

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

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Wake Up, America!

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"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Eph. 5:14.

WE ARE living in a critical hour. America is in danger. America faces her greatest crisis. Our nation is in grave peril.

Nor is this the cry of an alarmist. Facts are facts, and there is nothing gained by ignoring them. We have but to look at conditions; they are so plainly evident. There is no use to shut our eyes to the evils which are threatening the very foundations of our nation. There is no benefit in hiding ourselves in fancied security, insensible to the peril which confronts us.

This is a dark and dismal hour, dark socially, politically, morally, spiritually. Our land of the free, which was founded by praying, God-fearing men and women, has become a God-forgetting, sinful, pleasure-loving nation. Iniquity is abounding—immorality, vice, disregard for law, selfishness, greed, graft, dishonesty in business, corruption in politics, legal injustice, religious hypocrisy, race prejudice, hatred. What a reproach are all these upon a supposedly Christian nation! "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9:17. It is

surely high time for America to wake up!

America has a crime rate which is a disgrace to civilization. Crime has grown to such proportions that today we speak of a "crime problem."

In an address given by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F. B. I. of the Federal Department of Justice, Mr. Hoover states:

"Crime has reached a pinnacle of appalling heights. No American home is free of its shadow. Aggravated robbery, theft, arson, rape, felonious assault or murder annually is visited on one of every 16 homes in America. Last year in this supposedly enlightened, advanced, civilized country, there was a minimum of 12,000 murders and an estimated total of 1,445,581 major crimes. Thus one of every eighty-four persons in the U. S. was subjected to injury or death through the workings of this tremendous crime aggregate."

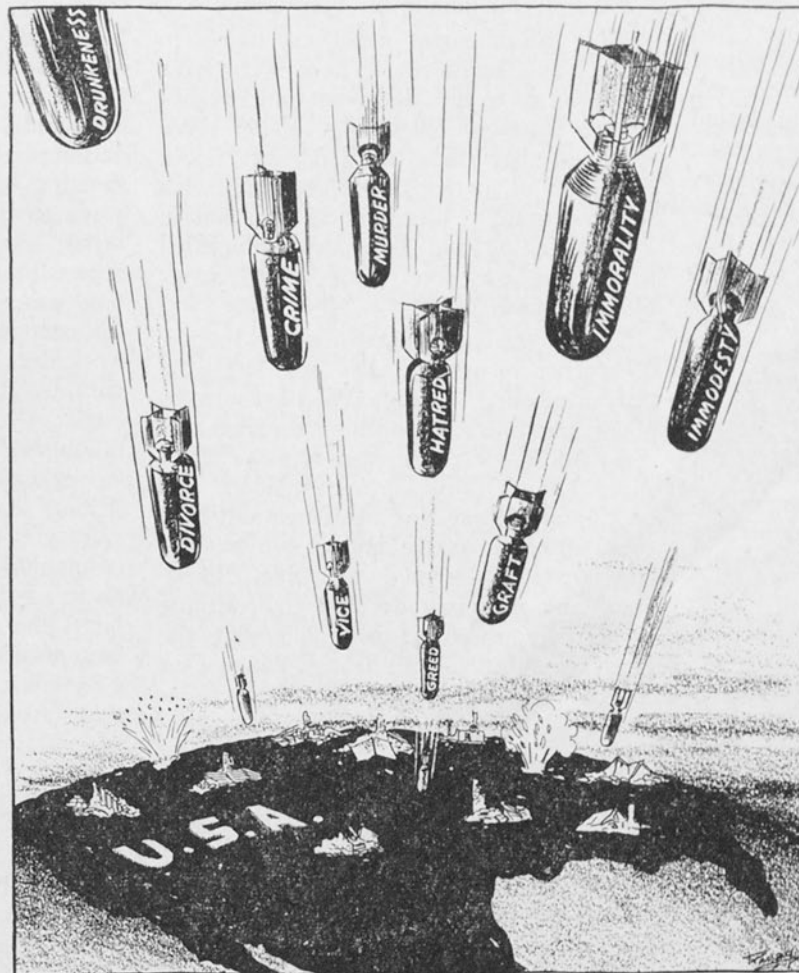
Think of a major crime being committed in our country every twenty-two seconds. Besides this, 14 million petty crimes are enacted yearly.

Mr. Hoover has reported the annual crime cost to the nation at the staggering sum of 15 billion dollars (\$15,000,000,000). That is over \$100 a year for each citizen, as much as we spend for food annually.

Juvenile delinquency is amazingly on the increase in America. Much of this can be traced to beer parlors and taverns, public dance halls, lewd moving pictures, sin and crime glorified in newspapers and on movie screens, filthy magazines, and lack of parental restraint in the home.

It is shocking to learn that finger print records show that commercialized vice (Continued on Page Eight)

IT HAS HAPPENED HERE



When the Spirit's Fire Swept Korea

Jonathan Goforth

I WRITE of the revival in Korea because it has done so much for me. I cannot even consider the attainments and sacrifices of the Korean Christians without feeling ashamed of the little I have ever done for the Master. I have often seen Chinese Christian audiences break down and weep when I told them the story. If you realize that you have been "bought with a price" you will surely be ashamed and humbled too if you give this tale of gospel triumph in Korea a fair hearing.

It was in the year of the great revival, 1907, that I visited eight of the chief mission centers of Korea. On returning to China I told the facts to the Chinese Christians at Mukden, and they seemed deeply moved. I went to Pei Tai Ho and told the missionaries there how the Lord had blessed Korea; and I heard some in tears vow that they would pray until a like blessing came to China. Afterwards I was invited to go to Chi Kung Shan, another health resort, to tell about Korea. I told the story on a Sunday evening. As I finished it occurred to me that I had been too long, and immediately I closed with the benediction. But no one moved. The stillness of death reigned. This lasted six or seven minutes, and then suppressed weeping broke out over the audience. Sins were confessed; forgiveness was asked for bad temper and quarrels, and the like. It was late when the meeting broke up, but all felt that the Holy Spirit had been among us, refining as by fire. Then we had four days of conference and prayer. It was the most wonderful time I have ever seen among missionaries. We resolved that we would pray every afternoon at four o'clock until the Church of China was revived. That autumn we began to see the power of God manifested among the people, but increased in mighty measure after the beginning of 1908 in Manchuria and elsewhere.

Prayer for Revival

The beginnings of revival were first seen in Korea in 1903. Dr. Hardie, of Gensan, on the east coast, had been asked to prepare some addresses on prayer for a little conference the missionaries proposed to hold. As he was preparing his subjects, from John fourteen and elsewhere, the Holy Spirit taught him many things. When he delivered his talks on prayer all the missionaries were moved.

Afterward the Korean Christians met in conference and were very manifestly moved. Then Dr. Hardie visited ten mission centers throughout Korea and gave his prayer talks; and during 1904, ten thousand Koreans turned to God. The revival thus begun continued in power and spiritual result until 1906.

In June, 1907, Mr. Swallen, of Ping Yang, told me how they came to see greater things in Korea. Said he, "I personally didn't expect to see greater blessings in Korea than we had seen up to the middle of 1906. When we compared our results in Korea with those in China, Japan and elsewhere, we saw that our gatherings far exceeded anything in those lands, and we came to the conclusion that probably God did not intend to grant us greater blessings than we had already seen. But we got our eyes opened at Seoul, in September, 1906, when Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston, of New York, told us of the revival in the Kassia Hills, India, in 1905-6, where they had baptized 8,200 converts during the two years.

"We missionaries returned home to Ping Yang humbled. There were over twenty of us in the Methodist and Presbyterian Missions at Ping Yang. We reasoned that since our God was not a respecter of persons, He did not wish to give greater blessings in the Kassia Hills than in Ping Yang, so we decided to pray at the noon hour until greater blessing came.

"After we had prayed about a month, a brother proposed that we stop the prayer meeting, saying, 'We have prayed about a month, and nothing unusual has come of it. We are spending a lot of time. I don't think we are justified. Let us go on with our work as usual, and each pray at home as we find it convenient.' The proposal seemed plausible. However, the majority decided to continue the prayer meeting, believing that the Lord would not deny Ping Yang what He had granted to Kassia."

They decided to give more time to prayer instead of less. With that view they changed the hour from twelve to four o'clock; then they were free to pray until supper time if they wished. There was little else than prayer. If anyone had an encouraging item to relate, it was given as they continued in prayer. They prayed about four months, and they said the result was that all forgot about being

Methodists and Presbyterians; they only realized that they were all one in the Lord Jesus Christ. That was true church union; it was brought about on the knees; it would last; it would glorify the Most High.

About that time Mr. Swallen, along with Mr. Blair, visited one of the country outstations. While conducting the service in the usual way many commenced weeping and confessing their sins. Mr. Swallen said he had never met with anything so strange, and he announced a hymn, hoping to check the wave of emotion which was sweeping over the audience. He tried several times, but in vain, and in awe he realized that Another was managing that meeting; and he got as far out of sight as possible. Next morning he and Mr. Blair returned to the city rejoicing, and told how God had come to the outstation. All praised God and believed that the time to favor Ping Yang was close at hand.

It was the first week of January, 1907. They all expected that God would signally bless them during the week of universal prayer. But they came to the last day, and yet there was no special manifestation of the power of God. That Sunday evening about fifteen hundred people were assembled in the Central Presbyterian Church. The heavens over them seemed as brass. Was it possible that God was going to deny them the prayed-for outpouring? Then all were startled as Elder Keel, the leading man in the church, stood up and said, "I am an Achan. God can't bless because of me. About a year ago a friend of mine, when dying, called me to his home and said, 'Elder, I am about to pass away; I want you to manage my affairs; my wife is unable.' I said, 'Rest your heart; I will do it.' I did manage that widow's estate, but I managed to put one hundred dollars of her money into my own pocket. I have hindered God, I am going to give that one hundred dollars back to that widow tomorrow morning."

