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SWITZERLAND: A Miracle of Answered Prayer

By George T. B. Davis

ONE of the greatest miracles of modern times is the preservation of Switzerland, as a free and independent nation, in the midst of desolated Europe.

There is only one explanation of this amazing fact—and that is God's protecting care over the land in answer to believing prayer. The rulers of Switzerland do not hesitate to declare their faith and trust in God's almighty and protecting power.

Some time ago the government of Switzerland sent out an official "Call to Prayer." Complete dependence upon God is displayed in every word and syllable of the Call to *Repentance and Prayer*. Here is a part of it:

"Let us remember this word of the Holy Scriptures: 'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.' The Lord watches with our army which stands sentry for our country. In the peace of liberty and order we have been able to sow our fields, and the Lord has blessed their fruitfulness.

"Therefore we appeal to you, people of Switzerland, to spend the National Day of Repentance and Prayer in quiet, reverent concentration; and not desecrate the quietness of this day by pleasure seeking and noisy entertainments. Give honor to God as a free and praying nation, and give thanks for the protection which we enjoy as a free gift from our Almighty Father's hand. Let us ask Him to watch over our country in the future with His might and strength."

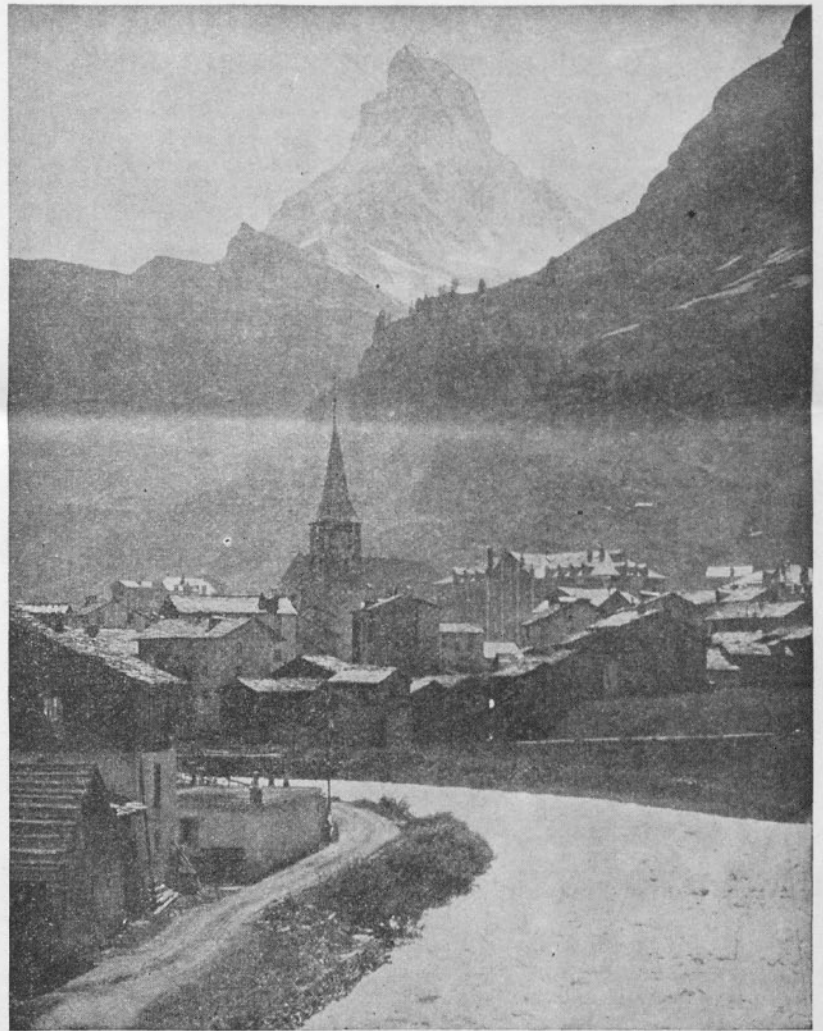
Of course, the people of Switzerland did not limit their prayers to the special "Day of Prayer" called by the government. We may rest assured that they are earnestly interceding for God's help and blessing and protection day by day. It is very striking that when Christianity is largely decadent in most of the continental countries, the fires of faith and zeal for the Lord's work are burning brightly in Switzerland at the present time.

For example, a Spirit-filled woman in Beatenberg, in the mountains of Switzerland, conducts great monthly Bible classes, each numbering about a thousand or more members, in several of the larger cities of the land. She also conducts a great Bible Conference each year, much like the English Keswick. Recently, when the agency of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Berlin was closed, this lady negotiated for a large portion of their stock of Bibles, to save them from possible destruction by the Nazis.

She and other leaders in Switzerland are also zealously publishing Scriptures for use in various countries of Europe. Tens of thousands of Scriptures in the Russian language were recently printed in Switzerland and sent to Poland for distribution among Russian prisoners there.

Is it any wonder that, through fervent intercession, and great zeal in teaching and spreading God's Word, the Lord has miraculously preserved the freedom and liberty of this God-fearing people and land of Switzerland—when so many other nations in Europe who have largely forgotten the Lord, have been trodden down under the ruthless heel of Hitler and his hordes!

What does this mean to us here in America? It means that,



The Matterhorn, Switzerland

if our freedom and liberty are to be preserved, we must repent and return to God, and cry mightily to Him for nation-wide repentance and revival—and then for great victory over our foes.

A plan for enlisting Christian people to spend ten minutes daily in earnest prayer for revival and victory has recently been inaugurated; and God is greatly blessing the effort. An attractive two-color prayer card has been issued, with a pledge to pray daily for revival, and giving practical suggestions for daily intercession. The pledge on the card reads: "With God's help I will endeavor to spend ten minutes or more daily, alone or with others, praying for repentance, revival, and return to God, throughout our land; and for victory for our forces on land and sea and in the air."

Thus far, upwards of 200,000 of (Continued on Page Fourteen)

Stand Up—Don't Quit—Go Forward

LEE KRUPNICK

WATCH ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13. "Go forward." Ex. 14:15.

Paul's second letter to Timothy is the last one he ever wrote. The hand that held the pen was manacled with a chain. The preacher was in prison, and being without the cloak which he had left at Troas, he was shivering in the dungeon, in the chill autumnal air. He was awaiting the judgment of the meanest tyrant that ever misruled an empire, knowing that each sunset might be the last upon which his eyes would ever look, and that with the dawn some grim-faced executioner might knock at his cell door and lead him out to death.

How does the old preacher face this situation? Is there any sign of wavering in his brave spirit? Does he anywhere express the wish that he had never hazarded his life for the gospel's sake? Surely he has proved that preaching Christ and Him crucified, is by no means an easy occupation. Have the stones of Lystra daunted him, or the stripes of Philippi made him afraid? Has his courage begun to fail? No, no! a thousand times no!

Christ was the Rock upon which Paul stood secure. Faith was his shield which his tormentors could not shatter. The reality of his love for Christ kept his heart from bitterness and his spirit from giving up. Even though Jerusalem had excommunicated him and Rome had made a "jail-bird" of him, because he knew Christ as a personal Saviour he had in his soul the peace which passeth all understanding. Paul speaks of himself as "an ambassador in bonds." What a startling statement. Ambassadors live in kings' palaces. They clothe themselves in purple and fine linen, and fare sumptuously every day. Whoever heard of an ambassador in jail? Everywhere he describes himself as "the prisoner of Christ at Rome"—not Nero's prisoner.

Picture this scene for a moment. He is now Paul the aged. Philemon 9. Most of the churches have seemingly forgotten him. His friends one by one have slipped away. Now old, poor, and in prison, no one thinks of him.

O God, pardon the ingratitude of men! How soon do we forget! Yet, here we find the mighty man of God, poor, old, forgotten, waiting to die—but not a word of whining, not a word of complaint, no hint that life was a failure. Why? There is but one answer—Jesus Christ. Here is the acid test. In prison, in poverty, forsaken, subjected to ingratitude, yet he is not only content, he is actually happy. Phil. 4:4. His is the song of triumph, the shout of victory. Why? The answer is—Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! That is why he could say he was "the prisoner of Christ," and it makes a world of difference if you take Christ into jail with you. Christ can turn a prison into a paradise, a prisoner's bench into a pulpit.

That was why Paul rejoiced in his afflictions. The prison guards and Caesar's household (Phil. 4:22) became his audience

and furnished him opportunities to win converts to Christ. Nero might drink himself drunk, murder his mother, set fire to Rome, but in all his brutal reign of terror there was one man whom he could never terrify—the little tentmaker from Tarsus. True, there was not much of him, but every ounce was solid gold. His critics down in Corinth declared, "His bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible" (2 Cor. 10:10); but you do not measure a man by his inches, or determine his worth by his weight, but by what is in his heart through the salvation which is in Christ Jesus.

No one had a better right to preach from Isa. 35:3, 4, "Fearful heart, be strong!" Paul writes, "To Timothy, my dearly beloved son." It indicates the tender nature of the bond which bound the gray old veteran to this young preacher in the great fellowship of Christ. Timothy was his son in the gospel. Timothy had been the companion of his journeys. Timothy was of a timid disposition. He lacked the granite strength, that firm tenacity of purpose which made his spiritual father a mighty warrior for God. Timothy had the misfortune to be young. Youth is not regarded as a misfortune nowadays. It is age that has become a crime.

Timothy was timorous, inexperienced, and suffered the still graver handicap of a frail physique. 1 Tim. 5:23. His body almost always had an ache or a pain, especially in his stomach. A weak, frail, sickly body is capable of bringing the spirit into bondage of doubt and despair. Timothy was frequently discouraged, sometimes down under the juniper tree wishing he were dead. He needed a tonic for his mind, not less than for the frailties of his body; and here is the magnificent medicine Paul prescribes for a soul cast down, and almost ready to cast itself away. "Now then, my son, be strong . . . endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. For God hath not given

us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

It rings out like an inspiring bugle call. It is a challenge to fear. Paul is putting courage into Timothy's heart, he is stimulating a timorous man to quit his timidity and to attempt a hero's task. You will need to read between the lines of this epistle to view correctly the situation which had developed, and which called insistently for swift correction. Timothy was the minister of the church at Ephesus, and it had proved no bed of roses on which to lie. There are some churches which have in them more thorns than roses, they regard it as a master stroke of strategy. In the eyes of the critics at Ephesus nothing Timothy their pastor either said or did was right. They were experts at finding fault. They said he was too young. They said he was too strict in his discipline. They said he was too rigid in his doctrine. They said—Ah! What did they not say?

Paul knew what it was to fight with beasts at Ephesus; and his young colleague had been enduring the same sore travail until the strain had become intolerable. One fact is clear: Timothy was down, broken beneath his burden, overwhelmed with the depression which is born out of defeat. He was tired in body. He was discouraged in heart. He was sick in soul. He was so broken and bruised and beaten that he felt he could no longer continue the struggle.

How does the old preacher address himself to one in such a mood as that? Does he suggest that his junior colleague has suffered sufficiently to justify his retiring from the firing line? Paul was a war-scarred veteran, and he did not know what that word retreat meant. Acts 20:24. "Stand up," he cries. If we will *stand up* and *pray up* and *preach up*, and *never back up*, *never give up*, *never shut up* and *never let up*, thank God, the church will *build up*, and the saints will *grow up*; and some day will *go up*, and bless God, the devil will *blow up*. "Stand up!" he cries, "and brace yourself for a bigger and braver battle."

Few of us have attempted to cure a discouraged and sick soul by the prospect of more arduous conflict; but it is the true medicine for melancholy. To indulge the mood of self-pity is to become the laughing stock of devils. The surest way to disaster is tamely to submit to defeat. Any man who is down under the juniper tree needs encouragement, and the only way to inspire him is to get him up and out into the fight once more.

That is why Paul's sympathy is stripped of all false sentiment. "Stand up! Don't quit!" he cries. "If you wanted a nice soft job you should never have entered the ministry. The ministry was not made for weaklings, for quitters. God has no use for quitters, they are of no use to anyone.

"It can never be easy to follow the Crucified. You must drink of His cup and be baptized with His baptism. You must watch with Him in His Gethsemane, and carry the

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cross until you come to Calvary—and there, count it joy if you be crucified upon it, for only thus can you serve Christ, and win the lost. Rekindle the divine gift you received at your ordination. The fire of your first enthusiasm is almost quenched. Timothy, we are only made partakers with Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. Put your soul into it, and let the Spirit of God breathe upon it, until your soul is aflame for God. And Timothy, this can only be done by the Holy Ghost. Be not ashamed of Christ, nor of me, His prisoner.


“Preach the Word in season and out of season, refuting, checking, and exhorting men. Never lose patience with them, and never give up your teaching. Flinch from no suffering; do your work as an evangelist; fulfill all your duties as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. The last drops of my own sacrifice are being wrung out. The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth it is on you and others like you that the brunt of the battle must fall. I beseech you not to be numbered with the deserters (like Demas); take your share of hardship as a loyal soldier of Jesus Christ; for to refuse the cross is to forfeit the crown and to shrink from the battle is to earn the title of a quitter. Timothy, stand up—don't quit—go forward.”

But why should we stage that drama in ancient Ephesus, belonging to a far-off and almost forgotten day? That peril still persists. It is a seduction of the devil which besets us all. There are many voices urging us to minimize our efforts. We begin to ask, “Of what avail are all my toils and tears?” “I have labored in vain. I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain.” Isa. 49:4. “It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts?” Mal. 3:14. “What is the Almighty that we should serve Him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto Him?” Job 21:15. “It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.” Job 34:9. “I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence” (Psalm 73:13)—as much as to say, “To what purpose have I kept my heart from stain and kept my life clean? I did not gain anything by it.”

If you desert from under the blood-stained banner, beneath which martyrs strode to victory, under what banner are you going to enlist? Right down the generation the choice persists. It is God, or Mammon; it is Christ, or Belial. Choose ye then whom ye will serve; and if you have chosen Christ, go on; in God's name, go on. Stand up—don't quit—go forward!

Any fool can resign! It does not require a large amount of genius to resign. A pot of ink and half a sheet of notepaper is a snare of Satan to scores of men and women in our churches. They do in church what they dare not do in business. If in the commercial life, men flung up their jobs on the same flimsy pretexts as those offered in vacating office in the kingdom of God, they would be in bankruptcy in six months.

There is a passage in one of the Psalms, white with the fierce flame of scorn: “The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of bat-



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Today America has over 50,000 young men in the Merchant Marine. These men, with very little protection from enemy airplanes, submarines, or mines, are facing the great dangers of modern war without spiritual help—no chaplains are provided for this branch of the service. We believe that our Christ's Ambassadors and Sunday Schools will gladly accept this challenge, and will supply \$7,500 needed to purchase 50,000 New Testaments that will be distributed among the Merchant Marine. Every little bit will help. Fifteen cents will purchase one Testament; \$1.50 will supply 10; \$15.00 will provide 100, and \$150 will pay for 1,000.

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tle.” Psalm 78:9. That was the indelible stigma of their disgrace, and if we would save ourselves from a similar contempt, we must, somehow, cultivate a courage which will not give up. We can find inspiration from the heroes of the faith, and discover the secret of their constancy. Rev. 12:11; Phil. 2:30; Acts 21:13. Their persistency was due to their fellowship with Christ. They endured as seeing Him who is invisible (Heb. 11:27), and only by a similar vision shall we be able to fight on for Christ.

Sooner or later we have to determine whether life to us is to be a holiday excursion or a great crusade. Upon that decision hangs our destiny. To pursue the line of least resistance in order to escape the world's antagonism or to seek to achieve prosperity by compromising and sacrificing principle, is to lose your reward. Why should we hesitate to speak the truth lest its utterance should jeopardize our popularity? Popularity is but a rainbow-tinted bubble which fades away. Our testimony for Jesus Christ must never depend upon a congenial atmosphere. Heb. 11:36-38. It is one thing to testify in the prayer meeting but quite another in the office. How difficult it is to display the badge of Christ in the midst of His most virulent foes! Phil. 2:15, 16.

