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Up! For This Is the Day

Zelma Argue

"And Deborah said unto Barak: *Up! For this is the day* in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand. And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots." Judges 4:13-16.

DEBORAH the valiant has bequeathed to all succeeding ages an unsurpassed example of faith, valor and courage. She has also bequeathed something more. That is the priceless value of the gift of perceiving, by the Spirit of God, the time of our visitation. Barak was a man of integrity and humility, and was chosen of God to be placed among the honored immortal heroes of the faith in Hebrews eleven. But it was Deborah who, by the Spirit, knew the time of their opportunity, and saw that it was seized.

"Up!" There is a moment ripe to step out for God. That moment may be seized or lost. Once gone, no remorse will bring it back. It was this that caused Jesus to weep over the city, as He beheld it, saying, "If thou hadst known . . . thy day . . . Thou knewest *not* the time of thy visitation." No power could bring it back. But some had known. John Baptist had known, and had cried, "Repent . . . the kingdom is at hand." Jesus knew it from the commencement of His short ministry. "The time is fulfilled," cried He. "Repent, and believe the gospel!"

Abraham knew when his hour of trial had come. God said, "Take *now* thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest." To Abraham's eternal credit it is recorded that the response was prompt. Was not that one of the secrets of all these chosen vessels? "And Abraham rose up early in the morning . . . and took Isaac his son." Gen. 22:2, 3.

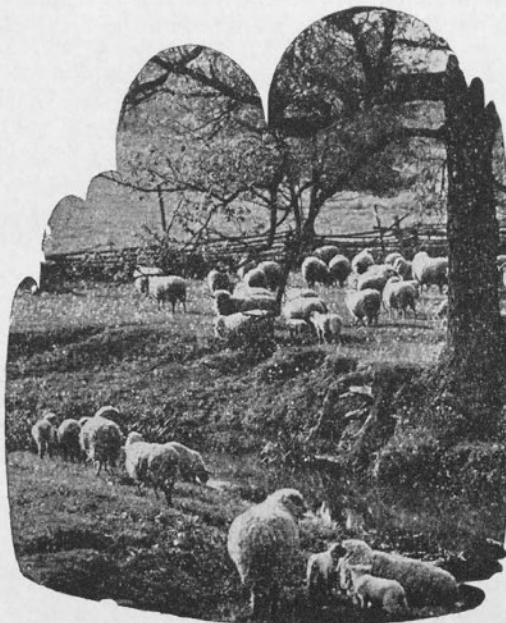
Moses knew the time to act, for God made it known to him. "Come *now!* I will send thee unto Pharaoh."

Joshua knew. God made it very clear. "This day . . . as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee."

David knew. He knew this secret in his youth. He knew it in maturity. In his youth, he said to the threatening Goliath, "This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand." 1 Sam. 17:46. In maturity, when threatened by the Philistines who came and spread themselves in the valley, he diligently enquired of God. God was explicit in answering. "It shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle." Victory was the outcome. 1 Chron. 14:9, 14-17.

"Jesus Christ the *same*, yesterday . . . and forever!" Thank God. But is that all? There is one more word. What is that word? It is, "today!" Heb. 13:8. Let us honor the Holy Ghost by believing it. "Jesus Christ the *same* . . . today!"

What were the secrets of yesterday's power? Those secrets still can lead us to the Source Himself. He who is the



Recently there was sent A. H. Argue (as one of the early pioneers), from the sociology department of a great Canadian University, a list of questions regarding the Pentecostal movement in Canada. Some of them are thought-provoking and soul-stirring. Among the questions asked were these:

"When did the movement really get going in Canada?"

"What in the organization of the movement accounts for its success as a religious institution?"

"What are the chief weaknesses of the traditional churches . . . which account for the rise of the Pentecostal movement?"

"How important are camp meetings in the work of the movement?"

A question that particularly stirs one to meditation, tears and heart-searching, is

"To what extent, if at all, has the Movement lost its zeal and drive?"