Instantly it was realized that the barriers had fallen, and that God, the Holy One, had come. Conviction of sin swept the audience. The service did not end until two a. m., yet during all that time dozens were standing weeping, awaiting their turn to confess. Day after day the people assembled, and always it was mani-

fest that the Refiner was in His temple. Let man say what he will, these confessions were controlled by a power not human. Either the devil or the Holy Spirit caused them. No divinely enlightened mind can for one instant believe that the devil caused that chief man in the church to confess such a sin. It hindered the Almighty God while it remained covered, and it glorified Him as soon as it was uncovered; and so with rare exceptions did all the confessions in Korea that year.

Was This Revival "Practical"?

Let me give a few examples.

A doctor had boasted that he had one of the most honest cooks in Korea (in the East, cooks do all the marketing); but when the cook was convicted he said, "I have been cheating the doctor all the time; my house and lot have been secured by cheating the doctor." The cook sold his home and paid all back to the doctor.

A teacher had been entrusted to buy some land for the mission. He secured it, and said the price was \$500. The missionary paid the bill, though objecting to so big a price. In the revival that teacher confessed he had secured the land for \$80. He now sold out all he had and paid back the \$420.

Mr. Mackenzie, the war correspondent, had a boy who cheated him out of less than four dollars. That boy, when convicted, walked eighty miles and had a missionary send that money to Mr. Mackenzie. Is it any wonder that Mr. Mackenzie became a strong believer in the kind of Christianity they have in Korea?

A man who had a wife and one son in We Ju left them and became rich in another city. There he married another woman, and by her had two daughters. When his soul was revived he arranged for the support of this woman and her daughters, and went back to We Ju and was reconciled to his lawful wife. If the Korean kind of revival ever reaches some Christian lands, where divorce prevails, there will be some startling social upheavals.

A deacon, who was looked upon as almost perfect, seemed to get very uneasy as the revival progressed, and he confessed to the stealing of some charity funds. All were astonished, but expected him to get peace; however, he descended into deeper distress and then confessed to a breach of the seventh commandment.

A woman, who for days seemed to pass through the agonies of hell, confessed one evening in a public meeting to the sin of adultery. The missionary in charge of the meeting was greatly alarmed, for he knew that her husband was present, and knew that if that husband killed her he

would be in accord with the Korean law. That husband in tears, went over and knelt beside his sinning wife and forgave her. How the Lord Jesus was glorified as He said to that Korean woman, "Sin no more!"

Such extraordinary happenings could not but move the multitude, and the churches became crowded. Many came to mock, but in fear began to pray. The leader of a robber band, who came out of idle curiosity, was convicted and converted, and went straight to the magistrate and gave himself up. The astonished official said, "You have no accuser; you accuse yourself; we have no law in Korea to meet your case"; and so dismissed him.

A Japanese officer at the time of the revival was quartered in Ping Yang. He had imbibed the agnostic ideas of the West, therefore to him spiritual things were beneath contempt. Still, the strange transformations which were taking place, not only among great numbers of Koreans, but even among some Japanese, who could not possibly understand the language, so puzzled him that he attended the meetings to investigate. The final result was that all his unbelief was swept away and he became a follower of the Lord Jesus.

When God Works Swiftly

As Mr. Swallen said, "It paid well to have spent the several months in prayer, for when God the Holy Spirit came He accomplished more in half a day than all of us missionaries could have accomplished in half a year. In less than two months more than two thousand heathen were converted." It is always so as soon as God gets first place; but, as a rule, the Church, which professes to be Christ's, will not cease her busy round of activities and give God a chance by *waiting upon Him in prayer*.

The revival which began in 1903 and had continued to increase, now flowed on in increasing volume, from the Ping Yang center, all over Korea. By the middle of 1907 there were 30,000 converts connected with the Ping Yang center. In the city there were four or five churches. The Central Presbyterian Church could hold 2,000 if the people sat close. Korean churches have no seats. The people sit on mats spread on the floor. They said in the Central Church that if you packed 2,000 in they would be so close that if any one had to stand up a bit to ease his cramped legs he never could sit down again, for the space would just fill in. But the utmost packing could not meet the need of Central Church, for its membership was 3,000. The way they did was for the women to come first and fill the

church, and when their service was ended, the men came and took their places. It was clear that the revival had not died down by 1910, for in October of that year 4,000 were baptized in one week, and thousands besides sent in their names, saying they had decided to become Christians.

South of Ping Yang we passed through Songdo, the ancient Korean capital. In 1907 the revival had added 500 to the Church, but during a month of special meetings in 1910, 2,500 were gathered in.

When we visited Seoul in 1907, every church was crowded. A missionary said that on a six weeks' tour he had baptized 500 and recorded 700 catechumens, and that his five out-stations, in one year, had increased to twenty-five. During 1910 there were 13,000 people in Seoul who signed cards saying they wanted to become Christians, and in September of that year the Methodist churches of the city received 3,000 by baptism.

Directly west of the capital, at the port of Chemulpo, the Methodist Mission, in 1907, had a church with 800 members. Opposite the harbor there was an island with 17,000 inhabitants. The churches on the island had a baptized membership of 4,247, and more than half of them had been brought in that year. The Christians were praying that soon the whole island would become the Lord's.

To Be Continued.

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A Secret of Success

Good success have all they that do his commandments. Psalm 111:10 margin.

It is extraordinary to find the word "success" on the lips of God; and He knows no success but in obedience to His word. In the spiritual sphere, as in the physical, faith embodied in action is certain victory. As Marshal Foch said in the last war: "I never had any doubt, not for a day or an hour; in war, he who doubts is lost." The tragedy of Israel is the tragedy of the Church. One of the greatest tragedies of life is the discovery how inexhaustible are resources of the human heart in finding reasons for not accepting, and not obeying the Word of God: the moment the Book taxes our pocket, our reputation, our prejudices, our safety, those Scriptures vanish as if by magic, and excellent reasons are discovered why they should not be obeyed. That is the total eclipse of a morning star.—D. M. Pantton.

The Outlook

Poverty and Need

IT IS a good thing to be conscious of our poverty as we come together for prayer on January 1 next, and as we maintain an attitude of prayer throughout the days of 1944. Three times in the Psalms we hear the confession, "I am poor and needy." Psalm 109 is one of the great Calvary psalms. Here the attitude of Judas toward the Son of God is set forth, "He remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man." That is how the Holy Spirit describes the Son of God.

In Psalm 69, which is another of the Calvary psalms, we hear the Lamb of God saying, "I am poor and sorrowful." When He walked on this earth He manifested such a complete poverty of spirit that He went to His Father for everything, and was absolutely dependent upon Him alike for His words and His works. As He looked on the multitude, as sheep without a shepherd, His heart was melted in sorrowful compassion. See His tears as He weeps for the city of Jerusalem, and hear His sorrowful cry: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

Confession of Sin

To the disciples who were of like spirit as Himself He said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . blessed are they that mourn." Jeremiah mourned for the sins of Judah. So did Daniel. Study that truly humble prayer of this man, which God has recorded in the 9th chapter of Daniel. It would be well for us to use like words as we come to seek the Lord "by prayer and supplication, with fasting," and to cry even as this prophet did, "We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments." America has sinned. The nations have sinned. Let us ask for forgiveness and humble ourselves in the sight of God, and cry to Him for mercy.

An Attitude of Faith

The Master gives a unique picture of a poor and needy man in the 11th chapter of Luke. This man says in substance: "I have nothing to set before these guests that have come to me at this midnight hour. But I know of One to whom I can go. He will provide. He has all I need. I will go and knock and seek and ask, for

He has bidden me to do so. I know I shall return with all that my guests require." This man might have thought, "I know my faith may be tried. Father Abraham's faith also was tried after he received the promise. But he believed God, and I will believe Him too. The securing of what I need may necessitate importunity. It will doubtless require patience. But I know my Friend will not withhold. He will not fail to provide."

As we pray for our country and the whole needy world, let us remember the words of the Master: "Every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit (the very best gift) to them that ask Him."

God's Provision

The widow of Zarephath realized her poverty. She was conscious of how little meal, and how small a quantity of oil remained—just sufficient for one meal for herself and her son. But there came to her a prophet of God. He spoke a word of faith to her, a word of promise. The woman believed the word, and acted on it. Day by day sufficient was provided for her household. The barrel did not waste, the oil did not fail.

A Greater than Elijah is here. As He looks out on the poor and needy all over this warring world, His word to us is, "Give ye them to eat." But, Lord, I have scarce enough for myself and the ones I love! But the One who multiplied the loaves and fishes of old gives us

the word of promise, "My God shall supply all your need." Enough for yourself. Enough for your loved ones. Enough to share with the poor and needy ones the world over. His word to us is, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."

Abundant Supplies

How much God has given to us as a fellowship! However, it is only as we are unselfish and share with others that we can expect a continued supply of meal and oil.

There was war in the days of Elisha. The Syrians came and besieged Samaria and there was a great famine. However, God was gracious and caused a great fear to come upon the Syrians and they fled, leaving their camp with all the army's provisions. That night four lepers, who knew they would starve to death if they stayed around Samaria, made their way to the camp of the Syrians and found it unoccupied. They went from tent to tent, and ate and drank and gathered much spoil for themselves.

Then suddenly it came to them how selfish they were in not sharing with others all the good things that were left in the Syrian camp, and they said: "We do not well: this is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." And so they made their way back to the city, and brought the good tidings of the flight of the Syrians. And that day the people of Samaria had abundance.

There is famine in the world today. It is the famine foretold by the prophet Amos: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." This condition should send everyone to prayer. Some of us have a bountiful provision, bread enough and to spare, but we do not well unless we share the bread of life with the poor and needy the world over.—S. H. F.