The insistent temptation which bests us all is to hide our lamp under a bushel, and to seek our own ease by refusing to acknowledge our allegiance to Him. And all the while, in our hearts we know that that is the shameful coward's course. There is only one possible way. Acts 20:24. It is in the firm, vigorous, unswerving resolve to follow Christ, to go straight on, to stand up—don't quit—go forward, though all hell erects its barricades and seeks to arrest our

progress; to shirk no burden, to refuse no battle, but gladly to share His travail so as to further His cause. Take your share of hardship like a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Whether men frown or smile, congratulate or condemn, matters not one jot or tittle. We must stand up—not quit—go forward; and I pray God that it may never be said of us, “They . . . went backward, and not forward.” Jer. 7:24.

Faith Not Feeling

A contemporary gives a valuable conversation between Hudson Taylor and Dr. Frost in 1891. “We got talking about our spiritual state,” says Dr. Frost, “and he opened his heart sufficiently to tell me that his later day experience had been a great disappointment to him. He said that when he first came to China, and for long thereafter, he could not think of the perishing multitudes about him without the tears springing up into his eyes and his heart being broken. Later, he confessed, this emotional experience passed away, and at that time, he acknowledged with distress, he could look at these same multitudes without any special feeling. Having said so much, he asked me if I thought, as evidenced by these things, that his spiritual life had declined.

“I was young in life and attainment at the time that Mr. Taylor propounded these questions to me, but I think I gave him a right reply. First, I asked him if his devotion and activity in behalf of the heathen had diminished, to which he said, ‘No.’ Second, I asked him if the Christian life, even in respect to devotion and service, was one of emotion or of faith, and he answered, ‘Faith.’ Third, I cited the example of Abraham as he led Isaac to the place of the altar, asking him if he thought Abraham had much feeling during the three days' journey on the way to Mount Moriah, and he replied that he did not think he had. And finally, I asked him if he did not think he had a good deal of feeling when God arrested his hand, delivered his son, and pointed to the ram in the thicket, and he unhesitatingly affirmed that he thought he had. I was then bold enough to point out, on the basis of both general Scriptural teaching and the incident cited, that the normal Christian life was one of faith apart from emotion, and that emotion came and went according to outward circumstances. Mr. Taylor finally agreed with me, and though his old-time feelings never returned as a permanent experience in his life, yet he went steadfastly on to the end with utter obedience and self-sacrificing consecration.”

A Suggestion

In a few weeks Christmas will be here. Plan to send the Pentecostal Evangel to a number of your friends.

A dainty Christmas card will be sent to all for whom you subscribe, telling them that the Pentecostal Evangel is your Christmas gift to them.

Remember that the price has not been increased. The Evangel still only costs \$1.00 for 52 issues.

Confession of sin is not a sign of weakness, but rather an evidence of strength to conquer.

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FOREIGN LANDS

INTRODUCING 1942 Christmas Fund Drive

OUR OBJECTIVE: A DOUBLE PORTION FOR EACH MISSIONARY

These are early days to think about Christmas, but not too early to introduce our 1942 Christmas Fund. We have a big objective in view this year—TO DOUBLE THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR EACH MISSIONARY. That may seem to be "asking largely," considering the amount as a whole; but if each individual will do his share, the objective will readily be reached. Ask yourself the question, "What did I do last year?" and then determine with the help of the Lord to double the effort.

Missionaries returning from the war areas tell us something of the hardships and privations that are being faced by our loyal soldiers of the Cross. Living costs are soaring, with prices doubled, trebled, and in a number of cases many times multiplied. Mail is so uncertain that there is a question whether Christmas cards, letters, or packages will get through in time, if at all. But there is one way whereby we CAN assure the missionaries of our love and loyalty, bringing perhaps the only Christmas cheer some of them will know this year—BY OUR GENEROUS RESPONSE IN CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS. These offerings will be included with the November 30 remittances, going forward in most cases by cable so that they will reach the fields in good time.

Surely it is not asking too much, in view of the added need, the added sacrifice our beloved missionaries are being called upon to make during these trying hours. God has blessed and prospered us here in America. WE CAN SPARE—LET US SHARE.

Send all offerings to the Foreign Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, designated "Christmas Fund." Don't wait until the last minute—let us start building the fund at once. Who will be first?

NEW OFFENSIVES

The Perrault family have transferred to Costa Rica, a new field which seemingly presents good opportunity for development. Their address is as follows: Lista de Correos, San Jose, Costa Rica.

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Prayer is asked that the way may be opened for Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Ayers to get to Santo Domingo. The difficulty at the present time is to obtain transportation.

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Lula Ashmore, Ruth Pottorff and Ruth Melching, all of whom were formerly in missionary work in China, have gone to Cuba with the purpose of seeking to reach some of the 160,000 Chinese located in and around Habana.

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After encountering many difficulties and delays en route, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harer and Mr. and Mrs. Oren Munger have arrived safely in Central America where they received a warm welcome from our missionaries who have anxiously awaited reinforcements.

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Prayerful consideration is being given to an appeal for missionaries to be sent to Panama.

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Nigeria also is pleading for missionary help to meet an urgent and immediate demand. It should be explained that the Department of State is not encouraging the sending of new workers across the ocean at the present time unless it is warranted by very unusual needs. We request prayer that God may guide and reveal His will in this particular matter.

We expect in the near future to be able to give the encouraging report of representatives in another new field—Columbia, South America.

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Pansy Blossom, unable to get back to her former field in Manchuria, has joined our South America missionary force and sailed for Peru in company with Ruth Couchman who is returning after furlough. Both are expecting to assist in the Bible School at Lima.

THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

John F. Hall

Furlough French West Africa

Is any Basket Weaving Done by Those Natives?

The Mossi men and boys weave baskets of two kinds: withes and grass.

The weaver seeks out a certain kind of bush with straight small branches which grows in Mossi Land. After cutting a bundle, he resorts to a shady place to trim off the twigs. He then searches for another kind of plant, the bark of which serves for tving. With his teeth he cracks the butt of the withes so it splits into thirds, giving a triangular-shaped weaving material which when bound together does not slip easily. For the initial weaving he stands on the crossed withes and holds them in position with his toes. As the weaving progresses, he bends the green withes into any desired shape. Thus they make open baskets for carrying dirt, mud or stones. Other baskets also are woven to use as chicken coops, and yet others for fish snares.



Almost, but Lost

The young Mossi in the picture, Bobodo, was an excellent weaver and took hints from us to improve his work. Other missionaries seeing the strong type of basket he made put in their orders. Bobodo came faithfully to the preaching services. He was under conviction that he should accept Christ, but each time he was dealt with personally he stalled, not being quite ready to face persecution. For some time we saw nothing of Bobodo.

A spinal meningitis epidemic swept Ouahigouya district, as a result of which over four thousand heathen went off into eternity—lost. We pleaded the promises of God continually and not one Christian lost his life. Several were definitely healed through anointing and prayer.

After the epidemic we saw a man from Bobodo's town who informed us that Bobodo had died in the epidemic. This young Mossi had been so near taking Christ as Saviour. He ALMOST decided but turned aside—"some day I'll get saved." Now he is in the first stages of an ETERNITY WITHOUT CHRIST.

Reader, if you are ALMOST ready to accept Christ, hurry, lest you like Bobodo put off until it is too late.

"YOU LOOK THE MAMMA SORT"

"Hello, Mamma!" Thus was Lillian Trasher greeted by a young New Zealand soldier on the streets of Cairo during her recent visit to that city. It did not surprise our Nile mother for that is the name by which she is known to all in Assiout. In fact, she was rather pleased, thinking the boy must be one of the many soldiers who have visited the orphanage. Stopping for further conversation she invited him to "come and see us." "Where?" asked the soldier. "In Assiout, of course." "Where is Assiout?" Miss Trasher was puzzled. "If you don't know where Assiout is, how did you know me, and why did you call me 'mamma'?" "Well," was the answer, "you just looked the 'mamma' sort!"

In recounting the incident, Miss Trasher adds, "You know, it gives me a feeling of pleasure all day to think I really 'look my part.'"

The Power of the Written Word in Mossi Land

Mrs. Vivian Smith at Interstate Camp, Springfield, Missouri

I want to quote a very familiar scripture from the lips of that great missionary, St. Paul, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation."

I am so glad that this gospel message we have to take to a needy world is not an untried theory. It is not a mere scientific tenet that may be considered true today but be cast aside as a result of further research tomorrow. It is not just a creed to be subscribed to. We who have been on the foreign field can say with St. Paul that it is a living, active, working, practical force which changes hearts and lives. We stand in awe many times as we see it at work in the lives of those who have gone into the gutter of sin—deeper than the gutter of sin in the United States. We see it pick them up and work such marvelous changes. We stand in awe and bow before God.

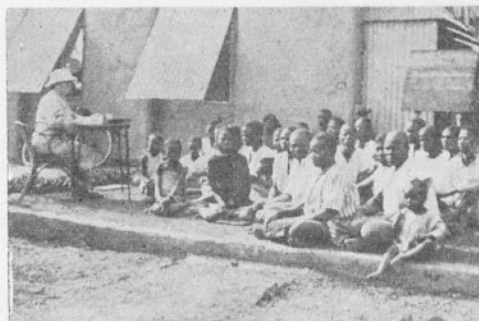
An old fisherman one time was asked, "How do you know the resurrection to be a fact?" He replied, "When I am out at sea I watch the reflection in the windows of houses along the shore, and when I see that reflection I know the sun has risen. So when I see the reflection of the power of Christ in lives, I know He is a living Christ." And so we can testify that we have seen this grace and power of God operative in the lives of hundreds in Africa. Praise our wonderful God!

Thank God for the power of the written Word. Do you know that even one verse of Scripture can be instrumental in the salvation of a soul? We have had it happen out in Mossi Land.

It is estimated that in the world today there are nearly three thousand different dialects and languages spoken. Of those, the whole Bible is translated into only 179, the New Testament into 211, and some portion of the Bible into 1,055. This leaves well over one thousand into which not one Scripture verse has been translated. It is an amazing fact, is it not, that after all these hundreds of years there should still be so many people without the Bread of Life, without the written Word of God through which the Spirit can move, creating faith in the human heart and bringing about salvation.

Very early in the history of our work in Mossi Land the missionaries realized that the native church could not progress unless it had the Word of God. So about twenty years ago our missionaries set to the task of reducing the language to writing, followed by the very difficult

but glorious work of translating the New Testament. I hold in my hand a copy of the New Testament in the Mossi language. Six missionaries worked on this over a period of eleven years. No one was designated to the task. All of us had our station duties to carry on. So it was in the odd moments, sometimes at night by the light of our Coleman lamps, that the work was done—but oh, we have seen the results.



Mrs. Vivian Smith teaching reading class at Yoko Mission Station

We of course must teach our converts to read after giving them the New Testament. Our primer used for that purpose is made up of nothing but Scripture verses. There was a boy named Seganogo whose companions came to our church and were converted. When he saw them with their primer sheets and heard them read, there entered into the heart of the young African the desire to learn to read—this very natural thirst for knowledge and advancement. So when these Christian boys would go away to the fields to work, Seganogo would slip back into the village and steal the primer sheets, and thus he taught himself to read. It was not long until the words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," entered that young man's heart, resulting in his conversion. Then he came to the mission station, confessed his theft, and confessed his faith in the Lord.

Singer sewing machines have gone into the very heart of Africa. Gillette razor blades are found everywhere. Commerce is advancing, finding new frontiers for its wares, while the church of Jesus Christ lags behind, taking second place in bringing the glorious message of salvation to these new frontiers.

There are 455 tribes in Africa today untouched by the gospel. By that I do not mean unevangelized tribes, but there are 455 tribes that have not had the gospel witness. There is a question on the lips of many, "When will Jesus come?" Of course, we cannot answer it, but I have been wondering of late whether perhaps the coming of Jesus, instead of being a fixed day in the mind of the Father, is rather conditioned upon the people of God in the world—upon us. It may be that this war now raging is going to be the means of opening some of these closed doors for which we have been praying many, many years. As the war is carried into Asia, perhaps Afghanistan, Nepal and Tibet will be open. We cannot say...but I have wondered if the opening of these doors and the opening of other recently closed doors may be determined by our willingness to sacrifice, our renewed vision, our setting our hands anew to the task, and our answering the challenge that is set before us. I do trust

our hearts will be stirred as never before to make the deep consecration Christ requires of us as individuals, so that as a whole church, as Christendom, we can advance in these last days.

LIFTING THE BANNER IN GOLD COAST Florence Blossom and Beulah Buchwalter

We are happy to report victories in lifting up the banner of the Lord. Since the beginning of the year we have instituted a new system of reading for beginners in the village schools, which to date has proved very successful. During the six months 197 men have begun reading in this area and each one has expressed his desire to follow the Lord Jesus. Every lesson sheet has written on it a Scripture text to be committed to memory. On the first paper they received is the verse, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Thus the message of the gospel is finding its way into many places that we are not able to reach. Do pray that God may continue to bless in this phase of the work.

Seekers for Truth

Not long ago two middle aged men from a village five miles distant came on horseback to the mission compound to hear the "truth," as they put it, concerning the way to follow the Lord Jesus. Much impressed by their earnestness, we explained to them the way of salvation through repentance and belief on the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour. During the course of conversation they told us that for a period of months they had been discussing whether or not to leave their forefathers' religion with its sacrifices and medicines, and now they had come to learn to follow this which they were convinced was the true way. For four hours they listened most attentively as we told them the wonderful news of life eternal. Finally they expressed a desire to ask God for forgiveness of sin. One man prayed very earnestly, committing unto the Lord first of all his own life, then his household, even including his goats, sheep, cows and chickens. It is wonderful the simplicity of trust one sees in these beginners in the faith. In the village from which the two inquirers came there are twenty-four young men who are reading and praying—we ask you to remember them in prayer.

With the Lord

Recently a very old chief of our section, Kuga Naa, has taken his departure from this earth of trouble to join the heavenly host. He has listened faithfully to the Word of Life ever since missionaries first came to Yendi in 1931, and amid all the darkness of superstition, bondage and sin, God had given him a clear comprehension of the message of light.

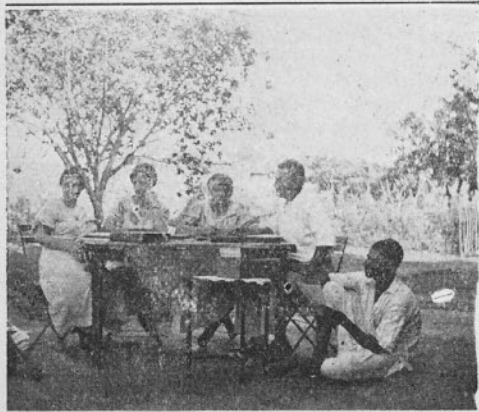
Three days prior to his death we visited him and found him quite ill with fever. Realizing immediately that his stay on earth would not be very long, we urged him to keep trusting in Jesus who would carry him through to a peaceful rest.

Later the same day when we sent a messenger to inquire regarding his health, he said to the young man, "I am believing in Jesus and when death comes I know He will help me." Then, after exhorting the young man to follow what we are teaching, he suddenly sat up and spoke loudly, urging the people of his house to believe on the Lord Jesus.

Many Marveled at His Death

The following day he was considerably better and on Sunday he was sitting up conversing with his people. However, some time toward noon he told one of his elders and his sons, "I am saying good-bye to you now. Old age has overcome me." After expressing his last desires regarding burial and matters that concerned them, he made the following final request, "I do not have time to call Ashetu Zee and Mariama Zee (the Dagbani names that have been given us) to say good-bye to them, but you tell them that what they have taught me about Jesus, I am still

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At work on translation of Mossi New Testament. Left to right: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. and Mr. Wilson.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

FEW VITAMINS IN BEER

Dr. Robert Hercod says, "Beer is a substance poor in vitamins, prepared from raw materials rich in vitamins." Then why make it, why drink it?

BROKEN VOWS

Divorce is on the rampage in our country. Among the states, Texas led in 1940 with 27,500 divorces. Other states that followed in their order were California, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Florida, and New York.

