



NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

The PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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Things New and Old

Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, at the 20th General Council of the Assemblies of God

JESUS said, "Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." The significance of the word "instructed" in this verse is "disciplined." There is instruction which is merely intellectual. The instruction which we as Christians ought to possess is moral instruction wrought out in character and life. Too many are mentally instructed who fall far below their intellectual standard when it comes to character. I heard a man bring an excellent message on the self-life. But as I listened, knowing the speaker, I wished for him that he knew more about his message experimentally.

We are gathered at a great General Council. We are happy to see all of those who are here and we regret that, because of crowded conditions of travel and shortage of housing facilities for caring for our guests, we were not able to extend that generous welcome for everyone to attend the Council that would have been given were times normal. We appreciate all those of our Fellowship and trust the Council may prove of benefit to all, even though many, fearing they might not be able to secure accommodations, have not come to meet with us.

This may prove to be a memorable

Council. As we convene here in peace, to worship and honor the Prince of peace, the world is struggling in the terrors of war. We should feel ourselves specially blessed that the cities of our country have been spared the batterings of bombs that other lands have suffered. We should appreciate those who have the rule over us, that they are set for the protection of our rights to worship God as we understand worship from our study of the Bible, and the illumination of the Holy Ghost upon our lives. Not all our own people are thus privileged. Today thousands of our boys as well as many from other Christian denominations are at the front of battle. May they have our prayers, and may the horrors of war soon come to an end.

We do not know when the war will

be over, but we wish to prepare as far as in us lies for a fresh assault against the forces of evil, and a forward step in the interest of souls to the ends of the earth as soon as such is possible.

To fulfill our Pentecostal calling we must begin with that which is old. We have now proved over a period of many years the blessings of Pentecost. We have seen the manifestation of the power of God in our own lives and in the lives of others. Having studied the progress of denominations which have gone before us, we have seen with numerical growth the gradual fading out of spiritual life through addition of things which have turned the people from dependence on God to dependence on self.

We are in as great danger as others have been of losing our spiritual vision and it behooves us to "watch and be sober." "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." We have much in which we may rejoice, growth of numbers, increase in missionary gifts and fields of endeavor, better understanding for doing things for God. But if we depend on externals, without the internal force of the Holy Ghost, we shall be "weighed in the balances and found wanting."

The church at Ephesus became powerful in the externals of religion. (See Page Eight)



Ernest Williams, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God.

The Diary of a Delegate

TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Tuesday, August 31

SO here we are having Council in Springfield, Missouri, again. The fifth time here. The first time was in 1918—just twenty-five years ago. Those were war days also, and the attendance was limited. We met in a small disused theater.

What giants there were in our fellowship in those days—A. P. Collins, D. W. Kerr, E. N. Bell, S. A. Jamieson, J. W. Welch and others. Some of us felt ourselves dwarfs beside them. But the God who had use for the ministry of a whale in Jonah's day also had a task for a worm. So, fellow worms, thank God, and take courage!

How much God has done for us as a fellowship in these twenty-five years! Today it is good to be in our own auditorium on this splendid twenty-five acre campus at Central Bible Institute. The Lord has surely been good to us.

Increase in Fellowship

At the Publishing House I picked up a printed report that later will be handed to each of the delegates. I suppose it is not a crime to look at it now. It states that two years ago we had 4,159 ministers in our fellowship. Today there are 4,664 ministers—a net gain of 505. Some have dropped out, but consecrated students from our Bible Schools have taken their places. Two years ago the number of our assemblies was 4,348. Today there are 5,106 assemblies—a gain of 758.

Two years ago our church membership amounted to 209,549; today it reaches 226,705—a gain of 17,156. Not a very large increase, but these have been difficult years.

Ministers' Benevolence Fund

The report states that some sixty-four checks are sent out each month to provide for approximately 115 persons, practically all of whom are too old for further ministry. We must not forget to send in offerings twice a year for this. God will bless us as we remember the needy ones.

Missions Department Report

Brother Perkin reports that today if we include Alaska we have 51 missionary fronts to maintain. In spite of the difficulties of war, our work continues on 41 of these fronts. In practically all of the other 10 there are live assemblies operating under native leadership.

During the past two years our mis-

sionary activities have expanded to seven new fields: Nyasaland, Basutoland, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Colombia, Jamaica and the Bahama Islands. The prospect is good for getting workers into still other fields despite war conditions.

Brother Perkin states that missionary societies are now making special preparation for the qualifying of missionary workers and the accumulating of funds so as to send out *an army* of missionaries at the termination of the war.

The first step has already been taken in the appointment of Field Secretaries who will labor partly on the various foreign fields and partly in the homeland in recruiting missionaries. Two Field Secretaries have already been appointed, H. C. Ball for the Latin-American work, and H. B. Garlock for the West African field. Other appointments will follow.

A second step is the recruiting of 500 new missionaries. Let's all pray that God will thrust forth 500 workers of His own choice, laborers who can endure hardship, who will preach the Word in the power of the Holy Ghost, the Lord working with them and confirming His Word with signs following. And for 50,000 intercessors to stand back of them.

A third step being made is the appointment of advisory committees of experienced brethren to counsel concerning the various fields.

A fourth step being taken is providing additional training of missionary candidates and missionaries on furlough. Two missionaries from India, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cummings, are to give a special course of instruction at Central Bible Institute this coming winter.

A fifth step in contemplation is the establishment of a series of missionary conventions in convenient centers, with a team of workers qualified to present various phases of the missionary enterprise. Brother Perkin says, "Our objective is not only to have every assembly a missionary contributor, but every individual member a missionary enthusiast."

Then lastly, we must raise a fund of five million dollars for additional missionary work. As little as twenty-five cents given as an extra missionary offering each week by each member for two years would provide all the money needed.

Missionary Funds

Four years ago, when we met at Springfield, the goal for the following

two years was set at a million dollars. In those two years the amount received was \$1,114,725.32. The past two years missionary giving has amounted to \$1,558,729.19. In addition to this the sum of \$243,669.22 was received for Home Missions.

As usual, California heads the list in Foreign missionary giving. In the last two years California has given \$230,696.44. The State of Washington comes second, with gifts of \$118,314.86. Pennsylvania comes third with gifts of \$99,242.70. Ohio runs a good fourth with a total of \$97,024.86. Michigan comes next, then New York, then Texas, then Illinois, then Missouri, then Oklahoma, then Oregon, then Kansas, then Minnesota.

Gifts From Assemblies

As usual, Glad Tidings Tabernacle in New York heads the list of missionary givers. They gave during the past two years \$33,989.00, but they are very closely followed by the Pentecostal Church at Cleveland, Ohio, which gave \$33,526.69. Bethel Temple of Los Angeles comes third with gifts totaling \$21,971.95. The Gospel Tabernacle of Minneapolis comes fourth with gifts amounting to \$14,111.68. Highway Mission Tabernacle of Philadelphia comes next with \$12,553.39, and the Central Assembly of God, Springfield, Mo., takes the sixth place with \$11,221.67. Next in order of giving are: Calvary Pentecostal Church, Wilmington, Del., \$10,601.15; Church of the Four-Fold Gospel, Battle Creek, Mich., \$10,448.87; Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., \$10,198.92; First Pentecostal Church, Oakland, Calif., \$9,342.62; Brightnoon Tabernacle, Detroit, Mich., \$9,224.27; First Pentecostal Church, Lancaster, Pa., \$8,870.04; Assembly of God Temple, Bremerton, Wash., \$8,185.72; Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle, Washington, D. C., \$7,738.50; Pentecostal Tabernacle, Tacoma, Wash., \$7,570.05; Pentecostal Full Gospel Tabernacle, San Diego, Calif., \$7,372.72; Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, Calif., \$6,725.06; Assembly of God, Centralia, Wash., \$6,137.50; Hollywood Temple, Seattle, Wash., \$5,525.81; Full Gospel Tabernacle, Kansas City, Kansas, \$5,424.22; First Christian Assembly, Cincinnati, Ohio, \$5,223.53; Full Gospel Assembly, Washington, D. C., \$5,214.20; Trinity Full Gospel Church, Pasadena, Calif., \$5,108.21; Fremont

Tabernacle, Seattle, Wash., \$5,106.45; and Bethel Tabernacle, Oakland, Calif., \$4,995.69.

The report states that at the present time there are only 245 missionaries actually abroad, including those in Alaska. The expense of maintaining workers has risen from 200 to 300 per cent. Travel expense has in some cases more than doubled, so it will require \$100,000.00 to send back the missionaries that are now on furlough. The total number of ministers and missionaries on the Assemblies of God list in foreign service or under appointment is 403. Twenty-five of our missionaries and ministers are in Axis-occupied territory: 9 in North China, one in Japan, 12 in the Philippine Islands, 2 in Greece, and one in Poland. Some of these are in internment camps and need our constant remembrance in prayer. There are 22 missionaries who have been approved for appointment, to be sent out in the near future, since many of these are for appointment in Latin America.

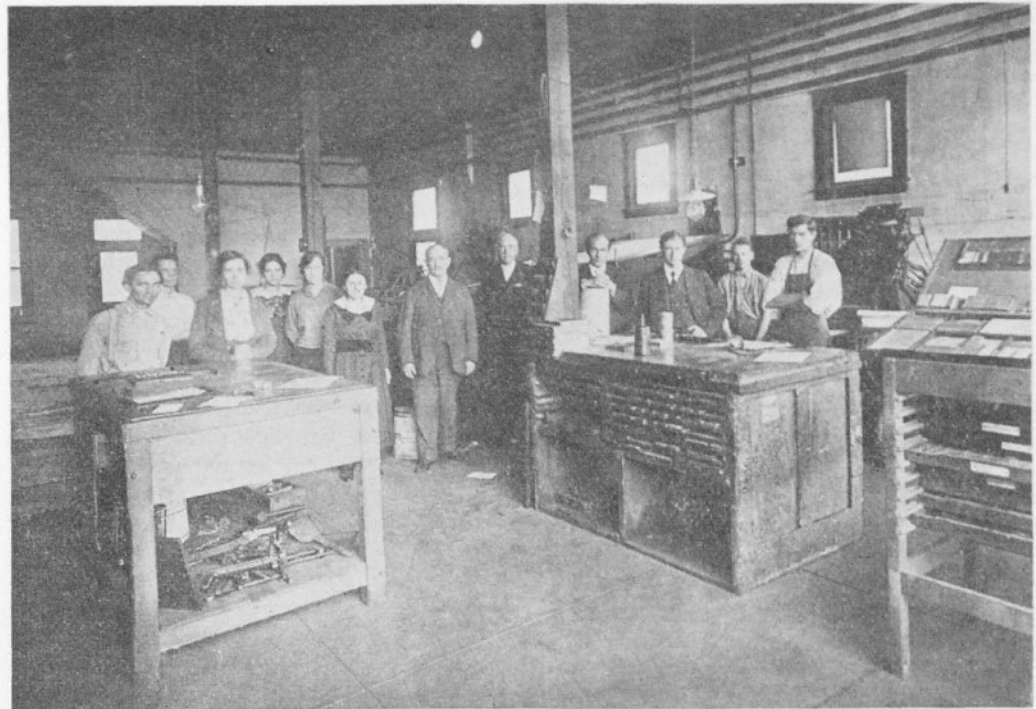
Home Missions

In giving to Home Missions, the North Central District heads the list with gifts amounting to \$8,690.49. The Southern Missouri District comes second with gifts amounting to \$8,355.48. The Texas District comes third with gifts totaling \$6,363.13, and the Kansas District is fourth with gifts amounting to \$5,923.35.

