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Onward to Victory

Noel Perkin

A most unusual conference of missionaries was held recently in Springfield, with 58 missionaries present, representing over 18 different countries. The purpose of the gathering was that we might prayerfully consider the needs of the mission field in the light of present world conditions and determine by the help of the Lord how most effectively to meet these needs. Consideration was also given to the probable situation that will confront us in the post-war era so that we might be making tentative plans for a great forward move as soon as the doors again swing open to greater missionary endeavor.

Sessions were conducted in the chapel at Central Bible Institute and it was very remarkable how God seemed to have prepared even the students in that for a week or more prior to the gathering of the missionaries, the Lord had been moving very graciously upon the student body filling many anew with the fullness of the Spirit and calling others to renewed consecration. No special effort had been made to stir the students since few really knew of the contemplated conference, while those who did thought it would be for the missionaries alone. However, at the last moment, it was decided to invite the entire student body and faculty of the school. The interest was intense throughout the entire three-day period as missionary addresses were given portraying the needs of various parts of

the world and the challenge that is presented to the true followers of the Lord to enter into the harvest wherever and whenever there is an opportunity.

The messages were not given at random, but were all directed to answer as definitely as possible the questions as to what the need is on each field represented and how this need can be met both now and in the period after the war. Everyone recognized the uncertainty of the future, and the glad possibility of the return of our Lord at any time was not overlooked; nevertheless, it was felt very strongly that an active church, busily occupied in her Lord's business, is most likely to be a prepared church. It is the "going" church which has the promise of our Lord's presence. Nothing is more clearly in accord with God's will than that which is directed to the carrying out of the great command to preach the gospel in all the world and to every creature.

Addresses were given by H. C. Osgood of China; A. A. Blakeney of North India; C. L. Maloney of South India; Mary Martin of Liberia; A. E. Wilson of Ivory Coast; W. L. Shirer of Gold Coast; J. L. Franklin of Central America; I. L. Beck of Palestine; Kenneth Short of Dutch East Indies; N. Nikoloff of Bulgaria and Eastern Europe; and L. McKinney of Malay States and South China. Every address was

well prepared and had its distinctive message and challenge. Some of these may be published later in the Evangel.

Just to pick out a few high lights of thought gathered from the various talks: Mention was made at the beginning of the meetings that the Assemblies of God is actively engaged on fifty fronts in addition to our varied ministry in the homeland. In consideration of the needs of these fields and the opportunities we see ahead it was suggested that we seek to raise not less than a million dollars for advance moves as opportunity affords. Some indication of the spirit of the meetings is revealed by the remark of our General Superintendent, who after listening to the various messages, challenged the correctness of such an estimate and recommended that we substitute five million dollars as our objective.

Africa was presented to the gathering as a great open door calling for help, with almost unparalleled opportunities east and west and south. We cannot speak too positively regarding transportation to the field, but there is an indication that it may be possible within the near future to send out missionaries to the dark continent, although for a time we may be able to send only young men.

Our speaker from Latin America stated that sometime ago a member of another denomination asked, "How do you account for the growth of your work in Central America?" To which he replied, "We attribute it to the working of the Holy Spirit. We have been counting on Him to raise up native ministers and qualify them for service. It has been a case of the Lord working.

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Reading from left to right—FIRST ROW: Fred Vogler; Alice Stewart, Helen Gustavson, North China; Beatrice and Thelma Hildebrand, Mrs. L. Bolton, Mrs. H. C. Osgood, Southwest China; Grace Nicholson, North China; Ruth Johnson, Mary Martin, Liberia; Mrs. Vivian Smith, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Ivory Coast; Mrs. E. H. Simmons, Louise Hackert, Elizabeth Maynard, Mrs. A. J. Prinic, Liberia.

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FOURTH ROW: F. L. Kitch, V. Smith, Ivory Coast; W. L. Shirer, Gold Coast; N. H. Barth, Japan; N. Nikoloff, G. Kinderman, Europe; J. L. Franklin, Guatemala; A. E. Wilson, Ivory Coast; A. A. Blakeney, North India; H. G. Downey, Belgian Congo; A. J. Prinic, Liberia; L. O. McKinney, Malaya.

FIFTH ROW: W. I. Evans, J. Wannemacher, J. R. Flower, E. S. Williams.

Experiences Along the Burma Road

LEONARD G. BOLTON, OF SOUTHWEST CHINA, AT THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

In World War I, I was in Flanders. I lay gassed and wounded, my eyesight gone; but when I came back to consciousness I saw Jesus. I saw His hands scarred for me, and His brow that was pierced with cruel thorns. The Lord spoke to my heart and said, "I have brought you through the valley of the shadow of death; I want your life service for Me." I answered, "Yes, Lord, I will give my life service for You if You will give me back my eyesight," for I was blind. For ten days or more I could not see. As I dedicated my life service for God my eyesight came back. I can say, "Once I was blind, but now I can see."

I said, "Lord, I'll go where You want me to go—but don't send me to China." I had an uncle cruelly murdered in China at the time of the Boxer uprisings. But if we are willing to ask God to lead us, we find that His ways are best. I praise God that He gave me grace to yield to His call to go to China.

Nearly nineteen years ago I arrived in Rangoon in Burma and made my way into the interior. There was no back door of China, at that time—no Burma road. One had to travel on horseback day after day. For nearly six weeks I traveled on horseback to Upper Burma, then on into Yunnan Province of China and to the Tibetan border. God was with us in a wonderful way. We met a band of about thirty bandits who tried to take all the silver I had, but the power of God came on me and I felt like "one chasing a thousand." The Lord took control of my tongue so that I spoke in a language I had never learned, but the robbers understood, were scared and ran away. In this case tongues were "a sign . . . to them that believe not" of the presence and power of God. 1 Cor. 14:22.

When I got into the interior I met Tibetans who greet one another by sticking out their tongues. These Tibetans would come with buttered tea, put out their tongues in greeting, and expect me to drink the tea. I would look in the tea, which was mixed with salt and stale butter, and see hairs floating about and perhaps a louse or something else. But when they smile and put out their tongue they expect you to drink their tea, and you have to drink it. We pray before we drink it; we ask the Lord to help us, and then we drink; and after we get it down we pray that the Lord will help us keep it down!

Well, when I saw these people I said, "Lord. You must do something for me or I cannot love them." And the Lord showed me myself before His precious Blood was applied. We may be dressed in fine clothes and be fixed up outwardly, but God looks at the heart. I saw myself as one of these Tibetan natives who had never washed. Jesus said, "I loved you when you were unlovely. Can't you love these people for Me?" And such a divine love came into my heart for them that I found I was able to go to their homes and eat with them and go on journeys with them and sleep with them. I was able to live with them for months at a time and that is the way we win them for Jesus.

So we thank God for what has been done on the Tibetan border and among the tribespeople in the Upper Himalayas in Upper Burma and in China. My wife and I have spent many years among these people. God has worked among them in a wonderful way. We have gone to their lamasaries where the priests lacerate their bodies and bow to idols of wood and stone. When they die their bodies are taken to the top of the lamasary and the birds come and eat them and they think their souls are wafted into Buddha's heaven.

When we went to them for the first time they were robbing one another and killing one another, but as we have taken Jesus to them we have seen second-generation Christians growing

up and they are now serving the Lord. Whole villages have turned to our Lord Jesus, built their own chapels and begun bringing their tithes to Him. We would have chickens and eggs and corn and wheat and all kinds of things brought in for a Sunday morning offering. We would sell this and buy rice and send out natives to preach to their own people.