A MARRIAGE RECORD

Marriages in the United States in 1941 reached an unprecedented total of 1,565,000, states *Gospel Messenger*. Births during the same period were slightly more than 2,500,000, a figure exceeded only in 1921 when 2,600,000 births were recorded.

IN CATHOLIC PORTUGAL

A Portuguese journal reports that 67 per cent of that nation's people cannot read. In spite of this the Jesuits are influencing the Government to place difficulties in the way of evangelical schools. Opposition continues against most evangelical effort, but prisons are still open to evangelical workers.

DISEASE IN INDIA

Out of the five million lepers in the world, *Word Dominion* states that India has approximately one million. Christian missionaries have done heroic work in this field. One-third of India's population is attacked by malaria annually, and two people die per minute of it.

KEEP 'EM RINGING!

From a chaplain's sheet: "The Berlin radio, in a broadcast to Germany, quotes Italian newspapers as announcing that Italian church bells will be taken down and handed over to the armament industry. Let's keep ours ringing! Come to church on Sunday!"

THE LAST WAR?

"Mankind must resolve to make this the last war," says the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hu Shih. "I firmly believe that if the people have the will to make this the last war, so shall it be!"

Man may take commendable steps to prevent wars, but it is only God who "maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth." Psalm 46:9.

NO NEW TIRES FOR BREWERIES

On July 22 an official ruling of the National Tire Rationing Board went into effect declaring ineligible for new tires all trucks used in the distribution of "luxuries." This ruling applies to all trucks used in the distribution of novelties, candy, tobacco, and beer. This means that brewers are no longer able to buy new tires and that they are also ineligible for recaps. If this hurts the liquor traffic, which is doing such dire damage to our young soldiers, it is good news.

DISASTERS ON THE INCREASE

Several years ago the Red Cross published a pamphlet entitled, "The Rising Curve of Disasters in the United States." It is said that of the 774 disasters in the twenty-five-year period, 1905-1929, about 14 per cent occurred in the first fifteen years, 35 per cent were in the next five years, and 51 per cent were in the following five years. The Red Cross now reports that in fourteen states along the Atlantic coast, 1941 was the worst year yet for major disasters.

This increase in natural disasters is significant. Jesus said, in telling of the signs of the end-time, "There shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows." Mark 13:8.

GAMBLING ON THE WAR

The London *Evening Standard* has reported that in July and August, 1941, a leading bookmaker advertised that he was prepared to lay an even \$50,000, or any part of it, that the war would be over in twelve months! That bet, if taken, was costly for the bookmaker, for twelve months have passed and the war continues with increased fury.

Man's predictions regarding the future are erratic, indeed. But God's predictions never fail. What He has written about the return of Christ shall surely come to pass, and when Christ returns there will be peace—a thousand years of peace.

ROGER BABSON ON TITHING

Mr. Babson, the great statistician, has the following to say on "Tithing": "The tithing system, if adopted by the churches, would give astounding figures. A compilation shows that there is coming each year to the church people of this country an income of forty billion dollars a year. These figures seem very extraordinary, but in checking them up no flaws can be found. But the fact is that the church people of the country are giving less than one per cent of their income to the church and missionary work. If this were increased ten per cent, the church would become the most powerful organization in the world, and wonderful results would eventually come to pass. Then the church would come into its own in a big way, that heretofore it has been able only to talk about."

SEA AND WAVES ROARING

The editor of a large newspaper in China says that the migration of refugees in China is the greatest in all history. Over a hundred million Chinese—a figure confirmed by the Central Government—have been forced to abandon their homes due to Japanese aggression. One-fifth of China's entire population!

Never has there been such a shifting of populations in Asia, Europe, and other parts of the world. "The sea and the waves" are "roaring." Throughout the Bible the sea represents the mass of humanity. Surely the upheaval among the masses is as an angry storm at sea today. Jesus said it should be so just previous to His return. "Distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear." Luke 21:25, 26.

CAN JEWS DO HARD LABOR?

Many find fault with the Jews on the grounds that they make their living without doing manual labor. L. W. Kinney in his book, *To the Jew First*, contradicts this charge, saying:

"The writer was a superintendent in one of the largest automobile factories in the United States for some twelve years in Indiana. We employed Jews. We found that they could do the hardest work, pushing heavy trucks, blacksmith work, piece work, in some cases working all day with a three-pound hammer straightening automobile spring leaves on a piece-work basis. They were my best workmen.

"The reason they do not work in factories is that no one will hire them. The manager over me hated Jews and often tried to turn me against them. But I fear God. I told him they were making a better showing than the others, and I was always ready to prove it with the figures. Some months after I left, the Jews were sent away, and the firm, one of the oldest and best in the country, went to the wall.

"I went into business for myself, and among my customers were quite a number of Jews in different states. I trusted many of them. I never lost one cent through trusting a Jew. When I hear how Jews are all merchants and will not do hard work I think of my own experience with them."

A NEW LEAGUE OF NATIONS?

"I confidently trust that many of our younger people before the end of life may reach a new era in European affairs when they will forget our present troubles and when they will see a new spirit in the world, a new sense of co-operative effort whereby all the more important people will join together for the good of all. The League of Nations, as it was brought into being rather more than twenty years ago, failed. But there is no inherent reason why such failure should be permanent. I am confident that, sooner or later, some similar organization will achieve the ideals which guided the men who framed the constitution of the League twenty years ago." So said Dr. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, in a recent speech.

A new League of Nations shall come sooner or later; the Antichrist will rule over an international union of some kind. Rev. 17:13.

WHY ARE THE JEWS HATED?

Says LeBaron W. Kinney in *To the Jew First*. "The people who tell us that the Jews are hated because they are money lenders conveniently forget a lot of things.

"The Jews were slaves down in Egypt. Were they money lenders down there? Why did the whole nation of Egyptians act with such hatred toward the Jew? The Word of God tells me that Satan is the greatest adversary of the Jews. Jew hatred comes from the devil.

"The Jews were hated in the days of King Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther. The principal enemy who moved the people against them that time was Haman. There is no proof that the Jews were money lenders at that time. Satan moved him to stir all the people up against them. Many Satan-inspired rulers since that time have seemed to understand that the unsaved may be united by an unseen power if they can be incited against the Jews.

"In the coming day of great tribulation spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ in Matt. 24:21, we are told that Satan's man of sin is going to persecute Israel. See Rev. 12:9-17."

WAR-TIME INDULGENCE

Colonel George Sheppard Clarke, the last combat officer to escape from Bataan, on his return to the United States was shocked by the attitude of the people. He said solemnly: "To me, the most shocking thing about it all is the attitude I find in San Francisco—people crowding the bars and night clubs. There are fifteen thousand men still on Bataan, and I am afraid America has forgotten; and I am still afraid we will forget them." "It is indeed depressive," comments *Watchman-Examiner*, "for a soldier who has fought pythons and wild beasts and innumerable poisonous insects in the jungle, who has seen men die at his side, who has heard dying men cry for water that could not be obtained, who has lived on a ration of mule meat for weeks and weeks, who has slept only by snatches for many weary months, who has seen heroism and inspiring sacrifice and patriotism at its highest and best, to be suddenly dropped into the midst of our lustful and senselessly selfish society. How it must hurt for them to see the liquor bars lined with drinking men and women who never seem to give a thought to the sacrifices their fellow-citizens are making on the field of battle. How horrible it must seem to them to find people more interested in golf, beauty shops, cosmetics, reduced hours of labor and lustful use of leisure time, with a blank disregard of religion, morals, and Christian devotion."

America has sown the wind and is reaping the whirlwind. It is time the nation should sow in righteousness that she might reap God's mercy. We are warned: "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and rain righteousness upon you. . . . Because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men, therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled." Hosea 10:12, 14.

Sunday School Lesson

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

Jonah and His Experiences

Lesson for November 1. Lesson text: The book of Jonah.

The book of Jonah has a unique place among prophetic writings in that it contains no message delivered to the people of God by the prophet whose name it bears. The book is a story and the story is the message of the book. It was not written for Nineveh, but for Israel and all who like Israel attempt to get away from God, who lack compassion for the lost, whose narrowness of vision and bigotry cause them to withhold God's grace to the unlovely.

1. *Jonah's commission and rebellion.* 1:1-3. Here we have a servant of God running away from his work, attempting to escape the divine presence. For what reason? (1) *Perhaps because he considered the work too hard.* One man against a wicked city? It was too much, Jonah thought! See Isa. 41:10, 13; Phil. 4:13. (2) *Because he did not like the Ninevites.* He was a Jew; they were Gentiles. Are you unwilling to go to a certain church or to perform some service because somebody you don't get along with will be there? Jonah would have destroyed the Ninevites had it been left to him, after he had threatened them. It is a good thing that some of us are not God; for in that case the rest of us would be "sunk"! But God's purposes rather than our desires should be the ruling passion of our lives. (3) *Was it because he feared God would be merciful and that he, consequently, would lose his reputation as a prophet?* Concern over reputation is often a snare of Satan!

Several lessons are suggested by Jonah's actions. (1) *We ought not to follow the impulse to do wrong; though it may seem a matter of personal freedom—surely Jonah was at liberty to take a little trip! But Jonah, in obeying his impulse was running contrary to the Word of God.*

(2) *We ought not to take a wrong course because it seems easy.* To go to Tarshish was a simple matter. Remember! The way of destruction is always easy. Men will help you on it. Satan will help too! Good things are always difficult. Would you excuse a person for injuring you on the ground that it was easy to do?

(3) *We cannot claim providential arrangement as an excuse for wrong action.* Circumstances remarkably helped Jonah at first. The ship to Tarshish was right there when he wanted it; but Satan, if anyone, was back of those arrangements! It is easy to make up so-called "providential leading." Would you excuse a thief who robbed your home and claimed that providence caused you to leave the door open?

(4) *We cannot excuse ourselves in doing wrong because the act is legitimate in itself.* For sailors to go to Tarshish was certainly right. Under certain circumstances it would have been right for Jonah, too! And the fact that Jonah acted in an honorable way in doing wrong did not excuse him. If you do the wrong thing in the most correct way it is still wrong!

As children of God we are under a higher law than others. We have been redeemed by the Blood of Jesus, chosen in Him, made heirs of eternal glory. Let us walk worthy of our vocation!

2. *Jonah's troubles.* 1:4-17. Behold the trouble Jonah brought upon himself through disobedience. It is always so. Jonah's sin found him out. The mariners discovered he was responsible for the storm and asked him a pointed question—"What meanest thou, O sleeper?" Of all the men on the ship Jonah was the one who should have been most wide awake.

3. *Jonah's repentance.* 2:1-10. "Then Jonah

prayed... I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look toward Thy holy temple." What a complex creature man is! Jonah had a lot of faults, but he also had *indestructible faith*. The Christian life also seems paradoxical. Says Jonah, "I am cast out of Thy sight." That is, "I have sinned and am unworthy." But he also says, "Thou art the object of my sight and I still trust in Thy mercy." Jonah does what we all need to do—he sees his own unworthiness and helplessness and at the same time, God's ability and willingness to meet his extreme need.

Jonah gave a testimony of faith, "Yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple." His faith drove him to prayer. Never let any sin allow you to feel you cannot at once go to God and receive forgiveness and restoration. It drove him to the Word, for his prayer was based on references to at least seven of the Psalms. It led him to real repentance and restoration to full fellowship, for—"the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time." The man who had failed received another chance—and this time obeyed.

4. *Nineveh's repentance and preservation.* 3:1-10. Observe—(1) *The miserable plight of the Ninevites.* Their sin was great. Their time was short. Destruction was promised. (2) *Their ground for hope was slim.* No proclamation of mercy was made. They had never heard of the Cross. They were "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel." (3) *The example they set for us.* Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh shall rise up in judgment with this generation and condemn it." Why? First, because their repentance was thorough. But also because of their faith. Their words, "Who can tell?" speak volumes! If they, in such a plight and with such slender hopes, exercised faith in God, how much more ought we to believe that "He that spared not His own son but delivered Him up for us all" will "freely give us all things."

5. *Jonah's bigotry and lovelessness.* 4:1-3. Jonah had been the recipient of great grace when he was in need in the whale's belly, yet he was angry when God was gracious to Nineveh. For God to be merciful to Nineveh meant that Nineveh was important to God, and, being a Jew, Jonah could not stand that. Like Jonah, many Christians want God to be merciful to them, but they will not be gracious to others. To manifest such an attitude is to prepare one's self for "the whale's belly"!

6. *God's object lesson to Jonah.* 4:4-11. "And the Lord God prepared a gourd." God uses homely objects to teach us great truths. The whale's belly taught Jonah his need of salvation. The gourd teaches him God's tender love for all His creatures.

"Should I not have pity on Nineveh?" Here is the fundamental truth of the whole book. Everything else is the outcome of it. "Pity" in the Hebrew means "cover." "Should I not cover Nineveh?" Plaintive words! Reminiscent of One who grieved over Jerusalem saying, "How often would I have gathered thy children as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings." The emphasis throughout the book of Jonah is on pity not anger. God's anger with sin is born of His



love for the sinner. And God's disciplinary dealings with Jonah were not for his sake alone, but because God loved the Ninevites but could not get to them without a messenger.

To sum up the story—God's attitude in Jonah is His attitude today. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, but He weeps over your city and my city today. He must have messengers. How far have we obeyed? The secret of our comparative failure to reach the masses is that we lack the compassion of Christ. We do not save them because we do not love them. What shall we do about it? To try to love them won't work! But if we fall in line with our Lord, obey Him, and open our hearts to Him as we would open a window to sunlight and air, then, as simply as the air and sunlight stream in through the open window, so Christ's mighty love will flow into us and flow out from us to a dying world!—J. Bashford Bishop.

SOMETHING NEW!

The commercial world uses every means to sell their products. It is a well-known fact that the company that dresses up its products in attractive colors will sell its goods to the public. We have the most valuable, the most precious, the most wonderful thing in the world—eternal life—and it is far above any commodity in value. If the world feels that it is repaid for all effort expended to sell its transitory articles, how much more effort should we put forth in spreading the gospel to every creature? The Gospel Publishing House has recently printed thirty-six new tracts in attractive colors that are sure to catch the eyes of sinners. These tracts are spiritual, the messages short enough to hold the interest of the reader until the tract is finished, and colorful. Send 25 cents for an assorted packet of these new colored tracts.

NAZI KNEES SHALL BOW

An oath of fidelity "spoken with the right hand touching the sword on the altar" will constitute the marriage ceremony in Germany when Nazi plans regarding a State Church come into force. There will be "no kneeling to take any oath—as this action is undignified to a German," Rosenberg says.

There is coming a time when every knee shall bow at the name of Jesus—even Nazi knees! Phil. 2:10, 11.

The Cedars in the Temple

T. J. JONES AT THE INTERSTATE CAMP MEETING, SPRINGFIELD, MO.

WE are people who believe all of the Word of God, and we believe that there is as much typology in the Temple as there is in the Tabernacle. It is very seldom however that you hear anybody talk about the types of the Temple.

Peter wrote: "To whom coming, as unto a living stone"—speaking to the believers—"disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood." 1 Peter 2:4, 5. So you see that Peter takes the stones of the Temple and uses them in a spiritual sense, as typical of believers, and says they have been built up a spiritual house.

Solomon said he wanted the temple to be exceptionally magnificent for it was to be an habitation for God. God was to reside there. We know that today God does not dwell in temples made with hands. True, He is in the meeting place, but we bring Him to the meeting place with us, and then we take Him home again and leave the building behind. God dwells today in human habitations by the Spirit of God.

Now in regard to the temple. There were three persons concerned in the building of the temple. I believe in trinity. I cannot but see a tacit reference to the Triune God. We find three persons concerned. David had it in his heart to build an house unto God. But he had shed blood abundantly, and had made great wars, and so he was not permitted to build it. 1 Chron. 22:8. He bought the site of the temple from Ornan. So sure was David of this temple that although not permitted to build it, he made costly preparations. In the Spirit also he received the plan of the temple, so it was as much God-instructed as was the tabernacle. The aged father sends for Solomon and tells him solemnly that he is to build the temple unto God. When David died, the first thing Solomon did, after he had ascended the throne, was to set about building the temple. He was the second person. And then there was Hiram king of Tyre. Hiram promised to send the material—three persons blessedly co-operating in building the structure.