Our Gifts

A poor widow once pleased the Lord with two mites; a woman who was a sinner, with her love, tears, and alabaster box of ointment; and Mary, already beloved, lavished on Him no less than "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly," and breaking the box of alabaster, poured it upon His head, and anointed His feet, wiping them with her hair, so that "the house was filled with the odor." Oh! for more of this uncalculating love—self-forgetful, world-unmindful, soul-ravishing love.—J. Hudson Taylor.

Every social problem is the result of un-Christian conduct.—A. T. Pierson.

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The Seraphim -- the Burning Ones

J. J. Jones

IT WAS Israel's darkest hour. Uzziah, the great King, was dead; the hope of Israel gone, the nation given up to hardness of heart. At such a time as this, God's prophet Isaiah received a vision fitting him for the prophetic office. Isaiah 6. Do we not need such a vision for these dark days? Isaiah stands midway between Moses and Christ. He is the most evangelistic prophet of the Old Testament. He labored for many years untiringly, and tradition says he was sawn asunder in the reign of wicked Manasseh.

His Vision

Always before a great task, a vision is necessary, and Isaiah sees the Lord in the temple high and lifted up, sitting upon the throne, His train filling the Temple. It is quite a Temple scene. It is the first and only time in the Word of God we find the Seraphim made mention of. The meaning is "burning ones." It is the same Hebrew word used of the fiery serpents in Numbers 21:6. What are these strange figures mentioned here? Why imagine the Seraphim to be of different order of symbol to the cherubim? Could Isaiah have introduced a new order of representative figures unheard of hitherto, without giving any explanation thereof? I believe that these Seraphim are identical with the cherubim. In Ezekiel, he sees them as the living ones—Isaiah sees them as the burning ones, all in fire. From Revelation 4 and 5, we gather a hint as to the typical meaning thereof. I believe they are typical representations of spiritual realities.

The beasts (living creatures) of Revelation 5, are said to be a redeemed company, and I believe that these Seraphim are identical with the cherubim (Ezek. 10:20), and the cherubim are representations of God's redeemed. They are always associated with the throne, the glory, the fire, and the atoning Blood, wherever we find them. God dwells in the cherubim, rides in the cherubim, and moves through them, even as today, God lives in and moves through His redeemed.

Wings

We noticed that each Seraph had six wings. We find this to be true about the beast or living creatures in Rev. 4:8. Wings are emblematical of soaring spirituality, heavenly-mindedness.

With two wings they covered their face. This is hiding *ourselves*. With two wings they covered their feet. This is hiding our service. True, if we are aflame for God, we shall not seek to obtrude our-

selves into the picture—and with twain they did fly. The Seraphim do two things, they burn and they fly. The Seraph flies because he burns. When we get cold, we cease to fly.

Notice the place to which the Seraphim fled, to the altar, God's great type of Calvary, the only means of getting peace and purity. The Seraph carries the purifying coal. Angels are not commissioned to preach the gospel. In Acts, chapter ten, when the angel appeared to Cornelius, he did not tell Cornelius how to become saved, but gave him the name and address of a Pentecostal preacher who would tell him how to be saved. God has reserved the ministry of reconciliation for men. It is committed unto us, and when we are aflame, we shall hasten to carry the gospel message to the needy, wherever they may be. The Seraph goes to the altar, where all his burning passion is kindled.

The Effects Upon Isaiah

It prepared him for God's service. First, we have *his confession*:

When he sees the King, he is undone, self is slain in that wondrous Presence. The "woe" of sinfulness finds its utterance in the blazing presence of the King. But he is not left there—the *cleansing coal* is quickly brought to him. With the words "Lo!" "Behold!" "Look!" this hath touched thy lips, thy sin by propitiation is covered. The coal from off the altar did not burn him—it kissed him with forgiveness. Can fire from the altar which has devoured the substitute, burn the penitent sinner? No. It covers his sin. From this time on, the one passion of Isaiah was to tell of the power of the bleeding Lamb to reconcile to God. His message, his burden, was the altar. No other prophet in the Old Testament had such a vision of the bleeding Lamb. He sees Him with smitten back, hair plucked off from his cheeks, wounded, bruised, his visage marred, his soul an offering for sin, treading the winepress alone, having upon Him the dyed garments of Bozrah. This is the real meaning of the altar—the Blood of Christ to cleanse.

The Transforming Vision

He is consecrated to the service of God. His own soul is set on fire. He is commissioned to do a hard task—"Send me," he says. He opened his mouth to speak for God, burning with love for souls. He becomes a Seraph himself, with wings of fire to fly to do God's bidding, living in the fire of His holiness.

His face, his face,
Beneath whose light my soul
Saw herself judged;
A philosophic robe, shriveled,
Her dismal weed of self esteem
Burnt in the steady flame of those great eyes;
The man was fire—all fire!

With this vision of God, Isaiah is prepared to meet opposition and indifference. A judicial blindness was upon the nation, a hard, fruitless task confronts him. The nation is given up to hardness of heart. The figurative expressions used, set forth this—Make fat, make heavy their ears, shut their eyes. Yet despite all this, he burns and flies in his service for God! God, make us burning ones!

India's High Standard

If every person who sought church membership here were faced with the high standard set by certain believers living in India, one wonders how many would qualify for acceptance. The following facts, contained in a missionary letter, will put most Christians to shame:

"One Christian group among the 'untouchables' (in India) has set up this sevenfold requirement for church membership. Any one wishing to become a member of the church must satisfactorily fulfil these seven qualifications:

"1. He must conduct family devotions in his own home, so that his family may realize what is involved.

"2. He must learn to read, in order that he may read the Bible.

"3. He must attend all services of his church during the week and on Sunday.

"4. He must tithe, even though he may be able to give only a handful of rice.

"5. He must attend a class in which he studies the doctrines of the Christian religion.

"6. He must break completely with his caste by eating in public with Christians who have originally come from other castes, thereby proving to the non-Christian group that he is really in earnest.

"7. He must win some one else to Christ.

"When he has done these seven things, he may become a member of the church."

Jesus Christ offers the solution of every social problem, not primarily by pointing out the right relation of men to one another, but showing the right relation of all men to God.

The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others are of minor importance. In all my perplexities and distresses the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.—General Robert E. Lee.

Christian Prayer

Ernest S. Williams

The Westminster Catechism defines prayer as, "An offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to His will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of His mercies." And Phillips Brooks has said, "Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness."

We are told that "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Some of the greatest accomplishments recorded in the Bible are the results of prayer. Since so much is promised to faithful prayer, is it not strange that we do not pray more? One minister, who had thought himself spiritual, later testified, after he learned the rich value of prayer, that, formerly he never thought of praying except when he was in straits or special needs. Prayer should be the spiritual breath of communion from the devoted soul toward his God. The more a person prays the more he enjoys prayer and the more he receives from prayer.

Prayers may be said in a wrong way or with a wrong motive. The Pharisees loved to pray "to be seen of men." One Pharisee prayed out of the vanity of his soul, exalting his own self-righteousness, "Lord, I thank thee that I am not as other men." Prayer is not to be offered for human applause, nor to tell how good we are. Prayer is the fruit of humility, consciousness of need, and devotion to God.

While some may pray to be seen of men, others pray selfishly. "Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts." With prayer, there is need of humble self-examination. Are we asking God to do as we wish, or are we asking with a desire to do His will?

There is even possibility of answer to prayer which is not for our good. The Israelites who came out of Egypt prayed for the things in Egypt which they had left behind. They loathed the provision which God had made for the supply of their needs and demanded flesh to eat. God sent them quail. What says the Psalmist about the answer which they received from their prayer? "He gave them the desire of their heart, but sent leanness into their souls." They would have their own way. God gave it to them, but it brought bitter disappointment and spiritual poverty.

When I was but a boy, my mother and I were standing together. A debauched young man walked by. Mother said to me, "Do you see that young man?" I answered, "Yes." Mother said, "When he was a baby, he was very sick and the Doctor said he could not live. His mother

took him into a room and prayed, 'God, you have to heal this child. I will not let him die!'" Mother told me that God answered that mother's prayer, but the son grew to crush her heart. Yes, friend, there is possibility of praying in self-will and for selfish desires. God, seeing determination to have your own way, may grant your petition, but with baneful consequences.

Only God knows the end from the beginning. He knows what is best. In our praying, we should first of all seek a heart that desires His will above everything else. See the dependence shown in "The Lord's Prayer." "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." The first utterance in the prayer is consciousness of relationship. God is our Father. The next is reverence. "Hallowed be thy name." To hallow is "to make holy, to dedicate, to sanctify." When we hallow God, we pause with deep reverence before His holiness. The result of this upon us is to make us dedicated to His will, sanctified to His glory. We are finite, He is infinite; we are weak, He is strong. We see so dimly, we can neither see clearly, nor see afar. He sees perfectly the end from the beginning. Therefore, He knows what is best for us and we consecrate ourselves to His will as Christ did when He prayed, "Not my will, but Thine be done." Fulfilling the will of God should be our first consideration when we pray.

Some will tell us that praying, "if it be Thy will," lacks positiveness and faith. They say we should demand answers to our prayers. There are times when we may demand answers, but these are the times that we are "praying in the Holy Ghost." Let us remember that "we know not what we should pray for as we ought." The Holy Ghost "maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered," and "He that searcheth the heart knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Prayer is a means of bringing us into the Spirit where "effectual, fervent prayer" may be offered, prayer which is the fruit of the Spirit's intercession.