The outstanding Home Missions project during the past two years has been the field of evangelism among the Armed Forces, in the publication and distribution of service literature and the raising of funds for Service Testaments.

A large number of chaplains are receiving free copies of *Reveille*, some as many as 5,000 copies per issue. At the present time a special issue in Spanish is being prepared for the Latin-American armed forces.

The Home Missions Department is seeking to provide 250,000 Testaments in Spanish to be distributed among the armed forces of the Latin-American re-



The staff at headquarters twenty-five years ago

publics. Our missionaries are also asking for 50,000 Testaments in Spanish for distribution in Latin-American countries. This is a worthy missionary venture and should find a response in our hearts. Four thousand dollars has already come in for this fund, but our Home Missions Department is asking for \$50,000.00. Sixteen thousand dollars has come in for Testaments for the servicemen; \$8,000.00 has been spent in tents for evangelistic efforts in our armed camps and for the support of evangelists working among servicemen; \$35,000.00 has been spent in producing *Reveille* and tracts for the servicemen.

Report of the Gospel Publishing House

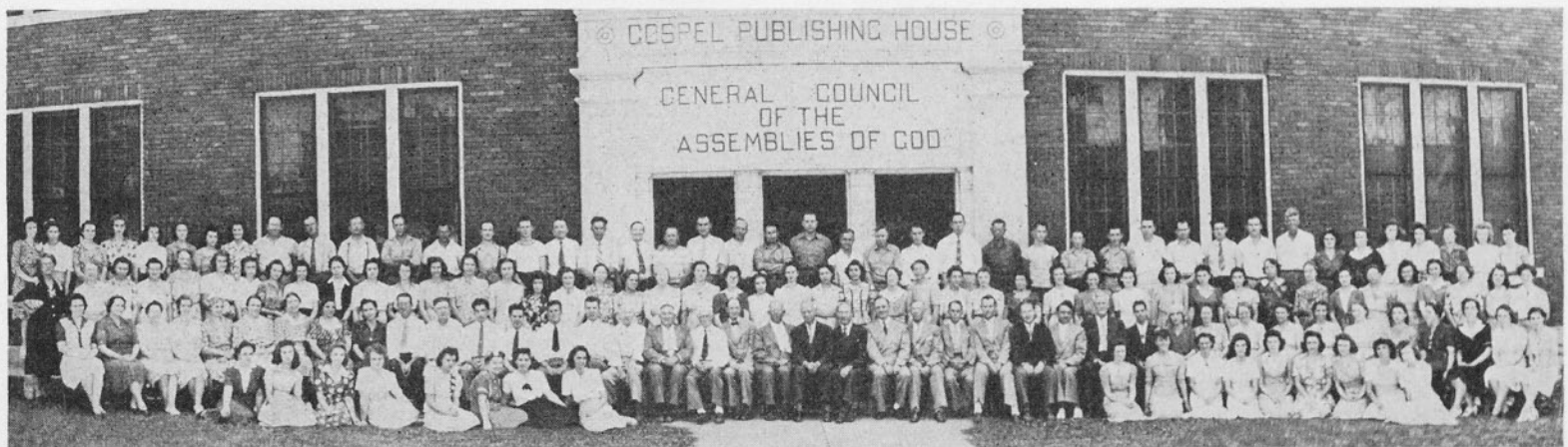
Despite war conditions, the circulation of the twenty-four periodicals of the Gospel Publishing House has greatly increased. Twenty-five years ago the cir-

ulation of the *Pentecostal Evangel* was 7,000. Twenty years ago the circulation reached 19,000. In 1934, 50,000 copies were printed weekly. In the 1941 Council report the circulation was given at 75,000. Today, after two years, it is reported that 102,000 copies are printed weekly.

The *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* has increased its circulation from 15,000 to 20,000 in the two years. The circulation of *Gospel Gleaners* has gone up from 81,000 to 86,000, and the *High-School Christian* from 38,000 to 42,000. The other Sunday School papers in like proportion. The *Sunday School Counsellor* has doubled its circulation from 5,000 to 10,000.

The Sunday School Quarterlies have also increased their circulation, so that

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The staff at headquarters, Springfield, Missouri, today

A Sanctified Thought Life

THE apostle Paul had to rebuke the saints at Corinth because of their carnal thinking. In order to rid them of their wrong thoughts, he did not fail to use the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, and he used this weapon in the power of the Holy Ghost. He declared, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty *through God* to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:4, 5.

The purpose of Paul's holy warfare was that every thought of the carnal Corinthians should be brought into obedience to Christ and to his Word. The seemingly uncontrollable controlled! It is only in the realm of grace that human thoughts can be brought into subjection. Man is a very clever animal. He has physical training, and training of the mind, but thoughts are elusive alike to the gymnastic instructor and the philosopher. They outrun both. But there is a provision in grace for the control, regulation and right use of thoughts.

No weapons that are carnal are sufficient to bring down these mighty strongholds about which the apostle writes. Recognize the fact, recognize that the thoughts of the carnal mind are strongholds in which the powers and principalities of darkness seek to have complete control. In combating carnality you need the same weapons that Paul had, the Word of God and the Spirit of God. It is only "through God" and through faith in the power that He imparts that the strongholds of the enemy can be overthrown. You need to fully submit yourself to God in order to wage war and fight against the wicked spirits that would seek to have complete control of these strongholds. You need the whole armor of God and the power of God in order to enable you to stand against these powers.

But thank God, the weapons of our warfare are mighty through God unto the casting down of imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God. Here are some of them: the question of the mocker, "Where is the promise of His coming?" And then the constant temptation of unbelief which says, "Is God able?" And then there is the continual temptation of the serpent, "Yea, hath God said?" And then the serpent's outstanding lie, "Ye shall not surely die." High things against God! You need godly weapons and godly power to meet these ungodly assaults.

We read in Genesis 6:5 that "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." That is true of today as it was in the days of Noah. The evil imaginations of man's evil thoughts are thrown on the screen, and men and women see them and embrace them.

It was the same after the Flood, when men said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name." Gen. 11:4. You can sum up their ambitions in a word, "Their thought was to replace heaven by making earth a heaven." Such was their evil imagination.

Evil imaginations are seen in all the cults, and in Fascism, in Nazism, in Communism. Man will tell you that these things are a means to an end to bring about an ideal state, but evil men with their evil imaginations cannot bring about an ideal condition on earth. Moses had the pattern of the things appertaining to the tabernacle of God from heaven, the only things that were of heavenly origin; and so it is altogether presumptuous of man to seek to devise means to turn earth into heaven. That is impossible to man because he has never had the heavenly pattern.

There are many speaking of "after war plans." Man is using his vain imagination in a thousand and one devices to turn earth into heaven. When they have established what they think is heaven down here, they will be independent of God. But just as the imaginations of men's hearts in the days of Noah were only wicked continually, so it is today, and Christ says that as it was in the days of Noah so shall it also be in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives. Their imaginations running after the material instead of the spiritual! Abraham was content with tent life. The men of Noah's day were building, planting, and feasting, and not one redeeming thing is told of them. But Noah found grace. Just one man found grace. But today grace is available for all those who seek the Lord. They can have abundance of grace.

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It is the purpose of God that we should have sanctified thoughts, that through the Word of God and through the Spirit of God, every thought of our hearts should be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. You say, "How?" First, there must be the proper relationship to Christ. Conscious of your sin, you come to God through Christ and say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." There must be a surrender to Christ and a submission of yourself to Him to obey His every word. Then Christ will be the Alpha and Omega to you. If He is this, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, then you can trust Him that every thought contrary to His will shall be eliminated. If Christ is the commencement of your spiritual life and the end of your life, and if you are yielded to Him, He will meet and drive out and eliminate and subdue every wrong thought.

From the two points of an electric battery electricity flashes out, and a spark connects the two. There is contact, a closing up of the breach, and there is a flash of light. So Christ wants to be the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the extreme points of your life—the so-called religious and the so-called secular. And so your two parts are so charged with Him that there will be no vacuum, no room for thoughts contrary to Him.

If you give Him a willing and a decisive surrender by yielding to Him and handing over your will to Him, He will see to the fact that every thought of your heart shall be under His dominion. He will deliver you from slavish bondage and legalism on the one hand and from careless living on the other.

Learn to make this your constant prayer: "Cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer."

Our Mightiest Weapon

"When our sword is broken in our hand, when we are beaten to the dust, when the foe exultingly claims the field, we have only begun to fight. Our mightiest weapon is what old John Bunyan called 'all prayer,' and we use it best when our faces are in the dust."

"If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself." To deny is to ignore one's self; to displace self from the throne of life in its purpose and hopes, and to enthrone Another.

The minister needs the prayer of his people. He has a right to it. He is in very truth dependent on it—Andrew Murray.

"Oh, God, Give Us More Emotion!"

RALPH O. HINES, COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

A STRANGE idea, probably the fruit of modern psychology, has entered the Christian Church and is having sad results everywhere. It is the idea that emotions have no place in religion, and that all manifestation of emotion in meetings is dangerous and bad.

The idea undoubtedly had its beginning in Modernistic circles where the teachings soon produced the results of an entirely dead Christianity. But the saddest fact is that the idea has entered into the preaching and teaching of otherwise sound churches. We are told, or given to understand, that nothing decided on or performed while under emotional excitement is real, or will last, and while it is true that one must confirm with a calm mind what one does under excitement, before it becomes of permanent value, still many who have been first greatly stirred to some important decision or good work, have afterwards kept their word, and fulfilled their promise.

If they had never been strongly stirred emotionally, they never would have done anything. But in spite of all this, many go on preaching against emotion until they have the vast majority of the people trained to restrain all deep religious feeling. What are the results of such teaching? Multitudes have so learned to control their emotions and resist all emotional response that nothing touches them. Sinners have learned to resist all gospel preaching; when they begin to feel conviction of sin, they say to themselves, "Emotionalism! Don't be carried away by any of that talk!"

