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LATIN AMERICA CALLING

John L. Franklin at Missionary Conference, Springfield, Mo.

OD'S plan for this dispensation is that the gospel should be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. Wars have shaken the earth again and again, but Jesus spoke a sure word of prophecy when He said: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." That "shall be" is emphatic. We

"shall be" is emphatic. We may be assured that God's plan "shall be" triumphant in the end.

An article recently appeared in the papers with these headlines: "Full Speed Ahead for the Movies Despite the War." They were striving to increase production in the face of tremendous difficulties. Is it a time for the children of God to be less diligent in matters of the kingdom? Are the children of this generation wiser than the sons of light? Let our slogan be: "Full speed ahead—obey Christ's command and evangelize in spite of the war!"

While we lament the fact that war conditions have hindered our missionary occupation of lands overseas, we can thank God for an open door near at hand. At this time, our attention is being directed toward Latin America, that is, those countries immediately south of the United States. We include in this term Mexico, Central America, South America and the West Indies. There are over 125,000,000 people in these countries, most of whom speak Spanish. The United States has invested many millions of dollars because of its interest in South America, developing what is

called the "Good Neighbor" policy. The people are for the most part Roman Catholics. For centuries the priesthood of that organization formed the political governing body of the people, thereby making these countries inaccessible to the gospel. In more recent years the people rebelled against the Catholic Church and threw off its political yoke which had

chafed them so long. Practically everywhere an equality in rights for all religions was declared. Thus doors long closed were suddenly open to the gospel. Many Catholics becoming dissatisfied with empty ritualistic forms are turning to atheism. Now is the opportune time for us to take them reality through the gospel!

Various Protestant denominations have

been operating in these countries for many years; and we thank God for what they have done and are doing. Yet the vast majority of the people have yet to hear the gospel.

Some of our Assemblies of God missionaries began work among the Latin-Americans before they became members of the Assemblies of God or the Assemblies of God was even formed. Brother H. C. Ball pioneered the work along the Mexican border, which work, under his leadership, grew to amazing pro-portions. He published the first Spanish hymn book to be used among Latin-American Evangelical Christians throughout all these countries. It was a Pentecostal hymn book called "Himnos de Gloria."

Other missionaries have been sent to this great field until at the outbreak of the war we had about 70 in Latin American countries.

Results from missionary work have been most encouraging. In fifteen years in Central America alone, there have been gathered out about 4,000 believers, 300 stations and outstations, and 200 native workers, with a missionary staff of thirteen.

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The Trumpeters and Singers

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"It came to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth forever that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord." 2 Chron. 5:13.

Worship in song and with musical instruments has played such a prominent part in the Old Testament, and was so signally blessed of God, that we cannot deny it a real place in our worship of today. Even though the New Testament contains no records of the employment of music in the Early Church, we could scarcely be consistent if we were to ignore David's many exhortations, such as "Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instrunments and organs." Psa. 150:3-4. In view of the many references to special singing and playing among the Israelites, and the evident pleasure with which God received them, we accept the use of musical and vocal talent as perfectly proper, and regard it as a real asset to our public worship-other things being

An Act of Worship.

It is most inspiring to notice that the singing and playing among the Israelites was invariably an act of worship. So it should be today. "They lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music and praised the Lord." They did not sing and play to be heard and applauded by the congregation, they did it to "praise the Lord." was their only reason for being in the "orchestra" or in a "quartette," and should be the only reason today. The essence of singing and playing must be worship in spirit and truth, "for the Father seeketh such to worship him-and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24. Unless our singers and players truly worship the Lord with their talents, they are a liability instead of an asset, a hindrance instead of a help. A mere display or perfunctory exercise of vocal and musical ability in the church, regardless of how well developed it might be and how skilfully demonstrated, is in itself nothing more than sounding brass and tinkling cymbal.

The Necessity of Salvation.

It is not without significance that the singers and players were clothed in fine and white linen—1 Chron. 15:27; 2 Chron. 5:12—and "the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Rev. 19:8. This brings us to our second important point, namely, that those who want to sing and play in the church must first of all be saints, and therefore have at least a real experience of salvation. It stands to reason that only a person who is really born again can worship God acceptably, since God is not satisfied with anything but worship complying with His standards, an unsaved person is automatically ruled out.

Therefore, to allow young people to sing and play while they are still in their sins is entirely out of God's order and contrary to reason. Furthermore, when young people are allowed to participate in such and other ministeries, and still hang on to sinful and worldly habits and associations, they are bound to hurt the prestige of the Church and become the source of a bad influence for those they contact in the Church.

To think that we can win them for the Lord by giving them something to do is only to deceive ourselves, and them also. Instead of that we will, sooner or later, discover that in doing so we actually permit the entrance of a Trojan horse to our own hurt, at the same time giving unsaved young people a false hope, which is worse than none at all. Thereby they trust and stay in a false security, and consider themselves saved, when at the very best they are only reformed. We certainly appreciate any willingness on the part of our young people to help in the service of the Lord, but let those first be arrayed in white linen, not without but within, that they may "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." 1 Chron. 16:29. Not the so called beauty of paint, powder and polish, with an appearance more becoming a night-club dancer than a Christian, but with the beauty of a godly life and practical holiness. Paul's first letter to Timothy is still in the Bible, therefore let our womanhood in general, and those who wish to partake in the services in particular, 'adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array. But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:9-10.

Misuse of Worship.

Now that we are saved and engaging in a real act of worship, we are, speaking in typological terms, making a perfume unto the Lord. But "as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the Lord. Whoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall even be cut off from his people." Ex. 30: 37-38. This passage teaches us the sacredness of worship and the danger of converting it into mere religious entertainment. Scofield's note on this verse says: "What is condemned here is making worship a mere pleasure to the natural man, whether sensuous, as in beautiful music to please the ear, or eloquence, merely to give delight to the natural mind."

Classical music in the Church is nothing but entertainment, and a dangerous thing to introduce, though we grant that many will enjoy it. And sentimentality, whether in song or in music, is an enemy of spiritual worship. Abiding by our old-fashioned hymns is still the best way to be a blessing in song or music. As the ears of listeners receive the music they invariably follow the words which they mostly know, and with God's blessing resting upon the orchestra, these words will be quickened in their hearts, and therein lies real blessing, but not so in mere entertainment, through the gratification of our senses and exhibition of technical skill. "Ye shall not make unto yourselves according to the composition thereof-to smell thereto."

The Development of Skill.

God is always entitled to the best that we can offer even in music, therefore David exhorts to "play skilfully." Psa. 33:3. We note in 1 Chron. 25:6-7, that the singers and players were instructed in the songs of the Lord," "for song in the house of the Lord." For this purpose it is well to have someone like Chenaniah, who "instructed about the song, because he was skilful." The songleader (or music leader) himself must be qualified, "skilful," and by all means clothed with a white robe in the typical sense. 1 Chron. 15:27. He himself must have a vision of what a rea! orchestra should be. The very fact that they "taught to sing praise" (2 Chron. 23: 13) shows that they had practice periods, with the enviable result that "the trumpeters and singers were as one to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord." Playing and singing is a real and blessed ministry (1 Chron. 6:32), and worthy of earnest efforts to cultivate it for the glory of God and the edification of the audience.

The Subject of Our Song.

Again we quote from 1 Chron. 25: 6-7 to emphasize another thought: "The singers and players were instructed in the songs of the Lord." We have to use a little caution in the choice of our songs. There is always a tendency to introduce other songs than what could be called "the songs of the Lord." We have in mind songs that are purely sentimental and are of no spiritual value whatever, neither to God nor to the audience. Also that light, clap-trap, jazzy sort, of a type which could hardly be called worship and has a chilling instead of an edifying effect. They may stir the emotions, of some, but lull the spirit to sleep. Not that emotions have no part in worship; they have, but there is such a thing as reveling in emotion and experience, and not be worshipping at all. Some years back those light songs were turned out almost in mass production, but it is fortunate that they are losing their popularity.

"Sing unto the Lord a new song." Psa. 33:3 A song that is intensely real to us, a song that vibrates with life, a song that is quickened by the Holy Spirit. After all, it is mostly the old hymns, like those of Charles Wesley and others, which are still the newest to those of God's children that walk with Him. "Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the Lord with the words of David and of Asaph the seer." 2 Chron. 29:30. They were the great composers whom God used and inspired. David could say: "My tongue is the pen of a ready writer," Psa. 45:1, therefore the Psalms became the hymn book of the Hebrews and were sung in the House of the Lord. Let us reject the cheap imitations, and sing "the songs of the Lord," the songs which He inspired, the songs which are ever new. Let us choose them "for songs in the house of the Lord."

The Spirit of Singing.

"And they sang praise with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped." 2 Chron. 29:30. They sang with gladness of heart. Using New Testament language, we may say their singing was prompted by the joy of salvation. First comes the gladness, then its expression through song. "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Psa. 100:2. Gladness of heart seeks for an expression. Therefore to express it the right way we are told: "Is any merry? Let him sing psalms." Jas. 5:13.