God expects the prayer season to be a time of heart searching and of opening the soul before God. We cannot effectually pray if we hold ill will toward our fellow men. "And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us." We cannot effectually pray if the avenue of prayer is not clear. Peter exhorts husbands to dwell with their wives according to knowledge, "that your prayers be not hindered." In the marital and home relations, as well as

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER

January 1, 1944

The words of a manifesto made by Abraham Lincoln eighty years ago are so appropriate at this time that we quote them:

"And inasmuch as we know that by His Divine Law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in number, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

"We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

"Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

"Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this my proclamation, designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April 1863, as a day of national humiliation, to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite in their several places of public worship and devote to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion. All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

in our relations with people outside, there must be proper consideration and adjustments if we are to effectually pray.

When James instructed concerning anointing with oil and praying for the sick, he included, "And if they have committed sins, they shall be forgiven them. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye might be healed." He who would receive healing from God needs to examine himself. If hindrances have been permitted, they need to be gotten out of the way through confession and forsaking. Some need to make things right with others before they may expect healing. Others need to make things right with their God. There are conditions to be met if we expect an answer to prayer.

Prayer is expressed in words, but it is more than words. Jesus warned against vain repetitions. Dr. Adam Clarke tells of some of the prayers of Mohammedans that illustrate what vain repetitions may be. "O God, O God, O God, O God—O Lord, O Lord, O Lord, O Lord—O living, O immortal, O living, O immortal, O living, O immortal, etc." In such prayers, the petitioner "thinks that he shall be heard for his much speaking." And sometimes Christians seem to feel that the more words they can speak the more fully are they praying. Such vain repetition is very different from repetitions which may arise out of the fulness of a consecrated soul vehement in its desire. It was not vain repetition when Jesus prayed the second time for the man who was blind, who, at the first prayer "saw men as trees, walking." It was not vain repetition when He thrice prayed in the Garden, "If it be thy will, remove this cup from me." It is vain repetition when a person thinks the mere repeating of words is prayer.

There may be earnest prayer when words are but few. Agonizing in behalf of Israel, when they were facing the Red Sea, Moses prostrated himself upon the ground. Being in the energy of prayer, Elijah put his face between his knees as he labored in prayer on Mt. Carmel. Words are at times inadequate to express the cry of the soul. There is the voice of "groanings which cannot be uttered" instead.

Prayer is not the empty thing that some people think it is. They "say their prayers" much as a child says, "Now I lay me down to sleep," and think they have prayed. Prayer begins with communion, it often ends in fervent intercession. At the time when Abraham prayed for Lot and the people of Sodom, his prayer began in communion before the angel of the Lord. In that commun-

ion, the Lord let Abraham know that the sins of Sodom were very great and judgment was to fall upon the sinful city. Then, out of communion, grew the prayer of Abraham in increasing earnestness.

If present day Christians would see the possibilities of prayer, the richness which it brings of fellowship with God, and feel concern for the state of the world, then "give themselves to prayer," a revival world-wide in extent might change the destiny of the times. May we pray with the disciples of old, "Lord, teach us to pray," then may we remain in the presence of God until we find ourselves in the Spirit pouring forth "prayers, supplications, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men."

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

A radio out of order can distort a superb symphony into a caricature. "Take heed therefore, how ye hear."

The Lord sends us His pure messages from heaven; but sometimes our receiving sets are out of order. We must have the *anointed ear*.

There are many kinds of voices (1 Cor. 14:10) around us; and we need the *selectivity* which God's Spirit alone can give us, to recognize HIS voice from all others.

Spurgeon said to his students: "Keep to Bible themes in your preaching. Some like to talk of Darwin, Tyndall, and Huxley in their sermons; it gives a show of learning. But I like to mention, Paul, Peter, and Jesus Christ."

"Make CHRIST the diamond setting of every sermon."

This age has been described as "psychic, electric, and hysteric." Who can meet its needs but Jesus, the only One who perfectly understands it?

Many are offering panaceas for all our woes, and nearly all of them ignore both human nature and God; this is their weak point and accounts for their failures.

Human leaders are seeking to bring men together into herds, to deal with them *en masse*. God never does this. He sends messages to nations as such, but He never disregards individuals.

Even when a nation as a whole wanders from God and His judgment has to fall, He sends His angel to set a mark upon the faithful *individuals*, that they may be spared. Ezek. 9:4-6.

Watch Night 1943

Another sorrowful year hastens towards its close. Life's difficulties for multitudes were never greater. Conditions are such as to trouble millions. Thoughtful Christians who understand the signs of the

times should come to the close of this year with a greater spirit of prayer than they have ever known.

"Watch Night" is a night much to be remembered. More than being the end of one year and the commencement of another it is to be remembered as the Night on which more than two centuries ago the Lord gave to Whitefield and the Wesleys the first intimation of the GREAT AWAKENING. And moreover, this year we are in a crisis hour for both Church and Nation.

The Church has never had more things to pray about than this Watch Night. First, there is our own Government; its Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments; then the Military and Civilian Defense leadership and helpers; and our Chaplains and Service Men and Women; spiritual and economic conditions also have a serious claim upon our prayers. The Church and her ministry, officership and membership, and departments and work must not be overlooked. The suffering millions in Occupied Countries, men and women in enemy concentration camps, and the pitiful condition of suffering Jews, the peril of our loved ones at their battle stations or in transit, physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs should keep us down on our faces before God. These and other prayer necessities claim the interest and participation of every Christian in prayer on Watch Night.

Public assemblies for prayer, giving opportunity for unison in prayer, are of primary importance. If this is not practical let family prayer at home be observed this Watch Night; and if that is not possible let private prayer by individual Christians ascend to God from the prayer closet for God has promised to reward this openly.

May we urge the reader to begin now to lay plans in prayer for a WATCH NIGHT prayer service. And may PRAYER rather than addresses on prayer be the order of that WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.

Unless we do pray for the blessings God has attached to united prayer we have no reason to expect those blessings. The Psalmist understood this when he said: "O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against me; as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away." Psalm 65:2, 3.

May "WATCH NIGHT 1943" be, under God's blessing, America's greatest night of prayer for revival.

GREAT COMMISSION PRAYER
LEAGUE

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.—Chinese Proverb.

A Cake Not Turned

J. C. Jeffers

GOD at times allows some of His people to experience the strangest, most appalling circumstances. There are strange visitations of sickness, of financial loss, of bereavement. There are others still more peculiar, more bewildering—overwhelming.

Hosea was one of those saints thus overwhelmed. Pure, honorable man that he was, he had taken to wife the woman whom God had indicated; and now?—a wrecked marriage! a shattered home! a broken heart! One can just imagine how his heart would cry out to God.

What did it all mean? Simply that God Himself was broken-hearted, through the unfaithfulness of His earthly wife, Israel; and He needed a broken-hearted man to translate the divine sorrows into language which the nation could understand. No man enjoying the undivided love of his wife, an unstained wedded life, a perfect home, could have understood the sorrows of the heart of God sufficiently to do so. It needed Hosea.

Thus, we find Hosea pouring out from the depths of his broken heart, on behalf of God, torrents of woe, of invective, of loving appeal. Perhaps no other book in the Bible is more full of simile and metaphor; and these Hosea uses with consummate skill and tremendous force to bring home to the nation the sorrows and the claims of God.

"A cake not turned!" In other words—a spoiled cake; and it symbolized that which was meant to give satisfaction and delight to the heart of God, but which proved an utter disappointment. It was to have been a blessing to "all families of the earth," but it had proved itself worse than worthless. All through the wilderness God had borne with them. Under the Judges He had again and again delivered them. Under David and Solomon He had made them a great and powerful nation. But no permanent heart-attachment has resulted; Israel was "as a backsliding heifer," always going after some false lover. And God was "broken with their whorish heart." What was He to do?

In the far away days of my youth, my mother used to make excellent cakes. But one day a cake which she had taken much trouble to make was spoiled. Although it looked fair, it was uneatable; so she asked me to take it out into the garden and bury it.

What did God do with *His* spoiled cake?

He buried it among the nations (see Ezek. 37). And that is what He has to do with others of His people also! 1 Cor. 11:30. Their lives are a disappointment to Him—useless, "cakes not turned," in some way or other spoiled.

In reviewing our lives, can we hold *ourselves* blameless? Have we been a disappointment to God? Few indeed must there be who have no regrets. Shall we not, then, surrender ourselves to Him more whole-heartedly, if that were possible, than ever before. It must be a very spoiled life, indeed, of which He cannot make some use, if only there be a humble and heartfelt confession of failure to Him.

And as for those of God's dear children whose lives seem blasted by some terrible trouble, who are overwhelmed by inexplicable circumstances, who are utterly baffled as to "what it all means," whose hearts are broken; shall we not put the whole matter into God's hands, "and wait patiently for Him"? Perhaps God needs our broken hearts, in order to interpret His own sorrows through us to a world that rejects His blessed Son, or to His own wayward people; or, it may be, to bring consolation to other broken hearts.

Wake Up, America!

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among minor girls increased in 1942 over 1941, 64.8% and those arrested for other sex crimes increased 104.7% over 1941.

The liquor traffic is another terrible curse to America.

Statistics given out by the American Business Men's Research Foundation reveal that the 1942 drink bill for the United States was over four billion dollars. This figure covers all liquors sold to the consumer, and shows an increase of a little more than half a billion dollars over 1941.

In addition, the 1942 liquor-caused loss and waste to the government and society was at least another four billion dollars. Included in this is about two and a half billions due to liquor-caused crime, about half a billion in accidents involving liquor, and a billion covering the cost of disease, inefficiency, manpower loss, absenteeism and other social impairments.

Thus we have an aggregate drink cost and waste to the U. S. A. at over 8 billion dollars for one year.

Figuring about 3 billion dollars return

to the government through federal internal revenue, the 1942 liquor trade caused a net loss to the people of America of more than 5 billion dollars.

In 1942 the liquor bill was some 800 million dollars more than America paid for public education.