When eternal condemnation in hell is preached, they say, "Don't let him scare you!" Even true believers have been wickedly affected in this same way. They hear messages calling to utter abandonment to God, and they label it "emotionalism," and when the needs of the unevangelized are presented it is probable that many say, "Sob stuff! Don't let your emotions run away with you." And they go on, indifferent to all the claims of God on their lives.

But let us really face the matter squarely. Does the Bible give us justification for condemning strong emotional feeling? I don't find it. What are these emotional feelings which are so widely condemned from the pulpit?

The most common expressions of emotion that come to mind are the feelings of love and hatred, joy and sorrow, fear, bravery and compassion. Surely when these feelings are used in a right way

there is nothing in them worthy of condemnation.

Love is said to be the greatest thing in the world and when exercised toward God and mankind in a holy manner has been the stimulus to all great humanitarian efforts.

Hatred is generally looked down upon, and in human relationships it has wrought much havoc, but when used by God hatred for sin and Satan purifies the life, and accomplishes much good. All Scripture shows us the Christian duty to hate that which is bad.

Joy, like love, is a fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life and nothing so attracts men to Christ as the daily witness of a joyous Christian. God give us more, much more of such emotion!

Sorrow again takes us to what might be called the negative side, but still it has its place. What can better describe true repentance than to call it heartfelt sorrow for sin. Yes, we need such sorrow too! God give it to us! And with it, a holy fear of offending our blessed Saviour and of coming under judgment. God grant too a real fear of hell among sinners, that they may clearly see their dangerous position and flee for refuge to the arms of Jesus.

And is it necessary for us to comment on the need of Christian bravery? Surely not! We all can see as clear as day that in all branches of Christian service we need brave, valiant, fearless servants of God who will preach the Word without hesitation or apology, and who will go to the difficult and dangerous parts of the earth to make known the glorious message to those who sit still in sin and darkness. Yes, we certainly need a great deal more emotion in our Christian churches.

In general, emotion may be called excitement and we need to awake from our lethargic sleep, become excited over our terribly weak and shameful spiritual condition, and with a burning compassion for the lost, go out to win them, preaching the Word in season and out of season until our whole nation is stirred and the whole world blessed. Oh, God give us more emotion! More feeling, deep feeling concerning our Christian duty and the frightful condition of the unsaved who are rushing to a lost eternity in hell!

Charles G. Finney in his "Lectures on Revivals of Religion" says, "Almost all the religion in the world has been produced by revivals. God has found it necessary to take advantage of the excitability there is in mankind, to produce

powerful excitements among them, before he can lead them to obey. Men are so spiritually sluggish, there are so many things to lead their minds off from religion, and to oppose the influence of the gospel that it is necessary to raise an excitement among them, till the tide rises so high as to sweep away the opposing obstacles. They must be so excited that they will break over these counteracting influences, before they will obey God. Not that excited feeling is religion, for it is not; but it is excited desire, appetite and feeling that prevents religion. The will is in a sense, enslaved by the carnal and worldly desires. Hence it is necessary to awaken men to a sense of guilt and danger, and thus produce an excitement of counter feeling and desire which will break the power of carnal and worldly desire and leave the will free to obey God."

Putting such ideas to work Finney was used of God to bring untold thousands to Christ during his long ministry, and whole communities were stirred for God wherever he went.

Many have been trying for years to produce an emotionless revival and have failed up to the present. It seems to me, to ask for an emotionless revival is like asking for a tasteless dinner. If we got it we wouldn't want it!

O God, stir us until we feel our sin and in deep sorrow turn from it, until we see the reality of the sinner's condemnation and run to warn him, and until the whole church of God is awakened from its sleep of death, and stirred to life once more!

"Shall Not Return Void"

When Stephen Grellet, the Quaker, was upon one of his missionary journeys in the Western States, he came one day to a large barn which was used by the lumbermen. No lumberman was there that day; the barn was empty. But Stephen Grellet received a direct, personal, and authoritative word from God—"Preach the Gospel in that barn now."

Grellet might have said: "But, Lord, the barn is empty," as if the Lord did not know that. But he "was not disobedient to the heavenly" voice. He opened his Bible and preached to the void the unspeakable mercy of God. A passing lumberman, surprised to hear a human voice loudly raised in an empty barn, crept in, unseen by Grellet, and listened.

Not till long afterwards did Stephen Grellet learn that the seed which, in obedience to the word of God, he had scattered to the empty winds had fallen into the ground of one human heart and had brought forth fruit to everlasting life.

Unless we can sing with our lives, "Jesus is worthy to receive..." down here, how can we sing it above?"

The Ploughshare of Obedience

A TRUE STORY OF THE CONGO BY EVA STUART WATT

There'll be untold blessings from our Father's hand,
On His word of promise we may firmly stand;
There'll be showers of refreshing on the parched land,
When the tithes are gathered in—
Tithes of love and willing service,
Tithes of silver and of gold,
When in heaven we lay up treasure,
And our stocks, on earth, are sold.

WE may read volumes on revival and attend conventions by the score, until we know, it seems, everything there can be known about the workings of the Holy Ghost; but one ounce of obedience will do more to loosen the bolts of the windows of heaven than tons of fundamental theorizing. Jesus Christ is looking for obedient soldiers. To them He offers the endowment of the Spirit for power for service. "We are His witnesses; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him."

The missionaries at Imbai had become increasingly conscious of a stagnation in the work. Outwardly, things appeared successful enough. Jack Roberts had built up the industrial section, till it supported seventy to eighty men, forty to fifty women and about a hundred and fifty boarding-school children. Fifty acres were kept under cultivation to supply the commissariat, and sixty buildings housed the community. In the center stood the church, well filled every Sunday. There were three or four outstations, each supporting its own evangelist. What more, they felt, could anyone expect of them? The spirit of self-satisfaction had settled down on them, like a dank mist over some malarial swamp. A shining light, she certainly was, in heathen surroundings, but without the burning that creates a passion for the lost. A successful church, without a vision—a tragedy indeed! (at home or abroad.)

Other stations in the mission were being asked for teachers for fresh areas but had none to send. The challenge was put to Imbai's to step into the gap. It was a long time before they would take it, at least a long time before they would allow God to break down their pride and clannish prejudices. They caviled and quibbled every time the messages hit hard. They had never even travelled outside their own territory for business purposes: there were many heathen still in their immediate vicinity, too; why, then, go into

other districts? Their praying centered round the joys of their own salvation or the needs of their special friends.

But gradually the Word of God, rammed home week after week, began to take effect. It was a great day at Imbai, when the first two couples left on a three months' missionary trek to a station in the adjoining tribe, about thirty miles distant, and another two for a six months' term in another direction. The thrill of putting in the sickle for Christ in other fields was something additional to the thrill of their first love for Him. Their term of evangelism began to run into twelve months, then two years, then three, till eventually many were willing to stay away as long as God wanted them without a time-limit.

A general conference would be called for these evangelists to give them a good "send-off" and "welcome home." They were always the big affairs of the station. It became the life of the church to have this constant outflow of volunteers and inflow of fresh news of triumphs from the front.

By far the biggest sensation was caused when an old man, Angwe, volunteered with his wife to go as the first pioneer missionaries into a section of another tribe called Babaris. The old people in Congoland are very conservative; yet this couple, white-haired and their children grown up, were willing to cut loose from their moorings and launch out for twelve months into a hostile land, two hundred miles from home. Hence the stir.

Angwe was one of the first of his own tribe to be converted. He was getting on in years then, and it took him some time to learn to read, but he got through eventually. As he started off with his wife on the road, he looked like an old-time patriarch of another world.

The "welcome conference" on their return was a great day at Imbai. The church was packed, and the enthusiasm tense as soon as Angwe took the platform and began recounting their experiences. "You all know," he began, "how that twelve months ago God called my wife and me from your midst and chose us to take the message of Jesus Christ to the Babaris. Packing our few belongings, we left the village that was our home and the people that were our friends and started on a long, long walk. It took us two weeks hard going. You know that we were old, both of us. Our hairs were white and we had never been away like this before. What but the

Gospel of Jesus Christ would ever have made us go, d'you think? Nothing!"

The church was hushed as he went on to describe the Babaris; how hard they were; how they wouldn't come to his meetings, and eventually how they tried to do away with him by their witchcraft spells. As soon as he found the spirit-charms encircling his hut, he beat the village drum, which is customary in those parts when there is any notification of import. The crowd gathered; and he told them how he had discovered their fetishes and knew well their purpose, since once he used himself to live under their curse. But Jesus Christ had released him from the bondage and fear of spirits; and, since He reigned within, their witchcraft was powerless to touch him. "Though alone among aliens," he said, "and utterly in their hands, the Lord stood by me. 'Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world.'"

Vividly he painted a picture of the darkness and the need, and then finished up by saying, "Brothers, how shall we stand before Christ on the last day if we who have been given the Bread of Life refuse to give it to these other hungry souls?" Then his eyes got fiery and, raising his voice, he said, "You young men (pointing down to them with his old wasted hand)—you young men who are well able to go, how will you stand before Christ at the judgment seat up yonder if you won't take the Gospel to tribes who've had no chance?" There was deathly silence. The challenge went like an electric current through the body of the church. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of a full translation of:

Can we whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Can we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?

As soon as it was over, two young men, who had been through the school and were then working as carpenters in the industrial department, came up to the mission house. "The words of Angwe," they said, "have entered our hearts tonight and we are willing to tell the news of Jesus where it has never been heard." The spokesman was a particularly smart young fellow named Banamisu. He had been good at school and clever at his job. Though a Christian for years, he had been unwilling till that night to take up his cross and follow his Lord. But that night God had spoken. He saw in a flash that he was only a failure and that true success lay in losing his life for Christ's sake.

Banamisu was away a year evangelizing in chief Misa's territory, when he was taken seriously ill, breaking out in boils from head to foot. Silently he suffered there, until he was too weak to walk, but never reported that he was ill.

It just leaked out somehow. He was taken to the nearest Government hospital for several months' treatment. Scarcely had he got his discharge and come home to Imbai, than he said, "I want to go back to Misa's now!" The missionaries tried to persuade him to rest for a month or two and recuperate, for he was still very weak. But he insisted on returning, and they had to give in.

Nothing so fanned the flame of love to Jesus Christ in the church as these young men who had become "doers of the Word, not hearers only." Every fresh launch of faith was a fresh rebuke to those still hugging the shore.

Another to penetrate chief Misa's district was a son of the local chief, Imbai. In the early days of the work Imbai had come to Christ and, as a thank-offering to God, had made a gift of the land for the mission premises. God rewarded him by calling his only son, Agama, to join the young army of missionary recruits. He was very proud of his son, who was as quiet and unassuming as the old man was talkative and blustering.