Do we retain our early secrets, sensitiveness to the Spirit in a meeting, the shouts of victory, *faith*?

The Spirit has been whispering over and over the words of Deborah, "Up! For this is the day!" "Jesus Christ the *same* . . . today!"

great "I am" is the "same" today! Omnipotent! "I am the Lord. I change not." Are you mourning a departed yesterday? Are you dreaming of an uncertain future? God's word is: "Now is the accepted time! Now is the day . . ."

Instead of dwelling continually upon hindrances, gas rationing, long industrial hours, disturbed living conditions, let us expend that time and strength in looking above, and speaking of, "Jesus . . . the same!"

The Deborah-hearted still rejoice, not in a particular period of the visitation, but in the *One* who is the same, yesterday and today, as well as forever. Do you feel dull, cold in experience? Look to Jesus. Faith will then stir warmly within

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Message and Power of Old Testament Prophets

A Camp Meeting Address by Myer Pearlman (Continued From Last Issue)

THE Old Testament prophets were holiness preachers, preachers of separation to the Israelitish nation. The calling of Israel represents the greatest holiness movement the world has ever seen. God looked down upon all nations, and saw He needed one nation to carry on His work. So He put a mark around one nation and that nation was Israel. He said, "This shall be an holy nation, separated from all other nations, to be priests unto all nations and to bring my light and message to them." Israel was separated, but to keep Israel separated was the next proposition, and I am reminded that Moses had two of the greatest jobs in the history of Israel. The first was to get Israel out of Egypt, and the second was to get Egypt out of Israel. Which was the harder? The second one!

The main task of Moses, then, was to keep the nation from mingling with the surrounding nations and losing its identity. His message to the children of Israel was, "Remember your calling. You are not like the surrounding nations. You are consecrated, sanctified. You have been set apart for a mission in this world. You cannot fulfil your mission if you mingle with the Moabites, the Ammonites, and others. Come ye out from among them and be ye separate. Furthermore, if you determine to mingle with the nations Jehovah will scatter you among all nations, and if you will not receive willingly the mark of Jehovah's consecration to keep you separate, God shall put another mark upon you so you shall be separate, and ye shall become a proverb and a byword among all nations. Whether you will or not, you shall be separate, for it is the will of Jehovah." And hasn't it been so? There were times when the Jews would have given anything to forget they were Jews, and lose their identity. There is a mark upon their character which stamps them and makes them different.

Down deep in the soul of the Jew is a feeling that he is different. He belongs to the Israelitish nation and cannot be like the Gentiles. There was a time when young Jews said, "We will go to the universities to be educated. We will fellowship with Gentiles, meet with them on a social equality. What is the difference?" Many a young man and woman has asked this question: "Father, mother, am I different from my Gentile friends? Why should I not mingle with them?" But in spite of that desire these young Jews today have become disillusioned.

They discover that while the Gentiles are friendly to them there is a peculiar, invisible, mysterious barrier. They will not mix. There is a stamp upon the Jew and he cannot get away from the fact that he belongs to a peculiar people. Why has God preserved the Israelitish nation? He has a plan for that nation. He will restore them.

The young Jews are discovering that they must remain Jews. They cannot get away from their national heritage. This sentiment, in these days since the uprising of Anti-Semitism in Germany and other countries, is on the increase. Do you know that here in America there are hotels that will tell you frankly, "No Jews wanted"? There are some resorts that make it very clear they do not care for Jewish patronage.

Looking at the matter from the Bible viewpoint I see the purpose of Jehovah, and I hear the voice of Jehovah saying to the people, "In spite of all your efforts you shall remain separate. You are away from Me, but you are still My people and I have a purpose for you." Some Jews are saying, "If we must be Jews in name and we cannot be received on an equality, let us not only have the name but let us have the game. We might as well be 100% Jews, so back to the synagogue, back to the traditions, back to our national heritage. Let us be Jews and let us be proud of the fact."