There are 437,000 saloons—by whatever names they are called, as in comparison with the 177,000 saloons before prohibition. Many of these are frequented by women.

Through more than 410,000 retail outlets, nearly 2 billion alcoholic drinks a year are being consumed at the rate of 5 million gallons of intoxicants every 24 hours.

About 70,000,000 people in our U. S. smoke. That would be more than half of the 130 million population of our nation.

The Anti-narcotic Association of Chicago gives out the statement that 236 billion (236,000,000,000) cigarettes were sold in 1942. These figures do not include "roll your own" or imported brands. Three billion (3,000,000,000) dollars is being expended annually for tobacco.

Not only is this enormous sum of money being "burned up," but millions are indulging in a filthy habit which has a deleterious effect physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually.

A recent issue of the *Evangelical Christian* tells us the amount spent on gambling or games of chance yearly in our country reaches the astonishing sum of 7 billion dollars (\$7,000,000,000). This includes bets on horses, money passed across gambling tables, church bingo and so on.

Figures like these speak for themselves and America might well wake up and see where she is going, what she is doing, how and for what she is spending her money.

God never intended that people should be divorced by the thousands, yet today there is one divorce for every six marriages in America. According to the Scripture there is only one ground for divorce, but people are securing divorces on every kind of provocation. Among the many evils of the present time, this has become a great one. This grave condition should stir and arouse every thinking Christian.

But these evils are not the only ones to mention. It is deplorable the lowering standard of womanhood in America. Looseness of morals! Drinking! Swearing! Smoking—even among tender teenage girls who will become the mothers of the next generation. Immodesty of dress! Despite the fact the Bible enjoins that "women adorn themselves in modest apparel." 1 Tim. 2:9.

Then too, it is becoming common for women to dress like men. We need to be reminded of the Scripture which says: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God." Deut. 22:5.

Surely the careless living among women today cannot prophesy aught but degeneration for the race, for a nation usually does not rise higher than its womanhood.

Millions of dollars are spent annually for jewelry, and permanent waves which do not prove to be permanent. Great numbers of Christian women are helping to swell this sum even though the Word of God says, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel. But let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

If only the money being spent so wastefully and needlessly by the American public could be used constructively for the propagation of the Gospel, many souls could be brought into a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Some 90,000,000 people are rushing weekly to the movie houses to be entertained by scenes which picture indecency, immorality, crime, gambling, trickery, stealing, robbery, safe-cracking, divorce, infidelity, broken homes—all that is sinful and debasing. Among these millions is a great multitude of "professing" Christians, who attend the movies to enjoy the scenes which are portrayals of all that is contrary to faith and works of righteousness. Among these millions is also the younger generation, upon whose hearts and minds is being stamped much that is far from high and holy ideals, with the resultant undermining influence. Children of today know more about the movie stars than they do about the Bible characters.

"Hollywood is the golden calf of America and countless are its worshippers." This is the startling statement made by Marcia Winn, *Chicago Tribune* correspondent in a recent series of articles based on a trip of investigation to Hollywood. But to continue with some excerpts:

"Many worship it from afar. Others throng to its sun-drenched home beside the Pacific to struggle for a part of its tinsel and its dross and its overweening artificiality. Sense of values changes over night, and slowly but inevitably the human degradation that is Hollywood sets in.

"Many who come seeking a glint of the gold that lies in screendom never emerge, not even here. They vanish in Hollywood's incredible application of the white slave trade.

"It can be summed up briefly in the statement of a Los Angeles county law enforcement official who must here be nameless that 300 young girls disappear here a month. That is the figure: 300 a month.

"Many perfectly nice, normal people gravitate out here. Some remain that way. The majority go along for a few weeks, and suddenly it hits them: trauma and amnesia. Forgotten is all of good, of modesty, of dignity, or any so-called homely virtue they once knew—and some never knew any."

Lastly, let us look into the matter of church attendance, and the condition of the church.

Approximately half of the people of the United States never enter a church. What is more, 27,000,000 American youth under 21 receive no religious instruction whatever.

Millions of people in America are not being reached by the church. According to the *Watchman-Examiner* (a Baptist publication), March 1940, "In Pittsburgh there were 242,631 unchurched; in Cleveland, 378,013; in St. Louis, 287,228; in New York, 4,119,494; in Seattle, 261,308; San Francisco, 419,249; Minneapolis, 283,753; Los Angeles, 997,203. The unchurched population of Chicago exceeds the total population of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada."

Statistics from the *Baptist Record* reveal there are more non-Christians in the world today than there were ten years ago and the rate increases at 6 million a year.

The library of the *Daily News*, Chicago, has figures which show that 25 to 30 million people of the U. S. attend church on a normal Sunday. This is 20% or a little better of the population, while about 75% of the population attends the movies weekly. Many churches have discontinued their Sunday evening services, and the prayer meeting in the average church is pretty well deserted.

The church is the greatest institution and force of righteousness in existence, yet it is no secret that the church has lost its power and influence. Of those who attend the church, many are only members and have never been born again. Thousands in the churches have lost their first love. Other thousands have been claimed by false doctrines and cults, and have turned to strong delusion.

The church of America needs to wake up.

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem... shake thyself from the dust; arise... loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." Isa. 52:1, 2.

O church of Christ, it is no time for sleeping. Slumber not in carelessness, indifference, compromise! "Pray through" and get on fire for God! Awake to prayer, to intercession, to witnessing, to soul-winning!

This is a solemn hour. The judgments of God are upon the nation. The hand of the Lord is in judgment upon America. Unless she repents, even greater judgment may come. That which is true of men is also true of nations. Whatsoever a nation soweth, that shall it also reap.

Existent conditions should cause every man and woman in our country to do some serious thinking. The gravity of the situation presents a challenge to Christians throughout the land to go forth as an army for a united effort in prayer and in reaching every possible soul for Christ.

We are singing "God bless America," when we ought to be praying "God save America, God wake her up!"

America is asleep. It is time for America to wake up, to dust off her Bibles, to get back to God, back to the house of the Lord, back to the old-fashioned prayer meetings. America must "wake up" and repent, or else she will "wind up" in ruin.

The Lord's Promise

Frances Ridley Havergal lived and moved in the Word of God. On the last day of her life, she asked a friend to read to her the forty-second chapter of Isaiah. When the friend read the sixth verse, "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee," Miss Havergal stopped her. "Called—held—kept," she whispered. "Well, I will just go home on that." And she did "go home on that," as on a celestial chariot, and the home-going was a triumph, with an abundant entrance into the city of God.

Thankfulness

A military cadet who had just surrendered his life to Christ was in his room pouring out thanksgiving for pardoned sin. A heavy knock sounded on the door, and before the cadet could get to his feet a colonel entered.

"What," he said, "do you pray? I gave that up long ago. I have all I want, so there's nothing to ask God for."

"Well, sir," replied the cadet, "you must have a lot to thank Him for!"—*Record of Christian Work.*

The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

Aboard the Motorship Gripsholm

Rio de Janeiro, South America
November 14, 1943

Beloved in Christ:

Greetings in Jesus' name to the Evangel family and our friends everywhere!

Many of you will be wondering about the missionaries in various war areas and how they are faring these days. In answer to this question I may state that they need your prayers, for being interned in concentration camps is anything but a happy situation; yet in Jesus they have happiness, as well as peace. Pray that the exchange of nationals will continue and that our missionaries will speedily be returned to the homeland. A run-down physical condition due to undernourishment is causing sickness and disease to make inroads into the health of those interned.

There are 1,500 repatriates on board the Motorship Gripsholm. In this number are 500 missionaries, including Catholic sisters and priests. There are 25 Pentecostal missionaries, counting the four children. We are a happy family and have morning worship together daily between 7 and 8 a. m. on B Deck aft.

When we left Wei Hsien Camp, Shantung, North China, they permitted us to take only our Bibles; therefore all address books were left behind.

We believe you have remembered the work in your prayers, even though the mail service has been disrupted. We take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest, both in your offerings and prayers, and ask that you accept this as a little personal note to you. We believe the Lord will have some place of service for us while at home in the great harvest field. Until we



Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hansen

get settled, mail will reach us if sent to 2203 South 50th and State Street, Tacoma, Washington.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. A joyful Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Yours until He comes,
Brother and Sister H. E. Hansen
and family (from Peking, China)

FRED BALTAU AND FAMILY IN JAPANESE INTERNMENT REPORTED WELL

The Department of State at Washington has very graciously passed on to us information from passengers aboard the Gripsholm as to the welfare of one of our missionary families interned at Weihsien, North China. The report is as follows:

Reverend and Mrs. Fred E. Baltau, and the children, Arthur, Edna, Ralph, and Shirley, are all in good health. Arthur and Edna go to the camp school. The twins are growing fast and have started to talk. The family lives in two rooms which they have fixed up quite comfortably. When they left Tientsin for Weihsien, they brought a fair number of large packing cases filled with canned goods and as a consequence were much better off than the average internee.

Appointed to Argentina

We are happy to announce the sailing of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard who recently received appointment to Argentina.

For some years Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have been engaged in evangelistic and pastoral work in the Southern California District, where they have given good proof of their ministry and calling. Concerning this couple Pastor Louis Turnbull, of Los Angeles, writes, "I feel that the years spent in pioneer work, opening up several new churches, have afforded valuable experience for their future ministry in Argentina."

The Leonards expect to locate in Buenos Aires, that great metropolis with its population of 3½ millions—the largest city in all Latin America. They will commence ministry immediately among the large colony of English-speaking people in Buenos Aires, with a view to establishing an English assembly. At the same time it is their purpose



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leonard

to concentrate in language study so that before long they may be able to launch out in work among the vast Spanish-speaking population. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have two daughters who are accompanying them to the field. These girls are yet of school age but they have taken an active part with their parents in the work of the Lord and have consecrated their lives to His service. Pray for this family as they pioneer for the Assemblies of God in Buenos Aires.