Before a man was qualified as an evangelist he had to go through every department of work on the station and prove his willingness to do anything that came to his hand. If there happened to be something unyielding in the character, it soon showed itself. Even after they had served as evangelists, they were occasionally put back through station routine to be thus tested again. Some would come to a sudden stop and refuse to bend: their job was too humiliating. Then hours would be spent by the missionaries on their knees to get the young lives through to victory. But Agama never caused a moment's sorrow. He was as humble as a little child and was never asked to do anything but he did it willingly. His life was most consistent and always the same, fresh, happy and dead in earnest; and his young wife was a gem.

Agama was always ready for anything. He was in charge of an out-station about fifteen miles away, when he received a letter from Jack Roberts, asking him to come in for consultation, as he was thinking of asking him to move into another tribe. He wrote back, "There is no need to come in to discuss it with you, Master. My wife and I are willing to go anywhere you feel there is need of sending us." This was most unique, as it meant leaving behind their little girl of two. And the African loves children passionately. But they made the sacrifice.

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth"; and God allowed His servant to be tried by fire. The Medjes amongst whom he worked were hard and unfriendly. During his wife's confinement he was alone with her; and through lack of knowledge and help the precious little life was lost to them. Next morning the

people gathered round to see how the spirit of the stranger would react to this calamity. It was only to find him as usual, quiet, subdued and calm. It touched a chord in one or two hearts; and they helped him to dig the grave. At the burial service he told them the secret of his peace—"The blood of Jesus whispers peace within."

Deeper still went the testing. While away on their missionary trip, a serious charge of immorality was brought against him and his wife, which resulted in their being recalled to Imbai for trial. All the evidence pointed to the conclusion that they were guilty. He was reduced to an ordinary workman on the station and deprived of taking any part in evangelism. Agama affirmed their innocence, but neither showed any resentment, though kept month after month under suspicion. He quietly said, "Although I am apparently proved guilty, God knows, and He will judge. I await His verdict." When some of the Christians advised him to repent and put things straight, without taking any offence he replied, "Just wait and see what God does. One day He will show the truth: I am willing to bide His time." That time was about twelve months later.

Almost a year after Agama was recalled in disgrace, the other party in question confessed his own guilt and exonerated the young evangelist. The same Christlike spirit, that kept him all those months, controlled him when the truth came out. "I am very glad," he said, "that God has justified my wife and myself in the eyes of men; but I am very sorry for the other man. I only wish it hadn't been he. I wish I could have borne the reproach for him. Most of all I am sorrowful because it has dishonored God before all the heathen." Then he wept.

Mukali, the man who started the little Lebu school, was another who strived to live a life, blameless and harmless, for his Captain. He was eventually put in charge of that outpost. It was an inspiration to go to his church and see the crowds of pagans outside. They wanted "the new words of Jesus" but were afraid to enter the building.

When the big chief, Mando, was persecuting the church and throwing a number of the leading Christians into prison, his headman came out one day to Mukali's cotton plantation, as he was gathering in the crop. "What are you doing here?" he asked.

"Getting in my cotton."

"But you've been walking about doing nothing," he said, "and now you'll pay for it"—(referring evidently to his evangelistic tours). With that he had him down on the ground, while a soldier thrashed him with an elephant hide whip. Every stroke drew blood. It was no uncommon thing for men to succumb to

these whippings. In this case it was purely reeking vengeance on Christianity. Mukali knew it and took it as part of his inheritance. It left great scars across his back. "But that's nothing," he said, when offered sympathy. "My Saviour bore more than that for me."

There is no gain but by a loss;
We cannot save but by the cross:
The corn of wheat to multiply,
Must fall into the ground and die.
Oh should a soul alone remain,
When it a hundred-fold can gain?

New Wings

Many these days may be feeling like a bee with frayed wings. Turmoil, tension, anxiety, sorrow can fray the wings. And yet it is possible to go on flying. Says one writer: "In any case the bee flies in defiance of the laws of gravity. According to experts, she ought not to be able to fly at all; her wing-area is too small. But she does, and, furthermore, is one of the swiftest flyers we know. Her lungs permeate her whole body, supplying oxygen to every part; and in the thorax are two huge pipes which can supply unlimited oxygen direct to the wing muscles. So, small as they are she can move these wings at incredible speed without fatigue. And when the wings become frayed, she has only to move them a little faster to fly as quickly as she did before. Perhaps my bee, when heavily laden, finds the return journey more laborious than it used to be, that is all."

What if one's flight be a little more laborious than it used to be because of frayed wings? What does it matter after all? New wings are waiting. They are fashioned already. New powers, vigor, and joy unimaginable today—all this may be ours tomorrow. We shall speed "through new uncharted skies," and till then, there is, thank God, that which we see in a figure of the true in the story of the bee: "unlimited oxygen" for the wing muscles, and for every part of our being. Breathe on me, Breath of God. Breathe in me.—Amy Carmichael.

Sad Inconsistency

There is no mockery more sad and inconsistent than that of believing and speaking of the Blessed Hope with folded hands and selfish heart. No man can rightly believe in the coming of Jesus without expending all the strength of his being in preparing for it by sending out the Gospel to all nations. God is summoning those who hold this hope today to a great missionary crusade, and there are enough to make it effectual before the close of the generation.—A. B. Simpson.

When you are right you can afford to keep your temper. When you are wrong you cannot afford to lose it.

Things New and Old (Continued From Page One)

They were impatiently correct in doctrine, zealously active in ministries, but they let these be substituted for that which is of greatest value, the Christian power of the Holy Ghost within. They left their first love. Nothing that man can substitute can take the place in the eyes of God of the inward devotion of a heart melted, yet aflame, as was the oil that fed the lampstand in the holy place of old—melted with the love of God, aflame with the power of the Spirit from on high.

A new generation is rising in our Movement, a generation of wonderful young people. After Israel had crossed into the land of Canaan there came a younger generation who "knew not Joshua" nor the elders who had shared with him the revelation of the God of Israel. They knew "by the hearing of the ear," but not through personal experience. While holding to the theory of Biblical religion, they drifted experimentally until they were finally found in idolatry and bondage. We do not wish this to happen to us. We must preserve a clear-cut cleavage from "worldly lusts that war against the soul." A great responsibility rests on us who are older. We must be spiritual examples to the younger. May the workings of God be preserved. May we all be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. We would stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance lest externals take from us the richness of internal spiritual life.

Many homes have been visited by the god of war. Our boys have been taken from our churches and from our fire-sides. There is anxiety in almost every home. Such anxiety preys on the mind and heart. Worry upsets restful communion. There cannot be weeping in any home without its sorrow being felt by others in the household of faith for "if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it." Sorrow "dries up the bones," depriving strength for happy confident advancement.

Then there are the maladjustments of migration. Many from our number have moved to distant cities for reasons of employment. Some of these lose their contact with the church, wither in their souls, and some may even be lost. This affects the Sunday Schools, the Young People's Meetings, and the church in general. It also has a baneful effect on the family life. It is a mistake when making money takes precedence over proper home life and living for God. "The love of money is the root of all evil, which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Turning from the church and looking on the world in general, we find the rush of hurried marriages. Girls and young men who hardly know each other rush into marriage because he is going off to war. The results of this cannot be other than harmful to many. When the war is over and we return to sober, normal thinking, many will find they have entered into contracts which are against all within them. Divorce will be more prevalent. Remarriages will be many. These conditions lie before the Church and we must consider now what we plan to do for those who have been caught in the snare.

Then there is the awful scourge of immorality that has swept across our land. What heartaches and regrets will fill the after lives of many as they look back on the reckless days through which we are now passing. These, and many other maladjustments, will affect the inner consciousness of many. We need a keen understanding of human hearts and human needs to be enabled to help those who have suffered as a result of the fever of war.

Children of parents living in unpleasant environments, in many instances both parents being engaged in labor for what the labor may bring to them in money, are being subjected to baneful influences which will produce spiritual and even moral evils, to curse them throughout the remainder of their lives. Nothing can take the place of the grace of God and the power of the Holy Ghost in lives such as these. Filled with the grace of old-time religion we shall be in a place to be of worthy help to those whom we will seek to reach when the war is over.

We are faced with great responsibilities. Our ministry must not be superficial if we are to face the tasks that lie before us. We must know God in a real way and in as real a manner know mankind. Jesus was the perfect example. He could perfectly touch God. He could as perfectly touch man. He needed not that any man teach him concerning man, for "He knew what was in man."

Knowing what is in man means more than knowing that man is either a sinner or a saint. It means a knowledge of man's heart, reasons why man acts as he does, causes that have produced certain effects, and then ability to apply the grace of our Lord Jesus to the need, so that the life may be lifted out of its natural self into a God-conscious self that knows how to take God into the peculiarities and needs of the life. What a task lies before the Church! What a duty lies before the minister of Christ! Flee superficiality! Flee easy-going lightness! Clothe us O God with humility! Infill us with Christian compassion, love, and grace! Let us feel our calling as we look out on the gigantic task that lies before us!

America needs the message which we have. Infidelity is being taught through subtle means in institutions of learning. The laws of God are being attacked. The devil knows that if the people lose reverence for the laws of God they will not obey the laws of man. He would like to see the world plunged into atheistic anarchy. The hope of the world has ever been the Christian remnant that would seek the face of God for revivals of old-time religion. Let opposers say, "Christians are taken up with the hereafter, to the neglect of the needs of the present." Reformers have shown their inability through moral reform to change the world.

How different it has been where humble followers of Christ were filled with power from on high. The disciples of old turned the Roman world from paganism to Christ. The Wesleys, and their little band of Spirit-filled companions, saved England from a revolution. The spiritual battle is great. It may become greater. It undoubtedly will if we are living as near the end of the age as we believe. But the battle must not deter us. It should cause us to seek God more earnestly, to raise the banner of faith more firmly, and to press on with a slogan somewhat like that of David when he met Goliath, "You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of the God of Israel, whose armies ye have defied."

We have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. We must be "workers together with God." Home missions, the message of salvation to those who have it not, Sunday Schools for neglected boys and girls, we are with you. We pledge our strength, our consecrated lives, our all, filled with the Spirit of God and guided by His Word.

Before us lies a task in every land. In a measure the advancement of missionary activities has been hindered through the war. But we look beyond the war. We expect the doors to open anew if Jesus tarries. We have His commandment "Go ye." "Occupy till I come." The fields are white, though bleeding. Europe will need the gospel in greater measure than before. Heralds of light must go to brighten its darkness. The nations spoken of as heathen need the balm which a Saviour's love can bring them.