I believe God is building a wonderful structure today, a spiritual structure. He is visiting the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for His name. The triune God is concerned about the project. It was the Father's plan, the Son bled and died, and the Spirit has come to bring into execution the design of God with regard to this glorious spiritual structure.

The second chapter of Ephesians tells us some of the material that God uses. "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world." This chapter winds up: "In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth into an holy temple in the Lord."

As soon as Jesus ascended up on high He sent the Holy Ghost. As soon as Solo-

mon reached the throne he sent to Hiram king of Tyre, and he said, "We need some cedar trees from Lebanon because we are going to build a magnificent temple. There is no one among us who has the skill of the Sidonians in the hewing of timber. I want you to send the material down so that we may build the temple." No ones are so skillful in hewing down the timbers as the Spirit-filled men and women. If you are without the blessed Baptism in the Holy Spirit it is like using an ax that is blunt or using the staff of the ax.

But Hiram has perfect control of operations. 1 Kings 5:1-16. He is working with king Solomon who is in Jerusalem where the temple is being erected. There is perfect co-operation. The next day thunderings are heard in the forest. Some people complain about our noise. They say when the house was being built there was no sound of hammer nor of ax, nor was any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was building. They find this in 1 Kings 6:7. But they forget that there must have been plenty of noise in the forest of Lebanon. When the material arrived at the site of the temple it was all finished; it had only to be fitted in. All the blasting and hewing and planing and carving of the cedars was done at the field of operation.

And so when they come to me and say, "Don't you know there was not any noise?" I say to them: "We have not reached the site yet. We are in the field of operations." We have not arrived at Jerusalem, we have not come to the place where the material is to be fitted in. We are in the workshops and the quarries, and hence the blasting and the noise.

Solomon sent to Hiram, and Hiram had complete charge. When Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit He said, "When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." The ministry of the Spirit is to convict first of sin. If those cedars are to fit into God's temple they must first of all be cut down.

Spiritual lesson: If people are to be converted and fitted into God's divine plan they must be laid low by the gospel. Look at these forests of Lebanon. Hiram looks at those tall and stately trees and says, "I think I can get something out of them," and so he marks them to be cut down. Behind Hiram there are the skilled axmen. You remember that day you first came to meeting and sat at a respectful distance—when you looked so nice. You were a proud cedar, weren't you? How important you felt! We are told in 1 Kings 4:33 that Solomon knew everything about trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; from the high to the low. Ah, yes, these strong, proud, beautiful trees; they are so perfect. But before they can be fitted into God's plan they must be laid low, severed from their own roots. How can they ever be fitted into God's habitation unless the ax lays them low?

Solomon said, "Send me some cedar trees." We believe the church is the *ecclesia*, the called-out, separated, blood-washed company of people who are being fitted for an habitation of God by the Spirit. And just as much as the cedar trees must be hewed out of their natural setting before they can be fitted in, so it is necessary for us to be born of God, separated from the old life, and made anew in Christ.

Nothing delights me more than to go on a good cedar-felling expedition. I like to get out into a good evangelistic campaign. I don't want to become lopsided. Jesus preached and taught the people, so I believe we can preach and teach. I never let a Sunday meeting go by without giving as good an evangelistic message as I can, with the ax as well sharpened as God will allow me. Nothing delights me more than to be in a good meeting where Hiram is around with his skilled axmen.

On the day of Pentecost Peter, a rugged fisherman, received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost and began to proclaim the Word. Before he was through three thousand cedar trees fell down flat. It says they were pricked in their heart. Just as the ax severs the cedar from its roots, so the Word of God cuts and convicts of sin.

Here come the axmen. They have a sharp ax, and I can imagine the crashes and the thunderings of the trees as they come toppling over. Who has not heard people say, "What must I do to be saved?" It is a wonderful thing to be with the eternal Hiram on a cedar-felling expedition. So let me exhort every brother and sister preacher to go on with the good business. We are to preach the gospel, and the Holy Spirit will convict of sin.

Hiram had various groups of men. The first ones were his axmen, and following behind Hiram were others co-operating in the big business. Their job was to rim the logs. Have you been to a meeting where you thought you were all right, and how the Lord God Almighty came and spoke to your heart and said, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate. Touch not the unclean thing. Be not conformed to this age." And every time the Word came forth a spiritual limb came off of you. Revivals have fallen to pieces because there were not the right men to follow them up. It is one thing to fell the trees, it is another thing to trim them up and get them in shape for the builder's use. So the next time you go to meeting and the pastor hits you, instead of becoming angry, just say, "Thank God for trimming the log!"

An experienced lumberman told me some interesting things. He said that all logs will not float. Hardwood logs, such as beech, birch, oak and hickory will not, but pine and spruce will float from the very moment they are cut down and the branches are trimmed off. And this is a thought that makes me chuckle—logs that are peeled ride higher in the water and make a better raft. So we have to trim the logs and peel them before they get down to the workshop at

Joppa. This is only the beginning. When God gets finished with us I am sure we shall be ready. Don't forget, it is a finished product when it gets to Jerusalem.

Hiram wrote to Solomon: "My servants shall bring them (the cedars) down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there."

Not only were the cedars to be felled, trimmed and peeled; they were to be brought down to the seaport. So Hiram had some other men, and it was their task to gather the logs and join them in rafts and floats, and chain them up. There is no use getting logs down if you let them drift anywhere. So logs are made into rafts and floated down.

A crew of lumberjacks always follow the tail end of the drive to gather up logs that have worked loose from the raft, or where the raft has been broken up. Some of these logs may be floating down the river, while others may be stranded on the river bank and need a bit of help to get back to the stream.

Here is a spiritual lesson. These lumberjacks we see following along with the raft are just as much co-operating with the temple building as the men who are felling the cedar. I wish there would be no friction between our evangelists and those who teach the Word of God, because I feel this is the time for getting the timber down. Each has his God-appointed task. Those who trim the logs and peel off the bark have just as much a God-appointed task as those who bind them in rafts or float them down to Joppa. I look upon those rafts as companies of blood-washed people on their way to Joppa and Jerusalem. There were many testings before they got there, but isn't it wonderful to know that they were on their way to the city of God.

Connect those logs, join them securely together. Let none be lost. Those cedars are the material that God is going to fit into the structure. What would you think of some log that floated around alone and did not get into the raft? We need to get into rafts. These people who go alone acquire certain idiosyncrasies and the only way these can be rubbed off is by rubbing shoulders with someone else. You say you are not going to the assembly any more because there is a person there that needs some rubbing off. Perhaps you do too. Hiram's men bound them together in floats.

Another thing. Every log is branded. That agrees with the New Testament which says: "Ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession." Eph. 1:13, 14.

Hiram has his overseers, and there is no doubt that these men are just as needful as those who cut the cedars down. Let us remember that when Christ ascended on high, He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:11-13. Thus the eternal Solomon sent the Holy

Ghost and sent specially anointed messengers for the upbuilding of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

I do not like to strain types at all, but I feel that we have a great picture here of the Son of God and the Spirit of God in the work of getting material for the spiritual structure. Here are the logs bound together, branded and stamped—undoubtedly with the royal stamp of king Solomon. They belonged to him. Hiram was under contract to get so many logs down by sea from Tyre to Joppa. If one of those logs could have spoken I am sure he would have said to the other, "It is a rough time we are having." But those logs could not speak. But we are talking about lively logs, lively stones. And these logs can say something, one to another. One can say, "I feel God knocked a lump off me this morning." And the other can say, "I am sure He peeled my bark off."

Brethren and sisters, you can see with me that there is a story here. There were many tossings en route, but I am glad that Solomon did not say to Hiram, "Load up all the lumber on the freighter," because there might have been some U-boats in the Mediterranean Sea, and they might have sent the freighter down to the bottom of the sea and the logs would never have got up again. He bound them in rafts because they rode the waves, and howsoever much they were submerged at times when the breakers went over them, up they came again—they were bound to rise. I am glad He has made us "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." He did not say we should have a smooth passage, but that through many tribulations we should enter the kingdom of God.

In some cold countries—in Finland, for instance—sometimes the logs cannot get under way because they are frozen in. If we have any logs frozen in I pray that we may have a big thaw.

Sometimes, in the Northwest, I have noticed that they do not always bind the logs together in rafts, but send them down as they are. But sometimes they have what they call a jam. Then these lumberjacks who are very skilled, leap from log to log, and find what they call the key log—the log that is holding everything up—and when

they get that log loose from its position the jam is released. Sometimes we too get in a jam. May the Lord God Almighty, the Heavenly Hiram, give us wisdom enough to know where the key log is so we can set the logs free—because we are on our way to Joppa and then to Jerusalem the city of God.

There must have been a lot of noise in Lebanon and in Joppa. In those quarries they had to put their fingers in their ears sometimes, there was such blasting going on.

Now that the logs had gotten to Joppa they were raised up out of the water and put in those mills. And a workman said, "This log has got a lot of knots in it, but perhaps we can get something out of it." Isn't that something like us? Some of this timber was cross-grained and coarse-grained but it is wonderful what God can do with stuff that is yielded to Him.

It mentions in 1 Kings 6 that much of the cedar wood was fitted into the temple at Jerusalem. A great deal of the carved work of the temple was cedar. The lumber that came out of Lebanon lay on the work-bench and the skilled workmen worked thereon.

The trouble is that when God in heaven is at work on the "lively" logs, they will not lie still on the bench. The lumber was to stay on the bench and the workmen were to work on it. There ought to be no complaint when God peels the bark off and trims the logs, and cuts off the branches. He is working with heavenly blueprints. He has the design of our lives. We should lie there on the bench and let God have His way, asking only that we might be to the praise of His glory and a blessing in Christ. It will be worth all the knocks and bumps and carvings and manipulations, when God fits us into that structure which He wants to build. Solomon overlaid the cedar wood with gold. As for God, His way is perfect, and He will not fail to perfect that which concerns us.

I have just given you a little hint, but I believe God is doing a big work now. We are being built into an habitation of God by the Spirit, the building fitly joined together and compacted. God is working on the material and He is carving out a temple. Solomon's temple was but a picture of the magnificent temple of God which He is building today. He is going to make something that will redound to the glory of His name.

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AND he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

"And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Rev. 13:15-17.

Here we have a picture of Antichrist not allowing any to buy or sell unless they have his mark in their forehead or in their right hand. No doubt ever since the bloody days of Nero who put many Christians to death, whenever a powerful tyrant has arisen Christian people have wondered whether he was the Beast of the Revelation. Many in the world today are wondering whether Hitler or other dictators could fit into this description.

Hitler does not dominate the entire world, though that is what he is trying to do. Like the Antichrist, he has a mark. His mark is the swastika. Though perhaps he has not gone so far as brand the mark on the forehead or the right hand, many in the countries he controls could testify that they cannot buy or sell without falling in line with his form of government.

Hitler has persecuted many Christians; for example, Martin Niemoeller, the German pastor who had served as a submarine commander in the first World War. Niemoeller spoke out his convictions and as a result he was put in a concentration camp.

The Bible says that Antichrist will exalt himself above all that is called God and will seek worship for himself. Some think Hitler is heading in that direction today. Some of his followers practically worship him. I have part of a magazine that contains statements by one of the leading officials in Germany and they are very startling. Some sound blasphemous. Let me quote them:

"God has manifested Himself, not in Jesus Christ, but in Adolph Hitler."

"Christ has kicked the bucket but the Hitler Youth is marching on."

"Christ is a false prophet. He was a Jew and thus the source of every ill."

"Adolph Hitler is the real Holy Ghost."

More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a Man born contrary to the laws of nature, for He had no human father. This Man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither name, wealth nor influence. Joseph and Mary were common people without great training or education.

In infancy He startled a king. In childhood He puzzled the doctors. In manhood He ruled the course of nature by walking

upon billows as if pavements and hushing the sea to sleep.

He used no medicine and yet He was the Great Physician. He healed the multitudes and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for the world's greatest songs.

He never founded a college, but no school has ever had as many students.

He never practiced medicine, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

He never marshaled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had so many volunteers who under His orders, have made so many rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

He is the central figure in almost everything we study.

The sermons we preach are about Him. The songs we sing are about Him. And every prayer that goes up to God goes up in His name and is asked to be granted for His sake.

One day in seven the wheels of commerce cease their turning to permit the multitudes to wend their way to places of worship to pay homage to Him.

Satan hates Him. Herod tried to kill Him. Death could not destroy Him. The grave could not hold Him. Today He stands forth on the highest pinnacles of heavenly glory, proclaimed by angels, worshiped by saints, and feared by devils.

This Man was Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. He is the world's greatest Ruler. Many will not admit it now, but there is coming a time when every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Stalin may hold the key to Russia. Hitler may hold the key to Germany. Mussolini may hold the key to Italy. But the Man of Nazareth holds the key to real peace and happiness for time and eternity.

How does He treat the weak and defenseless? Does He drop bombs on them? No, for He came to heal the brokenhearted. How does He treat the children? Does he make them orphans and starve them to death? No, He says, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me," and He lays His hand upon their head and blesses them.

In Gen. 9:26 we read Noah's words, "Blessed be the Lord God of Shem." It is interesting to note that God identifies Himself as the "God of Shem," and God blessed Shem and made him the elect of the royal line. In his lineage came Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and Christ. Hitler has had a lot to do with anti-Semitism. He hates the Jews, who descended from Shem. Anti-Semitism really means anti-Shem. Hitler says, "Reject the Old Testament. It is a Jewish book written by the Semites." Hitler may be against Shem, but God said He was the God of Shem. It looks as though Hitler and God have crossed swords. Hitler may think he and his soldiers can

fight, but God can fight too. God is a Man of war. Hitler will find that in fighting the descendants of Shem he is fighting God, for God has identified Himself with Shem. "The nation and kingdom that will not serve Thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." Isa. 60:12. The Jews are the apple of God's eye. When something comes to harm the eye, you raise your hand to defend it; and God is going to raise His hand to defend the apple of His eye.

God will bless him that blesses the seed of Abraham and curse him that curses them. Gen. 12:3. Some may say, "I have met Jews that are certainly undesirable." I have met some Jews like that, too, but I have met Gentiles who are undesirable too.

Hitler may try to destroy the Jews but they are rather hard to destroy. The lions could not eat Daniel. The fire could not burn the three Hebrew children. The great fish could not digest Jonah. The Bible tells us about some other rulers who have gone after God's people and whose end was tragic. Sennacherib invaded Judah. But Judah had a righteous king named Hezekiah and he prayed before the Lord, and God came to the rescue. God sent one angel who killed 185,000 of Sennacherib's soldiers. Oh, what we need in this present war more than anything else is the help of Almighty God! What happened to Sennacherib himself? He returned to Nineveh and was killed by his own sons.

Another enemy of the Jews was Haman. He wanted to kill all the Jews in the Medo-Persian Empire but he did not succeed. He died on the gallows he had prepared for a Jew. Remember Pharaoh also. He persecuted God's people to a terrible extent. He died by drowning in the Red Sea.

This is the greatest war in history. "What is the cause?" some ask. What was the cause of the destruction of Sodom? It was the sin of the people. What caused the flood in Noah's time? It was the sin of the people. This war is a judgment from God upon the people of the nations because of their sins.

You ask, "How about the United States? Why has war fallen upon us?" The United States is far from innocent in the sight of God. Think how the people of this country and Canada have been living. Millions have been accustomed to stay out late at cocktail parties on Saturday nights and have never thought of getting up early on Sunday morning to go to Sunday school or church. God's day has been spent at baseball diamonds, golf links, and movie houses. Think of the crime waves that have swept over the nation. Think of the immorality in the land. We are far from innocent. We have sinned as other nations, and if this war is the judgment of God the sooner we fall on our faces and ask God for forgiveness the sooner we can expect God to intervene on our nation's behalf.