They cannot get away from their national heritage. Balaam with the eye of a prophet said of Israel, "The people shall dwell alone." Now what was it that helped to put that peculiar stamp upon the Israel-

itish nation, so that today they are preserved distinct and different, and have a peculiar stamp upon their character that they cannot efface? The first answer is, the law of Moses. You go through Exodus and Leviticus and say to yourself, "This is my portion for my daily reading," but you cannot understand it and wonder what it is all about. There is a method in all these laws that seems so peculiar. God put a stamp upon Israel to make them different spiritually, morally, intellectually and physically from the people around them, just as you and I place a stamp upon our children in order to make them Pentecostal. In other words, our desire is so to train our children that they shall act "*Pentecostally*," if I might use that expression. These laws were given to put a stamp on the Jews so that in after life they might act "*Israelitishly*."

Now the other source of the responsibility for this stamp is the prophet. Says Browne, "Judah's small neighbors drowned in the vortex of the Orient. But miraculously Judah avoided that fate. It was harried and butchered, conquered and deported—but of all ancient peoples it alone was never destroyed." After attributing this survival to the ministry of the prophets, Browne asks, "But how can you explain the prophets?" Our answer is, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." H. G. Wells, also a rationalist, looks over Israelitish history and what does he see? "We find in these documents the clearest indication of a new spirit that was coming into force during the struggle of Assyria and Egypt for predominance in the world of men." "A new spirit"—that was a great revival movement in Israel that was initiated by the prophets and the Spirit of God working in the nation. When God's Spirit works in a nation, something is produced.

The prophets were unpopular preachers. One time George Whitefield, the great Wesleyan evangelist, came to the United States. When he landed he was met by a scowling, sour-faced D. D. who looked at him and said, "We are sorry to see you here." Whitefield smiled and said, "Well, so is the devil!" When Israel's prophets appeared on the scene the people said, "We are sorry to see you here." The priests said, "They have come to despise sacrifices, to attack the temple, to preach against formality." They were unpopular preachers, and do you know why? When a prophet came into the temple with that



hasty stride and that peculiar look in his eye the people usually knew that Jehovah had a controversy with His people, and like Ahab they felt like saying, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" Just as the elders said to Samuel, "Comest thou peaceably?" 1 Sam. 16:4. Unpopular preachers! Do you know why they were persecuted? The prophets usually represented the conscience of Israel, and when the people had forgotten the law of Moses and were slipping into idolatry the prophet appeared on the scene and exhorted them to remember the law which God gave through Moses. They would never let Israel forget that the law was given. Elijah was Ahab's conscience. One day Ahab said, "I'd like to have that vineyard that belongs to Naboth. Naboth, please sell it to me." "I cannot. It is my family property," was the answer. Ahab became peeved. He was a weak character. I think he would have been a better man had it not been for Jezebel who was a strong character. "Ahab, you want that vineyard? You leave it to me." And she "framed" a charge of treason against Naboth and he was stoned. Ahab rested comfortably, but in marched Elijah, Ahab's conscience. Elijah said in substance, "You have taken possession of that vineyard. In the place where the blood of Naboth was shed, shall dogs lick thy blood." That is why Jezebel tried to kill Elijah.

David hushed his conscience to sleep in the cradle of carnal security and committed the awful crime that has stained his otherwise splendid record. He said, "If the prophet Nathan comes to me I will say this and that (human nature is very weak), after all, I am king of Israel. Perhaps I can give a sum of money in compensation, etc." He had his conscience all "fixed," fortified, barricaded. But Nathan was wise. He said, "I have a judicial case I want you to consider. There were two men in one city, the one was rich and the other very poor; he had one little ewe lamb which was as his child. He loved it; it was his constant companion. Next door to him was a rich man who had an abundance of flocks and herds, everything he needed. One day a visitor came to see the rich man and, can you believe it, David, that mean rascal instead of taking one of his own sheep and killing it for the visitor, sent his servant to kill that little ewe lamb belonging to the poor man to provide a feast for his guest. Now, David, what do you think about that?"