Again, they sang with humility, for "they bowed their heads." Humility, which has been defined as "a modest estimate of one's own worth," is one of

the essentials of true worship, for "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." Jas. 4:6. "And worshipped." Is it not true that we are often selfish in our meetings? We beg for blessing and all sorts of things, but what about giving God a blessing? We need to learn more often to forget our wishes and simply worship Him. "O my dove—let me hear thy voice." Song of Sol. 2:14. He longs for our worship springing from the gladness of our heart and presented in humility of mind. "They worshipped."

'And David and all Israel played before God with all their might with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets." 1 Chron. 13:8. They played with all their might. They put heart and soul into it, they played with fervency and enthusiasm. They had the fire of God burning in their soul, and an orchestra like that can set a whole congregation on fire. No perfunctory, halfhearted, indifferent sort of a pulling through; no, but with all their might, with all that was in them. It is no wonder that the blessing of God accompanied such genuine worship "so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God." 2 Chron. 5:14.

Modern Miracles W. P. B. Burton, Missionary in Congo Belge

I am just home from a long trip of supervising some of our native churches, and while things are fresh in my mind I'd like to tell you of one village where a man trusted in Christ but his wife strongly opposed us. They had a little

YOUR PASTOR KNOWS

that should the coming of our Lord be delayed, the time will come when he can no longer continue in active service. When that day comes, he may be dependent upon the generosity of others to provide for his welfare. Your pastor, therefore, is anxious to see that those ministers who have already reached the evening of life are amply provided for. If by any means he failed to present this need to his church last Sunday, May 30th, he will appreciate a reminder from you. Offerings for our aged ministers can be sent any time to J. R. Flower, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo. This is the last notice to be published until Thanksgiving Day time.

girl who had never stood or walked. The father brought her for prayer, pleading with God to heal her as an evidence to her mother. She rose there and then, and has been walking ever since, but still the mother refused to believe, saying that it was just chance.

A short time afterwards the mother was in terrible agony and facing apparent death. The witch doctors and spirit consulters had deserted her at the last. In despair, the husband urged her to repent and turn to the Lord. The elders anointed her in the Name of Jesus and immediately all was righted. Now both husband and wife are happy believers. We sat at the Lord's Table with them yesterday. Several others have turned to the Lord Jesus as a result.

In another part of the trip I was in contact with another man and wife. She was taken to a Roman Catholic hospital, apparently dying. The priest wanted to baptize her and make her ready for heaven, but she said, "No! I've been baptized the Bible way, and am ready for heaven through faith in the crucified and risen Christ."

The doctor declared there was no hope for her but her husband said, "You will see. Hundreds of believers are praying for her, and she will recover." That was three weeks ago. Yesterday I saw both her and the doctor. He said, "Mr. Burton, that woman is three distinct miracles. She is steadily recovering. I've shown her to two eminent doctors, and we all say that there is no explanation for her recovery. It is just answer to prayer. It is God."

A Pilot Who Knows

John Balcom was called to the deathbed of an old pilot. He tells us:

"I stepped up to the old man's bedside and began to talk to him tenderly about the love of Jesus, and His power to save, but evidently to no effect. He was an old Hudson River Line pilot, and I seemed to hear the Spirit saying to me, Present Iesus to him as the pilot's Pilot and you will reach him. I looked him straight in the eye, took hold of his calloused hand, already clammy and cold with the touch of death, and said, 'How many times, my friend, when the fog was on the river and the current against you, the only thing that kept your boat off the rocks was your clear eye and your steady nerve. Now you are in the strait of death, the tide is against you and the mist hangs heavy over all. What you need is a pilot and Jesus is the pilot's Pilot. Won't you take Him on board?' Gathering up what proved to be his dying strength, he answered promptly and with feeling, 'I will,' and you could almost see Christ step upon the bark of his soul."

Christ's Victory Over Satan

OD put Adam into the garden. But because he sinned, he was driven out. Eve went out with him. She had enjoyed the garden with him, but he was a partaker with her in sin. They were partners together when they were expelled.

In the first two chapters of Genesis we have a picture of the earthly Eden. In the last two chapters of Revelation, the heavenly Paradise, the restored Eden, is described. In that heavenly Eden there is much that was not found in the garden where Adam dwelt.

Abraham, the heir of the promise, looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. The Lord would have us dwelling in spirit in these heavenly regions right now. The apostle Paul wrote to the saints in Ephesus, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Eph. 1:3. And to those who live in faith he has declared, "Ye are come unto Mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem." Heb 12:22.

Believe the record, "Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Writing to the saints at Corinth, Paul says, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus." 1 Cor. 1:30. Christ says, "Abide in Me, and I in you." John 15:4. Believe that God has put you in Christ, and abide in Him.

God shut Noah into the ark and kept him there until the Flood was over. If the saint realizes that God has put him into Christ, and will keep him in Christfor He is a faithful keeper-he will not backslide. It is the fear of falling, the fear of backsliding, that begets unbelief, and unbelief brings about failure and backsliding. The floods below and the floods above never perturbed Noah. God shut him into the ark. And to the saints He says, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus." When did God put you there? The moment you were willing to surrender to Him, He put you there. When you came to Him and yielded fully to Him, all the power of the Godhead was exerted on your behalf.

The forerunner of the saints has already entered within the vail. There He ministers in constant prayer for His saints that their faith fail not. Have faith in Him and in His mighty inter-

There in that heavenly Paradise where your fore-runner has gone there are

pleasures for evermore. The inspired apostle tells us of some of the things he sawa stream issuing out from the throne, and fruit trees yielding fruit every month. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9. The apostle Peter says that we are "kept by the power of God through faith." Peter 1:5. Kept in Him, kept in Christ Jesus our Lord, preserved in Him.

To encourage the saint God declares, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye." Zech. 2:8. The eye is the most sensitive part of the body, partly guarded by bone, eyebrow, eyelid, and a continual washing; thus it is kept and preserved.

Christ is the apple of God's eye, and if you are in Christ don't you think you are safe? Trust Him to keep you trusting Him. Trust Him to give an abundance of grace so that your faith will not fail.

Believe what God has caused to be written for your encouragement for He declares, "for in Him (Christ Jesus our Lord) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him"-complete in perfections, complete in armor, complete in defense, and complete in offense-to make you more than conqueror over all the power of the enemy. Col. 2:9, 10.

When Abraham heard of the capture of the king of Sodom and the folk of that city, he knew that his nephew Lot was among those captured. And so all the forces of Abraham were marshaled together, not for the deliverance of the king of Sodom and his associates, but for the deliverance of the one man of the whole city who was a blood relative of Abraham. And though Lot was living in the enemy's territory he was delivered by Abraham who was the friend of God. If Abraham the friend of God did that, don't you think God Himself will gather together all the forces at His disposal to go after, to rescue, and to restore one of His own who is a blood relative of His Son? The activity of God in saving and keeping, the activity of His infinite grace, is far more than anyone can realize.

What does the landsman know of the diverse currents in the ocean, the mighty movements of the waters on the earth which convey the blessings of warmth and of rain to distant lands? The landsman sees nothing but water, water, water, possibly storms and fearful waves; but despite the landsman's ignorance of the tremendous movements of power and might, the mighty movement of tides and currents, active and powerful, is ceaselessly going on. In the same way, God is exerting on the life of the child of God a tremendous, deep, unseen, often unrealized, divine work of grace. He puts you into that great current of heavenly grace, keeps you there, and will make you a blessing in Christ Jesus, enriching you with every blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

In Him is all that you need. It is written, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption." 1 Cor. 1:30. God puts you into Christ, His new creation, the last Adam, the perfect Man.

Adam was driven out of Eden as a result of sin. Christ has gone into the new Eden, and He gives us a title deed, an earnest of our inheritance, His Spirit, who confirms the statement of the Lord. "that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. Christ gives us the assurance, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself." John 14:3.

There will be no expelling from the new Eden. Why? Because the serpent who caused the loss of the first Eden was dealt with by the last Adam in the wilderness, in Gethsemane, on Calvary, and He cried triumphantly on the cross.

"It is finished."

The flash of the sword of the cherubim guarding the way into Eden was removed when Christ reached the Glorv. Those cherubim had a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life. But after Christ had completed His work on Calvary and had reached Glory, He sent down tongues of fire which came from Glory, on each of the hundred and twenty gathered in the upper room, as a harbinger, an earnest of



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"Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure . . . for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:10.

The Secret of Successful Service

HEN the Lord Jesus Christ came to the home of Mary and Martha at Bethany, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word, but Martha was cumbered about much

Today there are many things to do, but the Lord does not want His saints to be cumbered about them. There is service for Him, and there is the taking time to wait on Him and to hear His word. It is possible today for the Marthas to have the Mary spirit. When they have such they will have no need of the rebuke of the Master.

What counts most is not the service for Him in material things, but rather the waiting on Him for the spiritual There is a hidden fellowship with Christ which we must take time to cultivate, a hidden touch received from Him, and a hidden power, and we must never let our outward service rob us of this. There is no substitute for sitting at His feet and hearing His word. Take time for this. Then with the anointing received from Him in that quiet hour your labor will not be in vain in the Lord.