We were asked to come down from the Tibetan border to the Burma Road, which was being made at that time, and take over the school for missionaries' children. During the past two years we have been living on the Burma Road.

China has been fighting this terrible war for nearly six years. The front door being closed, a back door had to be made. And so the Burma Road was built—1,000 miles long, going over twenty ranges of mountains, across Burma and into China. The lifeline of China had to be kept open for supplies because the Japanese were coming in and taking city after city in the east. I was there when the road was being made west of Tali, where we lived, and it was pathetic to watch all the people coming from villages round about to work. The Burma Road was not made by modern machinery, such as was used on the Alcan Highway to Alaska, but with the hands of human beings, mostly women and children. Everyone had to go. It was all forced labor. They had to supply their own food. One would see an old woman coming along with a basket on her back and a pick or shovel in her hands; perhaps she had walked 20 miles, bringing her own food and her own mat to lie upon at night, and she would work digging down the mountainside with her hands, and the children would carry the dirt in baskets, thus cutting through the mountains and filling the valleys. So the road was made by thousands of these poor people. Of course, many died on the road. They would sleep on the roadside and as we went back and forth on the road we would see many pathetic sights. We would see children sick and dying. But the lifeline had to be kept open, for the Japanese were coming nearer and nearer.

I drove a truck on this road to get the needed supplies for the children, and I had to be careful. In crossing those high mountain ranges we would drive for forty miles down one mountain range, and across a big suspension bridge, and then drive forty miles more, zig-zagging back up the other mountain range. There were twenty mountain ranges to cross. Either you were a good driver or you went into the ditch. Many times we would be driving along and would see a truck a thousand feet below on the river bed.

When the road was open, thousands of trucks came from America by Lend-Lease, and the drivers came to Rangoon from Singapore and other places to drive the trucks into Free China. The time came when we missionaries were running short of supplies. There was a Chinese college near by and they were getting short of supplies also, so I was asked to take a truck and drive down the Burma Road to get school and college supplies and food and supplies for the missionaries. Food was getting very expensive and scarce; and we needed food and supplies to carry on—for we fully intended to carry on to the last.

So we started, I and another man who had previously been working with the Flying Tigers (the American Volunteer Group) stationed near by. Just previous to this time the air field had been bombed by the Japanese. We knew that the Japanese were trying to cut the road and stop the flow of these vital supplies.

We had not gone very far before we heard of an accident. The wife of an American missionary and an American teacher had gone over a precipice. My little girl and Brother Os-

good's little girl picked flowers for the teacher's funeral. The missionary's wife had not yet fully recovered.

We drove on down the mountainside. Hearing Japanese planes, we parked the truck under a tree and sought shelter. The planes were flying over the mountains looking for this life line. We later found they had gone down to bomb the bridge near by. We waited awhile, then we heard bombs explode, one after another. There were twenty, thirty, fifty—I don't know how many bombs. There were no planes to go up and face them and no guns to fight them off. The Chinese have had to stand up against their enemies at these odds.

We went on and found there were 200 trucks ahead of us which were held up because the bridge had suffered a direct hit. The village near by was burning. On the other side were trucks held up which were coming in the opposite direction, loaded with T. N. T. and other war supplies. The next day the Japanese planes came back and one truck after another went up in flames.

We were held up for two or three days. All we had to eat was potatoes. But the amazing Chinese, in spite of the odds that are against them, carry on. When it was dark they got to work to make a ferry boat out of 50-gallon gasoline drums. In the day time we would hide, but at night we would all go out and ferry back and forth across this big river. The trucks crossed over it at the rate of about seven an hour. Well, at last we got across. It was about midnight when our truck went over. Very tired, we drove on a short distance and then stopped for the night.

We decided we were out of danger and could drive on the next morning. So I put my bedding down on the roadside. It was very hot. There were all kinds of wild animals around, but I felt that if only I could get a good rest I would be able to carry on the next day. So putting my mosquito net over me I lay on the road and went to sleep. Before long I was awakened. Looking up I saw, not very far away, two great big fiery eyes looking at me. One of my friends had shot a tiger a few days before at this same place; there were leopards about, too. I felt for my revolver but couldn't find it. I looked to the Lord. I said, "Lord, just help me now," as this animal came toward me through the darkness. I was scared nearly out of my wits. But as I prayed something happened—a boulder came down from the mountain above. The Lord must have shaken it loose, for it came just at the right time. The eyes were coming toward me when suddenly there came this crashing sound from above, and the animal turned and ran off as fast as he could go. The boulder came right toward where I was. It almost hit me as it went on down and splashed into the river below. I couldn't sleep any more that night, and in the morning we drove on.

In Rangoon my companion got a new truck and I was driving the old truck back full of food supplies. This was before Rangoon fell. We were on our way back and the Japanese spies and fifth columnists were filtering in behind our lines. Anything and everything was happening. There was highway robbery. Trucks were being held up by men with six-shooters. I was coming down over a deep gorge. I got through this gorge with my truck, all right, but my friend didn't. He was driving along slowly. I don't know how it happened but we learned later that the same thing happened to many other trucks. Perhaps someone hiding behind the rocks threw a fire bomb into the back of his truck, though it didn't explode at the time. When he saw that the back of his truck was on fire, he had just time to jump for his life before everything went up in flames—30,000 rupees' worth of precious supplies! He called to me and we salvaged the engine. Then we went on to China with the needed food supplies.

When I left China a few months ago you couldn't buy a pound of coffee for a hundred dollars Chinese currency (\$7.50 U. S. A.), so we in America do not have to complain, do we?

We used to buy a chicken for thirty cents but you cannot buy one now for a hundred dollars. So we had to put water in the coffee and make things last as long as possible. Shortly after that, Rangoon fell into the hands of the Japanese. The war was coming nearer. We were constantly seeing Japanese planes overhead. Many times I would have to get the children out of school to hide while the planes were overhead.

At last the radio told us that the Japanese were not far away. They were coming in on small trucks and motorcycles with machine guns on the handlebars, and refugees were coming up the road by the thousands and tens of thousands. Rich and poor, all had lost everything in Rangoon. Mandalay lay a burning inferno. City after city was falling into Japanese hands. There were millionaires who were homeless within a day's time. They came up the road looking for a place of safety. The Japanese had dropped poison germs, and cholera and other diseases were breaking out among these poor people on the Burma Road.

We had to get the missionaries' children out of bed late one night and put them on the truck and send them to Brother Osgood in Kunming. My wife and I and three children thought we would remain as long as possible. Perhaps the Chinese would be able to stop the enemy. But the enemy kept coming nearer and nearer. We heard how they were killing everybody as they seized one place after another, so one night we ourselves had to leave. Below our path was cut off. Planes which were supposed to be guarding us had been destroyed. Eighteen out of the twenty new American planes that were sent there went up in flames due to the work of fifth-columnists near by. It was too late to go down, so the consul told us to get off the road and trek inland, for the Japanese and fifth-columnists dressed as Chinese and Burmese were all around us.

It began to rain. We thanked God for that, for the Japanese planes couldn't come over in the rain. It rained day after day. My wife and three children (a girl ten, a girl twelve, and my boy who is thirteen) and I had to walk 100 miles. My wife walked through water and mud up to the waist, day after day. Finally we reached a place where we could stay with a missionary friend.

We heard that the Japanese fifth-columnists had surrounded the city in which we formerly had lived, and that plague and famine had broken out there. They couldn't buy rice; the people were so hungry they were actually eating human flesh. So we prayed, "Lord, show us what to do."