David arose, his face grew angry, his fist came down on the table, and he said, "As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die." He had not yet seen his own sin. And then Nathan, David's preacher friend, aimed his gun, so to speak, at David's conscience and said, "*Thou art the man!*"

Have Faith in God

IT is the province of Satan to instill doubt. It is the province of the Holy Spirit to instill faith.

Herod put John the Baptist in prison, and when, through the instrumentality of Satan, he was put in prison, he doubted. And he sent two of his disciples to Jesus with the question, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" John had seen Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit descending upon Him. But he had not seen Him work miracles. And today, as God's Spirit is being outpoured, God's people are saying, "Art Thou He, the real Holy Spirit, the same who came to the apostles, or do we look for another?" The answer is the same today as Christ gave of old, "Go and show . . . those things which ye do hear and see; the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

The anointing which Jesus Christ had, fitted Him to do the works of His Father. The anointing which the children of God have received, has commenced to fit them, and the Holy Spirit will continue the work of fitting them to do the works of the Father.

If John had been out of prison and had seen what Christ was doing he never would have doubted. Ask the Lord Jesus

to deliver you from the prison of unbelief and doubt, and you will hear Him say, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do." John 14:12. Jesus Christ is going to see that His children do the greater works.

Satan was going to cut off Peter. Christ said, "Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat." The onslaught of the servant maid nearly swamped Peter. But the Lord Jesus used him to do the greater works, and to do them through the power of the Holy Ghost. Don't look for another, but for greater demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost. Jesus Christ saved Peter that he might do the greater works: "They brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." Acts 5:15. God is able to do the same today, and He will, preserving His people to be His mouthpiece, as Peter was on the day of Pentecost, and to do the greater works.

These examples in the Word are for our encouragement. He who ever liveth to make intercession says, "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not," that we may have faith for the greater works that will bring glory to God. He can raise up Peters, one hundred and twenties, and great companies. Have faith in God and His Word.

Prophets were the conscience of Israel and that is the reason they were unpopular. When a preacher causes a sinner to hate himself that sinner will very likely hate the preacher.

Further, the prophets of Israel were sometimes sensational. They had to be, for there came a time when the nation was so calloused, God had to do something to jar them out of their indifference. So one day Jeremiah, the cultured, timid, bashful young man who was called to the ministry during a crisis time of Israel's history, was sitting alone in meditation, and the Word of the Lord came to him, "I want you to get a large, heavy yoke, put it on your neck and walk through the streets of Jerusalem with that yoke upon your neck." "Please have me excused," he meekly said. "Get that yoke and put it on your neck, Jeremiah." "Thy will be done," said Jeremiah, and he walked through the streets with that yoke on him. The children followed him and the crowd jeered and mocked, "Look at Jeremiah, gone crazy over religion." Jeremiah was burning up with embarrassment, but when he had gotten a large crowd he stopped and said, "Children of Israel, you

may think this rather strange, but what I am doing is a sign unto you. You see this yoke on my neck? That means that the time is coming when God will place upon your necks the yoke of the king of Babylon." You might say, "Shall we follow the prophets' example in being sensational?" Not unless the Lord tells us to. In my case it would take a revelation from heaven to get me to do that.

These men, fearless as they were, sometimes became discouraged. They feared neither men nor devil, but there were times when they felt they were almost losing their grip and they were ready to quit—for they were men of like passions as we are. Jeremiah found it difficult to preach his message. It was not only a message of grace, but of judgment. He had the task of preaching that God was about to overthrow Jerusalem, destroy the temple and send the people into captivity. He was mocked and imprisoned as a political menace, and sometimes the strain became too much, so that he once determined never to preach again (20:9). "I am through preaching. Never another sermon will come from my lips. They are

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Personal Soul-Winning

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FACED squarely with the Great Commission's command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, the new convert may feel like saying, "My heart is warm, for I long to see my fellowmen saved, and I own up to the duty of doing my part, but my feet are cold; for I wonder whether any good would come of it if I tried to win a soul to Christ Jesus." Ask yourself the question, "What is the warrant for him or me to take up and carry on soul-winning personal work in dead earnest?"

