK-August 16 we began a revival, which at this writing has been going on a week. God is blessing. Have organized a Sunday School, with 24 present the first time. God supplied teachers and a superintendent, all filled with
the Holy Ghost. This is a new field. The the Holy Ghost. This is a new field. The
crowds are good.-Robert Johnson and J. crowds are good.-Robert
W. Frederick, Evangelists.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.-August 2 we closed a three-week meeting with Evangelists Guy Shields and Norman McCutchen. Thirty were saved, and 15 were filled with the Spirit according to Acts 2:4. A number followed the Lord in water baptism, and several were added to the church. Christians were much encouraged to go on with the Lord. H. E. Sims is our pastor.-Mary Hopkins, Church Reporter.

DENTON, MO.-We accepted the pastorate here July 1, and the Lord has been blessing us in a wonderful way. Our Sunday School attendance has been constantly growing, we have reached 137 and are working for 150 next Sunday. We have just closed a four-week meeting which
we conducted ourselves. W. C. Van we conducted ourselves. W. C. Van
Bibber, former pastor here, was with us the last five nights. There were 14 saved. Five men came weeping their way to the Lord one night, and we held an oldfashioned shouting mecting. Our people are encouraged to press on. Council brethren passing this way will find a hearty welcome.-Ira M. Bryce, Pastor,

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.-We had a good meeting recently in spite of the did hinder our crowds somewhat, but God worked in our midst in a very precious way. Evangelist Anna B. Lock was in
charge of this meeting, and at the first Divine Healing service several came forward for prayer. This service was very
outstanding due to special manifestations of the Spirit of God. A brother afflicted with stomach trouble received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and was healed at the
same time, when prayer was offered for same time, when prayer was offered for
him. Also a woman received the Baptism, while another woman who came forward for healing began to confess her sins and pray for salvation. Others professed to
have been healed, saved, reclaimed and baptized in the Holy Ghost. Sister Lock worked faithfully with those at the altar. God has granted special blessings to the which we praise His precious name.-Imo Hisserich, Pastor.
with the understanding that they would get a place of their own.
One saint gave a lot and, without any finances, material was purchased and a building was erected. Later on, living quarters were added for the pastor and
his family. God moved upon the hearts his family. God moved upon the hearts
of the people, and the group has grown of the people, and the group
from some 15 or 20 to over 100 .
rom some 15 or 20 to over 100 .
This account would not be complete without mentioning our prayer meetings, which began the first week in January and continued eight weeks. We just could not call an end to them, there was such a burden on our assembly. No results were seen then, but following a revival held by R. C. Hart things began to happen. Three families were saved, and man who had sat under anointed preach ing and teaching for three years found
Jesus. Then, too, another man and a Jesus. Then, too, another man and woman were saved.
We have concluded we must get the adults in order to hold the children. W must improve our house-to-house and man-to-man canvassing. Our average atten dance for 1940 was 64 , and thus far in - Mrs. W. W. Dessem, Superintendent.

BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.-The Lord has again blessed our church by giving us a two-week meeting with Evangelist Hildreth Ethridge of Caldwell, Kansas. She came to us at a time when many new converts needed establishing in the Lord, and her messages to the church were as valued
as those to the unsaved. Ten were saved, and 4 received the Baptism in the Spirit, As a result of her message to the church, entitled "Salt," and the special song, "Back to Bethel," many souls were encouraged to make a new consecration to God. The church as a whole was benefited by her ministry of God's Word and her soul-stirring messages in song. We have a good Sunday School and one of the
largest C. A. classes in the District. H. E. largest C. A. classes in the District. H. E.
Sims is our pastor.-Mary Hopkins, Church Sims is our pastor-Mary Hopkins,
Reporter, First Assembly of God.

PADUCAH, KY.-In answer to a want ad. in the Evangel of March 1, 1941, God wonderfully supplied the need for literature for free distribution. After obtaining some coworkers, tracts were distributed in practically every section of the city, so that by fall of the same year some forty or fifty thousand pieces of literature had been given out, with Addie B. Baker as supervisor.
In October, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cranor of Crofton, having felt the call to come to Paducah, came to this city and a small building was rented on Broadway. On December 7 a Sunday School was organized with 15 present. April 3 we were able to rent a $40 \times 60 \mathrm{ft}$. tabernacle in which
living quarters for the pastor were arliving q
ranged.
Our record attendance in Sunday School is 48, and our regular attendance is good. We are located at 28 th and Tennessee Sts. We thank all who contributed literature and free-will offerings. Anyone coming here to work at the defense plant will find here to work at the defense plant will find
a warm welcome at our church. We are expecting Thomas Skoog to be with us in a expecting Thomas Skoog to be with us in a
revival, beginning Sept. 1.-Mrs. Addie B Baker.