Man fights with guns, tanks, bombers. But God fights with sun, moon, stars, wind.

storms, and snow. We need His help today.

In the first World War, when the Germans were about to use poison gas for the first time, the weather observers assured the German army that the wind was blowing just right and that it would continue blowing in the same direction for thirty-six hours to come. So the gas was released and it was carried toward the Allied lines. But just before it reached the Allies, the wind suddenly changed direction and carried the poison gas directly back over the German army killing thousands of German soldiers. And the head of the German Meteorological Department in his official report said that in forty years of meteorological records of the German Government the wind never acted so peculiarly before. The Scripture says, "He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow." Psalm 147:18. We need the help of Him who controls the wind.

Remember the Battle of Waterloo. Was Napoleon defeated because of the skill of the Duke of Wellington? No, he was defeated because rain bogged down his artillery so that he couldn't use it. It is God who "giveth rain upon the earth." Job 5:10.

In 1917 when the submarine menace was at its worst, it looked like certain defeat for the Allies. But there came a great storm which forced the German submarines to the surface, and 199 German submarines, with 3,000 of their crew, were captured or destroyed. Thus the back of the submarine warfare was broken, and Germany lost the war. "He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof." Psalm 107:25.

During the first World War the Germans seemed to be superior in the air, but during the last few months of the war she was worsted in the air. The head of the German aerial service explained this by saying: "The Allies did not have superior airships nor fighters, but it was the accursed clouds that defeated us. Nearly every time when we had a bevy of the enemy's ships in a pocket ready to take them, one of those accursed clouds would be hanging handy by and would envelop them as thick as a blanket, and the devil himself couldn't find them, and they would escape at their leisure. It was the accursed clouds that did it." "The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people. His strength is in the clouds." Psalm 68:34, 35. If your boy is somewhere in the sky, God's clouds can protect him.

In the summer of 1940 the outlook was dark for the British Empire. France had fallen, and it looked as though the B. E. F. would be annihilated and Britain would be invaded. Had Hitler invaded Britain at that time, he might have been successful. But what actually happened? King George called for a Day of Prayer throughout the British Empire on Sunday, May 26. We received the call in Winnipeg and observed it as did all the churches. There seemed little hope that the 335,000 British troops in France would survive, in the natural. But two days after the Day of Prayer a miracle took place—the miracle of Dunkirk. God sent a great calm over the English Channel. Ordinarily it is a choppy body of water. I have crossed it by plane and by boat and I know it is very rough. The British were faced with the problem of getting 335,000 soldiers across the Channel to safety in a

hurry, and they had not enough boats. But two days after the Day of Prayer, the Channel became as calm as a mill pond, so that even a canoe could cross it in safety. The British people used every kind of craft available, even row boats, to get the troops from France to England, and practically the whole of that great expeditionary force was saved. The Germans tried to bomb them and machine-gun them on the beaches and on the Channel, but God sent a fog so that they could not see the ships. It was not an accident. It was a miracle. The evacuation of Dunkirk was as great a miracle, I believe, as the crossing of the Red Sea in the time of Moses. It was a definite answer to prayer. God will yet answer our prayer if we will call upon Him.

But can we go on sinning and breaking His laws and rejecting His Word, and still expect Him to help us? No, if we want God's help we must cleanse our hands. Oh, may He help our nations, and deliver us from sin and from war.

Many are saying, "Is Hitler the Beast of the Revelation, and if he is, can he be beaten?" I do not believe Hitler is the Beast. But whoever may prove to be the Antichrist, his defeat is guaranteed. It may not happen as we expect or as soon as we expect, but the Antichrist is going to be defeated by the real Christ. We read about this in 2 Thessalonians 2: "There is one that restraineth, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that lawless one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders." That lawless one, that man of sin, the Antichrist, the Beast, will be defeated by the Lord at His coming.

We read about the defeat of Antichrist

also in Rev. 19:11-21. "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. . . . And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." I guess that means us. We will return with Him.

And what does He do? "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

So if Hitler is the Antichrist he will land in the lake of fire. If he is not, he will land there anyway unless he changes his way of living in time! And after the Lord defeats the Antichrist and his forces, He is going to establish His millennial reign upon the earth for a thousand years. Did you know that Jesus has a ministry of peace? Long before He was born the prophet said that He would be called the Prince of peace, and when He was born the angel said, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." He spoke peace to the stormy sea and He spoke peace to many troubled hearts. And when He went away He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you." Even though the greatest war of history is raging, God's people have peace in their hearts, for He left it with them.

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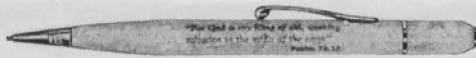
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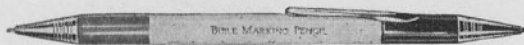
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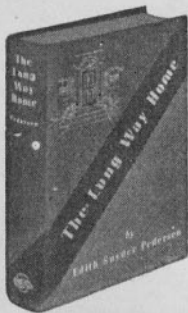


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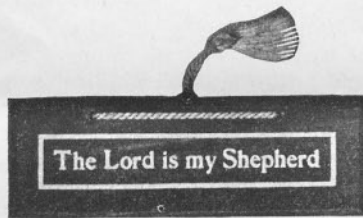


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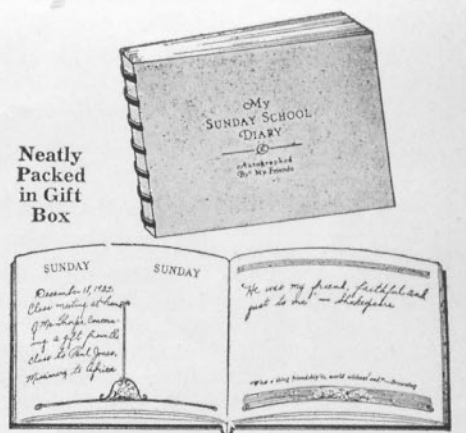
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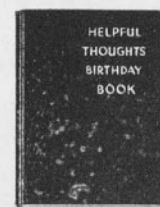
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blood of martyrs will be blessed with a thousand years of peace. When He comes back at the end of the tribulation He will bring His saints with Him. First He will come for His saints, then He will return with them.

Most people would like a visit Palestine, to see Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives where Jesus stood so many times. I will tell you how you can be sure to have such a visit. Make sure you are saved and ready to meet the Lord when He comes for His own. You will then be taken up to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and then when the Lord returns He will bring you back to earth with Him. And He is coming back to the Mount of Olives, so you will come floating down through space with Him having a bird's-eye view of it. I have my ticket all ready. Have you?

In the latter part of the tribulation, when many armies will be gathered against Jerusalem, the Jews are going to call for help. "Oh that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at Thy presence. . . . To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Thy presence!" Isa. 64:1, 2. God is going to answer that prayer and come to His people's help. And the first place His

feet shall touch will be the Mount of Olives. It will flow, all right; it will split in two and there will be a great valley in between.

Early in the nineteenth century when Europe wanted peace it was necessary to capture Napoleon and exile him. They didn't have peace until they captured him. We will not have peace until Christ catches the one who is the source of war, and that is the devil, and puts him in the pit. That time cannot come too soon.

Things are looking dark. This is a terrible war. When things get so bad that we can't go to the east, west, north, or south, thank God we will be able to go up. That is why so many of us are looking up. Jesus said, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." We are looking up because we are expecting to go up. We usually look in the direction we are going. If we don't, we shall have bumps and bruises. If you are going north but looking south, you will get into trouble. We are going up one of these days. Though the outlook is dark, the uplook is bright.

They tell us about the eagle that when a great storm is raging, the eagle never tries to find shelter below the storm. It knows better. It flies above the storm and mounts up to where the sun is shining. We believe

that very soon the greatest storm in history will break—the tribulation storm of God's judgments—and instead of trying to find shelter here below we shall rise to meet our Lord in the air and be with the Sun of righteousness far above the tribulation storm. I believe it will happen soon. Once to deliver His people God divided the Red Sea. Soon to deliver His people He will cleave the sky. The Scripture says that during the tribulation time men will call for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the wrath of Christ. Why? Because they have failed to call for the Rock of Ages to hide them in Him.

One of the most thrilling stories in British history is the Siege of Lucknow. A small group of English soldiers happened to lose their way and were surrounded by 30,000 bloodthirsty natives who were shrieking for revenge. In some way the impossible happened. By clever maneuvering they all got away—all but one. He had been busy elsewhere, and after a time he came to realize that he was alone in the midst of 30,000 natives who were crying for the white man's flesh and blood. He too made an attempt to slip through their lines, and he succeeded. Finally when he reached his companions his hair had turned white. He could not tell them who he was. His memory had snapped. His mind was gone. Why? Because he was left behind. The terror had been too much for him.

God's Word tells us that when Jesus comes, two shall be sleeping in the same bed; one shall be taken, and the other shall be left behind. Two shall be working in the field: one shall be taken, and the other shall be left behind. May God help you, my friend, if you should be left behind! But you do not have to be left. You may know today that you are ready to go to be with Christ, if you will give your heart to Him and accept the salvation that He died to provide for you.

Switzerland: A Miracle of Answered Prayer

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these cards have been circulated. Multitudes of God's children are finding this plan a great blessing to their own souls, as well as rendering great service to their country by their daily prayers. Today, just as truly as in Bible days, it is faith—expressed in intercessory prayer—that subdues kingdoms, and turns "to flight the armies of the aliens." Hebrews 11:33, 34.

One of the things that is most emphasized throughout the entire Bible is this fact—that sin is always judged. It is always punished.

Long ago Moses told the Children of Israel that they would be punished if they failed to keep the commandments of God. They did fail to keep them again and again, and they were always punished for their sins. Finally they committed the greatest sin of all in rejecting their Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ; and because of this they are suffering even to this very day.

We, as a nation, have forgotten God. We have sinned grievously against Him. Our sins are mountain-high. They are a stench in the nostrils of the Almighty. This war is a judgment of God upon our country for her multiplied iniquities.

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What is the way out, and the way to victory, for our country? It is through repentance, and revival, and returning to God with all our hearts. And what is the way to bring revival? Throughout all the centuries there has been just one way by which revival has come, and that is through earnest, intercessory, believing prayer. Hence the great need of today is to mobilize the prayer forces of our country to intercede for a great outpouring of God's Spirit upon our land—an outpouring that will bring conviction and confession of sin; and a return to God with all our hearts; and a great heaven-sent spiritual awakening.

Long ago, God speaking to Solomon, said: "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

This is a time of tremendous crisis in the history of our country. Are we willing to pay the price that is needed to bring about revival and victory? I feel confident that great multitudes of God's children will gladly make this sacrifice, by spending ten minutes or more daily in prayer, and by gathering in homes once each week for united intercession.

God is abundantly able to send another great spiritual awakening to our land. Long ago Jehoshaphat King of Judah, and Jehoram King of Israel, and the King of Edom, were going through the desert of Edom to war against Moab. There was no water in the desert, and the three kings and their armies were about to perish. They called for the prophet Elisha. He came to them, and said, "Make this valley full of ditches."

Then the prophet made this astounding assertion: "Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water." 2 Kings 3:4-25.

The next morning streams of water flowed freely through the ditches. The armies were saved from dying of thirst in the desert; and the Lord gave wonderful victory over their foes.

So today here in America we may not see the wind and the rain of great revival meetings; but a mighty volume of prevailing prayer will help to prepare the "ditches." Then the Lord will surely send streams of salvation flowing through our spiritually dry and sin-stricken land; and also give glorious victory over our foes.

An article on the ten-minute prayer plan recently appeared in two religious periodicals. It aroused widespread interest. A well-known evangelist wrote to one of the editors expressing his appreciation of the plan, and stating that he had enlisted in the movement "for the duration of the war." An ex-college president ordered a supply of the prayer cards, and said: "Intercession is the one way to victory."

A woman who was a missionary in India for 30 years, and is longing to go back again, wrote: "I have been much in prayer for our land. This plan is a great help and incentive to enlist others. I enclose the prayer cards in letters. Many need and want such a plan." A Canadian pastor ordered 100 of the prayer cards for members of his congregation, and said: "Canadian people can also profitably obey the injunction of the prayer



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One of the most interesting responses

to the article about the prayer plan came from a lady 84 years of age. She wrote that she is praying, and wishes to enlist others in the plan. She sent for a supply of the prayer cards, and in her letter stated that a friend of hers, four years her senior, was joining her in the effort to enlist intercessors! If oldsters of 84 and 88 are working so earnestly to enlist prayer for our land in this hour of crisis how much more should youngsters under 80 co-operate in the crusade?

Will not each child of God who reads these lines determine to spend ten minutes daily in intercessory prayer for revival and

victory? God forbid that we freedom-loving and Bible-loving Christians of America should go calmly on our way day by day scarcely lifting a finger in feeble intercession, until the judgments of God fall upon us in ever-increasing and desolating severity!

O friends! Let us awake out of our complacent spiritual slumber! Let us work and pray fervently day by day that the windows of heaven will be opened; and that a mighty spiritual awakening will sweep over our land! Then we know without the shadow of a doubt—according to God's sure promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14—there will come Divine forgiveness and "healing" for our land, and great and glorious victory for our arms!

In this hour of crisis it is earnestly desired to enlist multitudes in the prayer plan

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Choosing the Highest

As a student Dr. J. R. Mott had wrestled with intellectual difficulties, and he records how he undertook a thorough study of the resurrection. "I shall never forget the day," he says, "when I was able with Thomas to say to Christ with intellectual honesty, 'My Lord and my God.'"

I knew him to be a man of prayer and that herein lay the secret of his power. But once I saw deeper into the meaning of his consecration when I stood with him in a room in the college building at Mount Hermon, U. S. A., in 1936. He told us how fifty years before he had joined D. L. Moody's summer conference. A prayer meeting had been held each day for foreign missions, and Mott had been drawn into its fellowship. He described how at first not more than half a dozen students had volunteered for missionary service, but in the prayer meeting a pledge had been written out and each day the number of volunteers had increased. "We are willing and desirous," they said, "God permitting, to become foreign missionaries."

The students had prayed that the number who would volunteer for missionary service might be a hundred. By the last day ninety-nine had signed the paper. The conference closed, but it was decided to hold a final prayer meeting the next morning, and it was while they knelt in prayer that the hundredth man came forward and signed the paper. Out of 251 students assembled in conference, 100 were pledged to go overseas.

These gatherings altered Mott's entire career. In a long letter to his parents he explained the change that had come into his life and of his decision to turn his back on the career he had previously mapped out for himself and give his life entirely to God's service. That decision probably deprived the United States of a brilliant president, but it gave to the Church the dynamic personality needed for world evangelization. —Wilson Cash.

The Nation

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every patriot and Christian. If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering. But, if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity.—Daniel Webster.



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Rebuilding Sunday School Attendance

M. L. GRABLE

The writer has contacted many pastors and superintendents and has found many of them discouraged because of war conditions. The majority of these discouraged Sunday School leaders tell us their Schools are off from one fourth to one half.

There are two types of Schools suffering because of the war condition. First, are the Schools in areas where there is no defense work, where families are leaving for cities where work is obtainable.

Second, are the Schools located in defense cities where literally thousands of people are concentrating. Pastors of Schools in these sections state that the people are too busy to attend Sunday School and church.

Many of our friends who in pre-war days back home were faithful in attendance at Sunday School are now prospering in defense work and no longer feel their need of the Lord. They have not loyally aligned themselves with a Sunday School and church in the defense city.

We must not content ourselves with the thought, "Oh, it's simply a war condition; so many of our people have moved away." It is true that many families have moved away, but we still have the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us win the thousands all about us who are yet unreached and unsaved.

Recently we visited an average School in an outlying section. Five blocks from the church we began counting the folk on the sidewalk, on front porches, and about their homes. They were not going to Sunday School, for it was then past 9:30. In the five blocks we counted forty persons. The last man counted was just across the street from the church, painting his house.

True it is that this School has lost some men to Uncle Sam, but what about the forty souls on one street less than five blocks from the church? How many were inside the homes not included in the forty counted? How many in every other direction from the church? That pastor, superintendent, those teachers and class members of that School, are indebted to those souls all about them who are doomed and lost unless they are given the gospel of salvation!