The foothold offered us by *the Lord's previous preparation* of human nature is the would-be worker's warrant for working on lost sinners face to face to win them one by one to the Saviour. Among many prejudiced against the gospel, are some divinely predisposed to be fair to it. In the parable of the sower, the field of human nature includes good ground.

How has it come about that some are found to be already inclined toward our offer of the gospel? Among the different ways, four may specially be mentioned.

Before the worker gets to a soul, God has already been there and has gotten in His work beforehand with *the light of nature*. The world we live in makes us see in God what by ourselves we could never see. See in a creature God's creative power and skill combined; in a person, God's enlightening power and goodwill combined; in a saint, God's transforming power and grace combined. What is invisible in God is clearly seen because of being understood by the things that are made.

When Dr. Ray was in his early ministry, he learned that a skeptic was very low with tuberculosis, and was not expected to live. His offer to visit the consumptive met with the protest that insult would be added to rejection. After being laid before the Lord in prayer, the urge would not down and the young minister went. At the sickroom, when God was mentioned, the skeptic so held his wasted hand toward the window that the daylight showed through. "See that!" he said; "I've been looking day after day at the wonderwork put into the cunning mechanism of that hand, and now I know that there is a God, and that He knows, cares and loves."

In just a little while, the clearing of doubts by the light of nature was followed by the clearing of sins by the light and power of the gospel. Read Rom. 1:20.

A most striking instance of *the light of conscience* was reported by a missionary to the Orient. Once a visitor came who called himself "a wooden-headed Buddhist." He had measured his length all the way from home to a famous temple, had gone pilgrimages to many shrines, had practiced self-torture to lighten his tormenting burden—all in vain.

"Are you the man who brings the news that God has provided a Sin Bearer?" he asked. "Yes," said the missionary.

"I was burdened with the sense of my wrongdoings," said the visitor, "but, as I toiled at what I hoped would make up for my stained record, it came to me that, as I am a finite creature, all I can manage is my *present* duty, and, if that is all I or the highest angel can manage to do, neither I nor any other creature can make up for wrongs *already* done, whether one's own or another's; so we are hopeless unless the infinite being of God over all gets under the burden *for* us; but I am only a wooden-headed Buddhist, and when I mentioned this to others they only laughed at me, until, just a few days ago, a man said that my words sounded like a story you told in his hearing; it is true, is it, that God has taken care of the burden which is too much for us?"

Here was a heathen who had, not the wording, but the working of God's law in his conscience, as says Rom. 2:14, 15. With directness and dispatch, the missionary preached to him the gospel by which we are saved, beginning with

"Christ died for our sins," and the man was saved.

Then there is *the natural feeling after God*. It may be stifled by the sinner's dislike of having God in mind. It may be covered over with distractions and cares. But *it is there*, and on occasion, comes uppermost. At a village of the San Joaquin valley of California, a pastor said to the evangelist who was helping him, "Let's go and invite Bert M." The fields and crops, buildings, blooded livestock and conveniences were the last word in farm improvement. On being introduced, the owner, a young married man, shook hands in an absent-minded way, and said "maybe," when invited. His was a dream of plenty which so enthralled him that we saw nothing of him at the meetings.

The next year, the same evangelist had a recall to the same village, and, on the first day of the series, the same pastor said, "We must go without delay to see Bert M." The farm was much the same, but its owner—how changed! He advanced to welcome the evangelist and said, "I'm glad you've come, and I will be there. Last year when you were here, all I could think of was Shorthorn cattle and the like; but, since then, my little boy must have left the lawn by the front gate, for he was playing on the near-by railroad track when the limited train dashed through and took his life. This place means nothing to me compared to the place where he is; I want God." The bereaved young father was out that night and all there was of him went into seeking and finding the Christ of God.