Then we heard that the Chinese had stopped the Japanese by blowing up the mountain sides. We thought, "We can't stay here. We must either go back to the Tibetan border or go home to America." As we prayed, the Lord seemed to tell us to trust Him and go on. We decided to try to get through the lines to Kunming and back to India. So after three weeks we trekked back over the same country which we had crossed when we drove down to get supplies. It was so different now. Everyone was dying in all the villages. We heard people groaning. The bodies were being put out on the roadside, for it is not the custom to let people die in the house there. We saw all this as we passed through.

After walking twenty miles a day, we would have to take our clothes off, wring the water out, and put them back on again. At one village I expected to find a market with some food, but we found no one there. They had all died. We had to stay in a house that night, cold and hungry, the five of us, huddled up in the Chinese inn, while we heard jackals and wolves howling as they ate the dead just outside the village.

We prayed, and as we are looking to the Lord a Chinese doctor came along in a Red Cross ambulance. He had war orphan Chinese children with him. Their parents had been killed and the children had seen their mother ravished. The ambulance had been machine-gunned. One part of it was full of bullet holes.

"Do you have room for us?" we asked. He replied, "I think so, if you will pray that the

Lord will give us gas." We had not been in the ambulance for half an hour when planes came overhead. We said, "Just drive on, and we will pray," so he kept on going and we drove on through the rain without stopping. The Lord enabled us to get sufficient gas. The bombs dropped all around, but zigzagging through the mountains as the road winds its way, we got out in safety. Two days later we arrived at Kunming.

There we found a big American transport plane on which we were brought out. We flew over the country in which we had been working these many years. We had to fly at twenty thousand feet above those mountains. As I looked down I could picture coworkers with whom I had traveled day after day, crossing rope bridges and sleeping in caves in the mountains of Upper Burma.

I remember once when a native worker, seeing me too sick to walk, carried me on his back for fourteen days. While carrying me through the jungles, leeches were sucking his very lifeblood. He said, "God gave me strength to carry you, my beloved pastor. I am in debt to you for you

brought the gospel to our village." I saw blood flowing from his loins down because of those terrible leeches. I lived, but he died. He literally gave his life for me in order to bring me back to my wife, when I was too ill to walk through the jungles myself.

As I flew over all this country in which I had labored for these nineteen years, I thanked God for all that He had done. About twenty churches had been established, and thousands of natives had come to a saving knowledge of Christ. Oh, that I had a thousand lives to give to Him who gave His all for me!

We flew over to India and got on a big transport ship. Then we had to dodge submarines on the sea. One day the captain sent word for us to pray. Twelve ships were sunk around us. As we missionaries and refugees prayed, a cloud came down out of heaven and covered that big ship for six hours, and as a result we came through in safety. God is on the throne!

I had a praying mother when I was in the last World War, and as a result I live today. I want to live a poured-out life for God. Don't you?

Defense Work

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"... Knowing that I am set for the defense of the gospel." Phil. 1:17.

I am in defense work. I am proud to be called to that needy work. As an ordained minister of the gospel I feel it my solemn duty to work at this defense job of mine with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We are in a war! It is a battle to the death. No "sit down strikes" must be permitted now. "Absenteeism" from line of duty should be "out for the duration!"

"Oh," you say, "another preacher gone to a defense job?" No. Not to build armaments of human destruction, but as never before, to the DEFENSE "of the faith once delivered to the saints." Jude 3.

One of our ministers recently said that he knew of a large coast church where there were 100 Pentecostal preachers on defense jobs! If this be true, God help us! Now our nation needs men and women too on these jobs. These things are necessary in times like these. But we are suffering a "work stoppage" in the harvest fields of the Lord. Our "manpower shortage" in gospel work is appalling.

Out here in this great and grand old State of Montana to which my wife and I were called of the Lord eleven years ago from my home State of California, we are still finding hungry hearts, and a cry for the real gospel. All these years of pioneering new assemblies and building churches has only served to increase the burden and enlarge the vision. True, many have been the discouragements, battles and heartaches, but it has paid! God has raised up some precious groups of saints for His Name.

Little towns, and fair-sized ones . . . not a salvation sermon preached in years. Many good church people we find are sick and tired of formal-

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ism and modernism. We are now about to buy a couple of lots and an old house to remodel and build to and at last have a nice little Assembly of God church after nine hard months of discouraging pioneer effort.

Now God is moving. Sunday School between 30 and 40, and folks are catching the vision to get behind the Full Gospel, which is new here. The finances are coming in for the building project. About 10 days ago the Lord showed my wife and me His will, and opened the way to get the place just a block from where we are in an old store building. God is confirming what we felt in prayer.

Once a week we go 28 miles north near the Canadian line and hold services in a little border town. Souls have been saved—many are hungry. We need workers to go in there and stay on the field soon. Where are they? Defense work? Oh, for a vision! The people are perishing! Hard as it is on us, and we are young yet (I am 34) we shall continue to take our 3 little girls and reach these needy hearts each Sunday afternoon.

I said we are in a war. But praise God the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds! 2 Cor. 10:4. Jesus is our Captain, and He never lost a battle. As for me and my house we will keep in the fight, by His grace.

Other towns are ripe for a work. We are burdened for two other needy Montana fields. We can't get to them all. We find it takes from a year to three years to get a church established so that we feel it is time to call a pastor and move on. Oh why doesn't someone come and help us? Our District wants pioneer workers who are willing to WORK.

I had rather be "on fire" in DEFENSE of the gospel for the duration of my life, than "frozen" on a defense job in a shipyard for the "duration" of the war! We firmly believe that the little we get financially in this spiritual defense work of the Lord, will do us more good and that we shall be farther ahead in the end than the \$15 to \$20 per day some of us could make in war defense work.

Brethren, LET'S TRUST IN GOD AND KEEP ON THE FIRING LINE FOR JESUS!

SLANDER

"I would rather play with forked lightning," says A. B. Simpson, "or take in my hands living wires, with their fiery currents, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling at others."

Preparing for Christ's Coming

It is written, "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isa. 40:5.

The apostle John spoke concerning this, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father," but only a few saw that glory. But John tells of the day that is coming, when all shall see Him; "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him." Rev. 1:7.

What effect will the coming of Christ have on the world, and what effect will it have on the saints? When the sun rises the bats creep into their holes; but the birds sing for joy as they welcome the glory of the sun. When the glory of the Lord is revealed the wicked will all shrink away, consumed by the brightness of His appearance; but the righteous will bask in the rays of His glory.

God sends beforehand advance rays of glory, anticipating the glory of His appearing. Peter said, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." 1 Peter 4:14. You have a beam from the throne. If the beam is so good, what must be the whole radiance? Compare one ray of light with the splendor of midsummer's noontime sun, which blinds and overwhelms by its intensity.

The revelation of Christ at His second coming will not blind the saint, but it will transform him. John declared, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." 1 John 3:2.

Moses had a faint foretaste of God's glory; and he covered his face with a veil when he came down from the mountain, because the children of Israel could not bear the sight of the reflected glory upon the face of God's prophet.

Upon the mount of transfiguration, not only Christ's face, but His very raiment shone. It was white as the light. The saints will be like Him, their whole being will shine with radiance. Thank God for the earnest—the Spirit of glory and of God—resting upon you. You can have more rays. The more rays you have, the more you will dispel the darkness around you. The Master purposes that each child of God shall be as a light set on a hill, a beacon, a lighthouse.

Light is increasing for the saint, but, alas, darkness is increasing for the sinner. How dark is the darkness of the sinner, and it will deepen into greater darkness. For it is written, "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." Isa. 60:2.

The world boasts of its so-called light of learning, but this in reality is darkness brought on by self-deceit.