## WORTHINGTON, MINN.-Four years

 ago the first of March, Mr. and Mrs. O E. Carter came here to hold a revival, Olga Olson who had finished a series of meetings here. A business man let them use one of his empty store buildings. When that one was rented, they moved nextdoor. In a short time both buildings were rented, and so they were forced to hold
GRANVILLE, MO-A revival was conducted at the Granville Christian Church by Clarence L. Harrison and Wm. Fiscus of Pomona, Calif. Many enjoyed the splendid sermons, which were full of inspiration. The song service led by Broth. er Fiscus was excellent. To this service Sister Fiscus and children made their much enjoyed contribution of song.
In every way this was a good meeting, and the enduring benefits are to be found and in the winning of souls to Christ. There were additions to the church by letter and by profession. These good people leave the community enriched by their stay here.-Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Route 1, Paris, Mo., Deaconness of Granville Christian Church.
-Mrs. W. W. Dessem, Superintendent.

AUGUSTA, GA.-About the middle of August we resigned the effort at Greenwood, S. C., to accept a new work here The Georgia District, in co-operation wit he Full Gospel Tabernacle of which C. M Hicks is pastor, is helping to get the work started. We put up a new $40 \times 60 \mathrm{ft}$. tent
in a very needy section of the city, and in a very needy section of the city, and
from the first night the tent has been filled, and not less than 4 and up to 11 persons have been at the altar for salvation each night. The first Sunday we had 55 in Sunday School, the second Sunday there were 76 in attendance. The Lord has opened a way to buy a building on a corner lot just a block from the tent. This building seems to be cut to pattern to fit our present need. We will have a $28 \times 50 \mathrm{ft}$. auditorium and two lovely rooms
for a parsonage downstairs. The upstairs is arranged so the rental from the apartments will take care of the monthly payments. This is an ideal location, being on the bus line and just a few blocks from the main part of the city, Surely we feel that God's time was ripe for this second Assemblies of God work to be started. The saints together with the pastor and his wife from the Full Gospel Tabernacle have been splendid in cooperating with us on the nights when they have had no service. The confidence of the people was won before the tent was erected, by street meetings and personal work. We have every right to feel that God is going to do even greater things for us in the future. Pray that we shall be able to reach many souls.-Glenn Utley, Pastor.

PEORIA, ILL-In August, 1941, Walter Smith went to Bellevue Acres, a new addition about four miles from the business section of this city. There are about 1,900 people living there. A brother had opened a Sunday School in a schoolhouse and
had about 30 attending. He felt God wanted a church in this vicinity, and invited Brother Smith to come, which he did after much prayer. God showed him the need of a church in Bellevue. There were two or three Pentecostal families living there, and they all united in prayerBrother Smith moved into part salary except as God supplied. God began to bless.
On June 8 of this year a new Assembly of God tabernacle was dedicated in Bellevue, having been built by the pastor and the brethren. The building is $36 \times 70 \mathrm{ft}$., built
of cement blocks. Lumber for the benches was donated; the steel seat-ends were loaned by R. G. LeTorncau Co. The pulpit company. The piano was donated by a good sister. They have a nice, clean sawcust floor, and "God is there." Forest Mitchell of Normal hetd a two-weeks bless. August 2, one year to the month after Brother Smith obeyed God, I was called there for a three-week meeting. God graciously and wonderfully met us in the old-time way. Many were reclaimed, revived and refilled, a few sinners were saved, and many were healed by "the touch of the nail-pierced hand." The Sunday School attendance went to 125 . The church was practically filled at each service. Many came who had never heard the Pente costal message before. On the afternoon August 23, Brother Smith baptized 20

## Coming Meetíngs




PLYMOUTH, ILL--Sept. 27-; Oscar Hamilton, Ewing, Mo., Evangelist.-T. T . B. B . Chronister, Pastor
STONEWALL, MISS.-Revival in progress; Virgil R. Jackson, Evangelist.-
$\stackrel{\text { T. }}{ }$ N. Crick, Pastor. W. E. Kirschke Evangeling in progress; kane. Wash.-Harley M. Smith, Pastor.
 A-25; C. Stanley Cooke, Evangelist. Albert D. Skymer, Pastor.
STAYTON, ORE.-Sept.
Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists- - L. W. Suter, Pastor.
CONNEAUT, OHIO- 299 Broad St., Sept. $20-$ - C. 'S. Tubby of Canada, Evan-
gelist.-I. A. Shank, Pastor. PORTERVILLE, CALLIF.-Sept. 13, for
2 weeks; Bruce Gibson of Pasadena, Evaneks: Bruce Gibson of Pasadena, OTTAWA, KANSAS - 4th and Poplar, Oct. 4-; Max and Hannah Johnson, Evan-
gelists.-Russell