Finally, the heart is brought to reach out for God when it is given *the direct touch of the Holy Spirit*. When the time came for the spiritual part of Helen Keller's training to begin, they engaged Phillips Brooks for the first lesson. Having told her that the world we live in had not always existed, he said, "Before it and back of it, to bring it into being, was God." Blind, deaf and dumb though she was, she was thrilled. Her face lighted up, and she replied, "I knew of Him, but I didn't know that was His name." The human spirit is the Lord's candle (Prov. 20:27), and He lights it with the fire of the Holy Spirit. John 1:9.

For examples of the appeal to nature, the appeal to conscience, and all four appeals, read Acts 14:13-17; 1 Cor. 10:25-33 and Acts 17:22-34, respectively.

God hath promised pardon to the penitent, but He hath not promised tomorrow to the neglecter.

We have nothing to do with results. God only requires faithfulness.

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The Mark of the Beast

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IN THE Old Testament dispensation God required that all males of His people Israel should have a mark on their body—the mark of circumcision. He forbade any other. In the New Testament there is a spiritual seal—"After that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Eph. 1:13.

In Revelation we have three instances of receiving a special mark. The 12,000 of each of the twelve tribes received a mark on their foreheads. Rev. 7:1-8. The 144,000 who were redeemed "from the earth" are doubtless a different company, and were marked on the forehead likewise. Rev. 14:1-3. The inhabitants of the New Jerusalem wear the name of their God on their foreheads forever. Rev. 22:4. These three examples show that the mark discovers at once to every eye whose servant the bearer of the mark is. This Satan imitates. The marked forehead proclaims to heaven and earth, "I am a worshiper of the false Christ."

The Greek word used in Rev. 13:16 means a literal and physical mark, a permanent sign made generally by pressure.

This was the old adjunct of idolatry, which, no less than the manufacture of idols, was forbidden by the Law of God. In the Law it is written, "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord." Lev. 19:28.

We are reverting to paganism these days, and with idolatry restored come the appendages of worship. We read in Revelation 13, "And he (the second beast described in this chapter) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark on their right hand, or in their foreheads." This mark may be produced as the sailors produce their tattoo marks, by puncturing with needles, or by the pressure of a stamp, as a seal.

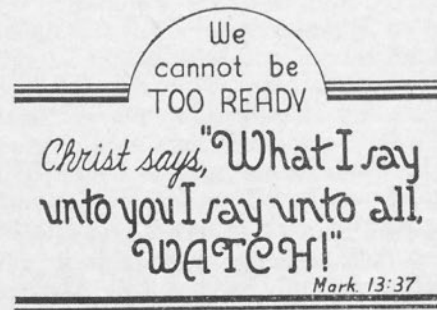
The reasons for this requirement are obvious. Both soul and body are to be devoted to the false Christ—the soul, by worship; the body, by its mark. An angel seals God's people; these voluntarily receive the mark themselves. The visible mark excludes all concealment. In Ahab's day, the seven thousand who believed in the Lord were concealed. In Antichrist's day, all wear their religious badges on the surface. The simple act of worshiping the false Christ and his statue, leaves no mark behind it. But there will be a further test—Have they the mark imprinted on their flesh?

It was customary in the ancient Roman world to mark *slaves* as we mark cattle. Ambrose wrote, "Slaves are inscribed with their master's mark." Petronius mentions the *forehead* as the place of the mark. He says, "You know slaves by their foreheads."

Soldiers bore an imprint of the emperor's name on their hand. Aetius says, "They call the marks made on the face or some other part of the body, stigmata: such as are those on the hands of soldiers."

The practice of wearing indelible figures on the body has always been connected with idolatry. Philo Judaeus states, "Now some devote themselves to the service of idols, confessing it by letters; not letters written on paper, but imprinting the marks on their bodies with a red-hot iron, for an indelible memorial."

The same practice obtains at the present time among the Hindus. Forbe writes: "After performing their religious



ablutions, the Hindus receive on their forehead the mark either of Vishnu or Siva; this mark, affixed by a Brahmin, varies in form and color according to the sect they profess."