Mary was oblivious to Christ's physical needs, but He was not oblivious to Martha's spiritual needs. There can be much service with not much accomplished. With Mary, choose that good part, that part of hidden communion with Him, and you will find that everything will come out all right.

Take time to sit at His feet and let Him work in you to will and to do His own good pleasure. You are His workmanship. Trust Him to do a good work within. He can bless the crumbs. He can bless the meager food. In fact, He Himself can prepare the meal. John 21:9.

The child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem, and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. When they could not find Him among their kinsfolk they turned back to Jerusalem and found Him in the temple. He said to them,

"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" He was not worried about His earthly father and mother. Folks might have said to Him. "You have lost your parents and your mother will be distracted!" But the deep passion of His life was this, "My Father's business." He never fretted or worried about earthly things. He did not seek His mother-she found Him.

Keep in touch with the Master, doing the Father's business, and all the little details of life will be taken care of by the Father whose business you are engaged in. Do not be cumbered about much serving, but keep constantly in touch with Him.

"They Shall Show Forth My Praise"

H. A. Ironside

NUMBER of years ago a noted artist was working on a great mural. This was to be a great work of art which he intended to be the master-piece of his life. He had erected a scaffold and was standing upon it, putting in the background of the picture. A friend suddenly came into the studio and stood quietly in the rear of the room, looking at the work. The artist was slapping on the gray tones and deep blues all across the canvas for the background. Then he wished to view his work from a better perspective so he descended the ladder and stepping back, with his eyes on the canvas, he backed right into his friend without seeing him.

Enthusiastically he said, "This is going to be the masterpiece of my life! What do you think of it? Isn't it grand?" But his friend replied. "All that I see is a great dull daub." Then said the artist, "Oh, I forgot. When you look at the picture you see only what is there. Now, whenever I look at it, I see what is going to be there."

Some of us are rather drab to look at now. But we are going to be beautiful some day. Often when we are laying away the body of some dear saint of God and I invite the bereaved relatives to look for the last time upon their loved one, I like to say, "Remember, when you see him again he will be shining with the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ." Just as we like to think of the dear saints when they are gone, so I love to think of Israel as they will be when God has

finished His work in them. Then "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

God has never gone back on a promise He has made. We know that He uses world governments and world leaders to chasten His people in these times. But He says, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." Their persecutors may seem to prosper for a little while, but they will not prosper eventually, because God says: "This people have I formed for myself, they shall show forth my praise. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord."

It is because God is so interested in Israel that I want to be interested in them. I want to do all I can for them, especially in seeking to give them the Gospel. The Lord has said, "They are mine, and who toucheth them toucheth the apple of my So I want to do everything possible by His grace to reach them now with the message of His salvation, and then rejoice with them by and by when the day of their singing has come and their mourning shall be over forever.

Ingratitude

One night in Plymouth Sound I was on my fishing boat when I heard a splash in the water not far off. I knew that there was a fishing craft not far away and that the man on it was a drinking man. Most likely he was drunk and had fallen overboard. So I jumped into my small boat and rowed with all my might praying God to help me. Presently I reached the side of the other boat, got hold of the man's arm and pulled him up. I lifted him onto his boat, put him in his berth, and worked for an hour or more till I rubbed life into him. After doing everything I could to make him comfortable, then I came back to my

The next morning I pulled over to see how the man was and found him leaning over the side of his craft.

"Good morning," I said. He didn't reply and seemed to think that I had come to get some drink out of him.

"How are you this morning?" I said. "What's that to you?"

"I can't help taking an interest in you

for I saved your life last night."
"Get out," said he and cursed me for

I turned round and pulled away. Then I looked up to heaven and prayed: "Oh, Lord Jesus, now I know how Thou dost feel at the way men are treating Thee. Thou didst die to save them and yet they turn away and curse Thee to Thy face." -Mark Guy Pearse.

Many-Sided Missionary Life

BERNICE VANDERMERWE AT THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY IN SPRINGFIELD

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:5, 6.

These verses which we have read, often quoted by missionaries, call attention to two aspects of missionary lifesowing and reaping, suffering and rejoicing. Sometimes, in our stress upon the one side, we forget to stress and consider what is involved in the "sowing" or "suffering" side. In emphasizing the spiritual and supernatural side, we forget the more commonplace, yet essential natural side of missionary life. We have visited numbers of mission stations in South Africa and found that missionaries were continually giving out to the people not only spiritual things, but natural things. The missionary, then must be well acquainted with every part of native life and able to minister to it.

Very often a missionary is called upon to labor for months or even years before breaking through to gain the confidence of the people, especially if he has gone to a new field. The witch doctor is the leader among the black people of South Africa, the man whose influence must be broken down. From the time they are born the people are taught not to trust the white man, but to deceive him if possible. They are taught that it is honorable to lie to him, to cheat him, to steal from him, and not to give him any information whatever.

One day we were at a certain station where the natives the night before had had a great festival They had gathered and eaten a certain fruit which makes them almost insanely drunk. Even the women had become intoxicated, leaving their little children to shift for themselves. Consequently, a little boy less than two years had fallen into an open fire without his drunken mother realizing what had happened.

The next day the child was brought to the mission station with its flesh literally falling off the bones! I wondered what the missionary would do with this terrible case.

The mother was a heathen. She did not believe in God, nor in the message of the missionary; but she did believe the missionary could help her. The missionary took the child into the house and tried to get off the dirt as much as possible. Then he took some nice fresh

bandages that had been fixed by some of the churches—they had washed sheets and pillow cases, rolled them into bundles, and sent them to the mission station. These were soaked in tannic acid, then placed on the child with a prayer to God to touch the little one. It seemed to us that he could not live because of the depth of those awful burns. But after he had been dressed and bandaged, the child's mother took him away.

The next day the child was brought back and was very much better! Said the mother to the missionary, "I want you to tell me about your God; I, too, want to get healed and saved."

A certain man came to a mission station which we often visited. Filthy and dirty he was, and covered with sores from head to foot. These natives do not believe in bathing. They will go down to the river and wash their faces which are always about three shades lighter than the rest of their bodies. But that is all the washing they will do!

"I have been sick a long time," said this man to the missionary. "Look at the sores all over me. They told me there was a white witch doctor that could heal me of these sores. I have come to ask you if you can make me well."

"I think we can," replied the missionary. "First of all we will pray and ask our God to touch you and heal you, and then I am going to give you something. You take it home with you; put a little of it in a basin of water and wash yourself three times a day." The native went away rejoicing and told the natives, "I have found a white witch doctor who prayed for me and asked God to heal me, and told me I should wash and I would be all right."

After three weeks this man came back. All the sores were gone. He was perfectly well! And according to the native custom of making up songs, he was singing his latest-a song of praise which went like this: "This man is a wonderful man. This white man prayed for me and his God healed me. I was very sick; and he prayed for me; and I am well." This native took the message of salvation and healing to a tribe that knew nothing about God-all because the missionary had prayed for him and given him a few drops of lysol in water to clean up with! Thus, through ministering to the physical needs of these simple natives, the missionary is able to touch their spiritual needs as well!

Africa is not dark because of the color of the faces of the people who live there, but because the saving gospel of Jesus Christ has not been sent to them. Those peoples have lived for thousands of year's without the knowledge of the true God. Jesus Christ is the light of the world and in Him is no darkness at all. Where Jesus is, darkness must flee away. But His light must be brought to them and faithfully proclaimed.

In Africa today, they are still offering up human sacrifices! Just a year before we left, there had been a long drought. For years the natives had gone through many ceremonies trying to bring rain. Finally, the witch doctor of the tribe said, "We shall not have rain until we have offered up a human sacrifice to our god."

The custom, after such a decree, is to wait until they can kidnap someone—in this case, a little child. Now, the native mothers love their children and hide them away in order to protect them. However, in this case, after a month had passed, a certain mother had forgotten about the decree and sent her little girl down to the river to fetch some water.

As soon as the child was out of sight, the mother remembered! She went running after the child only to see three men rush out of the tall grass toward the child just as she was stooping to dip the water. These men hit the child over the head, knocking her unconscious, picked her up, and carried her away into the bush.

That mother saw what took place. She dared not scream. She did not flee back to the village crying out that her child had been taken from her. She simply bowed her head in submission, saying in her heart, "Our god has chosen my child to be a sacrifice," and went back to her hut with a heavy heart. She knew that the child would not be killed immediately, for the natives feel that the more the child can be made to suffer, the more it will please their god.

The child was taken to a desert hut, far from the villages. There she was given some kind of cooked herb which serves as a stupefying anesthetic. A day or two later, they began to dissect the child, little by little.

Following this the natives go through all kinds of forms, chantings, and ceremonies. They may cut an ear off of the child, or a hand, or perhaps the next day, the nose. Then they will gouge out the eyes and leave the child to suffer until it finally dies from loss of blood. This sort of thing is actually going on in Africa today!

In one village we saw a idol, a hideous thing, which a man had carved out of wood. Brother Vandermerwe asked, "Why do you make your god so ugly?" The reply was, "Our god must be ugly. Evil spirits are ugly, aren't they? Our god must be uglier than they so he can scar them away."