The Psalmist wrote of old, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. In proportion as men set aside the Bible, to that degree will they be in darkness. On the one hand there is increasing light for the saint, on the other hand there is deepening gloom for the sinner. If the Bible is dethroned, the light will go out.

Gross darkness is covering the people, who have become so conceited that a film covers their eyes—a film so great that they mistake darkness for light. There are many blind leaders of the blind. God said to His prophet of old, "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and My people love to have it so; and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jer. 5:31.

God has His lights. He says to His saints, "Ye are the light of the world." He is going to intensify the lights He has in the world by giving more and more of the oil of His Spirit. Every virgin can have her vessel filled with oil,

and she can have a vessel as large as she can carry.

Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10. Christ is light, and He has come that we might have light, and have it more abundantly. For He declared, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

The world belittles the light that the saint has, but the world will have a surprise later on. Gideon commanded that lamps be placed in the pitchers that were in the hands of everyone of his three hundred faithfuls. At a given signal from the captain, the vessels were broken and the light shone out. There was a shout from the saints, but confusion in the army of the enemy. Paul speaks

The Pride of Being Something

"Though I Be Nothing"

JOSEPH P. WANNENMACHER

HUMILITY is the frankness of an upright soul that desires only that which it knows to be true; that wills and loves that which is true, even when what is true humiliates and confounds it.

"But wilt thou know, O vain man," (James 2:20) that "if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself?" Gal. 6:3.

This applies to all alike. If anyone, be he who he may, thinks himself to be something—the apostle does not say something great—no! But simply something—if anyone thinks himself to be something, whereas he is nothing, he deceives himself. Therefore, open the eyes of your soul and consider that you are nothing that is good where-with to pride yourself upon being something.

"It is the Lord that hath made us, and not we ourselves." Psalm 100:3. God created us, spirit, soul and body and all that we have, not excepting a single hair; but in creating these things He did not intend, thereby, to abdicate His property to them. All in the order of nature and of grace belongs to Him and is His. He has only lent it to us with the charge to turn it into profit, and at the judgment day to render to Him an exact account of it.

What were you one hundred years ago? You then had nothing whatever of body or soul, no sense of power, no claim whatsoever even to existence. You were something less than the little ant, less than a tiny grain of sand.

You were a mere nothing! And what you then had of yourself the same you still have of yourself. It was necessary for God to give it to you in this very way, in order that you and all men may know that it is absolutely impossible ever to possess anything that comes from yourself and not from Him.

Of your own you have nothing but sin, weakness, and misery; and with regard to those gifts of nature and of grace which you enjoy, as you have received them from God, who is the Principal of your being, so to Him alone is there glory due.

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of the light within the saint, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor. 4:7.

When the Captain of our salvation, the greater than Gideon, gives the word; in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, the saints will be changed; this corruptible will put on incorruption, and this mortal will put on immortality. There will be a triumphant shout and a mighty trump, and the world will be surprised and dumbfounded. On that day the handful belonging to the heavenly Gideon, despised by their enemies, will be seen as triumphant victors. Our Gideon will encourage His faithful ones. Therefore strengthen the feeble knees, and let the weak say, "I am strong."

Do you have the earnest of this heavenly glory? You can have more. The Spirit of glory and of God can rest upon you as never before. The Lord wants to transform His people even now. The apostle says, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Therefore, be deeply imbued with the idea of your own nothingness, endeavoring to increase it continually in your heart, in spite and to the shame of the pride that lords it over you.

Say to yourself: "I have nothing in myself which belongs to me. To this nothingness of the whole of my being I have added sin, as to the sum total of all my miseries, capable of all kinds of evil, since 'there is not,' says Augustine, 'any sin committed by man of which another man would not be capable if the grace of God did not hold him back.'"

Now in such conditions as these you can neither esteem yourself nor desire to be esteemed without being guilty of falsehood. You ought to be content to be nothing and to be looked upon as nothing. The deepening of one's knowledge of this truth is the way to arrive at true humility.

Be intimately persuaded there is nothing in the world so utterly vain and ridiculous as to wish to be highly esteemed on account of certain endowments which you have received merely as a loan from the gratuitous bounty of the Creator: for as the apostle says, "If thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?" 1 Cor. 4:7.

Consider that you have need of God for your continuance in being, as well as for your being at all, for in every single instance you would return to your former nothingness, if God by His infinite power did not sustain you. For He upholds "all things by the word of His power." Heb. 1:3.

Anyone is indeed blind who thinks that he is something, whereas in his origin he is nothing. As to qualities of body and mind, you received them. Have you perchance received great talents from God, or are you perhaps famous in the world for a great achievement? Then do you for this very reason endeavor the more to know yourself, what you truly are, and seek by careful introspection to convince yourself of your own weakness, of your own incapacity, and of your own nothingness.

You ought to appear in your own eyes very small. Frequently ponder upon your weakness, your spiritual blindness, your lowness, your hardness of heart, your inconsistency, your insensibility towards God, your attachment to creatures, and upon the host of other vicious inclinations that spring from your corrupt nature.

Let this be to you a strong motive for continually diving deeper into your own nothingness, and for always appearing utterly small and vile

in your own eyes. Meditate upon these words that you may the more readily become humble, for "He giveth grace to the humble."

If you will glory in yourself, then cast away everything not your own; what remains will be nothing. That according as it is written, "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." 1 Cor. 1:31.

This is lovely humility, for in respect to the Lord, who is truly all, you are just nothing. Oh, the curse of pride and self! We want God to give us something that we may be something,

Do You Need Healing?

There came to Christ at Capernaum a centurion who told of his servant lying sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. "I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Matt. 8:8.

In this incident of the healing of the centurion's servant, we have the Gentile teaching the Jew. Today we see that many counted unbelievers teaching so-called believers who fight the truth of the Lord's healing. These so-called believers have all kinds of objections, difficulties and explanations.

The Lord Jesus was in the midst of Jewry opening the eyes of the blind, cleansing the lepers and making them whole, healing the palsied and casting out demons. Yet the Jews questioned His authority and where He got the power. They even counted Him as a sinner. John 9:16. They accused Him of casting out demons by the power of Beelzebub. But here in this incident we have a Gentile who thought he was not worthy that Christ should come under his roof, saying, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." Though Jesus had said, "I will come and heal him," the centurion had as much confidence in the word as in the presence of the Master. That man's faith is a lesson for us today, especially for people who say, "Christ is not healing now."

Christ healed the palsied servant through His spoken word without touching the sick one and without going to the home. The centurion was willing and content to have the word spoken; for he knew that where there is the word of the King there is power. The centurion recognized Christ's authority and His power, and so he had faith that if Christ spoke the word his servant would be perfectly healed.

Christ was gratified and pleased and said, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." And then foreseeing multitudes of Gentiles who should have like faith He declared, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." And He added a word of warning to these privileged ones who boasted themselves as children of Abraham, "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness." The Scriptures clearly show that all unbelievers in days to come shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone. Rev. 21:8.

Many who count themselves orthodox believers today accept Christ as the Saviour of the world and as the One who can heal the soul sickness. But they are limiting His power and do not believe His Word when it says, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In My name . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17, 18. And God has to bring in the modern centurions to teach the modern Christians their lack of faith. The common people heard Him gladly of old, and the common people of today are believing that the

but God wants us to be "nothing," to fill our earthen vessels with His divine glory.

The blessed Angela of Foligni, in her vision of God in His light, hears God thus speaking to her soul: "I have caused thee to see something of My power and glory; now behold My humility." Then I saw the humility of God towards man and towards all things. And when my soul looked upon the unspeakable power and glory, then I comprehended something of the humility of God." She marveled, and felt herself to be very nothing, seeing nothing in herself but pride.