In the third book of Maccabees an account is given of the impious attempt of Ptolemy Philopater to enter the holy of holies at Jerusalem. He was smitten by God, and prevented from fulfilling his design. But on his return to Egypt, his hatred against the Jews and Jehovah displayed itself. He commanded that the Jews of Alexandria should be deprived of their ancient privileges of citizenship, and enrolled in the inferior class; and that when they came to be enrolled, an ivy leaf, emblem of the god Bacchus, should be imprinted on their bodies with a hot iron; and that if any obstinately resisted he should be put to death.

God is faithful in warning us. The

follower of Antichrist will worship the beast as the Christian worships the Lamb. The Spirit of God warns us of what will happen when the beast or Antichrist is in authority. "No man might buy or sell, save he that hath the mark, or the name of the beast." Rev. 13:17. We are warned: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark on his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." Rev. 14:9-11.

The Master warns us: "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21:34-36.

Fear of Fanaticism

Some men are afraid of being too religious. What we need today are men who believe down deep in their soul what they profess. The world is tired and sick of sham. Let your whole heart be given up to God's service. Aim high. God wants us all to be His ambassadors. It is a position higher than that of any monarch on earth to be a herald of the cross; but you must be filled with the Holy Ghost. A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic. Fox said that every Quaker ought to shake the country ten miles around. What does the scripture say? "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." It takes about a thousand to chase one now. It takes about a thousand Christians to make one decent one now. Why? Because they are afraid of being too religious. What does this world want today? Men—men that are out and out for God, and not half-hearted in their allegiance and service.—D. L. Moody.

Is God Satisfied?

A man once said to me, "If I have got on the bottom step of Heaven, that is all I want." I said, "Is that all God wants?" He had never thought of that, but he began to think of it, and it changed his whole life. Let us never be satisfied with anything short of God's best—E. N. Moore.

The Sacred Hill

A True Story, by Wm. F. P. Burton

ASTWARD from Kiombe run miles of well-forested plains, stretching to the Congo River. To the west the country rises in rolling hills and grassy valleys. It is a natural hunting ground, where eland, buffalo, wild pig, waterbuck, bushbuck, reedbuck and road antelope abound. In the heart of these rocky ranges is a plain, from the center of which rises a grassy cone, some 250 feet high and half a mile across. It is Pungwa Bele, the sacred hill of the chieftainship. The sorcerers declare that it is the abode of the mighty dead and so holy that if the living set foot on it, they will fall dead. It was believed that even were one to point toward the hill, one's arm would wither. In confirmation it was said that certain of the natives whose limbs were withered, had come by this misfortune through pointing at Pungwa Bele Hill.

Of course many stories are told of those who have followed wounded game to the hill but who never came back. If a wounded animal makes for that sanctuary, the hunter dare not follow it. He simply remarks "The spirits want the meat," and leaves it.

When Mudishi read in his Testament that the spirits of the saved dead are "with Christ which is far better," (Phil. 1:23), "and that the unsaved are in the fires of Hell," (Luke 16:23), he began to preach this in the village, showing that nobody from the spirit world can ever come back to interfere with those who are still alive. He declared openly that the worship of the supposed dead was in reality nothing but a fraud, or worse still, that it might be the worship of demons, masquerading as spirits of the dead. 1 Cor. 10:20.

Of course all this preaching was so revolutionary, so opposed to the witch doctor fraternity at Kiombe that they attempted to bewitch him, to discredit him, to poison him. He was taking money from their pockets and prestige from their profession! There was not a trick of the trade that he could not expose. He knew all the frauds and denounced them openly.

One morning he awoke to find the dreaded "bow of death" outside his door. This is a diminutive bow with three arrows hung with charms. It is so feared and regarded as so sure a forerunner of death, that some who are thus marked by the disfavor of the sorcerers, refuse to eat, lose all interest in life, and die of sheer fright. Not so Mudishi, however. He ridiculed the bow of death, holding it up in front of the whole village, and

preaching the gospel from it. He could even recognize by the handicraft that it was Nkwanga, the medicine man who had compounded it and called upon him publicly to explain why he wished to kill one who had done him nothing but kindness, and promising to pray to God to save his soul.