HUMBOLDT, KANSAS - 4th and Bridge, Sept. 23-Oct. 4; Wesley Goodwin, Evan-gelist.-C. L. Barnes, Pastor. PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS-13th and
Bluebonnet: Sept. 13 for 3 weeks: Bird Campbell, Little Rock, Ark., Evangelist. -Paul R. Gaston, Pastor. WAUTOMA, WIS.-Sept. $13-: \underset{\text { Evangelist. }}{\text { Olsa }}$ Ois, Minneapolis, Minn.. Neighboring pastors invited to co-operate.R. O. Bopp, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, KY.-2115 Garland Ave. ; Sept. 20, for 3 weeks or longer: Mayme Williams, Tampa, Fla., Evangelist.-R. NEW HAVEN, CONN.-Sept. 13-27; Carlist.-Clinton Erumback, Washington, D. C., Evan-gelist.-Clinton E. Finch, Pastor, 361
Lenox St. COLUMBUS, KANSAS Church Dedica-
tion. Oct. tion, Oct. 4 ; District Superintendent V. C. J. Coffey, Pastor.

PAMPA, TEXAS-500 S. Cuyler St., tent revival in progress; Evangelist and
Mrs. G. B. McDowell, Dallas, Texas.Bracy Greer, Pastor.
BIG STONE GAP, VA.-6th St, and Shawnee Ave.; revival in progress; D.
Edward Park, Evangelist.-A. L. Todd, Edward
BEATRICE, NEBR.-Glad Tidings As-
sembly; revival in progress. sembly; revival in progress; A. E. Brown, Crane,
Pastor
INKSTER, N. DAK, (14 miles northwest of Gilby)-Community Hall, Sept. 13-Oct.
4. New field. Evangelist, Blanche Brit. 4. New field. Evangelist Blanche Brit-
tain and Johnson Singers.-By Evangelist.

NEWARK, N. J.-Fourth and Dickerson Sts. Sept.
Philadelphia, Oct. 25 Evangelist.-Ray Gay
S. Armstrong, Pastor.
CHICAGO. ILL.-Illinois Pentecostal Women's Fellowship will meet at 944 Barry Ave., Sept. 24 . James A. Cardiff is pastor,
Mrs. Rallstin, evening speaker.-Mrs. L. G. Creamer, Secretary,
(Near) OAKLAND, MD.-Sand Flat Church, Sept. 27 -Oct. 18, or longer; Rich$\frac{\text { Elmer C. Bleacher, Pastor, Route 2, Deer }}{\text { Par }}$ Park, Md.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.- 1917 Central Ave, Sept. 27-; Margarete Tubbs, Little Rock, Ark.. Evangelist. All Assembly people movthis assembly-Loren D. Doss, Pastor. (Near) FREEHOLD, N. J.-Georgia Pentecostal Church, Jackson Mills Road, Sept. $22-$ Oct.
gelist.-Reba E. Norcross, Pastor, Her-gelist.-Reba E. Norcross, Pastor, Her-
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West, Dayton, Ohio. Neighboring assemblies please co-operate.-C. E. Jones, Pasblies
tor.
BEDFORD, OHIO-Third Anniversary, Bedford Assembly of God, Sept. 27. Speakers will be District Secretary Earl E,
Bond and possibly District Superintendent G. F. Lewis. Sunday School Rally in the morning, goal 200. Services 9:45, main service $2: 00$, evening service $7: 45$. All former members who have moved away
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invited to co-operate.-Thomas Sutton, Pastor.
INDEPENDENCE, MO.-Homecoming and Dedication service, Calvary Tabernacle, and dedicate new Sunday School department. All-day services, basket dinner at noon. All friends of the church invited to be present. Special speakers: G. P. Hert. weck, Galena, Kansas; F. G. Conley, found-
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Section, Crane, Texas, Oct. $7-8$. All Section, Crane, Texas, Oct. ${ }^{7-8}$. All
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H. M. Reeves, District
Superintendent, Box 1404, Plainview, Texas.

## OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 27 th annual Council of the Oklahoma District will convene in the City AudiFred Vogler, evening speaker. Opening service Tuesday, $9: 30 \mathrm{a}$ a.m. At $2, \mathrm{p}$. m. Monday, Oct. 5; the District Women's Mis: sionary Council will hold their annual business meeting; and at 8 p. m., Oct. ${ }^{5}$,
there will be a District-wide ${ }^{\text {m. }}$. A. Rally in the Auditorium, with C. A. President Harvey Mitchell of Tulsa in charge.-W. S. Bragg. District Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgec, Okla.

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