Oh, what a different story it is when we tell them about a God who is not willing that any should perish, but wills that all should be saved! How blessed to be able to tell of One who said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give your rest! He is the One who can take away their fear, who can take out of their hearts the superstition and darkness of night!

Someone asked an old native woman what profit there was in being a Christian. She answered, "I am a widow. I never had a night's sleep after my husband died until I became a Christian. I would go into my hut and lie down and feel afraid that somebody would come and steal my goats, set fire to my hut, and try to get revenge because of my husband's death. But since I have given my heart to the Lord, I kneel by the side of my bed at night and say, 'Lord Jesus, I am your child; I want you to watch over me tonight.' Now, I go to sleep with peace in my heart." Yes, these natives find peace that passes all understanding which comes through the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

The first thing the natives want to do after they are saved is to learn to read their Bibles. So the missionary starts school and begins teaching the A B C's. The primary department may take in people from ten to seventy years old! The aged will sometimes come and say, "I want to learn to read and write." And it takes a lot of patience to teach such pupils!

The natives come to services unclothed. When I first went to Africa, I felt sorry for them on this account. One day a mother came with a little baby about four weeks old and all the child had on was a string of beads around its waist. My own babies were very small then and I said to Brother Vandermerwe, "I have some clothes that I shall take the baby. And after washing it and cleaning it up, I'll put them on the child." I did so and then brought the child out to the mother. I did not understand what she said, but I felt she was quite happy about it. In about six weeks the same mother came back to tell me her baby needed another dress. To prove it she held up her baby clothed in the dress I had given her. I never would have recognized it! That beautiful white dress had not been off the child in six weeks! It had been dragged through the dirt until it was black instead of white and was

torn to shreds so that it hung around the child like a string of beads! I decided then and there that I could not dress Africa!

The first thing the natives desire after conversion is to put on clothes. The women will say to the missionaries, "Won't you teach me how to make dresses?" And the men want to wear clothes. It is a mark of Christianity in Africa when the natives start to cover their nakedness, and I have had to start sewing schools in order to teach them how to make their clothes. Afterwards, the other natives point at these converts and say, "That man is a Christian; he wears clothes. That woman is a Christian; she wears dresses."

Over and over again the missionary is asked the question, "When these people become Christians, do they really stand?" I have seen, among the black races of Africa, some of most notable Christians I have ever met. I knew a young woman married to a heathen man. She was the youngest of four wives when she became a Christian. The other three wives were jealous of her, hated her, and talked against her to the husband. She walked twenty miles every Sunday to get to the services. Very early in the morning she would arise, leave the village, come to the mission station, stay for the afternoon service, and at four in the afternoon would start back to her own village, not arriving until late at night. Do these Christians really stand? I wonder how many in our country would put themselves out as this girl did in order to hear the gospel!

Many of our mission fields are now closed because of war conditions. Others, thank God, are still open. And it thrills my heart when I hear that certain missionaries, who have opportunity to return home, have sent back the word, "W will stay with our people."

A few months ago we were listening to a newscast over the radio, telling of General MacArthur's stand in the Philippines. It was thrilling and inspiring. I said, "O Lord, it looks as if this old world is just about ready for the finish; yet there are men in the army who are willing to stand in the gap, and having done all, to stand. Lord, raise up spiritual MacArthurs, some in these closing days of time, when gross darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people, who will be willing to put their backs against the wall—they cannot do anything else—and stand."

It is a blessed privilege as well as a responsibility to give of our means and to labor fervently in prayer that those who are at the battle front may be strengthened, encouraged, and granted heavenly might to carry on in this glorious battle for the Lord. And one

of these days when the battle is over and we march in upon the streets of glory, there will be some from Africa, India, China, and every other land, who are there because we were faithful in our part in the spreading of this glorious gospel to the ends of the earth!

Sin

Some time ago I was taken through a large factory where there were hundreds of looms at work in the spinning of very fine linen thread. The manager of the mill said to me, "So delicate is this machinery that if a single thread out of the whole thirty thousand which at this moment are weaving should break all of these looms would stop instantly."

He stepped up to one of the machines and broke a single thread, and instantly every loom stopped, and remained stationary until the thread was rejoined, then they went on automatically. It is through one sin, one disobedience, that I lose the ministry of the Spirit, and not until that thread is rejoined is it that the ministry of the Spirit is continued.—A. V. Andrews.

God Gives What He Commands

He is not blaming us because we do not do more, but because we do not take more. With such resources and with such promises, how shall we excuse our failures, how shall we hide our shame when we stand at last before Him to give an account, not only of what we have done, but of what we might have done; not only of what we have been, but of what, through His all-sufficient grace, we might have been?—A. B. Simpson.

A Popular Formula

Take a spoonful each of Christian Science, Unity, New Thought, and Theosophy. Add a tablespoonful of love-your-neighbor-as-yourself modernism, then a tablespoonful of evolution; add a few scientific phrases, and a few pretty lines about the social implications of religion; shake well together, heat until luke warm, and serve once a week till victim is unconscious.—Will H. Houghton.

Only the Small Birds Sing

Have you ever thought of it, that after all it is only the small birds that sing? You never heard a note from the eagle in all your life, nor from the turkey nor from the ostrich. But you have heard it from the canary, and the robin, and the lark, how they can sing! So the sweetest music comes from those Christians who are small in their own estimation and before the Almighty God.

"Many a household will go up complete when the Lord returns. Will yours?"

Latin America Calling (Continued from Page One)

Some time ago a member of another denomination asked us, "How do you account for such growth?" To which we replied: "We attribute it to the working of the Holy Spirit. We have been counting on Him to raise up native ministers and equip them for service. It has been a case of the Lord's working, 'confirming the Word with signs following.'"

Several countries in Latin America have seen mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit during the last few years. Those outpourings have given considerable impetus to missionary work. Some denominations censured and rejected the movement as a whole, but were amazed to see the rapidity with which it spread. We know that the Holy Spirit can do more in an hour than we can do in many years. We lose a tremendous lot if we don't make room for His working. As a matter of fact, in any work for God not much of anything happens until the Holy Spirit begins to operate.

Permit me to refer to a few instances

showing how true this is.

One of our native workers, a very humble and uneducated man was preaching in a certain village in Guatemala, Central America. He was entirely on his own, receiving no financial support whatever. People were being saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in his meet-

ings.

Along came a clown with a small circus troupe and set up his tent near to where the meeting was being held, and announced his show, of course thinking that as usual the village folk would attend the circus. What was his surprise when hardly any came out! Night after night his troupe did their best to draw the crowds. What was the matter? The people were at the revival meeting! Something was going on there of greater interest. There was no alternative but that the clown himself go to that meeting. So he announced, "no circus for tomorrow night." Under the cover of darkness with an actress of his troupe he went to the meeting and stood outside at the edge of the tent unobserved. As this couple listened they began to tremble under a deep conviction of sin, and were drawn almost irresistibly toward the front, where they fell down on the ground crying out to be saved. The Holy Spirit was hovering over the meeting and descended upon them, and they began to speak in tongues. "Fanaticism!" some might have said.

Listen, the clown went out from that meeting, and took down his tent, gathered up his equipment and sold it. He and his companion were married and they moved on. When we next heard of them, he was preaching the gospel in the

neighboring republic of Honduras. A few years later we heard of many who had received the Holy Spirit in that country. So we journeyed to see if such things were true, and found over 150 people filled with the Spirit. The former clown had passed that way! His wife who had once entertained crowds in their circuses with her beautiful voice in songs of the world, now accompanied him singing soul-inspiring hymns. We found him pastoring a group of believers he had raised up. There were over 300 Christians, and as a consequence we had to send a missionary to that field to help take care of a rapidly growing work.

Another young worker started preaching in his community and began to visit regularly a village about 10 miles distant. A little later I received a letter from him saying, "Thirty have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit in the vil-

lage."

Another young man, who was gifted by the Lord as a teacher, told me that before he was saved, demon spirits would come upon him and he had to be bound and locked up in his house. I went to his village and preached the gospel for the first time, and he made a public confession of Christ. The power of the demons was lessened, but he was still not delivered. Later he attended a fellowship meeting and saw for the first time that the Holy Spirit was being poured out, and became hungry. On returning to his village he knelt to pray and there in his room he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. At that time he was completely delivered from demon power. All honor and glory to the working of the Holy Spirit!

Another native worker passing through a certain town found a woman dying. The family had gathered around her without hope of her recovery. He prayed for her and she was healed. She opened her home to the gospel and a new church was started. Two weeks afterward the same native minister was in his home several miles from this village when a messenger came running to tell him to saddle his horse quickly and to see what was happening to those new converts who had met together for prayer—they were speaking in other tongues!

Another worker found himself barred from a certain village where he desired to preach the gospel. But one day as he passed through he heard groans from a house by the wayside, and found a man bleeding to death from a hemorrhage. Laying hands on him the man was healed, and then saved. As a consequence a new door was opened to the gospel and before long there were sixty new converts, the nucleus of a new church. A wealthy plantation owner who lived near by heard about the meeting and became interested. Shortly afterwards he was

saved. When he came to the meeting, he had to ride on a horse for miles through land covered with flood waters, and to cross a swollen and dangerous river in a dug-out canoe under a torrential rain, with his horse swimming along behind the canoe.