IVORY COAST MISSIONARIES SEND GREETINGS

A cable from Emile Chastagner, Superintendent of the Ivory Coast field, includes a message of Christmas greeting from our missionaries in that section to all the friends at home.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Month of November	
Alabama	809.38
Arizona	618.67
Arkansas	2,859.40
Cadifornia	17,833.29
Colorado	1,744.72
Connecticut	818.04
Delaware	760.45
Dist of Columbia	880.69
Florida	1,197.45
Georgia	579.63
German Branch	892.36
Idaho	1,105.80
Illinois	4,571.91
Indiana	1,809.14
Iowa	1,117.49
Kansas	2,684.43
Kentucky	401.72
Louisiana	437.49
Maine	87.84
Maryland	589.49
Massachusetts	350.62
Michigan	4,587.39
Minnesota	3,622.91
Mississippi	274.33
Missouri	5,040.75
Montana	897.04
Nebraska	1,092.16
Nevada	131.87
New Hampshire	46.03
New Jersey	2,722.80
New Mexico	276.21
New York	5,861.46
North Carolina	213.14
North Dakota	1,070.74
Ohio	7,400.05
Oklahoma	3,929.86
Oregon	4,630.10
Pennsylvania	4,371.90
Rhode Island	236.60
South Carolina	325.30
South Dakota	1,049.41
Tennessee	541.97
Texas	5,591.42
Utah	104.82
Vermont	10.00
Virginia	1,350.03
Washington	8,600.19
West Virginia	170.35
Wisconsin	2,269.61
Wyoming	332.49
Alaska	56.78
Canada	249.60
Foreign	326.28
Legacies	112.50
Miscellaneous	5,819.36
Total Amount Reported	115,465.46
Home Missions Fund	11,653.02
Office Expense Fund	1,784.40
Literature Expense Fund	165.55
Given Direct for Home Missions	4,404.73
Given Direct to Missionaries	4,614.51
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	92,843.25

If I Refuse?

"Today an application came from three children who are destitute; they want to live and be cared for, but death is staring them in the face. Briefly, the circumstances are thus: Father died in Hong Kong. Mother and three children started the trek inland, with meager funds, suffering hunger and exposure en route. Mother died a short time after arrival. Children have no relatives but found a former school friend of their mother who is able to look after them for a few days pending my reply. IF I REFUSE... they will likely beg on the street for a few days or months, then die of starvation. My heart cries to God for faith to add them to the growing number of precious children in our care.

"More people are dying than could possibly be saved by relief workers. However, we are confining our efforts largely to saving the young. IF I COULD RECEIVE AND CARE FOR 500 CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE, I WOULD NOT YET HAVE SAVED HALF THE NUMBER THAT SHOULD BE RESCUED IN THIS ONE DISTRICT ALONE."

That is the pathetic state of affairs presented to us by J. Elmor Morrison Canadian Council missionary who is doing such a noble work in the relief of destitute children in South China.

Brother Morrison tells us that because of the high cost of living it requires about \$25.00 U. S. to feed, clothe and house an orphan for one month and send him to school. "How many destitute children friends in the homeland would like to care for can be determined by the extent of their response with financial aid," he continues. "We pledge ourselves to rescue just as many as funds will permit. The need is urgent; therefore, the earlier we find ourselves free to open the door just a little wider to the waiting list of applicants, the greater will be the results for the glory of God. Some who came to us a year ago destitute, pale and wasted from hunger, are now well; and best of all they have found Jesus as their personal Friend and Saviour."

Brother Morrison says, "If I refuse... they will die of starvation," but will the responsibility be his? Will it not rather lie at our door IF WE REFUSE TO HELP IN CHINA'S HOUR OF NEED?

Offerings for such relief work may be sent to the Missions Department designated "Emergency Relief Fund." Already thousands of dollars have been distributed through this fund, but it has touched only the fringe of the tremendous need in China, as well as in other war-torn areas. We can help only in proportion as you give.

program and heard the themes given by our students—they would be assured that the effort is worth while. One boy who was especially unprepared for Bible School has shown much improvement in his studies and has been earnestly seeking the Lord. Our faithful national worker, Octavio Moreno, who is like a son to us, has poured out his life in teaching the students, especially along the lines of a consecrated and separated life to God. Only eternity will prove the value of this year's training."

Equally encouraging is the word from Ralph Williams concerning the Santa Ana Institute: "Another term closed with the graduation exercises held on November 14, when eight fine Christian men received their diplomas. It has been an inspiration to have the students with us this year, forty-three in all—and now it is an inspiration to see them start out again for their towns and villages in the Republics of Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, knowing that they are better prepared for the ministry the Lord has called them to because of the three months together in the study of His Word."



1. A Christian wedding in El Salvador. 2. Dedication of new church at El Congo, El Salvador. 3. Graduating class of Santa Ana Bible Institute, November 1943.

Is It A Fair Proportion?

One missionary couple among 225,000—that is the responsibility facing Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones in Ivory Coast. In order to cope with the tremendous need, they have been dividing forces, Mrs. Jones remaining at Koudougou to carry on the work there while Mr. Jones launches out in an effort to reach the neighboring Gourounsi tribe. This has meant living out in the bush in a leaky, drafty government rest house, returning to Koudougou one day a week to take care of business matters, and devoting the remaining time to study of the Lelsa language and translation work. Already the song book has been completed and now he is starting on the dictionary. In addition to the preaching services and Sunday School at Koudougou, Mrs. Jones has had full responsibility for the opening and conducting of a day school. It is a heavy load for one couple to carry, "but we will gladly fill in the gap," they write, "if only workers can be sent to meet the needs of the other stations that have no one. Six missionaries are needed to occupy the stations already established; there is call for a couple to help in the Bible School, another to establish the girls' school which the missionary body feels is very necessary—not to mention Leo, Po, Dori and Northern Togo where there are centers without a mission station. Each of these sections should have African workers, too. What

a tremendous need, but what a tremendous Christ! He has said GO, not TRY TO GO—will we through lack of faith disobey?

"Impressed with our failure along this line, we are asking God, in the face of the impossible, to give us seven new outstations the coming year, located in the centers of the seven largest sections in Koudougou country. Will you have faith to believe with us that seven African workers will be called to fill these posts, given a real burden for lost souls, and thrust forth this coming year?"

Reapers for the Harvest In Latin America

Three of our ten Latin American Bible Institutes closed their 1943 school year in the month of November—the Mexico City school, the institute in Santa Ana, El Salvador, and our newly opened school in Sogamoso, Colombia. We rejoice with the realization that this means three more bands of reapers entering the great harvest field of Latin America.

"It was a red letter day in Sogamoso," writes Edward Wegner, "as the first year of the school came to a close. There have been many problems to face in getting order and discipline established, but the results have been glorious! I wish that friends in the homeland might have witnessed the closing

Ten Reasons Why Every Christian Home Should Have a Family Altar

W. E. Biederwolf

I

Because it will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.

II

Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities and sometimes the blighted hopes that may fall to your lot.

III

Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you.

IV

Because it will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

V

Because it will resolve all the misunderstanding and relieve all the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life.

VI

Because it will hold as nothing else the boys and girls when they have gone out from beneath the parental roof and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.

VII

Because it will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home.

VIII

Because it will enforce as nothing else can do the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew and stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.

IX

Because it will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.

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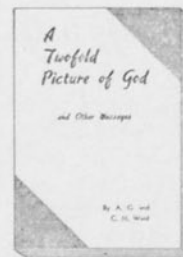
Because the Word of God requires it and in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessing.—The Family Altar League, 155 No. Clark St., Chicago 90, Ill.

No Anxiety

"Be careful for nothing." Phil. 4:6.

This by no means signifies that we may be careless, thoughtless, or unconcerned about everything. The meaning is, not to be anxious about anything. This is one of the privileges of the children of God, that they are permitted, and not only permitted, but invited, and not only invited but commanded, to bring all their cares, sorrows, trials, and wants to their heavenly Father; to roll all their burdens upon God. And because they are permitted, yea, commanded, so to do, they have no need to be anxious about anything.

However many or varied our difficulties or necessities, we should commit them all in believing prayer to God; but we should not be anxious. And why not? Because it is impossible to be anxious without dishonoring God. If the men of the world see that we Christians are anxious like themselves, they will have ground for saying that our profession of having an



A TWOFOLD PICTURE OF GOD

By A. G. and C. M. Ward

The above is the alluring title of a publication of ours, just off the press. A book of sermons—not the dry-as-dust kind, preached by men not baptized in the Spirit, but the kind we like to hear our great men preach at Councils and Camp Meetings. The Editor, Brother Frodsham has known the author many years, and writes a glowing foreword in the book.

Here are some of the sermon titles: "A Twofold Picture of God," "The Mastery of Love," "Looking in All Directions," "The Work of the Holy Spirit," "Do's and Dont's for Wives of Ministers," "Moral Insanity," etc. It also contains three sermons by Brother Ward's son, Morse.

This book will not disappoint you, I believe.—Chas. E. Robinson. Price 50c.

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Almighty Friend and Helper in heaven is only a profession; and therefore we dishonor God by not trusting Him in the hour of need.

We have, however, such a Friend, and He is willing and able to help us, and to deliver us in His own time and way. This is the very reason we need not be anxious about anything. This is to be taken literally. Be anxious about nothing. And thus we shall walk in holy confidence. Trust in your heavenly Father, looking to Him, knowing that He will help in His own time and way.—George Muller.

The Fly and the Elephant

D. L. Moody said: "Someone has said that a little fly in Noah's ark was just as safe as an elephant. It was not the elephant's size and strength that made him safe. It was the ark that saved both elephant and fly. It is not your righteousness, your good works, that will save you. Rich or poor, learned or unlearned, you can be saved only by the blood of Christ."