Word of Christ has as much power today in healing the sick as of old.

Our Lord Jesus indicated the nature of His ministry when He declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. He is still ready to heal the brokenhearted—brokenhearted through sickness and sin, who are bound by Satan either in body or in mind. He can still heal those who are blind. He proved by His acts the fulfillment of the Scriptures which foretold the recovery of sight to the physically blind.

All healing through faith in Christ Jesus, by whatsoever means brought about, is a proof to the world today that Jesus Christ is the same today as of old. Every criticism of such a healing is a slur and casts a doubt on the power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is a plain contradiction of the Scriptural statement that He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Give Him constant opportunity to prove that He is the same.

The critics of today say, "There are so many failures when people pray for sick." Alas, it was those of Nazareth who should have had the most faith in Him that caused the only seeming failure that Christ had. For it is written, "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. 13:58. But even there He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them—the few who were not swamped by the avalanche of unbelief around them. Mark 6:5. It is written, "He marvelled because of their unbelief."

We read in another place that "the power of the Lord was present to heal them." Luke 5:17. The Christians today can create in some measure the atmosphere in which healing can take place. On the other hand, by their unbelief they can limit His power. It is written, "They . . . limited the Holy One of Israel." Psalm 78:41. We limit Him by our unbelief. We honor Him by our faith.

The centurion gives us an example of what simple faith is. He said, "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." That centurion did not know anything about calling the elders as described in the 5th chapter of James. He did not ask for the Jews to lay hands on the sick

servant, but he was quite content with the healing of the absent Christ provided the word was sent. And today we have far more to encourage and strengthen our faith and to cause us to expect Christ to heal, for we have the record of all the healings in the Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles, the instructions in James 5, and Christ's word after His resurrection, "These signs shall follow them that believe; . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:17, 18. And we have the passage in Hebrews that tells us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever. He is the same Christ who went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed of the devil. We have further Peter's statement concerning Christ's healing power, "By whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24.

Prove Christ today. As you have taken Him for your soul's salvation and proved Him true, in like manner take Him as the healer of the body, and you will likewise prove Him true.

If the faith of the centurion brought Christ's pleasure, your faith will likewise be pleasing to Him. And remember this, it is written, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

HOW TO HELP YOUR PASTOR

Many Christians are much tried and disappointed by the lack of spirituality in their minister. Of course, there are pastors and pastors. There are ministers who have set their faces toward the down grade and the broad way in religious truth and work and life, and they will "wax worse and worse." But there are many whose hearts are tender and who, in their best moments, really long for a deeper life and a better ministry. Before you begin to criticize your pastor, see if you cannot help him. Do as Aquila and Priscilla did in the apostolic church when they found Apollos "mighty in the Scriptures," but lacking in his knowledge of the Holy Ghost. With loving tenderness and courtesy they took him and opened to him the deeper things of God, backing their counsels by their own testimony and their consecrated lives, and the result was that God used them to lead this gifted minister into the fullness of Christian truth and life, and the blessing which he became to thousands was their work as much as his.

The writer can never forget the debt he owes to a few quiet, modest Christian friends who, in the days of his crudeness and clerical ambition, loved him and prayed him into better things and led the way into those better and higher things by their own shining faces and blessed lives.—A. B. Simpson.

A FAITHFUL TEACHER

In the city of Washington, many years ago, a teacher had in his class a mischievous boy who not only would not listen, or behave well, but who interfered with the other scholars' giving their attention. The teacher became discouraged regarding that boy.

Later on the boy left Washington for the West, and there wasted his life in reckless dissipation. Years afterward he came to Baltimore and spent the night in debauchery, and next morning, while under the weakening spell of his dissipation, he started walking along the streets of Baltimore. He soon found himself in one of the city's cemeteries and suddenly noticed on a tombstone the name of his old Sunday School teacher.

A flood of memories rushed upon him. Things that the teacher said came back to him. His heart melted, he pulled himself over the little railing, went to the grave, and there he gave his life to Christ as he knelt down and kissed the very dirt on the grave of his faithful old teacher. He entered the ministry and became the pastor of one of the most prominent churches in Virginia, and one of the most greatly beloved of all of the Virginia pastors.—Eldridge B. Hatcher.

PAPER RATIONING

We trust to be able to make the Pentecostal Evangel a 16-page paper again from May 1, with perhaps the last issue of each month reduced to 8 pages.

Pray with us that the paper may always contain "meat in due season," and be full of spiritual vitamins. We shall greatly appreciate all our readers continuing to renew their subscriptions.

"When Are You Coming Back?"

MR. AND MRS. DAVID KENSINGER, NICARAGUA, CENTRAL AMERICA

These oft repeated words have burned themselves into our hearts as a challenge during the past two months as we have made an extended tour of the field in company with Ralph Williams, missionary superintendent of Central America. Whether it was a church or an outstation, an eager group of listeners would be waiting. Perhaps our stay was for only one night, perhaps two or three days. The Word would be taught, the gospel preached, believers edified, and sinners would find their Saviour. Then the time for departure would come, and with it always the anxious inquiry, "When are you coming back?"

Now we are home once again, but we cannot forget that call. As God enables us, we are going back to every one of those points and to others also, for we feel that now is God's time of visitation to the field of Latin America. We have felt amongst the people a growing sense of disillusionment with their Catholic religion, and a readiness on the part of many to accept the gospel.

Extensive Tour

Almost immediately upon the arrival of Brother and Sister Williams in Nicaragua last December, we began our tour of the republic. Some twenty or thirty points were visited during the two months, and when not traveling we held three or four services a day. Besides the places reached by railroad, we traveled around five hundred miles by horse and muleback. Our food was whatever the natives had to offer. Some days the menu consisted entirely of beans and tortillas made of millet. At times we were in the hot valleys and coastal plains, at other times on the windy mountain tops where the nights were too cool for comfort. But the physical difficulties of our trip were more than offset by the blessing of the Lord in the meetings held. It was especially encouraging to note the new groups of believers which God is raising up here and there on the field. It is not possible to tell about the entire trip in detail, but we should like to mention the final two weeks which were spent in

Honduras.

About a year and a half ago the gospel began to spread into Honduras from one of our churches near the border. As the number of believers increased, they began to ask for a visit from the missionaries. However, although for the past year we have desired to visit that field, our first opportunity came during this tour.

Our first stop was at Arabia with a group of believers about seven leagues from the border. A number of the Christians there had already been baptized in water, and we were able to set the church in order, with sixteen active members, besides about twenty preparing themselves for baptism within the next two or three months. They have built their church along the side of a mountain trail—a simple building, corresponding with the simplicity of the people. It is made of hewn logs and branches tied together with long vines. The roof is of baked clay tile and the floor, of course, is good mother earth. A simple place, in truth, but hallowed with the presence of God. A scene we shall always hold in memory is the picture of these humble folk winding their way down the mountain trail to the little church after nightfall, singing their native gospel songs and lighting their way with torches made of slivers of pine. It can be said of them that they accepted the Word of God with gladness of heart.

A Fruitful Field

At Namasigue, where we spent one day,

eight were saved, and there are now about twenty preparing themselves for baptism. In Banquitos we found thirty or forty believers preparing for baptism and anxious to form a church. We left a worker in Arabia who was elected as pastor, and a worker also being sent to Banquitos to shepherd the believers there. These Christians are taking upon themselves practically the full responsibility for support of their pastor.