The Holy Spirit has inspired the native believers to write many gospel hymns. These songs are sung with great effectiveness toward the salvation of many souls.

In fact, it seems that the Holy Spirit is actually carrying the work forward at such a pace that the missionaries are challenged to keep up with it. There are many villages receiving the gospel for the first time, and workers are being called to minister to their own people. To establish this work there is a need of organization and supervision and also for those with a teaching ministry.

The work is on a solid indigenous basis and we believe will go forward even if the missionaries are withdrawn. Nevertheless help is needed in training native workers and in the opening of new fields of activity.

It would seem that a word of appreciation is in order for the ministry of Brother Ralph Williams, pioneer missionary in this field. He went with the vision that the outpouring of the Spirit and the indigenous principal for missionary work should go right along together; that out of every group of fifteen or twenty or more believers the Lord would raise up one or more natural spiritual leaders; and that these native ministers would do better work under missionary leadership that was not confined to giving orders and correcting failures, but rather as a co-operative effort in evangelization and teaching ministry. He would gather the workers for conferences and Bible training.

Long treks of weeks and months at a time took him out among the villages where he lived with the natives in their homes. Any mud hut was good enough for holding protracted Bible studies. Native ministers would come to study for weeks at a time and sleep on benches or on the ground. They would bring corn and beans for their maintenance. There among them stood the missionary, sacrificing, and seeking by every means possible to buy up the opportunities the Holy Ghost was giving for the training of the native minister and the organization of an indigenous work.

Brethren, we know that the working of the Holy Spirit is pure and perfect; but selfish and unconsecrated vessels may waste that power, and hinder God's working. Great reservoirs of water are held back up in the mountain streams by a dam. The pent-up water is directed skillfully down a great pipe where it falls

evangelization.

with a mighty force on a turbine making

it revolve with incredible speed, thereby

generating electricity for lighting entire cities, and running the wheels of industry. They also say that one may open

up a sluice-gate in the dam and let all the

water run out uselessly. The power is wasted. So it seems that when the

mighty life-giving, energizing power of

the Holy Spirit is manifested, we are

immediately faced with the reponsibility

of teaching the recipients to yield them-

selves properly to God and to use the power He gives for the work of effective

Bible training for the native worker

has been an important part of our work. A good central Bible Institute is located

in El Salvador and we have been sending our boys there. But besides this main school, we have found to be very profitable a series of "cursos breves" or short

courses of two or three weeks for train-

ing prospective ministers and laymen.

These are held out in the outstations where many people are not likely to at-

tend Bible School for a longer period. In our central Bible School we can only give training to ministers. There is not

enough room to receive prospective min-

isters, that is, men who feel that they have a calling to some day be in the ministry, who have not as yet given ac-

tual proof of their ministry. The central

Bible School gives training for only three months a year. In this way they

are prevented from becoming American-

ized, which is not our purpose in min-

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Our aim is to train them for more efficient service. And the time spent in this manner pays for itself a thousandfold. After all is said and done, the hope of evangelization lies in a consecrated and Spirit-inspired native ministry.

We try to give them this same vision, and to show that we missionaries are sent to help them toward that objective. They are God's chosen vessels for the evangelization of their own people. This makes them cry out to God to endue them with power from on high and to sacrifice to the limit to win their countrymen to Christ and to prepare a native church for the coming of the Lord.

My ideas had to undergo many changes when I arrived on the field. I thought that I knew best how to evangelize the people. But after a while I discovered that some of the natives had better success toward leading their fellowmen to Christ than I had. Thus the need became more apparent for more native workers.

It seems that I can see a certain native minister standing before his people, his heart melted with compassion for them, tears running down his face pleading with them. I look back and remember when he lay drunken, or in a saloon strumming a guitar, dancing and gambling and living a depraved life, and then trying to make amends by going before some image of a saint and mumbling a prayer, but continuing on without hope and without God. In God's mercy, someone gave him a Bible to read which he took cautiously into his possession, fearing that something dreadful might happen, since he had long heard from the priest that no good Catholic should dare touch that "cursed Protestant book." But nevertheless he ventured and read it and was saved. And now—I see him standing there preaching to his own people, not a homiletically prepared message, but pouring out his soul, telling them that the greatest thing in this world is the regenerating power of the Holy Ghost whereby God could change a poor sinner like him and give him a new heart. His saying it meant a thousand times more than the missionary's saying it! His people knew him and understood

So taking these things into consideration, we began to seek how to fall in with God's plan of raising up native workers. The Holy Spirit uses human instrumentalities. When He ceases to use a man, you don't hear any more about him. That principle seems to be set forth in the book of "Acts"—the Acts of the Holy Ghost.

The native Christians in our assemblies have their own organization. They do their own voting and electing of of-

ficers. Each year the workers together with the missionary as superintendent resign their office. They can re-elect the missionary as their superintendent if they want. If they don't want him, they may be independent and the missionary would be out. But we have enjoyed blessed fellowship in the gospel, and they seem to appreciate our services.

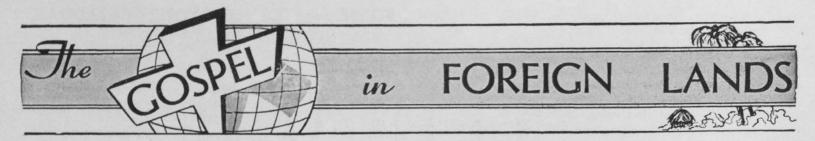
Our present missionary staff is quite inadequate to meet the challenge of this open door the Lord has set before us. We should like to see twenty-five couples thrust out speedily to this field. Many are needed for the evangelization of Cuba. New Bible Schools are needed for the training of native workers. We especially need a Bible School in Guatemala.

If the Lord tarry and we are able to have new missionaries now, and adequate training quarters for native ministers, we believe that the day is not far distant when we may have a native church in every town and village.

We especially need more gospel literature in these countries. Gospels and Testaments in the hands of the native workers can do wonders.

We look forward hopefully to the day when the other fields will be opened. We want to be optimistic and hope that the war will soon be over.

But Christ has told us to "occupy" till He come. LET'S OCCUPY LATIN AMERICA FOR THE GOSPEL NOW!



Signs of Crumbling Walls in Latin America

H. C. Ball

Yes, thanks be unto God, there are signs that the walls of indifference and bigotry in Latin America are crumbling. For years the missionaries and Latin American ministers have had a true "desert" experience, but of recent years we apparently have crossed over Jordan and by faith are compassing the stone walls of Jericho, and they are crumbling.

On January 27, after a year and a half of ministry in Chile, South America, we left Santiago by train for the port city of Valparaiso, the first step of our homeward journey. It was a pleasant surprise to find several delegations at the railway station to wish us Godspeed. The largest was from the Presbyterian Church of the Holy Trinity; the pastor, Mr. Arecena, was there with some dozen of his members. He presented us with a beautiful hand-painted parchment in appreciation for the three revival meetings we had held in his church, meetings that the Lord had singularly blessed. We had given the full gospel testimony with no compromise and trust God will water the seed sown. Another delegation was from the Pentecostal Church of Sargento Aldea. The last, and to us the dearest, was from the new Assembly of God Church, our own little flock.

Since we were delayed in Valparaiso for over a week while the steamship company continually changed the sailing date of our vessel, the leading members of our church followed us there in order to be with us as long as possible. It was painful to part with them; they were such babes in Christ. The Swedish missionaries, already overburdened with excess work, are caring for our church until we can get missionaries for Chile.

At Buenaventura, Colombia, our family separated, my wife and family returning by boat to the States, while I took a less direct route, stopping to visit a number of our Latin American fields on the way.

A Real Victory for Colombia

The Lord gave us a wonderful time in Sogamoso where the Wegners have labored for the past ten years. I found that Colombia, like Argentina, has been stony ground as far as the gospel is concerned. Dr. Seel, of the Presbyterian Church, informed me that all the congregations in that republic are small and the missionaries have suffered

intense persecution. He stated that the Wegners have one of the best congregations in Colombia, and I found this to be so.

The first Sunday I was in Sogamoso, Mr. Wegner baptized seven converts. The parish priest got out circular after circular against our mission station, but the Wegners judiciously printed thousands of handbills inviting the people to the services. To our utter surprise over one hundred business men of the city printed and distributed handbills all over the city and pasted large posters on the walls at street corners, replying to and refuting all the statements of the priest. We simply preached the gospel and souls were saved. The Lord saw to it that others fought for us. This is a real victory for Colombia!

As I walked the streets of Sogamoso the business men would all greet me courteously,

but more than once I noted the women making the sign of the cross as they passed. Superstition and bigotry are breaking, but slowly, and only after a terrible battle. We must not slacken our faith march around the walls; the battle has only well begun.

In Sogamoso on March 7 we dedicated the new buildings for the Bible Institute where young people will study God's Word, preparing to become evangelists and pastors. On that day we counted seventeen

Two Colombian teachers in the new Bible Institute of Sogamoso, Colombia.

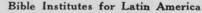
students, and the number has since increased to twenty-three. Praise the Lord! Ten years of prayer, of house to house work, of faithfulness in the midst of dangers seen and unseen, with the lives of the missionaries threatened over and over again—these things have made possible this splendid Bible Institute.