A Suggestion

Give your pastor a set of the International Standard Bible Encyclopedia for a New Year's present. The Editorial Department finds this set of books most helpful in their work. Every pastor should have a set. The price is \$29.50. Order from The GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE, Springfield, Missouri.

Daniel Speaks Today

By Myer Pearlman



Myer Pearlman will speak again to the hundreds who have sat in his classes through this, the last of his books. It is similar to much of his writing in that it deals with profound matter, making it simple enough for all to understand. This devotional commentary on the Book of Daniel, progressing chapter by chapter, helps to unfold many difficult passages to the interested reader. Daniel, the youthful protege of the king, has a message for modern young people. Daniel, the man of prayer and

perseverance, has an admonition for every seasoned saint. Daniel, the aged prophet of God has an assuring word for every child of God and a warning for every errant. Yes, "Daniel speaks today, for inspired words never die." And his message for this particular hour is "that God still rules in spite of the chaos of world events and that He is working out a purpose" which will usher in His kingdom of peace and righteousness. Our author-teacher reminds us, "Though we may not live to witness the final triumph, ... we can take leave of this life with the assurance that one day God shall remake this troubled world after His own heart." Price 50c.

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HE WAS READY TO DIE

What a difference it makes when loved ones know that their boy, who fell on the battlefield, was ready to die! The parents of Capt. Herschel Horton, twenty-nine years of age, who was killed by the Japanese, had that comfort. Wounded in the limbs, shoulder and hip, with no water for three days, and no food, he wrote home as follows:

"I sit and lie here in this terrible place, wondering not why God has forsaken me, but rather why He is making me suffer this terrible end. It is true I understand life and its reason now, but why should He send it to this terrible grave with me?... I am not afraid to die, although I nearly lost my faith during a couple of days here. I have a pistol here but I could not kill myself. I still have faith in the Lord. I think He must be giving me the supreme test. I know now how Christ felt on the cross... I wonder how long a man can go on like this? I shall continue to pray for a miracle of rescue. I want to commend Lt. Ellis for his wonderful effort and heroism in attempting to rescue me under Jap treachery. God bless you, my loved ones. Keep the faith—don't worry. I shall see you all again some day. I am prepared to meet my Maker. Love."

REVIVAL IN EGYPT

The revival that began early in 1942 at Luxor, Egypt, is still going on there and at Esna, Edfu, and other places. So writes Sister Copeland, a British Assemblies of God missionary in Egypt. Every month brings new reports of souls saved or filled with the Spirit.

Recently some of the workers felt impressed of the Lord to visit some Presbyterian brethren they knew in Kom-Ombo, a town where they had once made an unsuccessful attempt to open an Assemblies work. "It transpired that, during those days when we were being so strongly impelled to visit them, they had written to us," says Miss Copeland. "Their letter told of their dissatisfaction with their spiritual experience and asked some of us to visit them. The letter had miscarried, but Avad Effendi, our worker here, went to Kom-Ombo, in obedience to the Spirit's call which he could not resist."

The report continues: "He had not been there more than four days before those Presbyterian brethren—stolid and precise as they were—were calling upon the Lord with such fervor that the room in which they had met together seemed to shake as from an earthquake shock. One of their number fell prostrate and evidently received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, since he did not know what he was saying as he glorified God. When he came to himself he began to plead with certain of his friends to remove certain obstacles to blessing, which it had been revealed to him were deeply rooted in their lives, and to begin to seek the Lord. Those concerned testified to the accuracy of his revelations concerning them.

"Moreover, a young man who had come to the meeting for the sole purpose of ridiculing, suddenly began to plead for the Lord's forgiveness in words and tones so impassioned that all were amazed. . . .

"God willing, no lack of accommodation, workers or funds shall be allowed to render us disobedient to the Macedonian call that

comes to us from Kom-Ombo, and we trust that you will pray for the longing souls in that town."

General Council Fellowship

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of November, 1943.

- Anderson, Mrs. Vera M., Pine Bluff, Ark.
- Anderson, Walter C., Ladysmith, Wis. (Reinstated)
- Atwell, Gaylord E., Tulsa, Okla. (Reinstated)
- Ballenger, Ira A., Huntsville, Ark.
- Braddock, Mrs. J. C., Baker, Fla.
- Corbin, Martha (Mrs. C. B.) Holt, Fla.
- Creel, Preston D., Marianna, Fla.
- Davis, Mrs. Eva M., Bluff Springs, Fla.
- Edwards, Arthur M., Horatio, Ark.
- Edwards, Basil, Sheridan, Ark.
- Gardner, Mrs. Jessie, Fayetteville, Ark.
- Kautz, William, Butler, N. J.
- Kilgore, Silby S., Low Gap, Ark. (Reinstated)
- Lawrence, David B., Wanchese, N. Car.
- McClendon, James H., Parkdale, Ark.
- Nykiel, Frank, Dorchester, Mass.
- Nykiel, John, Dorchester, Mass.
- Rhodes, Lawrence C., Century, Fla.
- Rood, Charley, Delaware, Ark.
- Shaw, John W., Humphrey, Ark.
- Smith, Ira H., Havana, Ark.
- Wallace, Claud C., Van Buren, Ark.
- Walters, Theodore A., Pensacola, Fla.

The following names were removed from

the General Council ministerial list during the month of November, 1943.

- Ager, Loren N., La Mesa, Calif. (Dropped)
- Brown, Arthur E., Tahoka, Tex. (Withdrew)
- Childers, William W., Madison, Ill. (Deceased)
- Couch, Willie H., Tampa, Fla. (Withdrew)
- Cramblit, Paul, Enterprise, Ore. (Withdrew)
- DuBose, James J., Jemison, Ala. (Deceased)
- Fannin, Grady L., Chula Vista, Calif. (Withdrew)
- Harris, Irene M., Tulsa, Okla. (Withdrew)
- Hummel, Monnie (Mrs. Clyde), Nevada City, Calif. (Deceased)
- Jones, Hugh M., Pittman, Nev. (Dropped)
- Kelly, Oliver L., Valdese, N. C. (Dropped)
- McLaughlin, Mrs. Florida, Kissimmee, Fla. (Withdrew)
- Miller, Clifford A., Dearborn, Mich. (Withdrew)
- Miller, E. Edward, Indianapolis, Ind. (Deceased)
- Pearson, Eddie M., Los Angeles, Calif. (Withdrew)
- Reding, Clarence, Oakland, Calif. (Withdrew)
- Reding, Eithel N. Browning (Mrs. C.), Oakland, Calif. (Withdrew)
- Rodgers, Earl, War Eagle, Ark. (Withdrew)
- Sterrett, Elmer E., Oklahoma City, Okla. (Withdrew)
- Watkins, Walter, Horseheads, N. Y. (Deceased)
- Williams, Patrick H., New Smyrna, Fla. (Withdrew)

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AMONG THE ASSEMBLIES

BOSS, MO.—In a 4-week meeting, 43 were saved, 3 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church was greatly revived. Our Sunday School attendance increased more than half. Frank Kanady was our evangelist.—Donald A. Lundsford, Pastor.

GUEYDAN, LA.—The first Sunday after we came here, we had 9 in Sunday School; since that time we have had as high as 38. Today there were 21. Some of our members are sick. God is working in this missionary field. There are some "lost sheep" here in Louisiana, a few in Gueydan. God is a loving God and the blood of Jesus is all-powerful against Satan. We thank God for the Rock of Ages.—J. J. Exnicious, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Brother and Sister Vernon M. Murray, Texas Singing Evangelists, came to us at the Dodson Avenue Assembly of God, and God began from the very first to pour out of His Spirit. Men and women found Christ as their Saviour, Baptizer and Healer, and the saints in general found new life in God. Brother Murray's soul-in-

spiring messages stirred us to a greater hunger for Christ, a compassion for lost souls, and a hunger to see the cause of Christ progressing. At the closing service of October 10, the altar was filled with men and women seeking God.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor.

EAST ALTON, ILL.—We came here in July, 1940, and found a very fine group of people who love God and the Bible. They had bought a church building in a very fine location and there was an indebtedness of about \$1900. We have remodeled and decorated and put in a new heating plant, all at a cost of about \$2600. Our people have raised the money to pay all the indebtedness, about \$4500. We are having our note-burning service, January 2, 2:00 p. m. District Superintendent W. R. Williamson will officiate. We invite our friends and neighboring assemblies to come and rejoice with us.—Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Ferguson.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—This city has a population of about 25,000 and in addition 16,000 recently moved into the new government apart-

ments a few blocks away. There are only two Protestant churches to take care of the spiritual needs of all these people.

Under the auspices of the District Home Missionary department, we have purchased three lots on which there was a frame work 44x95 ft. already built. Due to shortage of material and man power, it has taken us several months to finish the building sufficiently to have services in it. We have had Sunday School the past five Sundays, and although we have had no evening services and have done no advertising, we have seen a steady increase in attendance from 18 the first Sunday to 68 the fifth Sunday. The Lord willing, we shall have our dedication in conjunction with our sectional fellowship meeting December 6.—Leonard H. and Medora Rogers.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Alabama District enjoyed one of the best Council meetings it has ever had. Loren B. Staats was the principal speaker, and the Lord truly anointed him to speak.

Superintendent Marvin L. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer Grover Langston, and Home Missionary Secretary-Treasurer Jesse E. Smith were re-elected to office on the nominating ballots.

The Council meeting was held in the nice new Municipal Auditorium at Opp, Ala. It was well taken care of by Pastor W. A. D. Hill and the churches near Opp. Many visiting ministers from other districts were present.—Grover Langston, District Secretary-Treasurer.