Although most of the services were devoted to teaching and establishing the believers in doctrine and faith, about fifteen accepted the Lord as their Saviour during the two weeks we were in Honduras. Pray for this new field, as well as for all of Nicaragua, that the gospel may penetrate every valley and every village town, yielding a great harvest of souls before Jesus comes.

Literature Appreciated

We take this occasion to thank the many Evangel friends who were so kind in answering our appeal made last August for funds for gospel literature. Although shipping facilities are difficult, we have received quite a large quantity of tracts and Gospels which have proved a very definite help to our work in recent months. Just the other day the testimony reached us of a man who was saved through reading the Word. Your offerings for literature are sure to bring fruit unto life eternal. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

ONWARD TO VICTORY

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confirming the Word with signs following." Central America asks for at least six missionary couples without delay.

The reported rise of young men of promise from among India's people, fired with a zeal for God, gave us fresh hope for the morrow. If lend-lease supplies to the suffering people of the world is considered a good investment by our nation in anticipation of the days ahead, is it not also true that the investment of more missionary money in helping our less fortunate friends in other lands who want to work for Christ, would also be wise?

Our missionary from Palestine, after giving a graphic picture of the Near East, stated, "There is a rise of younger men in our churches—educated young men who have been truly converted and provide fine material for evangelists and pastors. If these young men with their secular education could be given a good Bible training and then sent out into the untouched villages of Palestine and Transjordan, I believe we should begin to see some of the present need being met. We must have the help from the native church if we are to reach the outlying villages and communities."

Our hearts were solemnized as a heart-rending picture of conditions in Europe was painted to us, and there was a yearning to do more for God in that continent if the opportunity is again granted to us.

It would no doubt be of interest to our readers to know the impression of this great conference upon some of our executive brethren. Our General Superintendent E. S. Williams says,

"My soul was thrilled, my mind illumined, as I listened to the missionaries outlining the possibilities for missionary advancement after the war in lands now devastated, and the opportunities now before us in lands where the ravages of war have not come. I felt the Assemblies of God should raise five million dollars with which to enter the many fields that will be open. Will ten thousand readers of the Pentecostal Evangel unite with us in giving not less than one extra dollar each week for foreign missions, and many more join in giving a lesser or a greater sum regularly? Such a reserve, to be used as soon as the way opens, would do wonders."

Fred Vogler, Home Missions Secretary, states: "My impression of the missionary conference is that it has brought new hope for the future, with a real objective for future missionary enterprise. There was no note of discouragement, but rather a looking forward to the time when we shall be able to enter missionary fields with renewed vigor and determination. The present is a time of preparation for future activity. Preparedness should be one of our watchwords so that the day of opportunity will not catch us unawares—so that when the world's harvest fields open we shall be ready to thrust forth laborers into His harvest. Now is the time for the Assemblies of God, as a movement, and as individuals, to dedicate and rededicate ourselves to the divine task of world evangelization. Five million dollars is not asking too much!"

Stanley Frodsham, Editor of the Pentecostal Evangel, gives his impressions in the following words: "'Occupy till I come,' is the Master's word to His disciples. How best to occupy the world's wide harvest field when the cannon cease to roar in World War II, was the subject considered. Said Howard Osgood, the first of the missionary speakers, 'We shall need 200 new missionaries for China alone!' Is that too much to ask? The China Inland Mission asked for 200 new missionaries in 1929, and in the five years that followed—years of depression when Modernist missionary bodies were curtailing—more than five hundred young men and women were added to the work of that mission.

"The Latin-American missionaries asked us to send 80 new workers to Central and South America, to countries now open. This can be done at once, provided we have the consecration and the courage to accept the challenge. We have a great God. Let us ask and expect great things from Him."

APPRECIATION TO DONORS

Mr. and Mrs. Rafael Garcia, Catanduva, Sao Paulo, Brazil, write, "We have been unable to send letters of thanks to contributors since last September. Remittances have been received each month by air mail, but since ordinary mail is not getting through, the yellow ships giving names of individual donors have failed to reach us. We have been a little troubled lest some might think us ungrateful and remiss in not writing, but we want to assure one and all that their loyal support is deeply appreciated."

A similar concern is expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Johnson, Minas Gerais, Brazil, who have found that some of their letters are taking as long as five and six months to reach this country. "We want to thank our many friends who are thinking of us, praying for us, and also helping materially," writes Brother Johnson. "The Lord bless you all! He will reward each one of you. 1 Peter 5:4."

The question of maintaining contacts with the homeland is proving a real problem to many of our missionaries at the present time. Once again we ask that contributors be patient if you do not hear direct from the field. You may be assured that the funds are getting through either by cable or air mail, and if the missionaries fail to send individual acknowledgement, it is because of circumstances beyond their control.

Send all missionary offerings to
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THE UNEQUAL YOKE

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" 2 Cor. 6:14.

A man announced to me one day that he was going to get married, and I said, "Well, is the young woman converted?" "No," he said, "but she is a very sweet and lovely young woman, and I feel sure that after we are married it will come out all right; she will come to Christ." I said, "If she does not come to Christ before you are married while she looks up to you as a little god, she is not at all likely to be led to Christ afterwards when she finds out how intensely human you are."

A Puritan once said, "If you are a child of God and you marry a child of the devil, you can expect to have trouble with your father-in-law."

This passage clearly refers to marriage, and I think it would be a blessed thing if every Christian minister would say, "I will never be a party to yoking up a child of God and a child of the devil." "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Let that be the first question settled, young man, when you are looking for a wife, and, young woman, when you are allowing yourself to be looked for, let the first question in your mind be: "Is this one who comes seeking my favor one who knows the Lord Jesus Christ?"—H. A. Ironside.

OBEDIENCE

A British general was one morning going down into the city of London, and took with him his son who had a holiday that day. Upon arrival in the city, the father told his son to remain on the corner of a certain street while he went to make a call, and told the boy to wait until he returned. The father in the business of the day forgot all about the boy, until his return home in the evening, when being asked, "Where is the boy?" said to a visitor, "Come back to the city with me. I left him on a street corner this morning and told him to stay there until my return. He's there waiting for me." The visitor had his doubts, but accompanied the father. Sure enough on arrival, there was the boy. He had waited all day, without food, but was compensated when he heard his father say, "That is the way my son obeys his father. I have always insisted on obedience, whether among my soldiers or my children."

God says, "Obey my voice, and I will be your God... that it may be well with you." Jer. 7:23.

THEY'RE NEW AND HELPFUL

Ask your Sunday School secretary to write for a set of attractive seals for your Lighthouse Chart. Just because they are free, you might underestimate their value, and your School would suffer loss. Ask for them. Use them according to instructions and be guided by facts about your School these seals will reveal.

Reports from the Reapers

DINUBA, CALIF.—We have just closed one of the best revivals this assembly has ever enjoyed. Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Texas, preached the gospel without fear or favor. In spite of war conditions people came for miles to this revival, and every available seat was used. Brother Hayes could only be with us for two weeks, but the saints will praise God for days to come for this time of refreshing. The morning services were also well attended. Several were saved. The evangelist works with the pastor and for the good of each department of the church. Assembly gave him a unanimous call for a return campaign.—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Murray, Pastors.

CLARKS SUMMIT, PA.—The February 22 C. A. Rally was held in the Methodist Church on Center St., under the auspices of the C. A.'s of the Pentecostal Assembly. F. L. Strength is pastor. In spite of gas rationing, a goodly number gathered together in both services, and the power of God was indeed felt. The messages were instructive and inspiring. J. D. Tubbs of Pennsville was the main speaker. His old-fashioned preaching was enjoyed and appreciated by

all present. In the afternoon he spoke on the topic, "A Young Man, His Consecration and the Results." The message of the evening was entitled, "Abiding in the Ship." God blessed and many of our C. A.'s went back to their assemblies with a new determination to go onward with God.—Mary Abate, C. A. Sectional Secretary.