But let us take a look at the other

We have been very happy to welcome to Springfield Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ball who with their family recently returned from Chile to take up a larger ministry in connection with our Latin American field.

At the last meeting of the General Presbytery authorization was given to the Missions Department to appoint such supplementary secretaries as might seem necessary for the advancement of our Assemblies of God work throughout the world. The first appointment has been given to our Brother Ball in view of the long years of ministry he and his wife have had among the Latin American people. He also has visited practically every field throughout South and Central America where we have missionary representatives. thought is that Brother Ball, while spending some time at headquarters in order to take care of necessary correspondence, will devote a considerable part of his time to field ministry both at home and abroad. We are looking for some definite advances as God may lead.

On request of the Missions Committee, Brother Ball visited several of the countries in South and Central America prior to his return from Chile, and a brief account of his experience is published in this issue.



Besides Sogamoso, there is one at Lima. Peru which we visited on February 10. They have some 50 students, and God is blessing. Two Bible Institutes for all South America! Not many, yet more than we had only a short time ago.

Central America has two schools also, one at Leon, Nicaragua, with 20 to 25 students, and the other at Santa Ana, El Salvador, with an enrollment of 50 and a well equipped building.

There is a Bible School in Mexico City with around 40 students, and still another in Gomez Palacios, Northern Mexico, with some 30 students.

Then in the United States we have the Latin American Bible Institute, at Saspamco. Texas, with an enrollment of 50, and a school bearing the same name more recently opened at Los Angeles, California, with 20 students.

But this is not all, for in the West Indies are two more—at Habana, Cuba with 10 students, and at Santurce, Puerto Rico, with 12, more or less. This makes a grand total of 305, not including the many that take correspondence courses and others called to preach who study under the direction of the minister in charge of the local congregation. Three hundred students do not seem a large number for a field of one hun-

dred million people, but when we remember that some fifteen years ago only two institutes were in existence, and those mere babes, then the miracle of what God is doing appears.

Costa Rica, a New Field

In San Jose, Costa Rica, I visited Mr. and Mrs. William L. Perrault. Brother Perrault arrived in Costa Rica only last August, but already he has two missions established, one in a private home, the other housed in a very attractive hall. On the Sunday I was there (March 21) there were 40 present at the Sunday School, and in the week's meetings which followed souls were saved nearly every night. Remember, Costa Rica is no easy field. The oldest evangelical congregation in San Jose has only some 150 members.

Every day and nearly everywhere on the streets of the city innumerable women, young ladies, and even children go around clad in robes similar to those worn by the nuns, only brown, with a rosary and crucifix attached. I never could find out just what this symbolized. On March 19, the day of the patron saint (Saint Joseph), Brother Perrault and I entered a church near the cathedral. As we were standing in front of one image that attacted our attention because of the cuts and bruises on its knees and legs, a lady with a black veil on her head stepped up to us and said reverently, "That's San Roque; he is very good for 'golpes' (blows or wounds)." Well, thank God, we know the Christ of Calvary, good for wounds both of the soul and of the body.

Advance in Evidence

Meeting our Central American missionaries in the conference at Santa Ana, El Salvador, was an inspiration. All their talk pertained to "advance," and advance was everywhere in evidence. The church in Matagalpa, Nicaragua has raised over \$800.00 for a new building. The church in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, had outgrown its accommodations and was in urgent need of a larger building. In Santa Ana, El Salvador on April 5 we dedicated a spacious temple that seats around one thousand. At the time of my previous visit in Santa Ana eleven years ago, the little congregation worshiped in a rented hall.

In Jutiapa, Guatemala I found the church ready to start on a building that will accommodate several hundred, while a parsonage was already under construction. When we visited this place sixteen years ago the congregation numbered four.

In Mexico City two years ago I preached for one of our many assemblies in that large metropolis, which worshiped in a hall hidden away inside a court yard. On April 20 it was my privilege to minister in their new chapel, built by the congregation itself—a chapel seating two hundred, and filled almost to capacity.

A New Day for Latin America

Latin America taken as a whole is a land of walls—walls around every home, adobe and stone walls. How tiresome they become! How prisonlike they feel! But the



"The Christ of the Andes," famous statue which has been erected on the Argentina-Chile border as a token of peace between the two countries. The figure of Christ is 26 feet in height. A translation of the wording on the bronze plaque at the base of this statue reads: "These mountains shall sooner crumble than Argentina and Chile shall break the peace declared before the feet of Christ the Redeemer."

new Latin America is lowering the walls, building them so that it is possible to see over the top, and out in the country wire fences are now becoming common. A new day for Latin America!

Yes, and spiritually speaking it is a new day. The walls are starting to crumble. Let us keep on believing God, and praying, and marching the march of faith around them until the seventh day, until God brings them down with a mighty crash and thousands upon thousands are delivered from sin and degradation.

PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING

At the beginning of the year Norman Moffat, our missionary representative in Ajmer, North India, held special meetings in Agra, during which God wonderfully poured out His Spirit; a number were made hungry for the Baptism and one received a definite experience, while several were greatly blessed of God. "I went there expecting to stay only two days," he writes, "but they prevailed upon us to remain more than two weeks. Four were baptized in water. On the way from the

meeting hall to the river where our baptismal service was held, we sang and preached, and sold nearly 200 Gospels. That night there was a healing service at which God again met us in a wonderful way. Several were saved.

"Some of the American soldiers attended our services. One young man just joined right in praising the Lord with his hands upraised and tears flowing down his cheeks. We handed out many copies of 'Reveille' which were well received-the fact that it was a paper from America was enough to bring them joy. As we were preaching in front of the picture show one night God wonderfully spoke to a young man who promised that he would try to get back to the Lord again. He had been living for God but slipped during the trip across. He said this was the first sermon he had heard since leaving the States eight months ago. Pray for our boys in India."

Recently Brother Moffat returned to Agra for another visit and he reports that God is continuing to pour out His Spirit. There are about fifty adults in the assembly, most of whom have received the Baptism. During this last visit he was privileged to witness a Church of England missionary bring his boarding school boys into the tarrying service, and these boys received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 with their own missionary standing by and looking on. Another highly educated Indian Baptist minister received the Pentecostal experience at his home while drawing near to the Lord in prayer.

USED BOOKS FOR AFRICA

An appeal has come to us from our missionaries in Nigeria requesting good spiritual reading matter for a library for native Christians. Many of these African brethren know English so can take advantage of the good literature our country provides. Send your books direct to either Rex Jackson or Elmer Frink, Box 9, Umuahia, Nigeria. Each package must be marked "Printed Matter" and must not exceed 4 lbs. 6 oz. in weight unless the parcel contains only one volume when additional weight is allowed. Only one parcel a week may be sent to one person. The rate of postage is 11/2 cents Why not put into service books per oz. in your library which you will not likely use again? Make them do missionary work.

STORK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earl John Wilkie—son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkie, born April 12 at Santa Ana. El Salvador—weight, 8 lbs. 5 oz.

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James Harlan Hall—son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, born May 11 at Pasadena, California—weight 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Contramaestre, Cuba—Please pray for a young baptized convert in the mountains who is mixed up in Spiritism. He is trying to get back to God.—Henry Mock.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

The Passover Lesson for June 13. Lesson Text: Exodus 11:1 to 13:14.

In a previous lesson (in May 15 Evangel). we pointed out the twofold division of the Book of Exodus: (1) Book of Redemption. chs. 1-18 and (2) Book of Relationship, chs. 19-40. Division one may be divided as follows: (1) Cry for Redemption-Israel in bondage, chs. 1, 2; (2) Captain of Redemption-Moses trained, called, commissioned, 3, 4; (3) Claim of Redemption—Moses before Pharaoh, 5; (4) Contest for Redemption-Pharaoh vs. God of Israel-the Ten Plagues, 6-12:36; (5) Celebration of Redemption-the Passover Feast, 11:1-13:14; (6) Crossing to Redemp-

tion-through the Red Sea, 13: 17-14:30; (7) Chorus of Redemption-Song of Moses and Miriam, 15:1-21; and finally, (8) Complaining after Redemption and Continuation in Redemption-15:22-18:27.

Our present lesson has to do with the institution of, and participation in, the first Passover feast-the celebration of redemption. This eventful night and its significant feast represented a turning point in Israel's history (12:1). It was Israel's "Fourth of July," or Independence Day which was to forever remind them of their deliverance from Pharaoh's oppression. It was their national birthday, representing as it were the birth of a nation. Let us notice the following facts concerning this great Feast:

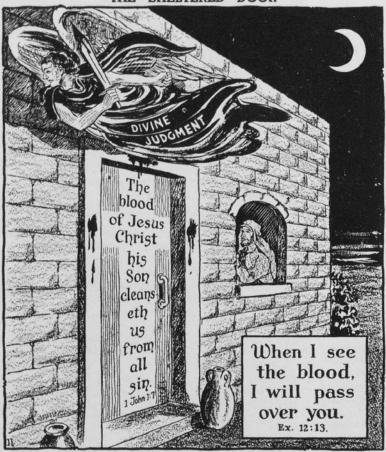
1. The Passover was an ordinance of substitution. "A lamb for an house." The lamb selected must be a perfect one; without blemish; allowed to live four days after selection in order to be sure there were no hidden defects which might appear. It typified Christ, the spotless Lamb of God, foreordained to die for the sin of the world. Compare Lev. 22:20-25; Mal. 1:8; 1 Peter 1:19; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26. The blood was to be sprinkled over the door-

posts and side posts, never on the threshold; there must be no trampling of the blood! See Heb. 9:22; 10:29.