GONE TO HIS REWARD

Brother Jimmie J. DuBose, one of the first Assemblies of God ministers in the Alabama District, passed on to his reward on October 10, 1943. Brother Jimmie, as he was known throughout the Alabama District, was one of the best loved ministers in our district. He was especially interested in the young ministers, and his advice and encouragement to them will live a long time.—Grover Langston, District Secretary.

DIVORCES IN BRITAIN

According to an *I. N. S.* correspondent, the divorce rate in Great Britain has increased 600 per cent since the war began. More than a thousand cases a month are coming up in British courts, alarming civic and religious leaders alike.

Coming Meetings

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

SISSETON, S. DAK.—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, Dec. 27. Special speakers. Lunch served. Burning of church mortgage at evening service.—Milton Barfoot, Pastor

LEVELLAND, TEXAS—C. A. Rally and Church Dedication, New Year's night. Every church in West Texas District invited.—Fred Ball, District C. A. President.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—25th Ave. and E. 14th St., Dec. 28—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist. R. H. Moon is pastor.—By Evangelist.

OHIO C. A. NEW YEARS RALLIES

COLUMBUS—Trinity Gospel Tabernacle; James J. Humphries, special speaker.

TOLEDO—Full Gospel Church; Glenn Horst, special speaker.

WARREN—First Pentecostal Church; Charles Elliott, special speaker. Services at each rally, 2:30 and 7:30.—Ernest V. Berquist, State Secretary.

Attention!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Beginning with the First Quarter of 1944 and continuing for nine months, our Sunday School lessons will cover the Life and Ministry of Christ.

The following books are recommended to help our Sunday School teachers in preparing their lessons.

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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK, by Campbell Morgan. Price \$3.00.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE, by Campbell Morgan. Price \$3.00.

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WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, by Abraham Kuyper. Price 75c.

PROXIMITIES OF CALVARY, by Robert G. Lee. Price \$1.25.

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THE OVERCOMING CHRIST, by Karl H. Moore. Price \$1.25.

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TALOGA, OKLA.—Jan. 2, for 2 weeks or longer; Lee C. Harris, Evangelist.—Marvin E. Hart, Pastor.
 RIVER ROUGE, MICH.—Michigan C. A. New Year's Day Rally, Eastern Section, Detroit Zone; 54 Hill St., 2:30 p. m.; High School Auditorium, 7:30 p. m. Lester Smith, guest speaker; Philip Hogan, host pastor.—Ernest A. Manley, State C. A. Treasurer.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—408 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kansas. “I have resigned the church at Cyril, Okla., and have accepted the pastorate here.”—C. H. Asher.

NEW ADDRESS—400 N. Crystal Ave., Elgin, Ill. “I have resigned the pastorate at Adams, Wis., to accept a call to the Olivet Pentecostal Church here.”—J. O. Olson.

WANTED—Back numbers of Pentecostal Evangel

for free distribution in new fields in Georgia.—J. C. Awtry, c-o Awtry Hotel, 115 Gray St., Millen, Ga.

NEW ADDRESS—223 Helen St., Chaffee, Mo. “We have accepted the pastorate here.” Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Britton.

NOTICE—We are reopening the work here. I will contact servicemen at Chase Field if names and addresses are sent to me.—Pastor James D. Wilkers, Box 455, Beeville, Texas.

NOTICE—We shall be glad to contact any soldiers stationed at Fort McIntosh and Laredo Army Air Field. Our church is located at 2509 Sta. Maria St. Services Thursday and Saturday nights 7:45; Sundays, Sunday School 9:45, Young People 7:00, preaching 7:45.—R. B. Ring, Pastor.

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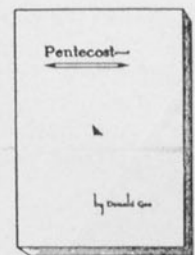
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THE COST OF WAR

According to the *New York Times*, this war is costing \$2,200 a second—\$132,000 a minute—\$7,920,000 an hour! No war ever has been so destructive. The world's resources are being permanently impoverished.

FREEDOM FOR ITALY

The Converted Catholic says that the history-making Moscow Declaration must have been a bitter pill for the Pope. In the second of its list of agreements regarding liberated Italy, it promises "Freedom of speech, of religious worship, of political belief, of press and of public meeting shall be restored in full measure to the Italian people."

MOSLEM MESSIAH

A missionary in North Africa says: "Recently, when I visited a cemetery, where I placed flowers on a line of graves where lay the bodies of American youth killed in action, I meet a Moor and told him what I had done, and then added that my heart was full of sorrow. Here is the response he made: 'Friend, I have confidence in you because you speak Arabic. Let me tell you where we are. These are the last days: the Man of the Hour, who is a Moslem, may appear at any time now, and when he comes he will complete this slaughter of Christianity now proceeding among yourselves and make Islam a world religion and Moslems its rulers.'"

The Moslems are looking for a Moslem Messiah. Will the Antichrist, that superman whose identity will be revealed after the Church has been caught away, be the fulfilment of their expectations? We wait for the Lord from heaven. We may not have very much longer to wait!

PROHIBITION IN KENTUCKY

Writing in *The National Voice*, Ethel Hubler points to the vivid contrast to be found in Hardin County, Kentucky, since it voted dry in September 1942. This is the county where there was much vice, murder, gambling and prostitution. The county seat is Elizabethtown, which has lowered its tax rate five cents on the dollar. The crime rate has lowered unbelievably; there has not been a major crime in months. Automobile accidents have all but disappeared. Fort Knox, which is near by, no longer finds it necessary to maintain a military police post in Elizabethtown. The town has more soldiers than ever, but they are all sober. Prostitutes have nearly all gone. Liquor advertising has gone. Police officers are really enforcing the law. Since September 1942 the First National Bank of Hardin County reports that "bank resources have doubled." This does not sound as though Prohibition is a dangerous or hopeless experiment, does it? It works when it is really tried. Seventy-two counties out of 120 in Kentucky now are dry.

REBUILDING THE FAMILY ALTARS

A missionary returned to California after being away from America for twenty-five years. When asked what impressed him most upon his return, he said, "When I went away from America, almost every home had its family altar; now that I have returned I have watched very carefully, and find a family altar in a house is the exception and not the rule." He said this many years ago. The situation is worse today, and the need of rebuilding the family altars is greater than ever.

IS THIS GOD'S LAST WARNING?

A keen observer in Europe writes: "Israel and the nations are guilty. They have gone their own way, idolatry has been the rule, pride the motive. The war that is being waged now is God's warning—perhaps the last—before the universal outpouring of the vials of His wrath. It is as if the Lord were pleading a last time with the world at large, and especially with His people, to give Him the lordship which is His right. It does not take more than a cursory reading of the news concerning the European situation to show the student of the 'more sure Word of Prophecy' that the Lord is preparing the world for the final battle of this age."

STALIN'S MOTIVES

The *London Times* said on Sept. 17, 1943: "It will not be unfair to assume that one of the motives inspiring the decision of the Soviet Government to accord official recognition and status to the Russian Church was a desire to remove a glaring discrepancy between the attitude of the Russian Government and that of its principal allies toward religion."

According to the *Spectator*, of the same date, the Dean of Chichester said: "The most terrible persecution, lasting for nearly a quarter of a century, to which the Christian Church has ever been exposed, has failed. But there has always been a school of thought in Moscow circles which holds that a controlled Church is a better method of neutralizing religion than head-on attack."

PRAY FOR GERMAN BELIEVERS

A woman returning to Sweden from bomb-blasted Berlin told of the great destruction being wrought by Allied air attacks and of the great strain under which the German people are living—and dying. She added, "We sat in bomb shelters praying together and singing religious songs." There are many believers in Germany, including many precious Pentecostal saints. Let us pray that God will comfort and sustain them throughout the ordeals of war, and that German leaders may lay down their arms soon.

OMINOUS SIGNS

A couple of items appearing in the Press recently are ominous signs that may cast dark shadows upon the future of American Jewry.

A Congressman, speaking on the floor of the House, cautioned against relaxing the immigration barriers to admit refugees, and declared that the anti-Semitic governments in Europe "must . . . have had compelling reasons" for expelling the Jews.

The other item was a story about Jewish graves being desecrated in New York cemeteries. It should be remembered that Nazi persecution of Jews began with defacing cemeteries!

THE HOME FRONT

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the F. B. I., says "When the home totters, a nation weakens. Every day it is my task to review the histories of scores who obey only the laws of their own choosing. Always the one thing that stands out, is a lack of moral responsibility and any feeling of religious conviction. This is not difficult to understand if we merely read some of the literature of writers who decry religion and argue that distance from God makes for happiness. While we fight for religious freedom, we must also fight the license sought by the atheist and those who ridicule, scoff and belittle others who would seek spiritual strength."

A JEWISH TESTIMONY

Abraham Poljak says: "I am one of the Jews who escaped from Germany. I thank God for all the strokes with which I was driven from darkness to light. It is better that we arrive beaten and bleeding at the glorious goal than that we decay happily and contented in darkness. As long as things were all right with us, we did not know anything of God, and the salvation of our souls and the world beyond. Hitler's arrows and our misery have led us to the innermost heart. We have lost our economic support but won the friendship of the ravens of Elijah. On the bitter ways of emigration we have found Jesus, the riches of all worlds."

THE SCHOOLS IN PERU

The book, *Fire on the Andes*, by Carleton Beals, speaks of the lamentable school situation existing in Lima, capital of Peru, as follows:

"What is Lima? A Dead Sea, in which churches and monasteries poke up like islands without water or vegetation. Thus a population that embraces more than a hundred edifices destined to the worship and teaching of religion does not possess a single municipal school worthy of a civilized people."

Pray that the light of the gospel might spread through that darkened land. Peru needs true missionaries of the Cross who will lead its people out of ignorance, superstition and sin.