Coming Meetings

VALLEY PARK, MO.—C. A. Rally, St. Louis Section, April 11, 2:30 p. m. N. Cleo Tapp is pastor.—Lester Shockley, President; by E. J. Boettcher, Secretary.
ST. LOUIS, MO.—Sunday School Rally, St. Louis Section, Page and Marcus Aves, April 18, 2:30 p. m. Fred Lohmann is pastor. R. M. Riggs, speaker.—E. J. Boettcher, Sunday School Secretary, St. Louis Section.
DRY FORK, W. VA.—Ministerial Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, Western Section of Potomac District, April 26. Services 2:00 and 7:30.—Russell W. Harvey, Sectional Vice President, Clarksburg, W. Va.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Nebraska District Council will convene at Grand Island, Nebr., April 6-8. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, principal speaker.—A. M. Alber, District Superintendent, 831 N. Kansas Ave., Hastings, Nebr.

PLAINVIEW, TEXAS—The West Texas District Council meets April 20-22. Monday night, Fellowship meeting. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, Council speaker. For room reservations and further information write H. Paul Holdridge, Secretary-Treasurer and Pastor, Box 10, Plainview, Texas.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT SECTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS
Northwest End, April 12-14; North Central Fairfax, April 19-21; Panhandle, Woodward, May 10-12; Northeast, Tulsa, Capitol Hill Assembly, May 26-28.—W. S. Bragg, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 128, Okmulgee, Okla.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 27th Annual Conference of the Eastern District Council will convene at Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa., May 11-13. The credentials committee will meet at this time for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination. For application blanks write Wilfred A. Brown, District Secretary, 445 Main St., Pennsburg, Pa.

ILLINOIS DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Illinois District Council will convene at Springfield, Ill., April 27-29. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, principal speaker. Credentials Committee will meet April 26, 2:30 p. m., to consider applicants for ordination. Bert Talcott is the local pastor.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent, 7131 Norman Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 24th session of the Appalachian District Council will convene at North Tazewell, Va., April 22-24. Fellowship meeting, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. First service, 10:00 a. m., Thursday. C. A.'s will meet Saturday afternoon, in connection with District Council. All our District ministers and delegates urged to attend. Two delegates from each assembly.

For information write Pastor A. H. Morrison, Berwind, W. Va.—M. B. Hampton, District Superintendent.

POTOMAC DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTION
DUNN, N. C.—Potomac District Spring Convention and Prayer Conference, Gospel Tabernacle, King and Cumberland Sts., April 4-8. Speakers: A. H. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shuss, E. W. Welford, Chaplain O. W. Keys, Wallace Heflin, Mrs. Julia Tyler, and others. Morning sessions devoted to prayer, afternoon and night sessions to preaching, teaching, and fellowship. For accommodations, write to Pastor W. D. Swanson, Box 203, Dunn, N. C.—F. M. Staudt, District Superintendent.

TAMPA, FLA.—South Florida District State-wide C. A. Rally, Oak Park Holiness Church, 50th St. and 7th Ave., April 21-23. Ralph Byrd, Atlanta, Ga., speaker. Three services daily. Rooms furnished out-of-town visitors as far as possible. Carl V. Brumback is pastor.—Oswald B. Leach, District C. A. President.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS
In this group all services begin 7:30 p. m. first day: Yoakum Section, Yoakum, April 6-7; San Angelo Section, Brownwood, April 27-28.

In this group services begin 10:30 a. m., first day: Waco Section, Fairfield, April 8-9; Wichita Falls Section, Olney, April 13-14; Ft. Worth Section, Cleburne, April 15-16.

All ministers urged to attend, as all licenses must be renewed at Spring conventions. All ordained ministers will renew their fellowship with the District at these conventions. Those desiring to make application for ordination or license will meet the committee at their resident section. For information write the District Office, 2100 Belle Ave., Ft. Worth, Texas.—F. D. Davis, District Superintendent; C. P. Robison, Secretary.

CHANGE IN MONTANA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

W. Paul Jones, Superintendent of Montana District since its organization, has felt it the will of God that he re-enter pastoral work. His resignation has been regretfully received by the District Presbytery; and Leonard Palmer has been unanimously chosen by the Presbytery to fill out Brother Jones' unexpired term. Brother Jones leaves the Superintendency with the full love and confidence of the brethren and their deep appreciation of the sacrifices he has made for the District work. He has accepted the pastorate at Kalispell, and his address is 411 Second Ave. W.

Brother Palmer entered upon the full responsibility of the Superintendency March 1, and all correspondence regarding District matters should be addressed to him at 1026 Third Ave. S., Great Falls, Montana.—W. R. Munger, District Secretary-Treasurer.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

P. O. Box 775, Waldosta, Ga. "I have resigned as assistant to A. B. Cox, Dayton, Ohio, and taken over this home missionary effort."—Raymond Sanders.

412 Kentucky St., Quincy, Ill. "I have given up my church to enter evangelistic work."—Harold V. George.

1021 13th Ave. N., Fargo, N. Dak. "Am staying on the evangelistic field for the duration. Mail will be forwarded."—Christian Hill.

1201 Orange Ave., Long Beach, Calif. "We have been called to pastor the Long Beach Assembly. 439 West Anaheim."—Philip A. Megna.

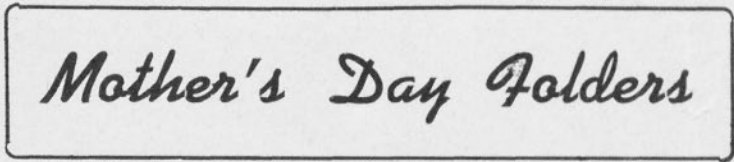
MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—If parents will send me the names of their sons at Camp Beale, Calif., I shall do my best to help and encourage them. I am an Assembly of God preacher.—Coley H. Jacobs, 33-551-151, 482nd Eng. Maint. Co., Bat. 2, Camp Beale, Calif.

NOTICE—The Georgia District would like to hear from friends living in towns and cities in Georgia where there is no Assembly of God, who would co-operate in establishing a work. Also able workers are needed.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

SERVICE MEN AND DEFENSE WORKERS CONTACTED—M. E. Edmunson, Pastor, 7/8 Assembly of God, 16 Jewel St., Santa Maria, Calif. "Have accepted the pastorate here."

Pastor Herbert G. Wood, Union Beach Pentecostal Chapel, Front St., Union Beach, N. J.
Pastor C. E. Thompson, 524 Sixth Ave. N., Clinton, Iowa. Near Army Hospital.



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PRAY FOR JEWRY

Paul W. Rood says, "There are 350,000 Jews in Chicago. Not more than 250 of them are known to be Christians." Pray for our Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission in Chicago which has a staff of six working among these needy Jews.

LONDON'S NEW LORD MAYOR

The newly elected mayor of London, England, is a Jew—Sir Samuel Joseph. His advent to the office in November marks the first time in forty years that London has had a Jewish mayor, points out *Jewish Voice*. How good it is to know there is still one place in Europe where a Jew can hold a high public office.

LIQUORLESS PUBLICATIONS

Despite lucrative offers of the brewers, more than 5,000 secular publications in the United States still refuse to carry alcoholic beverage advertising of any kind. According to *Union Signal*, this figure includes daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, farm papers, and other secular periodicals.