Shall we find ourselves in the place of readiness when the hour comes to go? Already, since the war began, we have sent large forces to the lands to the south of us. Missionary activities continue in 41 of the 51 countries which we were able to enter before the war. Our missionary activities are not dead. They are very much alive. But what we are doing now should be but a portion of what we may do at the close of the war. We have need of hundreds of properly

qualified workers. Institutions are needed where natives may be given certain studies that they may take the message to their own people. There will be need of qualified teachers also. Who will answer, "Here am I, Lord, send me"? Thank God for the number already willing to go, waiting for the doors to open. Thank God for the many others who will be willing to go. Many years in missionary work have taught us valuable lessons. Beautiful has become the co-operation between the missionaries and the Missions Department. "The whole land lies before us." With the co-operation of the churches at home we will "go in and possess the land."

We could not cease discussing our responsibilities without mentioning the Jews. They may be despised, down-trodden, almost destroyed, but they are not forgotten of God. Broken off through unbelief from their proper place in the olive tree, they will be restored, regrafted in. "And so all Israel shall be saved." We look with pleasure toward the time of Israel's restoration. But between now and the time of their regathering we see dark pictures of their distress. We pity Israel. At present there is among them "an election according to grace." We must not become ensnared with the anti-Semitic spirit now in the world. We should do all within our power to show kindness to Israel, and to exert our influence in their behalf that they might be saved. God bless our workers among the Jews and raise up many more to bring tidings of great joy to these distracted people.

Brethren, our responsibility is great. A great task lies before us. We need a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on our souls, a fresh vision of the fields now white to harvest, faithful giving of men and money that the world may be reached with this Pentecostal message. We have asked for five million dollars as a surplus fund to be drawn on to meet the extra needs that will present themselves when the war is over—money with which to send forth many missionaries, to equip them for their work, to build simple institutions as such are needed. Now, while money flows freely and the staff of workers is not as great as we hope to have after the war we can build this surplus.

This is not a large sum when compared with the needs that lie before us. When we are ready to send hundreds of fresh missionaries forth, current living expenses will require a large regular income. We fear the regular contributions will not be enough to take care of the many additional things required for capable missionary service. That is why we wish to have the surplus on hand. We wish our missionaries to be free to go and to do, that they be not tied to limited service on

the fields for lack of funds. Let us give, let us pray, let us live, let us go. "The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few."

Deep is our need, great is our responsibility. We must not "stand all the day idle." There is work to be done which can only be done through human co-operation with divine unction. The Christ of a world-wide vision give us a world-wide vision, then send us endued with power from on high.

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today 445,500 are being printed, in comparison with 397,000 in 1941.

According to this report, Sunday School supplies are being furnished to some 6,000 schools throughout the United States. During the past two years, 1,515 new schools have been supplied with literature at half price.

Report of Central Bible Institute

Brother Williams, who is president of Central Bible Institute, gives a brief report of the progress during the past two years. For the school year 1941-42, the attendance was 380, the number of young men being almost equal to the number of young women. For the school year 1942-43, the number enrolled was 370, and again there were a large number of men. Already 290 students have been enrolled for the 1943-44 school year, against 84 at the same time a year ago.

Brother Williams pays special tribute to the unique ministry of Brother Myer Pearlman in the school. His homegoing is a great loss to the Institute. It is a great loss to the Publishing House also, and to the whole fellowship. He is surely greatly missed.

Special mention is made of the outstation work of the Central Bible Institute. During the past school year they held 1,289 services in various communities. The number converted was 237, and the number who received the Baptism with the Spirit was 13. Twenty-three outstations were supplied pastors and other helpers from the student body.

A great many of the presbyters have arrived and are in session. They meet morning, noon and night. Central Bible Institute is filled up with guests; many friends who have not seen each other since last Council are having sweet times of fellowship together again.

Wednesday Morning

More delegates arriving and are registering. While the presbyters are again in deliberation there is a meeting going on in the tabernacle for those who are not presbyters but who are happy to give themselves to a season of prayer and praise.

Thursday Morning

At 7 a. m. a large number assembled in the chapel of C. B. I. for the first early morning prayer hour, and there was a season of real prayer in the Holy Ghost.

At 9 a.m. Brother W. I. Evans, principal of Central Bible Institute, gave a word of welcome to all the delegates. He reminded those present that 21 years ago three men knelt in the oak grove there and dedicated the site to God. Since that time all the buildings had been erected for a training center to prepare ministers and missionaries for both the home and foreign field. He stated that although the personnel has changed, the vision given to those brethren must remain with us. He expressed a wish that all who came would be blessed while upon those sacred, consecrated grounds.

The mayor of the city was introduced and spoke a word of welcome. He told of the great influence for good which Central Bible Institute and the work of the Assemblies of God had had upon the city, and finished his remarks with, "May God bless C. B. I." The president of Springfield's Chamber of Commerce spoke a few appropriate words of welcome, expressing appreciation of the influence of the Assemblies of God fellowship and its institutions in the city. Brother Williams remarked that he had often heard mayors of cities welcome delegations, but never before had he known such a distinctly Christian note in a welcome of this kind.

Brother Williams proceeded with the opening address, in which the Lord mightily anointed him; and the whole audience was stirred by his very timely message. He had been asked to prepare the notes of his address for the Evangel, but we fear that what is read will seem very tame in comparison with the wonderful flow that came from our brother's lips.

While emphasizing the task of world evangelism, Brother Williams pointed out that we must not forget the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He regretted there is so much anti-Semitic feeling everywhere. He gave a tribute to our Brother Myer Pearlman, and then told us that Brother Pearlman was continually haunted with a fear that there might be an anti-Semitic persecution in this country like that which has come to Europe, and then what would happen to his three children who are half Jewish. Brother Williams urged us all to show great love for Jewry, for there are no people who are more responsive to love than the people of Abraham's race. He looked forward to the time when they would be grafted again into their own olive tree and all God's purposes for them would be fulfilled.

The remainder of the morning session was given to the reading of the report of the executive office.

India's Present Day Challenge

Ruth Schoonmaker, Bihar, North India

"If any man serve me, let him follow me... he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness."

Today, we in India are being confronted with what appears to be the greatest challenge ever presented to Christian Missions. Through the perusal of articles and contact with prominent missionary leaders, we are imbibing not only a spirit of enthusiasm and hope but a deep consciousness that as far as the propagation of the gospel message is concerned, this is indeed "Our Day." Areas hitherto known to be barren, difficult and seemingly devoid of any moving of God are opening up; whole villages are taking their stand for Christ and evangelical missionaries are being presented with opportunities so great as to be beyond their ability to meet. The district of Ballia in Bihar is one such area, and since it adjoins our own district of Saran, it holds a special significance for us.

As a point of introduction, may I say that both my brother Paul and I are acquainted with the Methodist missionaries working in Ballia District, and not only have we enjoyed seasons of spiritual fellowship together, but there is a mutual sympathy and desire to see God work. We are grateful for this friendship, for these missionaries have much to offer us in the way of practical advice and their consecration and utter devotion have been a source of inspiration. It was at their kind invitation that we were able to see for ourselves what God is doing in Ballia District, and what we witnessed there has stimulated us to believe for our own district of Saran.

The plan, which has been adopted by these missionaries, apparently with great effect, is known as the

"Intensive Evangelism Plan"

It aims at the greatest simplicity, and so few are the requirements for its presentation that the native worker can carry it out with comparative ease. Camp is set up in a particular village and for ten days or so, the gospel is presented to the people. The entire teaching is based on these four points: What is Sin; The Results of Sin; Redemption from Sin; How Christ Can Live in our Hearts. Only the "minimum of truth" is presented, thereby enabling the simple villager to grasp the main fundamentals of the Christian faith. The flannelette board is used with great success. The creation story, depicted in this way, indelibly impresses these two truths upon the hearts of the people, namely that sin is the breaking of God's command and its results are separation from God and spiritual death. It has been proven that the creation story thus presented has been remembered by the illiterate even six years after, with perfect accuracy. After the people have been impressed with the fact that sin is the breaking of God's command, the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment are explained and then taught to the people, until through the Holy Spirit there is born the deep consciousness of a personal violation of God's law. The Redeemer from sin is then

presented and opportunity given to the group for public confession of sin and acceptance of Christ. If there are evidences of God's working and it would seem that the people as a group are ready to step out for Christ, the missionaries return in another two or three weeks and reiterate the course, giving further opportunity for confession of sin, acceptance of Christ and personal testimony.

"We Stand Back and Watch God Work"

It was to just such a camp that Paul and I were invited by our friends. The village of Kukri, where we camped, is only eight miles from us, on the other side of the River Surju, which forms the natural boundary between the two districts. The Chamar group, a low-caste group in this village numbering about two hundred, had been visited by the missionaries three weeks previously. It was apparent from the very start that here was a group of people, whose hearts had been definitely prepared by the Holy Ghost. It is hard to describe the inexpressible thrill that was ours, as we witnessed these depraved, depressed, illiterate souls stand to their feet, sometimes three or four at a time, publicly confessing their sins, and later testify to the joy of a clean heart. I could not believe it was India! The missionaries informed us, "It is not the fruit of our labor; we simply stand back in wonder and watch God work." The question of water baptism scarcely occurred to us, for we were aware that there was a comprehension of truth on the part of the people which was supernatural. May I repeat, as an example, the conversation which I had with Balchand, one of the elders of the little village. "Balchand," I said, "You are now going to suffer much persecution at the hand of the zemindars (landowners)." The old man answered, "They can only destroy this cloak (body), but they cannot touch this spirit, for that belongs to Christ"—and this from a man who a month ago had been in the depths of heathenism and idolatry! The last two days some 150 followed the Lord in water baptism. Each was questioned and those who seemed a little doubtful in regard to a personal experience were held back for further instruction.

A Spiritual Awakening

We have left Kukri with this conviction, confirmed not only by the testimony of these missionaries, but by the inner witness of the Spirit, that there is a spiritual awakening all around us. If groups are being prepared by the Spirit in surrounding districts, is it not reasonable to believe that He is quietly working among the large Chamar groups in our own Saran District? We quote Rev. J. Kinder, working in Ballia District, when we say it would appear that the next four years are to be the most momentous in the history of those missions working in North Bihar. Our God is on the move. And may we say just a word here in regard to group movements. There has been much criticism, and possibly justly so,

in regard to baptising large groups, especially where ample opportunity has not been afforded for personal, definite decisions. One cannot be in India long without witnessing the tragedy which has resulted from such a step. But it need not be thus. We must recognize this fact, that the people of India are group-conscious, and the Spirit of God, knowing far better than we the psychology of India's people, is in these days preparing groups. These group movements are confined almost entirely to the untouchable and depressed classes, numbering about 86,000,000 people.

How Should We Begin?