"What shall we do?" That is a good question. At least two things are necessary if the tide is to be turned from losses to gains.

First, *repentance*. Each of us needs to repent of our complacent attitude toward the lost all about us. In addition, let us go with the Word of God into the homes of the unreached.

Second, *we need to change our methods*. Too long we have depended upon the method of revival meetings, forgetting Christ's method of personal contacts. He set the example when he won John and Andrew. Andrew used Jesus' method and first won his own brother.

Let us cease talking about the ones we have lost from our Schools and pray and work for the ones we have failed to reach for Christ.

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Brother B. L. Alford is our pastor, and we started to his home, about twelve or fourteen blocks. On the way she stretched out in my arms, struggled once or twice and was gone. She didn't breath another breath and we could

not find any pulse. By the time we got to Brother Alford's she was stiff and cold. It was too early for church so I ran into the parsonage with her and asked them to pray. They said she was already dead but they began to pray. As people came to church they would come over to the parsonage to see what was the matter. We kept praying. Soon one little foot began to move. Gradually she began to move her arms and head and then began to breathe again. Thank God! She opened her little eyes and looked around but didn't seem to realize anything.

We kept praising God for what He had done. Soon she put her fingers in her mouth and Sister Alford gave her a drink of water. She took hold of the glass. We kept praying and praising until about ten o'clock when the victory really came. We came home with the baby healed and she has been well ever since, except colds.—Mrs. A. C. Eastham, 201 Union Street, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Ed. note—This testimony came in in August, 1942. It was verified by the baby's father who

is also a minister, and we also have a letter about the miracle from Pastor and Mrs. B. L. Alford telling of the miracle and saying she is a well child today.

HEALED OF BLINDNESS

In 1929 my sight began to fail, and by the middle of January, 1933 I was totally blind. How I prayed and wept before the Lord. It seemed so hard to say, "Thy will be done." At last while on my knees looking to my Heavenly Father I heard a small, sweet voice speak to my troubled soul, saying, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Such a sweet peace came to me, and my heart seemed to be perfectly content. He came to me every night with the sweetest of dreams of reading the precious Word of God and seeing beautiful scenery. Thus He comforted me all the way through the dark tunnel for eight and one half years. How I do praise Him for all He has permitted me to suffer that He might get glory out of my suffering.

About May 1, 1941 I was stricken with a fearful pain in my left eye. My nerves became so wrecked that I was unconscious part of the time. After three weeks of suffering they took me to a hospital. The only thing the doctor advised was to take my eye out; but I remembered the promise of God and refused to allow them to do this. I stayed three days and then they took me home. That was May 13. The pain grew worse. The saints from far and near came in to pray for me. When they would pray I would get relief.

Thank God the time came when God was ready to manifest His power. On June 16th, after I had been suffering for seven weeks the saints came to my home to pray. Then the mighty power of God came and touched my pain-racked body and I was healed. Not another pain have I suffered. That night I went to sleep and the next morning when I awoke I opened my eyes and I could see. It seemed that I had been passing through a dark tunnel and had come out into the beautiful world again. I can see out of both eyes to read my Bible without glasses. I am writing this testimony with my own hand. I am seventy four years old. Many have been made stronger in the faith by my healing, and so God has been glorified.—Mary M. Brown, Kinderpost, Missouri

Ed. note—the above testimony was written April 4, 1942. We held it for some time and then wrote to Sister Brown. In July she replied in her own handwriting that her sight is still improving. Her testimony when it was sent in was verified by Stella Brackett of Licking, Missouri who said she was witness to Mrs. Brown's blindness and also to her healing.

A SIGN TO THE HEATHEN

The following news is from Brother and Sister Douglas Scott, British missionaries in Congo Belge, Africa:

"Several backsliders have come back to the Lord recently, and two miraculous healings have been granted to us by the Lord. The wife of one of our native workers was very ill with double pneumonia, but after prayer and laying on of hands the Lord raised her up in one day. Another backslider was taken very ill and everybody thought he would die, so all the relatives gathered, as is the custom, around and in the hut, and at one moment the breath seemed to have left the body; but the Christians prayed and suddenly the brother sat up and began to speak in other tongues. The Christians at once sent for us and although we were in the midst of teaching, I immediately went and laid hands on him again in the Name of the Lord. He had come back to the Saviour and is completely healed.

"Needless to say, we profited by this occasion to preach the gospel to all who were present waiting for his death, and we trust that in that particular village where we have great difficulty in getting a footing, this sign will be the beginning of a break. What we need is more signs and wonders following, and lately we have definitely prayed to God to do something out of the ordinary.

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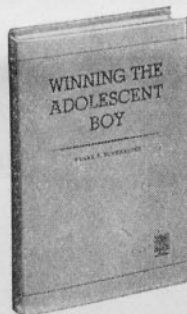
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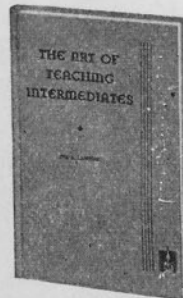
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Colombo, Ceylon—Please pray with us that we may be given wisdom to successfully carry on the work in Colombo, as the conditions are far from normal. Also pray with us that we may move only in the will of God in these times of almost total uncertainty.—Philip Shabaz.

Galle, Ceylon—Please pray with us that God will make us a blessing to many of those who have come to this Island in connection with war work. We also desire special guidance from the Lord in regard to the carrying on of His work here in the coming days.—Carl Graves.

Dehra Dun, India—Please pray for Professor Reuben R. Das and Mrs. Das in relation to their stepping out into full time work for the Lord, and in his resigning his professorship at the college. This brother and sister are filled with the Holy Spirit and are being much used of the Lord. We need them for full time work.—J. H. Boyce.

Transvaal, South Africa—Pray that the Pentecostal literature given to our Sunday School children may be the means of many conversions among them.—Edgar D. Pettenger.

Habana, Cuba—We will appreciate prayer as we seek the Lord's will concerning the place where we shall move and start our missionary work. We are looking forward to launching out by ourselves soon.—Henry E. Mock.

Chapra, India—Pray that God will go among us and strengthen us and our Indian church to endure and to serve Him with a perfect heart and a willing mind.—Violet Schoonmaker.

Chapra, India—Pray that as I go with Brother Johnson to help in the Bible School, God may give me a helpful ministry and that He may use us together for His glory in the training and preparing of young lives for the ministry.—Paul Schoonmaker.

WHEN WILL PEACE COME?

There can be no peace in this age of bloodshed Of strife and hatred and deep distrust; The bow and the spear shall not be broken, The sword in the scabbard shall never rust. Though kings take counsel and statesmen promise, Though people with people a pact shall make; They can sign no truce they will not sunder, And swear no oath they will not break.

There can be no peace till the King of Glory Comes down to earth from the heavens above; To rule the world with a rod of iron, To judge in justice, to reign in love. Till the throne of David is set in Zion, And all the kingdoms of earth are one, No peace till His righteousness shall flourish, No peace till the will of God is done. —Annie Johnson Flint.

LIFTING THE BANNER IN GOLD COAST (Continued From Page Five)

holding in my heart, and He will help me." And we are told that as he completed this last instruction he slipped away without a struggle, while sitting there among them.

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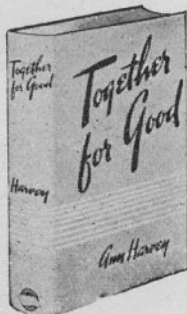
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TO PREACH more than half an hour, a man should be an angel himself, or have angels for hearers.—Whitefield.

"What a few people to preach to," said a young preacher ere he went on the platform. "Young man," replied an older brother, "it's as many as you will care to give an account for at the judgment seat of Christ." "He that hath My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully." Jer. 23:28.

As concerning my gift of preaching I never attained to any accuracy therein, and through laziness, did not much endeavor it. I used ordinarily to write some few notes, and left the enlargement to the time of delivery. I found that much studying did not so much help me in preaching, as the getting of my heart brought to a spiritual disposition; yea, sometimes I thought the hunger of the hearers helped me more than my own preparation. Many a time I found that which was suggested to me in the delivery was more refreshful to myself and to the hearers, than what I had premeditated. I was often much deserted and cast down in preaching, and sometimes tolerably assisted.

I never preached a sermon which I would be earnest to see again in writing but two; the one was on a Monday after the Communion at Shotts, and the other on a Monday after the Communion at Hollywood, and both these times I had spent the whole night before in conference and prayer with some Christians, without any more ordinary preparation; otherwise, my gift was rather suited to simple common people, than to learned and judicious auditors.

I could hardly ever get my own sermon repeated, neither could I get the same sermon preached twice, although to other hearers. I thought it became tasteless both to myself and others. I have sometimes, after some years, preached on the same text, but then I behaved to make use of new notes. Had I in a right manner behaved and taken pains, it had been better for myself and others; but a lazy trusting to assistance in the meantime kept me bare-handed all my days.—John Livingstone, 1638.

The story is told of a well-known Welsh preacher who went to deliver the address at the funeral of a pious and venerable village minister in South Wales. Hundreds of miners assembled in silence around the grave, and these were the first words that fell upon their ears: "My brethren, the greatest obstacle on your road to hell has been removed."

I was once in a church where there was a deadly feud between certain members and officers, and it was so bitter that the opposing parties would not even sit on the same side of the prayer-meeting room. After eighteen months of strenuous endeavors to heal the sore and get the contention out of the way, I said to the Lord, "Thou hast put me here, and Thou art bound by Thy promise to stand by me. Now I have sought to remedy this difficulty, and I cannot, and I find this conflict facing me every way, and these antagonists have arrayed themselves against each other like hostile forces; now Lord, either heal the breach, or remove out of the way the real offenders." *From the day I offered that prayer not one of those offenders ever darkened that church door.*—Arthur T. Pierson.

A minister called his elders together and told them that because no souls were being saved he would tender his resignation. A deacon urged him not to do so, because people were

being edified. The minister said, "Edified for what?" adding, "Brother, do you believe that through you a soul was ever saved?" The frank reply was, "No." The same was admitted by the other men present. The next day the man who had been the first to say "No," spoke to his confidential clerk. He said, "Bob, you are not a Christian, and I, an elder, have never spoken to you about your soul. I want that we kneel here and give ourselves to Christ: I for consecration, and you for salvation." The clerk became a Christian. Before the week was over the elders who had met with their minister had won thirty men to Christ.

The following testimony to the useful life of an old minister was given by "Babe" Ruth, the baseball player: "Most of the people who have really counted in my life were not famous. Nobody ever heard of them, except those who knew and loved them. I knew an old minister once. His hair was white, his face shone. I have written my name on thousands and thousands of baseballs in my life. The old minister wrote his name on just a few simple hearts. How I envy him! He was not trying to please his own soul. So fame never came to him. I am listed as a famous home-runner, yet beside that obscure minister, who was so good and so wise, I never got to first base."

You speak of wit and humor, of jokes among ministers. Alas! I cannot dwell there. If there be not a speedy end of that, the Church is marred, if not undone. I can only say, "Keep away from those joking preachers, or get them converted to God." Swearing and joking are somewhat different, and the former is reputed more profane; but as to religion, after much experience and observation I have no doubt that they are equally sure to kill religion out of their souls, make the heart, as far as spiritual graces are concerned, a desert waste. A friend suggests a thought, namely: "When I was young, Methodist ministers were so solemn in all their words and actions that sinners trembled in their presence. But now the most worldly and wicked can meet some of our preachers and play off their jokes on them, as if sure of being received in the spirit of 'Hail fellow, well met.'" Is it not true? Oh, my brother, let us die rather than contribute one syllable or glance to perpetuate those practices, which are breaking Zion with breach upon breach, and threaten her with fearful overthrow! Let us watch and pray, lest we enter into temptation.—Bishop Hamlin.

I shall never forget when the passage in Joshua concerning the Captain of the Lord's host came home to me. I had begun to take a certain pleasure or pride, for more than I suspected, in being the pastor of a growing church. I was not very conscious of it, but there was a kind of complacency in beginning to be talked about a little. And then I came across the passage in Joshua, and do

SOLDIERS IN AUSTRALIA

Enquiries come to us from time to time from the parents and friends of our young men in Australia, asking for the location of Assembly of God churches there. If the soldiers will write to Pastor W. A. Buchanan, Wolsely Street, Clayfield, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, he will direct them to the nearest Assembly of God church.

you know what I did? I resigned my pastorate immediately—not to the church. I said not a word about it for two years, but I said to the Lord, "I have been figuring around before these people as the Captain of the Lord's host. Now I resign! Be thou Captain." And from that day until the day I regretfully laid that pastorate down, I never felt an hour's burden of it.—Dr. C. I. Scofield.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Chimbote, Peru—Please pray for the new work started at Cajabamba by Brother and Sister Doan. This is a very needy and untouched field.—Alva Walker.

Basti, India—Pray that those who have been drawn to Jesus as they have heard the Word shall confess their faith openly and be saved.—Bessie Gager.

Santiago, Chile—Pray for the people of our vicinity with whom we are dealing. We have a Sunday school started and some are coming. There is no Protestant church near where we are located. People seem most indifferent, given to drink and vice and worldly pleasures, as in the days of Noah before the flood.—H. C. Ball.

Huancayo, Peru—Pray for the Bible School students who preach, that God will use them for His glory. Also for a brother from the assembly who gives fine messages of instruction in the Christian life. He is a business man and sometimes is perplexed to know if he should continue in his business or go preaching the gospel.—Luther Perkins.

Havana, Cuba—Pray that all the students of the Bible School will receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost before leaving the Institute.—Louie Stokes.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

Names added to the ministerial list during the month of September 1942.

Barnes, Harold W., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Bilton, Elmer G., Iron Mountain, Mich.
 Bowers, Irvin E., Kaukauna, Wis.
 Campbell, Howard C., Trenton, Tenn.
 Campbell, Mary Alice (Mrs. R. D.), Highgrove, Calif.
 Congelliere, Viola Marie (Mrs. John), Milwaukee, Wis.
 Corlock, Ira A., Guntown, Miss.
 Cornelius, Carl P., Mosinee, Wis.
 Grams, William F., Athens, Wis.
 Hightower, Ruben T., Waynesboro, Miss.
 Hoff, Martha Mrs., Evansville, Wis.
 Huffer, Vinton E., Oelwein, Iowa
 Meyer, Eugene J. O., Milwaukee, Wis.
 Nash, Clara A. (Mrs. Leslie L.), Chariton, Iowa
 Preslar, V. W., Bogota, Tenn.
 Ripley, Floyd Erle, Mellen, Wis.
 Samuelson, Mrs. George, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Sparks, John T., Brighton, Tenn.
 Williams, Patrick H., New Smyrna, Fla.
 Names removed from ministerial list during the month of September 1942.
 Babbitt, Ray, Pleasanton, Tex. (Withdrawn)
 Smith, James O., Lazear, Colo. (Deceased)

TRYING TIMES

The medical director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene reports that fifty-eight per cent of all the hospital beds in the United States are now occupied by the mentally ill. And no wonder, with war news on the radio, headlines screaming, and the tempo of life stepped up so in these trying times. Nowhere can more timely advice be found than in the Scriptural command, "Study to be quiet." Never was there greater need of following Jesus' advice about going into the closet and shutting the door. In many homes today the best thing that can be done is to silence the radio, stop all talking for at least thirty minutes a day, and prove that precious promise in Isa. 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee."

WITNESSING IN SPANISH PRISON CAMPS

Since the war in Spain, many believers have been, and still are, in prison, but this has frequently turned out unto the furtherance of the Gospel. The most striking case of this that I have come across is of the leader of a little group of believers connected with the Brethren, "somewhere in Spain," and his story is worth telling in full.

One day during the summer of 1936 he and his wife were feeling unusually depressed, and before they retired for the indispensable siesta they decided to have prayer together, which was not their usual custom before their midday rest. They arose from the siesta feeling altogether different, and ready for anything. Five minutes later he was arrested by the Falangists and hand-cuffed, then taken off to the capital of the province in a car.