IN RUSSIA TODAY

According to *World Dominion*, there are three different religious attitudes in Russia today. First, a mystical group among young men; secondly, the social priest, desirous of helping to reconstruct the new society; and thirdly, outside the Church, the great evangelical movement, said officially to number five million. This latter movement has made great progress among communist youth, as it calls for real conversion and confession in a time when confession is not easy.

JEWES IN PALESTINE DIVIDED

Refugee German and Austrian Jews in Palestine recently organized a political party to look after their rights within the Yishuv (the Jewish settlement in Palestine). They maintain that the formation of such a party will aid considerably in absorbing newcomers into the life of Palestine; but opponents argue that the preservation of European ties will create division among the Jewish people. Read Ezekiel 37:15-25. God said He would regather the children of Israel and "make them one nation in the land" with one king over them all. The fact that the Jews of Palestine are not united is another indication that the gathering of the Jews in that land at the present time is man's endeavor and is only a forerunner of that great work which God shall do. In the day when "there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob" (Rom. 11:26), the Lord Jesus Christ shall reign over His people and they shall be one.

NO RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN RUSSIA YET

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, President of the Baptist World Alliance, wrote in the *Evangelical Christian* in January, 1943:

"No doubt there is a relaxation of the severity, for the sake of national unity; but I have not yet heard of any permission for the printing of the Bible in Russia, or for the importation of Russian Bibles, nor have I heard of any modification of the laws or constitution of the land. . . .

"The only schools permitted in Russia—State schools—are antireligious. . . .

"A letter has come to me from Moscow, from the evangelical Christians there—the first for some thirteen years. That is a sign of the present relaxation of severity; but the legal position remains, and without a definite change in it, there will be no guarantee of freedom of preaching, the carrying on of Sunday Schools, or anything else that earnest Christians care for. It is simply untrue that there is religious liberty in Russia.

LIQUOR AND THE AIR FORCES

A report of the Office of War Information says:

"Randolph Field is one of the most famous flying fields. The returning soldier who appears at post gate intoxicated goes to the guardhouse. He gets thirty days' imprisonment and loses two-thirds of his month's pay. There have been only four repeaters.

"In the Air Corps, penalties for drunkenness are extremely heavy; flying is a hazardous occupation, and clear heads among pilots and ground crew mean lives saved."

Unfortunately, however, military authorities are far more tolerant toward liquor in other branches of service.

BLACKOUT IN PALESTINE

A missionary who returned recently said that Palestine has been blacked out completely for safety from bombing, and added that nowhere in the world is the blackout of faith and hope more apparent than in the lives of those who dwell in the land where the "Light of the World" first shone. Just as shutters and doors must be thickly draped to shut out light, so do the present-day people of Palestine shut out the Light of lights from their lives. Behind the black drapes of false interpretation of the Law of Moses, and the teachings of the Talmud, they are dwelling in darkened spiritual houses. They dare not draw back the curtains, for outside await the wardens of their beliefs to impose a fine, or subject them to persecution and racial ostracism.

Nowhere in the world is gospel missionary work more difficult than in Palestine. Pray much for God's witnesses in that land.

TURKEY BANS TOBACCO

When we hear the radio advertisers praising the taste of Turkish tobacco, it is a striking rebuttal of their words to read the following in the *Sunday School Times*:

"While in America there is a night-and-day, year-in-and-year-out drive to make our entire nation of men, women, and children, a gigantic 'chain smoker,' the wiser Turkish authorities, in reorganizing their school system so that by 1950 there shall be no village without a school, put a ban on smoking either in public or in private, for students of primary, middle, professional, normal, and technical schools. Nor are teachers to be allowed to smoke in classrooms, laboratories, corridors, or any place where students are commonly found. In every school the teachers and administrators are to take every opportunity to give talks about the evils of the system, and every effort is to be made to save children and young people from the evil effects of this harmful habit."

IS GOD ON OUR SIDE?

"God, Time and Russia are on our side"—so said Justice Byrnes, who since his appointment as economic czar has been termed our "Assistant President."

Contrasted against the wicked backdrop of the deeds of Germany, Italy and Japan, America's cause may indeed seem to merit the gracious favor of the Lord. But, as a Presbyterian minister points out: "What right has America to brazenly presume that God just must be her ally in war, when America has driven God, to a very large extent, out of her national life? The fact that only 20 per cent of America are members of a recognized religious body owning God as God, and about half the number not worth the cost of the ink spent in registering their names on the rolls, as far as any worth to the religious body is concerned, does not make a very bright commentary on America's right to claim God as her absolute ally.

"When we add to this the fact that American life is quite godless; that few make any pretense of obeying the moral laws of

God laid down by Him as the standard of conduct, then America's self-styled claim bears the plain markings of hypocrisy. It is worth America's thoughtful attention."

HOPE IN DAYS OF DARKNESS

The English city of Coventry was made famous by the destruction it suffered in a Nazi air raid. Of the great Cathedral there, only the tower remained. One morning an inscription was found at the base of the tower, put there by an unknown person during the night. It was the familiar passage from the prophet Haggai, "The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, and in this place I will give peace." What rays of hope shine forth from God's precious Word in these days when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people!

REVIVAL IN NORWAY

Writing of a revival in Stravanger, Norway, Armin R. Gesswein states in the *Alliance Weekly*: "What about healings?" you may ask. There is hardly a day but the risen Lord touches some one where He finds faith.

"I just met a lady who was healed nearly a year ago, of a heart condition that was most serious. The Lord spoke to her to go and have Johansen and Larson pray for her. She came to town to see them, presenting her claims from the Lord. They prayed. She says that as they prayed and anointed her, everything faded out of her sight: the brethren, the room, and her own need. And she saw Jesus only coming to her and laying His nail-pierced Hand on her heart. Immediately she was quickened and healed. She has been strong, and has a strong testimony for Jesus ever since. Many have testified to healings of many kinds. Tuberculosis cases have been prayed for and healed. One person was healed of a large tumor.

"And, as might be supposed, the gifts of the Spirit have been much in evidence. Many have had a wonderful filling of the Spirit. I do not know of any who have received the gift of tongues, although it is not infrequent to find a congregation of the 'Free Mission' with a number having that gift also."

MASSACRE OF EUROPEAN JEWS

Adolph Hitler prophesied to Nazi Party members in February, "This struggle will end . . . with the extinction of Jewry in Europe." Already two million Jews had been massacred, the American Jewish Congress reported, and unless the United Nations intervened to save those who remain five million more might be destroyed this year.

The Secretary of the International Hebrew Christian Alliance writes: "A pall of gloom has come upon the Jews of this country and everywhere there have been special services in synagogues imploring God that He would stop the dreadful slaughter. The Yiddish papers here in Chicago elaborately described the special meeting of 400 Rabbis in Jerusalem who sat in a semicircle just like the Sanhedrin and deliberated concerning the catastrophe that has come to their people in Europe. These Rabbis made a pitiful plea to Christian leaders to use their influence that the sufferings of their people in Europe might be ameliorated and that the extermination of the rest of the Jews in occupied Europe might be averted.

"This is a tremendous happening in the history of Israel. I cannot recall any period in history when orthodox Jews sat in Jerusalem in a semicircle as did the ancient Sanhedrin and officially implored Christians to come to their aid. I hope that Christians will heed this appeal of official Jewry and not only pray that the threatened catastrophe may be averted, but that God in His infinite mercy may use these very sufferings to open the eyes of many Jews that they may behold His glory as it shines in the face of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"In their affliction they will seek me early." Pray that this promise may have glorious fulfillment speedily.