We cannot express the deep gladness of our hearts and the faith which is being kindled. Our third Hindi examinations completed, we have looked at the challenge of masses without Christ, and wondered how we should begin. This prayer has been much on our lips, "O God, show us Thy mind." We believe He is doing so. At what would appear to be a most inopportune hour—unrest on all sides, an atmosphere charged with rumors, deep suspicion of the white skin—the Holy Spirit is moving in power. Satan at this time would swerve us from missionary effort, with either a spirit of restlessness or fatal resignation to the conditions around us. But His voice rings out today with infinite assurance, "If any man serve me, let him follow me... He, that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness." A vision has been granted us, a challenge has been presented. With His grace and permission, we are beginning an intensive evangelistic effort in our district among the low-caste groups. The wisdom of God, the faith of Christ and the directing and enabling power of the Holy Spirit are our greatest need. Will you pray for us? Our hearts well up with joy and gratitude. It is good to be in India! It is a privilege to see Him at work!

ASSISTING AT HARDOI

Trudys Lawrence, who for some months has been assisting in the work at Hardoi, North India, has now been permanently allocated to that station. "I am very happy here," she writes, "and grateful for this opportunity of service. During the past cool season I have been assisting in village evangelism. We have worked daily in two groups, one going by tonga (horse cart) covering the villages from the third to the nine mile mark; the other, on



foot, contacting the villages up to the three mile mark. In this way we have been able to reach all the villages on three roads leading out from Hardoi within a radius of nine miles. After leaving the tonga at the road side we sometimes have to walk a mile or so from place to place. Near Hardoi, the towns are close together. As a result of our efforts it has been possible to reach many places that have never been contacted before. It has been quite thrilling to me—and surprising to find so many hungry hearts and willing listeners. Our work here in the United Provinces is very encouraging.”

EVERYWHERE—HUNGRY HEARTS Alberta Daniels, Gomez Palacio, Mexico

God is surely blessing us here. We have a nice little work started in Bermejillo and are expecting to send two of the students to take it over when the school closes here.



Graduating class of Instituto Alba, Gomez Palacio, Mexico

Sunday night there were 45 in the service, and some hands were raised for salvation. Since a number are ready for water baptism, we plan to have a baptismal service next Wednesday. The work there is very encouraging, but these precious souls need prayer as there is much opposition. We had 29 children in the Sunday School, and in spite of the persecution they want to go out with us to invite new ones. We have had many threats, but God is faithful. The mother of the judge of the town was saved just before we started our services, and his niece, a girl of thirteen years, has since given her heart to the Lord. The people rose up against us, went to the judge and asked him to arrest us, but he told them that if they touched us they would go to jail.

We have started meetings in Chavez, a new town about twenty miles from Gomez. We want to visit the homes, giving out tracts and Gospels and inviting people to the services.

Over a thousand tracts, besides a large number of Gospels, have been distributed in Gomez Palacio and the new towns. I have never seen such a hunger for the Word. The other day while I was waiting outside the station for our train, many asked me for tracts and Gospels. Everywhere we go, we find hungry hearts.

“Today Is a Day of Good Tidings”

Ed Wegner, Sogamoso, Colombia

“Today is a day of good tidings. We do not well to hold our peace.” Those were the words the Lord gave us as we bade farewell to a little party who left for a ten days’ trip into the plains of Colombia. The party included our associate missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Washburn, and a Colombian worker, Brother Plazas.

Ten days later the group returned telling of the many open doors and opportunities to witness. In each town where they stopped, people had come to them to inquire about the things of God. Brother and Sister Washburn feel greatly burdened for the plains and already they have taken some definite steps to establish their own work there. We, too, have for years been burdened for these untouched areas, and it causes us to rejoice when we see workers being thrust forth.

Conviction

Last Sunday morning we had a wonderful service when a lady who now lives in the plains was buried with the Lord in baptism. Last January while she was residing in Sogamoso one of our Christian girls loaned her a Bible. Immediately afterward she took seriously ill and was confined to her bed for twenty days, during which time she read and reread different portions of the Bible. The sinfulness of her past life was revealed to her. She and her husband both had led very wicked lives; domestic troubles had arisen, and they had separated about eight months before. This woman promised the Lord that if He would raise her up she would seek the gospel mission at once to inquire the way of salvation.

Conversion

The last day of January she appeared at the mission home asking us to tell her how to get saved—she was going down to the plains and might die down there, and she did not want to leave until she knew her sins were forgiven. The burden of her sins was just about crushing out her life. After we had dealt with her as tenderly as we knew how, telling of that wonderful fountain that cleanses from sin and uncleanness, she knelt right then and there and accepted Christ as Saviour.

The next morning she brought her five children to the service, and that night her husband also came with her. You may know what a joy it was to see that entire family seeking God at the altar service, at which time the husband felt a real revelation of the Lord to his own heart.

Confession

Within a few days the husband and wife and one child left for the plains where he had employment as a teacher. Their older children remained here in school. We heard about this couple occasionally through letters, and to our surprise about ten days ago the

wife appeared, having returned to see her children—but the thing uppermost in her mind was water baptism.

She had made a very dangerous journey, for at this time of year the plains are covered with flood waters, the rivers are rushing torrents, the mountain passes are slippery, and travelers frequently encounter serious landslides obstructing the pass, but she arrived here overflowing with joy. Her face was aglow as she told us how the Lord had given complete healing when we anointed and prayed for her before the family left for the plains—how God had healed others in answer to her prayers down there—how instead of hatred and distrust existing between her husband and herself they were now like newlyweds. After relating all the victories in their lives, she turned to us and asked, “Can’t I be baptized before I have to return?” As we heard her wonderful story, the words of Peter came to us, “Can any man forbid? What doth hinder?” So on Sunday morning we had the joy of baptizing another of these trophies of grace. She leaves again for the plains this week. We ask your prayers that this couple will be mightily used of the Lord to give their testimony where Christ has not yet been preached.

Divine Protection

One Saturday afternoon last month we took a group of Bible students to a neighboring town to distribute tracts. Sensing the fanaticism of the people, we decided to leave the station wagon on the edge of town and there wait for the group to finish their personal work.

They had almost finished distributing the literature when one of the boys was stopped by a priest. The latter, on discovering what was going on, called another priest, and together they went by bicycle to the section of town where the poor and ignorant class is. They called the people out to form a mob against our students, but the Lord gave our boys wisdom to discern the situation, and they made their way quickly back to the car just in time for us to pull out in “high,” leaving the angry mob headed by the priests on the bicycles about half a block behind. We are thankful to the Lord for His protection. You dear ones cannot realize the terrible persecution which is faced in getting the gospel to some of these “walled” cities. Pray that the tracts left behind in that town may bear fruit. We realize as never before that these battles are not won by “might nor by power but by my Spirit,” saith the Lord. Only as you hold our hands up can we prevail in the midst of such superstition and darkness.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Whole Bible Sunday School Course

The Conquest of Jericho

Lesson for September 26. Lesson Text:
Joshua 5:13-15; chapter 6.

God wrought a mighty miracle in stopping the Jordan so that Israel might pass through its dry bed and into Canaan. Glorious indeed was the recollection of it. But now! Jericho loomed large and foreboding before Israel's eyes—a strongly garrisoned city whose walls seemed to defy invasion.

But God had a word for His people—"March around the city once a day for six days. Let the priests lead the way bearing the ark and blowing their trumpets. As for the people, let them be still. On the seventh day march around the city seven times and at the end of the seventh time let the priests blow a long blast on the trumpets. Then let the people shout! As they do so the walls of Jericho will fall down flat!"

Israel fully carried out God's orders. They marched. They remained silent. They waited. They shouted. And as God had said, so it came to pass. Jericho's massive walls crumbled and Israel took the city. There are many lessons we may learn from the story.

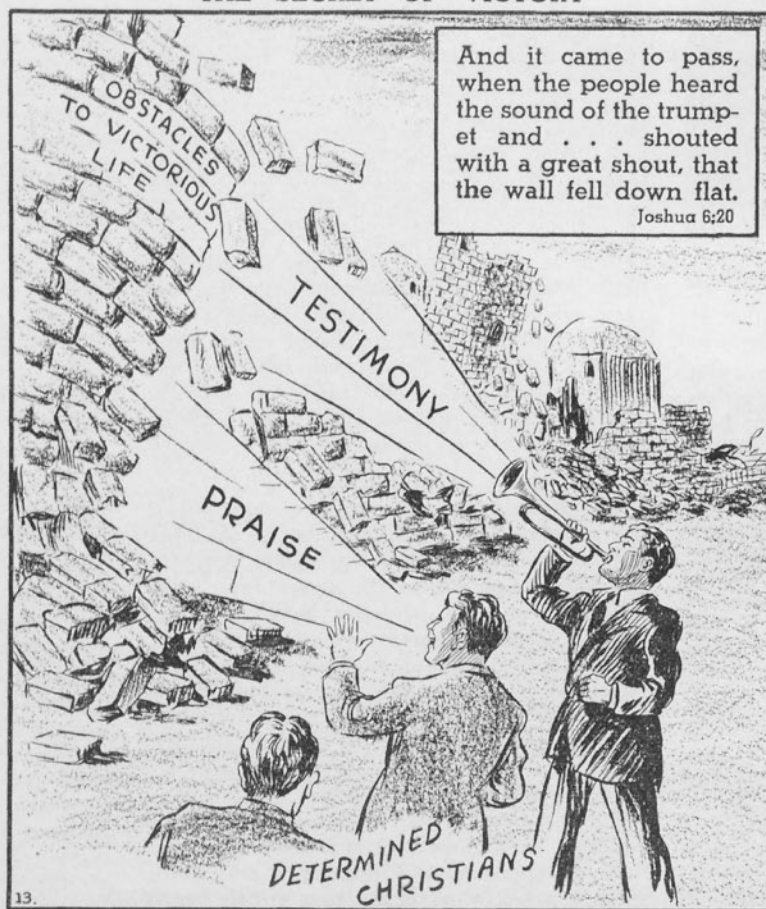
1. **The victory was won by means and methods which appear ridiculous to the natural mind.** How foolish it might seem to engage in such a procedure in endeavoring to take a city. We wonder what observers in Jericho must have thought of these peculiar people of the Lord. Undoubtedly they taunted them from the walls. God's methods are not our ways. He takes the weak things of the world to confound the mighty. By means of very insignificant people and things He brings to nothing the wisdom of man. Why? In order that no flesh may glory in His presence. In order to demonstrate the fact that spiritual victories and gifts are not attained by human ingenuity, merit, or power. See 1 Cor. 1:17-29; 2:14; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:12-17. The ways of God and the leadings of the Holy Spirit are often contrary to natural reasoning. But when God tells us to do a thing, though it may be hard on the human nature, we shall never go wrong in obeying!