It was dusk when they set off, and usually anyone taken for "a ride" at that time of the day was left dead by the roadside. His wife and their five children went upstairs to pray. The little boy aged about six prayed that God would bless the naughty Falangists that had taken away his papa, and make them good. (Later on his wife was able to visit him in prison and told him of this prayer. When he related it to others in the prison it made a great impression upon his fellow-prisoners.)

When he started off in the car he was expected to be shot at any moment, but he started a conversation with his captors during which he used the phrase "if God will." This led to a conversation on religion and they became interested. Instead of shooting him they treated him quite well, and eventually left him in one of the prisons of the city. (About 630 were confined in a prison designed for 80.)

After some days in this prison he was taken apart with two other young men, and they were all three shut up in a room by themselves for a time. They thought this was a preliminary to their being shot and his two companions were greatly frightened. He began to speak to them about their souls, and among other things told them the story of the three Hebrew youths in the furnace, and their trust in God. He said God could save them from this difficulty, but in any case it did not matter what happened to their bodies if their souls were safe.

They were greatly impressed, and he asked if they would like him to pray. He then prayed, and one of them repeated the phrases after him. When they rose from their knees, one said: "I feel altogether different, something has happened inside" (putting his hand on his breast). "I do not mind what happens now." The other one said: "I have only once heard anyone pray like that, and he was not a Christian, he was a Protestant!"

For some unknown reason they were not shot after all, and were sent back to their cell. Some days later, seventeen from this prison were re-

moved to a small prison in another town, and among the seventeen were our friend and these two young men, who by now were definitely converted. It turned out later that our friend was included in this number by mistake. If he had remained, as was intended, in the former prison, he would almost certainly have been shot, as all those from his home town were shot after he left.

In the second place of captivity there were only about 230 prisoners and these were gradually reduced, mainly by shooting, to about eighty. Then three officers from that district were killed in battle by the Republican army, and as reprisals 300 prisoners in various prisons of the district were ordered to be shot.

Eighteen was the quota from this particular prison, and their names were chosen by lot. Then the leader of the firing squad asked for another eighteen on his own account, and though the Governor of the prison at first refused, he was compelled by force to hand over another eighteen, also chosen by lot. It is worthy of note that both in the former shooting and in these two groups that were chosen by lot, our friend and the two young men, escaped every time.

On the first Sunday spent in prison they were all ordered to go to Mass and to confess. Our friend, of course, refused and did not go. The prisoners returned from Mass cursing the priest, and were amazed to find that our friend was not executed. They quite expected he would have been shot without trial for refusing to go to Mass. They had been given the penance of reciting the rosary every night, which they did. Our friend and the two young men suggested that as their religion was different and they could not join in the rosary, they would like to have their religious devotions after the others had concluded. They also invited any to accompany them who wished. Quite a number did so, and our friend read a passage from Scripture, with a brief explanation and prayer.

After a few days they all said they were tired of telling their beads and wanted to have the reading of Scripture, etc., instead, as this did them much more good. Later on they suggested that as the Word of God was such a help to their souls they would like to have it in the morning as well, so they were holding morning and evening worship each day, without any interruption from their jailers, strange to say.

When the men went the first time to confession a priest gave a Roman Catholic book of devotions to one of the prisoners. He showed it to our friend, who found in it a beautiful hymn written by Saint Theresa. This is a hymn that is in nearly all our Spanish hymn books. He began to sing it and one of the prisoners was so struck by it that he asked him to teach him the tune, and soon all the prisoners in the cell were singing it. So they added the hymn to their daily worship. Then he taught them other hymns, and many of the prison-

ers copied these in their letters to their wives and families. All these letters were censored, of course, but the governor of the prison was evidently a religious man. He thought our friend was the author of these hymns and considered him a good influence in the prison. The men in the next cell heard the singing and wanted to learn the hymns and read the New Testament as well. This was passed in to them and they commenced the daily readings.

After more than four months he was released without having undergone a trial, as there was nothing that could be brought against him. As a result of the daily worship and private conversations at least twelve of his fellow-prisoners definitely accepted Christ as their Saviour.

It is worthy of note that when he was arrested his New Testament was taken away. He asked for its return as it was indispensable for his soul. It was not returned, however, until just as he was leaving the first prison for the second; as they were transferred from one prison to another they were not searched again, so he was able to keep it.

This friend told me of another incident in his home town of trouble leading to blessing. One lad, who had occasionally attended the meetings, was severely beaten because of his supposed sympathies with the Republicans. The authorities then discovered a Gospel of Luke in his pocket, so they decided to make an example of him. They took him to several villages and beat him mercilessly in each village square. As a result he was very ill for four or five months, but eventually recovered, and was released. This ill-treatment as a result of the Gospel being found on his person led to his taking a greater interest in the Gospel, and shortly after his release he was soundly converted.—From a recent issue of *Tidings From Spain*.

Preaching with a Biblical basis is the clamant need of the hour both for the revitalizing of the life and witness of the Church and the spiritualizing of every man's thought and conduct. "If the Church is to repossess its faith," states the report of the Madras International Missionary Council, "one indispensable thing demanding special emphasis today is the continuous nourishing of its life upon the Bible." As E. R. Micklem writes: "A very common difficulty in these days is not theoretical atheism, but practical atheism. With our minds we believe in the existence of God, but we have sore difficulty in feeling that He is real, actual. There is no remedy for this defect equal to that of soaking ourselves in the Bible, which is the literature of men to whom God was very present, and where God meets us on every page. It is largely because we fail to do this, and because our conversation and our reading are in this sense so atheistic, that we are deplorably lacking in vital faith."—H. Escott.

REPORTS from the REAPERS

GEORGETOWN, S. C.—We recently closed a successful revival with Nell Smith of Atlanta, Ga., as our evangelist. According to my understanding, 10 were saved, 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 7 united with the church.—H. T. Walker, Pastor.

HAYS, KANSAS—We praise the Lord for His blessings during the two years of labors in this new field. With the help of the faithful saints and evangelists, we have seen many victories in the name of the Lord. The last meeting was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Spencer, pastors of Gospel Gleaners Church of Bakersfield, Calif. Souls were saved and filled with the Spirit, and the ministry of Brother and Sister Spencer was a great blessing to the church. We are entering the evangelistic field.—Max and Mae Johnson, Pastors.

ENTERPRISE, ALA.—The Fifth Sunday Rally of Southeast Section No. 2 was held here August 30, with Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Pippin as hosts. About 18 ministers were present. A number of inspiring messages and exhortations were delivered and the presence of the Lord was felt throughout the day. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all. The next Fifth Sunday Rally will be held at Chancellor, November 29.—H. S. Pippin, Pastor.

IRVINGTON, ALA.—When I arrived here I found a nice band of saints who had been praying for God to send them a shepherd. They felt their prayers had been answered and gave me a call. This was in November, 1941. We have had two revivals this year. Our first evangelist was Ruben Hightower of Waynesboro,

Miss., and the second, Ted Smith of Meridian, Miss. The Lord blessed in both of these revivals, by saving souls. Last night the church gave me another call for a year. Any Council brother passing this way will find a hearty welcome. Irvington is located on U. S. Highway 90, 18 miles south of Mobile.—D. G. Hutto, Pastor.

(Near) RINGWOOD, OKLA.—The Forest Assembly of God, four miles west of Ringwood, just closed a very successful revival with Martha R. Kliever of Enid. Her daughter Lois Jean was pianist and in charge of special music. The Lord blessed every service as the Word went forth under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. The power of God was mightily manifested and people for miles around were drawn to the meetings. Eight were saved, 4 were baptized in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and the saints were revived. We praise God for the young men who left their cigarettes at the altar. One was a soldier, who had never heard about the need of being born again. A water baptismal service will be held next Sunday.—G. A. Ott, Pastor.

TENNESSEE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 17th Annual Council of the Tennessee District convened at the First Assembly of God, Dyersburg, Tenn. C. N. Rice is pastor. I feel confident that I am expressing the sentiment of the entire District when I say, "This was the best Council in every respect that Tennessee has ever had." H. E. Waddle, who has served the District so faithfully and efficiently for the past two years as Superintendent, was re-elected on the nominating ballot. J. B. McIntosh was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer on the nominating ballot. The Superintendent's and Secretary's reports showed a tremendous increase in the establishing of new works, and in the spiritual and financial development of the District, for which everyone is profoundly grateful. Several good and able ministers have transferred into this District and are now doing very commendable work. We feel that with the excellent leadership of our dear Brother Waddle as Superintendent, and with the co-operation of our faithful ministers, this beautiful "Volunteer" State is on a forward march for God!—J. B. McIntosh, District Secretary-Treasurer.

BEARDEN, ARK.—We are thanking the Lord for the splendid revival God gave us recently. Evangelist Gene Turner, formerly of Bauxite, was in charge. God made His Word a great blessing to the large crowds that filled the building. Four were saved, and others sought to be filled with the Spirit. Some were prayed for the healing of their bodies.—Jess L. Bowen, Pastor.

FAIRGROVE, MO.—Peace Chapel has just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelists Gladys Lutke and Frances Wester. God poured out His Spirit in a marvelous way, messages and interpretations being given in almost every service. The Holy Ghost wrought a work in every heart, which brought a great revival. Ten found salvation, others were reclaimed, sick bodies were healed, and hungry ones filled with the Spirit. Sister Lutke conducted children's church every night, proving a great blessing to the children.—Harry Collison, Pastor.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.—The Labor Day Rally of the Anthracite C. A.'s was held in the M. E. church on Parish Street, in this city, under the auspices of the C. A.'s of the Church of the Lighted Cross, of which Byron D. Jones is pastor. A goodly number gathered at the afternoon service where the presence and power of God was indeed felt. The messages of the young people were instructive and inspiring, lifting our souls nearer to God. The main speaker of the afternoon and evening was Fred Fide, whose ministry was very much appreciated. In the afternoon he spoke from Judges 8:18b, emphasizing the fact of our resemblance to the King. "The G at Potentate" was the message of the evening, his text being taken from 1 Tim. 6:15. In spite of gas rationing, the rally was well attended, 514 being present in the evening service. The rally ended with shouts of praise and victory, and our hearts were encouraged to continue on.—F. S. Van Meter, Moosic, Pa.

Coming Meetings

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

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LAPORTE, IND.—701 Lincoln Way East, Nov. 1—; B. E. Hillman, Byesville, Ohio, Evangelist.—Roy J. Davidson, Pastor.
OAKLAND, CALIF.—Second Annual Missionary Convention, 25th Ave. at E. 14th St., Nov. 1-8. Missionaries will address all meetings. L. R. Keys, special evening speaker.—R. H. Moon, Pastor.
PITTSFIELD, ILL.—Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 26, 7:30 p. m. All neighboring assemblies urged to come and bring specials.—G. H. Hollister, Pastor.
MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS—Oct. 19—Nov. 1; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist.—L. Glen Ahlf, Pastor.
MARSHALL, MO.—Nov. 1-22; W. O. Cox, Evangelist. Neighboring assemblies invited to co-operate.—V. L. Hertweck, Pastor.
RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—8th and Quincy Sts., Nov. 1—; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Argue, Winnipeg, Canada, Evangelists.—M. C. Nelson, Pastor.
BUFFALO, N. Y.—Riverside Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 27—; Dot and Homer Thropp, Greensburg, Pa., Evangelists. Broadcast, Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9:15 a. m., Station WHLD, Niagara Falls, 1290 kilos.—Gordon R. Bender, Pastor.
SEATTLE, WASH.—753 North 35th St., Nov. 1-22; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallowh—Willis E. Smith, Pastor.
OSBORNE, KANSAS—Nov. 2-15; Wesley Goodwin, Evangelist.—Everett Ewing, Pastor.
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—7th and Riverview Ave., Oct. 11—; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Long, Evangelists.—H. B. Garlock, Pastor.
WYCKOFF, N. J.—Special Meetings: Nov. 1, David Leigh, West Hartford, Conn.; Nov. 1-15, Evangelist Peter Bedzyk; Nov. 7-8, Flem Van Meter, District Superintendent.—Lyman Hoover, Pastor.
EAST ALTON, ILL.—Oct. 21, for 2 weeks or longer; J. C. Dove, Evangelist.—L. L. Ferguson, Pastor.
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—Burbank Blvd. and Farmdale, Oct. 18—; John Bostrom, Evangelist.—F. T. Curry, Pastor.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS

Fremont Tabernacle, Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 18-25; Paynesville, Minn., Oct. 25-27; Willmar, Minn., Oct. 28-Nov. 1; Sisseton, S. Dak., Nov. 2-5; Fergus Falls, Minn., Nov. 6-8; Thief River Falls, Minn., Nov. 9-10.
For further information write E. E. Krogstad, Gospel Tabernacle, West 5th St. at Minnesota Ave., Willmar, Minn.
CHAMBERSBURG, PA.—Washington and Third Sts., Oct. 27-Nov. 15; Gay Benson, Evangelist.—Wilton T. Wells, Pastor.
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—7th and Riverview Ave., Special Homecoming, Oct. 25. All-day services at which three former pastors will speak: 11:00, Henry Hoar, 3:00, Roy Scott, 7:30, William Long, closing a 2-week revival.—H. B. Garlock, Pastor.

HIGHLANDS, TEXAS—Oct. 12—; William A. Ward, Washington, D. C. Evangelist.—E. L. Mason, Pastor.

ATKIN, MINN.—Oct. 25—Nov. 8; Ray Reine, Grand Forks, N. Dak., Evangelist.—R. E. Smith, Pastor.

BLYTHVILLE, ARK.—Oct. 18—; W. E. Kirsche, Evangelistic Party, Spokane, Wash.—H. E. Simms, Pastor.

MASON CITY, ILL.—Oct. 11—; Evangelist and Mrs. C. Merrill Johnson, Hiawatha, Kansas.—Paul Wharton, Pastor.

MONMOUTH, ILL.—Oct. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Evangelists.—Robert Shaw, Pastor.

KIOWA, KANSAS—Oct. 18, for 2 weeks or longer; John Baine, Evangelist.—Helen Pratt, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—439 W. Anaheim St., Oct. 25—Nov. 8; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—E. W. Mincey, Pastor.

ABINGDON, ILL.—Oct. 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Victory Sisters, Evangelists.—Roy F. Meredith, Pastor.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—Hudson Blvd. at 51st St., Oct. 25—Nov. 1; Evangelist Wm. Nagel, speaker.—N. Nikoloff, Pastor.

SANTA ROSA, CALIF.—Nov. 1—; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists.—M. P. Bohnet, Pastor.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Rhode Island at 14th St., Nov. 1-22; Max and May Johnson of Hays, Evangelists.—P. D. Pittman, Pastor.

UKIAH, CALIF.—Gospel Tabernacle, Oct. 27-30. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists.—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Murray, Pastors.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—Central Gospel Tabernacle; Oct. 11, for 3 weeks; Olga V. Olsson, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist.—Wesley R. Hurst, Pastor.

WHISTLER, ALA.—Emmanuel Assembly of God, Oct. 18—; Paul W. Harrington, Abernathy, Texas, Evangelist.—James W. Goodwin, Pastor.

OWENSBORO, KY.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, 1020 Crabtree; meeting in progress; Charles Shaffer, York, Pa., Evangelist.—Leonard M. Campbell, Pastor.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—1230 Leishman Ave.; Nov. 3, for 3 weeks or longer; W. E. Duncan, Evangelist.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

LANCASTER, PA.—West Orange and Concord Sts., Oct. 25—Nov. 15; Kenneth Haystead, Evangelist.—Boston W. Turner, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Maple and Lucas Drive; Oct. 25, for 3 weeks or longer; Gladys Pearson and Margaret Plunkett, Evangelists.—Ray R. Soper, Pastor.

ST. PAUL, MINN.—Holly and MacKubin Sts.; Oct. 27, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. D. W. Waltrman, Chicago, Ill.—Albin G. Johnson, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—916 F Street N. E., Oct. 11-25; L. J. Philip, Everett, Wash., Evangelist.—Herbert A. Nunley, Pastor.