God, in order to be just, must punish sin. Sin cannot be simply excused; it must be atoned for. Otherwise, the distinctions between evil and good would be done away with by the proclamation of grace. The judgment Egypt deserved fell on its firstborn; the judgment which Israel equally deserved for its many sins, fell not on its firstborn but on the lamb. Substitution solved the problem for Israel. The problem for "hole world was solved in the same way. Jesus, God's Lamb and Firstborn, went to Calvary and took upon Himself the concentrated judgment for the sin of the world!

- 2. The Passover was a feast of satisfaction. The lamb was to be roasted and The blood of the lamb provided safety: the eating of the lamb provided strength for the journey ahead. The blood of Christ secures our safety; we feed upon Him, partake of His nature, and are kept saved by His life. Rom. 5:8-10.
- 3. The Passover was a feast of unleavened bread. Leaven or yeast is a principle of fermentation; and fermentation has been defined as chemical decomposition. Leaven, then, is an element of decay and

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destruction. The eating of unleavened bread symbolized the truth that nothing must be allowed which would disintegrate or break down the unity of God's purposes, either in the individual or among the people as a whole. 1 Cor. 5:5-13. Again, the eating of unleavened bread was to remind them in days to come of the suddenness of their deliverance—a deliverance so sudden that they would not have time to leaven the bread.

4. The Passover was to be eaten with bitter herbs. "And with bitter herbs shall they eat it"-recalling the bitterness of affliction and bondage in Egypt. As applied

to the Communion, the Christian's Passover, we are reminded both of the bitterness of Christ's sufferings in atoning for our sins, and possibly of the fact that a certain amount of suffering is inevitable to us if we take up our cross and follow Christ.

5. The Passover was a feast of anticipation. "And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover." Fully clothed, with their shoes on, and ready to travel, the Israelites waited eagerly for the race out of Egypt. We, likewise, clothed in Christ's righteousness, with the loins of our minds girded, set our hope on the grace that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Christ, knowing that we were not redeemed with corruptible things from our vain manner of life, but with the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without blemish and without spot.

6. The Passover was a feast involving

faith. How far the Israelites saw into the significance or symbolism of what was taking place we do not know, but we do know that their obedience to the whole ceremony was an act of faith. We may imagine a skeptical Hebrew as saying, "The very idea of staining the doorway with blood. What an absurd idea! And who would be foolish enough to believe that God is actually going to kill the eldest son in every home in which there has been no blood applied?" In such a case, the death angel would just as surely have visited a Hebrew home! Some cannot understand how faith in the blood of God's Lamb can bring salvation; yet such faith brings unquestionable results and transformations in the lives of those who do believe. One need not understand all about a radio in order to enjoy its programs. Let us accept God's plan of salvation first; understanding can come later.

7. The Passover represented a provision for the faith of future generations. "It shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover." knew full well what we are so slow in realizing—that the hope of the future lies in the chil-

dren. To this day, when Passover is observed in devout Jewish homes, the youngest child of the home asks certain form questions which are answered by a recitation of the mighty acts of God which culminated in the original institution of Passover. Let us be as diligent in doing all within our power to help our children to know our God and the fullness of the Pentecostal experience! -J. Bashford Bishop.

Lima, Peru-Please pray for the evangelistic work in the isolated places of Peru.-Jane Collins.

SISTER CRAIG WITH THE LORD

Brother J. Narver Gortner writes on May 15 from San Francisco: "Sister Craig went to be with the Lord last night about eleven o'clock. She has joined her husband (R. J. Craig) on the other side, and will be waiting there for the rest of us to come."

Brother Gortner writes of an interview he had with Sister Craig on the day of her homegoing. She was in a happy mood and said: "I am so glad I put my money into this place (the Glad Tidings Bible Institute). It is working for God and will continue thus to work until Jesus comes."

Brother and Sister Craig labored together in San Francisco for nearly thirty years, Sister Craig never failing to take a

full share of the burden. The Glad Tidings Assembly of God has been the place where many souls have been born again and filled with the Spirit of God. The Glad Tidings Bible Institute was founded by Brother and Sister Craig and it has been their joy to see hundreds of their graduates go forth to preach Christ in both home and foreign

Brother Gortner encloses a verse of a poem that he has written as an obituary of Sister Craig:

She has met her husband yonder On that fair and fadeless shore, Where the saints no longer ponder Over problems as of yore.

Here she said, "Why did God take him?" Oft she said it with a sigh;

And I said, "You'll find out some day"; Now she knows the reason why.

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Peking, N. China-Please continue to remember me in prayer. I am still sick. -Emma Daechert (furlough).

Havana, Cuba-A number of people from other churches are becoming interested in the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Pray that they may receive the Spirit's fulness. Pray that the Lord will raise up more Cuban preachers and for all those who are studying the language and are launching out into the work.—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh P. Jeter.

San Jose, Costa Rica-Please pray for this new work, that the people may lose their fear of the mission and that souls may be saved. Also that those who have accepted the Lord may be strong and grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord. Pray that workers may be sent into this needy field and that we may realize our desire to open other new missions soon. Remember, too, a young man who desires to prepare himself for the work of the Lord.-W. L. Perrault.

Nassau, N. P., Bahama Islands-Please pray for a new work that has been set in order and for the saints there to receive the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—Earle W. Weech.

Chicago, Illinois-Please pray that the Lord will open larger quarters for us to continue our work among Jewish refugees in the city of Chicago.-Alexander Marks.

Chapra, India-It looks as if village work in our district may be closed for a year at least. The Lord is opening other doors of service however in convention work and in some of our other stations. Pray that we shall be clearly led of God and that the blessing of the Lord may rest mightily upon

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Ajmer, India-Please pray that God will enable us to establish local self-governing assemblies throughout Rajputana, starting here in Ajmer.—N. C. Moffat.

Lima, Peru-We need your prayers for our Bible School here in Lima. Also that the Lord will send more laborers into His harvest. Pray for the believers that they will receive the Holy Spirit and that a real revival will break out among the haciendas. Pray that sick bodies will be healed, believers strengthened in faith and filled with the Holy Ghost so they can be real witnesses for God in Peru. Pray also for those

who have made the start in the Christian way.-Jane Collins.

Reports From the Reapers

SEARCY, ARK.—We have just closed a 4-week revival during which the Lord gave us a deluge of His power. Thirty-nine were saved (20 of whom were young men and boys), 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 17 were baptized in water and 10 united with the church. A C. A. band was organized and every department of the church was greatly helped—Evangelist Mabel F. Pearson and daughters.

POTEAU, OKLA.—Barney Flanagan, General Presbyter from Louisiana, has just closed a 2-week meeting with us. His straight-forward, sin-exposing messages were a great blessing to the church. People that have never attended our church before came out to hear him preach. The last Sunday of the



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revival the Sunday School broke all records in attendance and offering with a new high attendance of 137.—Rees Brunson, pastor.

WICHITA FALLS, TEX.—It has been our happy privilege to have soldiers from nearly every State in the Union to attend our services. Lots of these boys are saved and have the Baptism. They have been a great inspiration to our assembly. We have soldiers playing in our orchestra, leading in our C. A. work, and taking part in all departments of our church work. We make a special effort to welcome all new boys and invite them to worship with us while here. In many cases, their wives accompany them and attend also.—E. B. Crump, Pastor.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—Once again we would ask you to join us in giving praise to Him who has given us the victory in these past few weeks. A revival has already begun in our Assembly. Our Sunday School, which reopened a few weeks ago after months of inactivity, is growing fast. The children are responding to the gospel and already

a number have come to Jesus. Last evening in our mid-week service two more youngsters found Him as their "All in all." Church attendance is increasing each meeting and the Holy Spirit has been blessing us mightily. The adults too, have been coming to Him and scarcely a meeting goes by without the altar's being lined by those who would know Jesus or those who already know Him but who are seeking the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—A. Donald Magaw, Pastor.

PLAINVIEW, TEX.—After four years as pastor here the Lord has opened for us a larger field of labor. During this time many wonderful revivals have been had, and much of the progress of the work is attributed to the capable ministry of our evangelists and to former pastors. The entire indebtedness of \$2,000 has been lifted and approximately \$750 improvements have been made. The 36'x60' auditorium with inclined floor has a complete basement providing adequate Sunday School rooms for about 300-400 pupils. It also has a nice C. A. Chapel. Our Sunday School is a "First

Class" school, and is now working on the Lighthouse program.
Every department of the church is thoroughly organized and efficiently operating. The Sunday School is growing with a trained corps of Spiritifiled teachers. The Junior and Senior C. A. groups are meeting definite needs. The Women's Missionary Council is organized, working and meeting regularly. The church is properly set in order with an official certificate from Springfield, has an official board of qualified members and a substantial membership. We are resigning as pastor to accept the District Superintendency of the West Texas District. Our address will continue to be Box 10, Plainview. Texas.—H. Paul Holdridge.