2. **The victory proves the value of persistence and importunity.** Thirteen times the Israelites had to march around the city. Why did God keep them waiting so long? In order to test their faith and the depth of their desire to possess the city.

Suppose they had given up too soon! Jesus encouraged importunity in prayer. It is not that He must be made willing, but that other factors unknown to us may be worked out. It ought to suffice us to rest in His promise that "every one that asketh receiveth." See Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-8.

3. **The victory was won by faith and not by Israel's own effort.** "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down," states the writer of Hebrews eleven. Whose faith? The faith of the people as they encompassed the city. They simply believed God and God performed the miracle. So it is in the Christian life. Faith is the condition of all spiritual growth and development. Victories never come as a result of struggling, trying, resolving, but

THE SECRET OF VICTORY



by faith in the power of Christ made available for us on Calvary! Our part is to believe. God's part is to make it good.

4. **The victory was accepted before it became actually evident.** God said to Joshua, "See, I have given into thine hand Jericho." Not "I will give," but "I have given." The Holy Ghost is not a faulty grammarian. He meant what He said. As far as God was concerned Jericho was already in the hands of Joshua, and Joshua believed it! With all due respect to our well known song, "Victory Ahead," we cannot say it is strictly Scriptural. It was not "victory

ahead," but victory from beginning to end! Israel was not so much advancing toward victory, as advancing in victory—and there is a real difference between the two! For example, we may pray seven times for a thing and pray in unbelief, in which case all of our praying is in vain; but if we pray seven times, or seventy times, for a thing and pray in faith, we may be sure God will answer. " whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"—this is always God's order, beautifully and clearly illustrated in the taking of Jericho.

5. **The victory reveals the value of the shout of faith.** At the set time the Israelites were commanded to break their silence. "Shout!" said Joshua, "for the Lord hath given you the city." Again, notice the word is "hath" and not "will." We may imagine some Israelite saying, "Why, Joshua, you are a fool. There is Jericho looming up before us as big as ever. Not a stone in those walls has fallen from its place. The city certainly doesn't look much like it is ours!" But what was the actual case? "The people shouted with a great shout." And what about? We believe that they were rejoicing because the city was theirs. For once these Israelites acted like true sons of Abraham who had a like faith in that when God promised him a son in his old age "he considered not his own body now dead . . . but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able to perform." There is, of course, a time to be still and search God's Book for His word for our particular circumstances, but there is just as surely a time to shout in the face of all difficulties, "Lord, I believe!"

Speaking along this very line Brother Smith Wigglesworth, whose ministry of faith has made him a blessing to the world, says, "I come across some who would be giants in the power of God, but they have no shout of faith. I find people everywhere who go down even when they are praying, simply because they are just breathing sentences without uttering speech, and you cannot get victory that way. You must learn to take the victory and shout in the face of the devil, 'It is done.' There is no man who can doubt if he learns to shout."

6. **The victory over Jericho assures us that we can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."** Who is there who reads these lines who has not had some "Jericho" standing threateningly before him—some forbidden friendship, some enslaving habit, some pernicious entanglement, or simply some great material, physical, or spiritual difficulty? These "Jerichos" bar the way to the fullest blessings and possibilities of the spiritual life. But if

we will obey God's Word, locate our privileges in the Word, and identify ourselves with Christ in His victory, the walls of any hindering "Jericho" will fall down flat! —J. Bashford Bishop.

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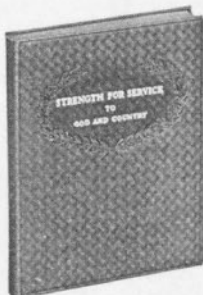
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Allen, John W., Farmington, Mo.
 Ashbrook, Lowell C., W. Monroe, La.
 Bentley, William E., Correctionville, Iowa
 Brackman, Odie D., Hattiesburg, Miss.
 Bradley, Hunter L., Lake Charles, La.
 Brand, Fred H., Slater, Mo.
 Brubaker, Daniel W., Leominster, Mass.
 Campbell, William E., Bucyrus, Mo.
 Capers, Oscar F., Fall Brook, Calif.
 Carle, Robert G., Rockport, Maine
 Cheek, Victorine, Memphis, Tenn.
 Chittim, Ross, Pleasant Hill, Mo.
 Cline, Carl R., Fond du Lac, Wis.
 Cox, Cleith M., Jamestown, Mo.
 Davis, J. Maxton, Campbell, Mo.
 Duguid, James A., Las Vegas, Nev.
 Flaherty, Harvey L., Ashland, Wis.
 Fleming, J. Ralph, Covington, Tenn.
 Flower, Joseph R., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine
 Garcia, Peter N., Madison, Wis.
 Gaston, Marcus T., Sacramento, Calif.
 Gilbert, Orville W., Cliff, N. Mex.
 Graf, Henry, Ashland, Pa.
 Hall, Geo. O., Barnett, Mo.
 Hall, Opal L. (Mrs. G. O.), Barnett, Mo.
 Haymes, Howard B., Springfield, Mo.
 Heck, Jacob B. Jr., Hancock, Md.
 Hillman, Basil E., Byesville, Ohio (Re-instated)
 Holcomb, Harold J., Inglewood, Calif.
 Holler, Mildred M., Guthrie, Okla.
 Hubbard, Linwood A., Sparrows Point, Md.
 Hummel, Mrs. Mary, Navy Yard, S. C.
 Jackson, Guy L., Springfield, Mo.
 Karolski, Stanley W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Lafferty, Henry C., Live Oak, Calif.
 Larson, Lester B., St. Helena, Calif.
 Lazarowicz, William, Holyoke, Mass.
 Lindvall, Arthur E., San Carlos, Calif.
 Long, Arthur E., Brattleboro, Vt.
 Mastries, John E., Springfield, Mo.
 Mastries, Pauline B. (Mrs. J. E.), Springfield, Mo.
 Mastro, Michael, Coraopolis, Pa.
 Miller, Thomas M., Tampa, Fla. (Transferred)
 Oeth, Harry A., Ceres, Calif.
 Ogilvie, Wilbur R., Walnut Creek, Calif.
 Oliver, Clarence H., Joplin, Mo.
 Opie, T. Jack, St. Helena, Calif.
 Page, Leonard E., Greenville, S. C.
 Parsons, Clyde, Ash Grove, Mo.
 Pettet, Albert W., Camdenton, Mo.
 Phillips, Willis F., Grandview, Ark.
 Pine, Warren V., Salida, Calif.
 Pitts, Logan W., Artesia, N. Mex.
 Roberts, Carl L., Williamsville, Mo.
 Robinson, Harold P., Grafton, W. Va.
 Robinson, Mary A., Versailles, Mo.
 Scott, Myrtle M., Jamestown, Mo.
 Shaw, William W., Knoxville, Iowa
 Shipp, Robert H., Washington, Pa.
 Simpson, Tom E., Ft. Sumner, N. Mex.
 Smith, Elzie L., Carthage, Mo.
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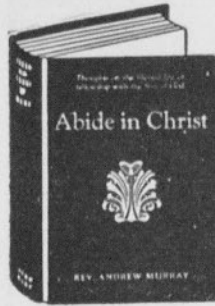
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 Wainscott, William R., Owenton, Ky.
 Waller, William J., Waynesboro, Miss.
 Warner, Verne A., Branson, Mo.
 Westfall, John A., Lower Lake, Calif.
 Whitt, Roy, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Wilcox, Estella A., San Francisco, Calif.
 Woodrick, Clifford K., Meridian, Miss.
 Yeatts, Henry J., Las Cruces, N. Mex.

Names removed from the ministerial list during the month of August, 1943:
 Atter, Margaret H. M., Humberston, Ont., Canada (Transferred to Pent. Assemblies of Canada)
 Chandler, G. W., Little Rock, Ark. (Withdrew)
 McDowell, Mrs. Estella V., (Mrs. D. H.), Elizabeth, N. J. (Deceased)
 Maloney, Clarence T., Wilmington, Del. (Deceased)
 Symonds, Fred G., Orlando Fla. (Withdrew)
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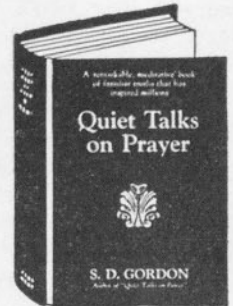


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A PROPHECY OF 150 YEARS AGO

Ernest R. Pope gives the following extract from *Munich Playground*:

One hundred and fifty years ago, there lived a soothsayer in the Bavarian Forest, a shepherd known far and wide for the remarkable accuracy of his predictions. (I have verified the truth of the legend that this shepherd really existed).

One and a half centuries ago, the Shepherd of the Bavarian Forest made the following prophecies:

1. He predicted the defeat of Napoleon.
2. He predicted the year and place where the first "iron horse" would run in Germany.
3. He predicted the First World War and Germany's defeat.
4. He predicted the subsequent Third Reich, with the "Crooked Cross" as its symbol.
5. "Then," the shepherd had foretold, "will come the Reds. But they won't be the red uniforms of the French soldiers. They will be strange Reds from the East." In other words, he foresaw the Berlin-Moscow pact and the partitioning of Poland. Perhaps he foresaw even more about Russia.
6. "Then," the shepherd had continued, "it will be time to take to the woods, if you can, for then will come the time of the Universal Killing. If you meet a friend in the woods, you will say: What! Are you still alive? but after the Universal Killing, it will not yet be time to leave the woods again, for then will come the Universal Dying. Starvation and pestilence. If you see a cow or a loaf of bread, it will be worth its weight in gold.

"Finally, after the Universal Killing and the Universal Dying, it will be safe to leave the woods again. For then will come the Great White King, and there will be peace on earth once more."

Countless south Germans believe in the Shepherd of the Bavarian Forest, and pray for the "Great White King."

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

August, 1943

Alabama	649.56	New Hampshire	150.87
Arizona	387.52	New Jersey	1,999.17
Arkansas	1,324.98	New Mexico	154.08
California	15,170.14	New York	3,993.80
Colorado	1,612.33	North Carolina	278.17
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Delaware	578.25	Ohio	5,108.97
Dist. of Columbia	690.50	Oklahoma	2,124.12
Florida	1,045.11	Oregon	3,184.31
Georgia	570.96	Pennsylvania	3,821.82
German Branch	160.32	Rhode Island	114.89
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Michigan	3,893.03	Wyoming	193.95
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Mississippi	132.91	Canada	190.72
Missouri	4,160.55	Foreign	47.00
Montana	864.34	Legacies	73.59
Nebraska	1,097.88	Miscellaneous	498.42
Nevada	40.93		
Total Amount Reported			88,675.99
Home Missions Fund	11,450.73		
Office Expense Fund	1,599.15		
Literature Expense Fund	228.94		
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Amount Received for Foreign Missions			68,254.61

A NEW JEWISH PUBLICATION

"The Jewish Friend," a new publication for distribution among the Jews, is now available, price 2 cents a copy. Write direct to Assemblies of God Hebrew Mission, P. O. Box 5185, Chicago, Ill.