GRAND RIVER, IOWA—Oct. 16—; Charlotte Rodgers, Topeka, Kansas, Evangelist.—Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McGhghy, Pastors.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—64th and Figueroa Sts., Oct. 18—; George Simonson, Evangelist.—John Bunyan Lilley, Pastor.

BRANCH, MO.—Oct. 4—; Gladys Lutke, Denver, Colo., and Frances Wester, Seymour, Mo., Evangelists. Floyd Grant is pastor.—By Evangelists.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—205 Atlantic Ave., Oct. 27, for 2 weeks; C. Stanley Cooke, Evangelist.—Wm. F. Voordre, Pastor.

OMAHA, NEBR.—19th and Cass, Oct. 28—; Wm. F. A. Gierke, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—L. E. King, Pastor, 507 N. 19th St.

MUNCY, PA.—Near Exchange, on Route 542, Assembly of God, Oct. 28—Nov. 8; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Earl Douglass.—Naomi Sholtis, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS—1326 Jennings Ave.; Oct. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; George Hayes of Houston, Evangelist.—Albert C. Bates, Pastor.

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO—Oct. 11—Nov. 1; Homer F. Rugwell, Evangelist, assisted by Earl Waugh, Song Leader. W. V. Kononen is pastor.—By Evangelist.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE, WIS.—13th and Michigan Sts., Oct. 13-25; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Walterman, Singing Evangelists of Chicago.—George Samuelsen, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—16760 Lahser Ave.; Nov. 1, for 2 weeks; Charles M. Shatter, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist. James A. Davis is pastor.—Mrs. Bertha March, Church Secretary.

TORONTO, CANADA—833 St. Clair Ave. W.; Oct. 11, for 3 weeks or longer; Edna Koonce and Pansy Sample, St. Louis, Mo., Evangelists.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.

FORT FRANCES, ONTARIO—Calvary Tabernacle; Oct. 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Swanson, San Francisco, Calif., Evangelists.—Ernest Mobbs, Box 316.

KIRBY, W. VA.—Oct. 6-25; Mary Manclovlch, Martin, Pa., and Ruth Fitzwater, Swanton, Md., Evangelists. This is a new work. Neighboring assemblies cordially invited to attend.—Bernice Bush, Pastor.

TOLEDO, OHIO—Bible Conference, Oct. 20-21. Afternoon session will be round-table discussion for pastors and their wives. District Superintendent G. F. Lewis, main speaker. Room and breakfast provided by local church.—W. J. Domm, Pastor.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Homecoming, October 25. All former members and pastors invited to be with us. Dorothy M. Hoppel and Superintendent V. G. Griesen, former pastors, have been invited as special speakers.—P. D. Pittman, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Annual Missionary Convention, East 55th St. and Lexington Ave., Oct. 22—Nov. 1. B. E. Mahan, Washington, D. C., evening speaker. Evangelist Theodore Ness, Minneapolis, Minn., will direct the singing; Einar Waermo will be with us for a time. Missionaries will speak twice daily.—D. P. Holloway, Pastor.

NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO—Southeastern Ohio Ministers' Conference. Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Beaver Ave. N. E., Oct. 29-30. District Superintendent G. F. Lewis will be in charge. Hotel rooms furnished free to ministers and their wives. Make reservation before Oct. 21 by writing to I. D. Griffith, P. O. Box 227, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Monthly Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 29, at same place.—I. D. Griffith.

GALENA, KANSAS—Services commemorating 39 years of Pentecost in this city, Oct. 27-29. Services and speakers: Tuesday morning, V. G. Griesen; afternoon, E. S. Williams; Wednesday morning, G. W. Harcastler; afternoon, Lee Krupnick. Thursday morning, V. Leny Hertweck; afternoon, W. C. Shackelford. Wm. Stevens, Evangelist, will be evening speaker, as we shall be in a revival.—G. P. Hertweck, Pastor.

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The Texas District Fall Conventions will begin as follows: At 10:30 the first day; then three services daily, 10:30, 2:00, and 8:00. All ministers and workers are urged to attend the meetings both days.

Tyler Section, Kilgore, Oct. 20-21. Lufkin Section, Palestine, Oct. 22-23. Waco Section, Marlin, Oct. 27-28. Ft. Worth Section, Boyd, Oct. 29-30.

Beaumont Section, Ave. A and Wall St., Beaumont, Nov. 3-4.

Houston Section, Magnolia Park Church, Houston, Nov. 5-6.

Yoakum Section, Edna, Nov. 10-11.

Corpus Christi Section, Hillcrest Church, Corpus Christi, Nov. 12-13.

For information about Conventions write District Superintendent F. D. Davis, or District Secretary-Treasurer C. P. Robison, 2100 Belle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.

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

OSCEOLA, MO.—Fellowship Meeting, Sedalia Section, Nov. 11. Services 10:30 and 2:30. Dinner served on grounds. Pastors with representatives from their churches urged to attend, as this is a new work. Robert L. Oney is pastor.—Stephen Vandermerwe, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer.

FULTON, ILL.—Sectional District Fellowship Meeting and Church Dedication, Assembly of God, on Lincoln Highway, Route 30, Nov. 11. Services 2:30, 6:30, and 7:30. Basket supper. Speakers: H. A. Stenme and W. R. Williamson. All churches invited to attend this last great rally here before gas rationing.—A. J. Wells, Pastor.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Pastoral
Clifford Truitt, 842 N. Grant, Springfield, Mo.—"Have resigned the pastorate at Clinton, Mo."

Pastoral
Richard B. Yunker, P. O. Box 45, Union Beach, N. J.—"In fellowship with General Council."

Evangelistic
Hattie Coffee Jennings, 1935 Vine St., Paso Robles, Calif.—"After establishing and pastoring the church at Sharp, Okla., for the past six years, have resigned and shall be open for evangelistic calls. Reference: G. W. Harcastler, 1324 N. W. 10th St., Oklahoma City, Okla., or W. S. Bragg, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Box 1147, Alton, Mo.—Jess McGuire.

NOTICE—Our Assembly of God broadcast has been changed to 3:00-3:30 p. m., Thursdays, Station WLDS, Jacksonville, Ill.—Edith Swope, Pastor, Roodhouse Assembly.

NOTICE—All persons moving to the vicinity of the Dow Magnesium Plant at Marysville, Mich., will receive a warm welcome at the Assembly of God, Fifth and Pine Sts., St. Clair, Mich.—William Loukes, Pastor.

NOTICE—We welcome all defense workers moving into the St. Paul area to fellowship with us at St. Paul Gospel Temple, Holly and MacKubin Sts., St. Paul, Minn.—Albin G. Johnson, Pastor.

NOTICE—If you have friends or relatives stationed at Livermore Naval Air Base, we shall be happy to contact them and be a help to them.—Carl T. Carlio, Pastor, Wayside Chapel, 563 North L. St., Livermore, Calif.

NOTICE—Soldiers stationed at Fort Custer, also Coast Guards in training near Battle Creek, will find a hearty welcome at the Church of the Four Fold Gospel, 303 Capital Ave. N. E., Battle Creek, Mich.—Chas. W. H. Scott, Pastor. Telephone 2-7010 or 5441.

NOTICE—All persons moving to Santa Ana, Calif., or vicinity will find a hearty welcome at the Assembly of God, 1600 W. Third St. If you will send us their names and addresses, we shall be glad to give them any spiritual help possible.—Pastor and Mrs. J. A. Linn, 1336 W. Third St., Santa Ana, Calif.

NOTICE—If those having relatives or friends stationed at Camp Howze will send us their names and addresses, we shall do our best to contact them. All soldiers will find a hearty welcome at the Assembly of God, 1611 East Broadway, Gainesville, Texas. The parsonage is located adjacent to the church.—Pastor E. R. Wilkinson, Box 30, Gainesville, Texas.

NOTICE—If those having boys stationed in or near San Bernardino will send us their names and company number, we shall be glad to contact them and be of any spiritual assistance we can. Those moving to this vicinity will find a church home at the First Assembly of God, Fourth and Sierra Way, San Bernardino, Calif.—F. C. Woodworth, Pastor, 724 Twenty-first St. Telephone 24433.

NOTICE—When moving to defense areas, are the members and friends of your congregations finding a church home where they may care for their spiritual needs? Those moving to Long Beach or vicinity will find a cordial welcome at the friendly Long Beach Assembly of God, 439 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach, Calif. If you will send their names and addresses to Pastor E. W. Mincey, 439 W. Anaheim St., workers will immediately contact them.—By Pastor.

BROADCASTS

Assembly of God Broadcast, Tuesdays, 2:00-2:30 p. m., Station WPAD, Paducah, Ky.—Joseph E. Cox, Pastor.

Full Gospel Broadcast, Thursdays, 2:15 p. m., Station WOPI, Bristol, Tenn., 1490 kilos, conducted by J. B. Woolums, pastor of Berea Assembly, Johnson City, Tenn.

"The Bible Broadcast," Station WKPA, 1150 kilos, Sundays 1:30-2:00 p. m.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor, Gospel Tabernacle, 1230 Leishman Ave., New Kensington, Pa.

"Precious Promise" program, Station KRLC, 1400 kilos, Sundays 5:30-6:00 p. m., sponsored by Prayer League Tabernacle, Lewiston, Idaho.—H. G. Griffin, Pastor and director.

October 1-6 Inclusive

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Arlton Bethel Assembly	4.75
Beaverton Sharon Chapel A of G	12.00
Birmingham (East) Assembly of God	3.00
Clio Glad Tidings Assembly	2.50
Copeland Assembly of God	2.31
Ophelia West End Assembly of God	2.00
Phenix City Girard Assembly of God	30.41
Piper-Coleman Assembly of God	1.00
Sayreton Assembly of God SS	1.22
Troy Assembly of God	1.77
ARIZONA Personal Offerings	6.75
Douglas Assembly of God	23.00
Miami Assembly of God	10.00
Phoenix Glad Tidings Tabernacle	13.00
Somerton Assembly of God	2.50
Superior Assembly of God SS	1.82
Tucson Assembly of God Ch & SS	25.00
ARKANSAS Personal Offerings	53.00
Berryville Assembly of God	3.10
Dardanelle Assembly of God SS	7.25
England Assembly of God	3.10
Eureka Springs Assembly of God	2.75
Gateway Full Gospel Assembly	9.54
Havana Assembly of God Church	2.40
Hot Springs First Assen of God Ch	26.00
Huttig Assen of God SS CA & WMC	1.53
Leachville Happy Corner A of G	1.53
Leslie Assembly of God	1.33
Sandall Assembly of God	1.10
Siloam Assembly of God	5.00

Springdale Assembly of God	9.49
Swifton Sneeds Assembly	5.33
Waldron Assembly of God	5.00
CALIFORNIA Personal Offerings	325.04
Bakersfield (East) Gos. Ch. & SS	2.00
Beaumont Assembly of God	2.00
Bel Gardens First A of G & SS	102.01
Brea Assembly of God	4.00
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District Work	19.21
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Fresno Full Gospel Tabernacle	90.05
Fruitland Church Assembly of God	2.70
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Live Oak Assembly of God	11.00
Lavermore Wayside Chapel	20.00
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Long Beach First Assen of God CA	13.00
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Monrovia Full Gospel Assembly	5.00
Needles Assembly of God Mission	5.25
Ocean Beach Bm Assembly of God	24.45
Pacific Painside Prayer Circle	8.00
Pain City Pentecostal Mission SS	7.47
Palo Alto (East) Community Church	30.25
Paso Robles Church of Full Gos CA	12.00
Selma Full Gospel Church	35.60
Tujunga Open Bible Standard Church	12.80
Tulare Full Gospel Tabernacle	17.34
Victorjo Full Gospel Church	49.14
Vidorville F Gos Ch Int SS Class	5.00
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Woodland Full Gospel Church	35.30
Yuba Full Gospel SS	5.00
Yucaipa Full Gospel Church	6.00
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Canon City Downtown Taber A of G	5.00
Cedarredge Full Gos Mission	1.27
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Pueblo Glad Tidings Tab & WMC	57.00
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Orlando First Pent A of G CA	3.00
Poplar Dell Bethel Chapel	12.27
Southport Assembly of God	4.46
St Petersburg Assembly of God Tab	24.00
St Petersburg Full Gospel Assembly	30.00
Tampa Bible Church of God	15.00
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Augusta Full Gospel Tabernacle	15.00
Columbus East Highland Assen of G	34.52
Columbus 8th Street A of G & CA	4.00
Savannah First Pentecostal A of G	17.19
Stockbridge Assembly of God	1.50
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Firth Tabernacle SS	17.25
ILLINOIS Personal Offerings	74.28
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Memphis First Assen of God & WMC	71.98
Memphis Italian Christian Assembly	35.00
Kipley Whitehead Tabernacle SS	0.25
TEXAS Personal Offerings	122.75
Amarino Assembly of God YF & SS	50.00
Austin Montopolis Assembly of God	2.02
Austin (South) Assembly of God SS	0.50
Beaumont Glad Tidings Assembly	6.75
Center Assembly of God	3.00
Corpus Christi First Assembly of God	10.00
Crockett Porter Springs Assen of G	2.00
Dallas First Assembly of God WMC	5.00
Denison Assembly of God & LMC	32.81
El Paso Latin American Dist Council (Near) Goose Creek Old River F G Ch	93.39
Grandfalls Assembly of God	3.42
(Near) Henderson Carlisle Assen of G	4.75
Highlands Assembly of God	16.30
Highlands Missionary Group	50.00
Hoodday Assembly of God	10.00
Houston Airline Assembly of God	3.00
Houston Heights Assen of God WMC	4.00
Leonard Assembly of God SS	1.00
Lutkin Assembly of God	4.44
Marlin Full Gospel Church	4.00
Munday Iglesia Emmanuel A de Dios	3.50
Odessa Calvary Full Gos Tab SS	4.30
Port Arthur First Assembly of God	12.50
Port Arthur North End A of G	8.00
San Antonio Govern Hill A of G T	10.00
Seury Assembly of God	2.50
Slaton Assembly of God	3.45
Smithville Assembly of God SS	2.00
Surray Assembly of God	6.13
Tyler Assembly of God	12.55
Vernon Assembly of God	5.00
VERMONT Plainfield Emmanuel Pentecostal Church	5.00
VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	5.00
Ashland Calvary Pentecostal Tab	16.21
Ft Blackmore First Pent Church	2.00
Hickory Grove Full Gos Church & SS	7.45
St Paul Assembly of God & SS	5.00
WASHINGTON Personal Offerings	510.50
Bellair Pentecostal Church	14.50
Cosmopolis Bethel Temple & SS	15.50
Conlee City Grace Full Gospel YP	16.25
Lynden Pentecostal Church YP	2.00
Metaline Falls Assembly of God	17.45
Newburg Full Gospel Assembly of God	12.50
Pleasant Valley Full Gospel Church	20.00
Richland Assembly of God	7.61
Tacoma Pentecostal Tab Crusaders	5.00
Union Gap Assembly of God SS	13.83
Wenatchee Full Gos A of G Ch & SS	52.00
WEST VIRGINIA Personal Offerings	1.00
Hotchkiss Assembly of God	1.00
Ronda Assembly of God	1.00
Yellow Springs Prayer Band	9.05
WISCONSIN Personal Offerings	82.00
Ft Atkinson Gospel Tabernacle	7.00
Mellen Assembly of God	3.60
Oshkosh Gospel Tabernacle SS	20.00
Watertown Assembly of God	11.01
Wisconsin Rapids Hollywood Com	6.75
WYOMING Personal Offerings	.50
Rozet Pentecostal Assembly of God	4.00
ALASKA Ketchikan Gospel Tabernacle	11.72
CANADA Personal Offerings	2.00
MISCELLANEOUS	78.50
Total Amount Reported	9,997.97
Home Missions Fund	1,172.61
Office Expense Fund	200.54
Literature Expense Fund	17.25
Reported Given Direct for Home Missions	542.49
Reported Given Direct to Missionaries	296.30
Total	2,229.19
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	\$7,768.78