Coming Meetings

NEVADA, MO.—Joplin Section Fellowship Meeting, June 14. Services: 10:30, 2:30, 8:00. J. A. Rogers morning speaker.—S. K. Biffle, presbyter.
KENOSHA, WIS.—25th and Roosevelt Road; Sectional Fellowship Meeting; June 15. Services at 10:30, 2:30, 7:30. Lunch to out-of-town visitors at noon and evening.—R. S. Peterson, pastor.
KENTUCKY DISTRICT COUNCIL
The Ninth Annual Kentucky District Council will convene June 15:18 at Calvary Tabernacle, 2735 S. Fourth St., Louisville, Ky. J. J. Humphries is the pastor. Special Speakers, Dist. Supt. R. M. Riggs of Missouri and Bird H. Campbell, Little Rock, Ark.—Carl E. Schmidt, Dist. Sec.-Treas., Box 96, Hartford, Ky.

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GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council will convene June 21-24; North Highland Assembly, 3611 3d Ave., Columbus, Ga. Great missionary and fellowship meeting; several superintendents and others of neighboring Districts, special speakers. Rooms furnished free. R. C. Jones, host pastor.—S. W. Noles, P. O. Box 1101, Columbus, Ga., District Superintendent.

SOUTHERN MISSOURI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

AND CAMP MEETING

The New England District Council and Camp Meeting will be held July 4-18 at Framingham Center, Mass. A. G. Ward and Wm. E. Long will be speakers. District Council will convene July WESTERN SLOPE SECTIONAL CAMP MEETING Our first camp meeting of the season will be held at Grand Junction, Colorado, June 18-27 with Cecil J. Lowry as camp evangelist.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.



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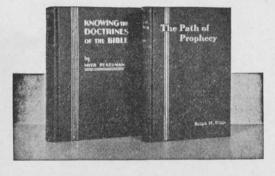
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Fred C. Sampson, Gen. Del., Russellville, Ark. "Will go anywhere. Am ordained. In fellowship with Arkansas District."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW LOCATION—The Chicago Gospel Assembly has moved to 2108 No. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill.—Phillip N. Green, Pastor.
WANTED—Medium-sized tent. Will pay cash.—R.
E. Lister, 2245 N. W. 16th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

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WHERE THE PAINT BELONGS

"The amount of lipstick used each year by American women would paint 40,000 barns a bright red color," says a writer in *Brethren Missionary Herald*. "I'd rather see it on a barn; how about you?"

HEBREW BIBLE IN BRAILLE

A refugee from Silesia (Czechoslovakia) has just completed the first Braille transcription of the Bible in Hebrew, states the London Christian. He began the work for the National Institute for the Blind as a thank offering for kindnesses received in England.

WHY THE LEAGUE FAILED

Dr. Howard Guinness says, "A friend of mine who attended all the conferences at Geneva for twelve years only heard God's name mentioned once publicly during the whole of that time." Is it any wonder the League of Nations failed? Will a new World Council fare any better?

LLOYD GEORGE AND ZIONISM

Lloyd George, who was Prime Minister of Great Britain during World War I, said recently: "I am confident that our country can never go back on its pledged word to the Jewish people. The revolting treatment of the Jews by the Nazis has made any other solution than a Jewish State in Palestine unthinkable."

YOUNG JEWS IN PALESTINE

Of the 550,000 Jews in Palestine today, 400,000 persons (over 73%) are below forty years of age, and half of them are below the age of twenty. Thus the percentage of young people is higher in Jewish Palestine than in any other country. This makes the outlook for Palestine's future very promising indeed.

WANTED: GREATER ZEAL FOR GOD Admiral Sir David Beatty said, after World War I: "If half of the zeal and passion, half

of the outpouring of life and treasure, or organization and efficiency, that the State has put into this war could be thrown into the cause of the Kingdom and of the eternal verities, the world would soon be won for Christ."

J. P. MORGAN'S WILL

The recent news of the passing of J. P. Morgan, world financier and "the friend of kings," has caused *Our Hope* to recall the death of another of the same name, his father and founder of the banking firm, J. Pierpont Morgan. It states that when J. P. Morgan, the elder, died, he left a Will, the introductory words of which were a great testimony to our Lord. We quote the opening paragraph of that will:

"I commit my soul into the hands of my Saviour, in full confidence that having redeemed it and washed it in His most precious blood, He will present it faultless before the Throne of my Heavenly Father; and I entreat my children to maintain and defend, at all hazard, and at any cost of personal sacrifice, the blessed doctrine of the complete atonement for sin through the blood of Jesus Christ, once offered, and through that alone."

MISSIONS-BEFORE AND AFTER

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the British East India Company said: "The sending of Christian missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unwarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast."

But at the end of the nineteenth century the English Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal said: "In my judgment Christian missionaries have done more lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined."

PRAY FOR GOD'S WORK ON TANNA

All who are familiar with the life and work of John G. Paton, pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides, will be saddened to read that the Christian community on the island of Tanna is passing through a severe testing time, due to a resurgence of paganism, led by a native "prophet." The movement originated a year ago with secret meetings organized on what are suspiciously like "Axis" lines. It not only seeks to re-establish old tribal pagan customs, but is strongly anti-white in character. The movement in its development is giving much concern to the Administration, as well as to the church authorities. Happily, certain of the native Christian teachers and members are standing firm against the mass emotion and terror the movement inspires .- The Christian.

ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER

For over two years a Bible class was conducted by Stanford E. Linzey aboard an aircraft carrier. Brother Linzey is a young sailor (Mus. 1/c) who has received the Baptism and now is stationed at Miami, Florida. He writes:

"We started the Bible class with three members who met twice a week. After a period of about two years, when the vessel sank, we had about fifty members. Souls were saved from time to time and many came out of backsliding. We studied one night and had prayer meeting the other. During the days of battle the boys drew closer to God.

"We lost our ship and swam in the water for nearly two hours. A destroyer picked us up. We were cold and shivering and had no clothes but our underwear, but some of us got on our knees in the open air and thanked God for delivering us. Others looked on but our minds were on the Lord. The following day we transferred to a cruiser and while aboard her we organized another Bible class. We sang under the big guns, had testimony meetings, and God blessed. After two or three days we transferred again to another vessel and we had meetings on it. Two boys were saved one night.

"We reached Pearl Harbor and after a time organized a Bible class there. I just received a letter saying that this class still is meeting and that several have been saved since I was there. This class meets in an air raid shelter. It was entirely Pentecostal when we organized it. Please pray for all the Bible classes that are conducted at sea, of which there are many."

LIQUOR ON THE RADIO

The British Broadcasting Company states that it has decided to eliminate drink propaganda from its programs and drink is no longer to be mentioned in its broadcasts. "This reform is long overdue and we hope that the new policy will be carried out," says the Alliance News Summary.

SOOTHSAYERS

According to Saturday Evening Post, there are now some 80,000 full-time fortunetellers in the United States. This is a conservative estimate, based on the statement of John Mulholland, a professional magician who is said to be America's leading authority on soothsayers.

"At least four out of ten people have a sneaking conviction that 'there is something in it,' and I should roughly guess there must be about five million men and women who go beyond this casual faith and actually guide their daily lives according to how an astrologer or a palmist says they should do it," says Mulholland.

According to estimates of the Better Business Bureau, Americans are now spending almost \$200,000,000 a year to know the future, not willing to read the Bible and seek God for guidance and revelation, so safe and certain, which He offers free to all who will seek Him!

A JEW AND THE SECOND ADVENT

Al Segal is a Jewish journalist. In his column in a Jewish magazine he recently wrote on the subject, "If I Were a Christian." This is part of what he said:

"Were I a Christian with faith in the prophecies of my Scripture-the second coming of Christ and all that-I should want to make the world ready for the Visitor. I might speak to all my neighbors, 'My neighbors, we are told He's coming and the world must be safe for Him, lest He be crucified again. We should be ashamed to welcome Him in the world as it is, two thousand years after His Sermon on the Mount. We should be afraid and ashamed. How safe will He be this time in the world? He is a Jew and what comfort will He find amid the stones that are for Jews? He preaches a society made good by righteousness and compassion, and what friendliness will He get from men who call righteousness radical and despise compassion as weakness? He must not suffer another crucifixion. We might try to make the world safe for Him by brotherhood.'

Universal brotherhood is a lovely thing to talk about, but we doubt whether our Lord ever expected the world to be made good before His return. He said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." That is very different from saying that all nations would hear the gospel and accept it. No, this Jew is afflicted with that "blindness in part" which has "happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." He does not know God's plan. There is no danger of Christ's being crucified again. He died once and for all, and in His second coming He will come not as the Lamb of God to suffer and die but as the Lion of Judah to subdue His enemies and rule the world. Then, and only then, will there be universal brotherhood and righteousness covering the earth as the waters cover the sea. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.