Reports from the Reapers

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS—Evangelist Anna B. Lock of Galva, Ill., assisted in a soul-winning campaign, Aug. 1—15. A number were saved, and many were greatly helped. Her fearless preaching has helped the work here very much. Those saved were mostly soldiers. N. F. Brewer of Kansas City, Mo., rendered us a most precious service in June, with some real, blessed results.—E. F. Hofer, Pastor, Evangelistic Center Assembly, 121 W. 10th St.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS—We are praising God for the wonderful street meetings on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, from 7:30 to 8:30. We have hundreds of boys, sometimes from 700 to 1,000, in attendance. Many of these boys come to church and get saved. We use a public address system, and are giving away thousands of tracts, Revelles and Testaments. The members of the C. A. band are helping me in this work, and the town is stirred.—E. C. Tobey, Pastor.

(Near) **POTOSI, MO.**—We have just closed a very successful revival at the Glory Hill Chapel, with Frank Kanady of St. Louis, evangelist. His anointed messages were enjoyed by all. Twenty-nine came to the altar for salvation, and 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost. Many sick were healed as they were prayed for and anointed according to James 5:14, 15. Every part of the church was helped. Our Sunday School attendance increased to 115, and the church and Sunday School were benefited financially. Council ministers passing this way will find a hearty welcome.—A. M. Roberts, Pastor.

(Near) DIXON, MO.—The Lambeth Assembly of God has closed a good revival with Evangelist George Hammett of St. Louis as evangelist. Seven precious souls were saved, and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Many souls were stirred by the old-time Pentecostal messages preached under the anointing of the Spirit. Five followed the Lord in water baptism. We wish to thank Brother Pankey and Brother Smith of the Dixon church, and their evangelist, Brother Newton, for their help in the baptismal service and in making the revival a success. Council ministers passing this way will find a warm welcome.—Belvia Duncan, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

WEST TEXAS FALL CONVENTIONS

East Central Plains Section, Paducah, Sept. 28-29; North Plains Section, Shamrock, Oct. 7-8; West Central Plains Section, Lubbock, Oct. 12-13; South plains Section, Lamesa, Oct. 14-15.—H. Paul Holdridge, District Superintendent.

BIBLE CONFERENCE

East Texas Prayer and Bible Conference, Longview, Texas, Sept. 13-17, Lester P. Summers, Pastor. Services daily, 10:00 and 8:00. Thomas J. Jones, speaker. No meals served, but will provide rooms as far as possible for ministers coming from a distance.—Lester P. Summers.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Alabama District Council Meeting, Municipal Auditorium, Opp, Ala., Oct. 12-14. Loren B. Staats, Dallas, Texas, guest speaker. C. A. Rally, night, Oct. 11; W. M. C. business meeting afternoon, Oct. 12.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent; Grover Langston, Secretary.

EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

Eastern District Prayer Conference, First Pentecostal Church, Fifth Ave. and Sixth St., Altoona, Pa., Oct. 5-14. Ministers, missionaries, Christian workers and friends who feel the need of a special season for protracted prayer and special ministry of the Word are asked to make every possible sacrifice to attend this prayer conference. Services 9:30, 2:30 and 7:30. For accommodations, write John R. Hardt, 1624 21st Ave., Altoona, Pa.—Frederick D. Drake, Prayer League Leader.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Arkansas District Council will convene at Russellville, Ark., Oct. 11-14. W. J. Higgins, host pastor. Meals on free-will offering plan. Free beds furnished to ministers and delegates, as far as possible. All ministers and Christian workers are urged to meet with us at this time. We feel it will be an important Council gathering.

Monday afternoon, W. M. C. Rally, Dollie A. Sims in charge. Monday night, C. A. Rally, Mrs. T. J. Stokes in charge. Tuesday morning, first business session. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, special speaker for Council meeting.

All those seeking promotion or ministerial recognition should meet the Credentials Committee in person. For further information write David Burris, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 436, Hot Springs, Ark.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 28th Annual Convention of the Oklahoma District Council will meet in Convention Hall, Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 4-8. First service 7:30 p. m., Oct. 4, in charge of C. A.'s. Business session opens Oct. 5, 10:00 a. m. Woman's Missionary Council meets Oct. 4, 2:00 p. m. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams will be evening speaker for the convention. Those desiring ordination or license should meet the District Board. For further information write V. H. Ray, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1341, Oklahoma City; or G. W. Hardcastle, District Superintendent, same address.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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Pastoral

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The PASSING and the PERMANENT

SUPPRESSING MISSIONS

According to *The Protestant Voice*, the Japanese authorities in the Philippines are gradually forcing foreign missionaries to give up their work. Many of them have been interned in civilian concentration camps, as in Occupied China.

LOVING AND GIVING

"The Bible refers to giving 1520 times," says George Dewey. "Only the word 'love' is mentioned more than 'give.' The two go mightily together. 'God so loved that He gave.' If God's love is measured by His giving, how about yours?"

DEATH-LIKE QUIET

The church is meant to be a spiritual maternity ward, not a graveyard. But, as Harold Lundquist says in *Moody Monthly*, "Are there not those in our day who would be greatly disturbed if the death-like quiet and dignity of their church services were to be broken by the cry of a newborn babe in Christ?"

A DAY OF PRAYER IN BRITAIN

Friday, September 3, was a day of prayer in Britain. An announcement from Buckingham Palace said: "It is the desire of His Majesty the King that Friday, September 3, being the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of the war, should be observed as a national day of prayer and dedication."

IDOLATRY IN CHINA

The Government of China is discouraging superstition and encouraging education. According to *The Alliance Weekly*, both men and women are required to learn to read, and this is a great aid to missionary work. On the other hand, the Government has issued orders forbidding the burning of paper money and incense for the dead at funerals or in idol worship. The performing of idolatrous rites also is prohibited. This causes quite a sensation where the order is enforced, and in many places it is still being ignored; nevertheless, it gives a special opportunity to impress folk with the futility of these things.

BIRTH CONTROL

Dr. Edgar Schmiedler, speaking in regard to "birth control," said:

"In the United States at large, 42 per cent of the married women have no children, or only one child; in the country at large, only one third of the married women have a sufficient number of children to keep the population of the country even at a stationary level; in the country at large the urban birth rate has fallen so low that all American cities of 100,000 and more would, in three generations or 100 years, fall to one third of their present size if left without accessions to their population from the outside. That is, a city of 300,000 in three generations would fall to a city of 100,000."

It is not hard to imagine what might happen to America if this situation should continue while the birth rate in other nations remains much higher.

TESTAMENTS FOR SERVICEMEN

The number of Testaments distributed among American boys and girls in the services is now approaching ten million copies. Figures on distribution by two agencies alone are given below:

The American Bible Society during 1942 distributed 35,114 Bibles; 1,135,655 New Testaments; and 379,998 portions of the Bible among servicemen, a total of 1,550,767 volumes, as compared with the total of 1,125,129 for the first two years of its work for the armed services. In addition 912,361 Service Testaments have been sold to churches and other organizations. They have a special Testament for each branch of the service.

The Gideons recently ordered another million copies of their fine little Service Testaments for delivery early in 1944 making the Gideon total 7,050,850 to date.

Let us pray that as the young men and young women read these Service Testaments they will be moved to yield their hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT APOSTASY

God's Word says (2 Thess. 2:3) that the coming of the Lord shall not be until "there come a falling away first"—a great apostasy. That that apostasy already is upon us seems evident by such reports as the following:

Writing officially in the chief Congregationalist organ of Great Britain, *The Christian World* (April 22, 1943), D. W. Langridge says: "Another whole set of metaphors—the great white throne, heaven and hell, the day of judgment, and so on—is in service to help us to grasp and to handle the problem of ultimate human destiny. There are, I suppose, millions who expect some time to be actually summoned before such a throne, subpoenaed to such a cosmic assize. For centuries whole generations of folk lived quaking and in dread of an actual lake of fire and brimstone; one of the ghastliest and cruelest impostures ever foisted upon gullible humanity."

The comment of the Holy Spirit Himself is very awful: "If any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book." Rev. 22:19.

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MODERN MARTYRS

"It is the opinion of reliable church historians," says Truman B. Douglas, "that more people have died for their Christian faith during the last thirty years than in all preceding history."

AFTER SICILY

At the successful conclusion of the campaign in Sicily, General Montgomery said: "We must not forget to give thanks to 'the Lord, mighty in battle,' for giving us such a good beginning towards the attainment of our object."

THE BIBLE IN JAPAN

The Bible has become the book of Japan, according to a Tokyo radio broadcast reported by the Office of War Information. A translation of the Old Testament is well under way, and the Japan Bible Society is confronted with a problem in meeting the ever-increasing demand for the new Bible. Copies are sold out as soon as they are printed.

This revision of the Old Testament is undoubtedly the response to the desire of the Japanese Church for an Old Testament translation up to date with the New Testament, according to Dr. North of the American Bible Society. The standard version of the Japanese Bible was issued in 1887, but a revised version of the New Testament was published in 1917. A better translation of the Old Testament long has been desired.

COMMUNISM IN OUR COLLEGES

According to Dan Gilbert's column in *World-Wide Temple Evangelist*, "the scandal of tax-supported schools functioning as agencies of communist and atheist propaganda" is causing much concern in government circles. They have two committees investigating the situation.

Straw polls conducted before the last Presidential election showed that one out of every four American university students is converted to socialism or communism prior to the time of graduation.

A scientific survey by Dr. James H. Leuba revealed that more than one half of the students who enter leading universities as professing Christians are converted into agnostics or atheists before graduation.

In 1919, Mrs. Marion E. Sproul, a Boston school teacher and leader of the radical educational forces, declared: "Give us (Communists) one generation of small children to train to manhood and womanhood and we will set up the Bolshevik form of the Soviet Government in America."

And R. W. Whitney says that this "statement has become the guiding light of the Communist Party in America, has been adopted officially as a slogan of the party, and is being used throughout the United States by the Communist organization for the purpose of alienating American youth from the precepts of this country and the teachings of a century and a half of democratic government."

The situation should cause great concern to Christian parents. The wisdom of allowing their children to enter the atheistic atmosphere that prevails in many colleges should be seriously questioned. It would be much safer to send them to one of the several splendid Bible schools in our Assemblies of God fellowship where they can receive Bible training under the influence of godly, Spirit-filled teachers.