Of course, all this controversy was the talk of the village, from morn till night. Many were inclined to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus, but the chief arguments used to dissuade them were the following: "If you become a Christian you cannot get drunk or marry more than one wife."

Before this nobody had ever dared to question the power of the witch doctor. Doubtless many had seen through his deceptions, but were too afraid of poison to expose them. Now, however, the whole village was rocking with laughter at the exposure of the tricks whereby these sorcerers dupe their victims. These swindlers were losing ground. They must come out into the open and throw down a challenge, or they were lost.

Surely even Mudishi would not venture on Pungwa Bele Hill. Its sinister reputation, centuries old, would be sufficient to deter him. Thus they appeared one evening, in full regalia of skins, feathers and whitewash to say: "If the spirits of the dead do not really come back to earth, then you will not be afraid to climb their sanctuary in Pungwa Bele Hill."

To their chagrin, he accepted their challenge joyfully, and called the whole village to witness that tomorrow morning the Christians would sing their hymn of triumph from the top of Pungwa Bele Hill.

The word went round to all the villages for many miles in every direction. Next day hundreds of people gathered on the little path which ran about a mile from the hill. Mudishi and his companions,

after committing their climb to the Lord, and asking that it might be a testimony for Christ plunged into the long grass.

"There they go. You'll never see them again," snarled an old sorcerer. Evidently the wish was father to the prediction.

Occasionally the songs of the Christians would be heard in the distance. Among those who stood on the path were a few young believers whose faith in God and His Word was not yet sufficiently strong for a climb up the sacred hill.

Before long ejaculations of amazement broke from the crowd as they saw Mudishi and his party in the distance, moving to the summit of the hill. Standing on the topmost point, they lifted their hats and sang "Abe Yesu U ka bikala," "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun, doth his successive journeys run," and its strains struck dismay into the hearts of the witch doctors. The oldest, however, was not yet defeated. "Fools," he muttered. "They have entered the realm of the spirits. They can never come back in the flesh."

But they did, and what is more, they speared a young bush-pig on the way down the hill. Also they brought armfuls of "bikundulo" branches for sweeping out their chapel. These roots are much sought after elsewhere, but on Pungwa Bele Hill they were growing everywhere.

The crowd welcomed them back with yells of delight, while several of the witch doctors sneaked away in shame, their whole beings ablaze with hate at Mudishi and his "Jesus teaching."

An old heathen woman now turned on the young believers who had hesitated to accompany Mudishi. "Cowards!" she ejaculated. "You don't even have faith in your own profession. You say that you trust in your Jesus, and yet you have not the confidence that He will keep you on the sacred hill. Mudishi and the rest must have very strong charms to protect them or they could not have returned alive for the hill is teeming with spirits."

However, Mudishi called the crowd together, and preached to them, after which he said to the young believers, "Come on! I'll take you to the top. It's only just an ordinary hill like any other."

They were so ashamed at having failed in the test of faith that they refused to have Mudishi accompany them, and set out by themselves, running all the way to the summit of Pungwa Bele, where they waved their arms, shouted wildly and then back to the path breathless but triumphant.

The crowd told them, "You will die suddenly now, or your eyes will burst. You cannot expect to last out today after such folly." They all returned to the village delighted and happily trusting in Christ.

In Kiombe and all the region round about it was a very big blow at the con-

The Upper Room

I build my soul an upper room—

A place of prayer,
Where, free from all disturbances,
From doubt and care,

Serene it waits; and Thou, dear Christ,
Art always there.

God grant that when I leave this room

For tasks below,
The peace that I have found

May from my spirit flow,
Till those I meet build upper rooms
And thither go.

The Plea of the Pierced Hands

sultation of spirits. So many had witnessed it. The predictions of the sorcerers had failed so dismally that the gospel was popularized in the mouths even of those who did not know its saving power. Christ crucified for us, raised by the power of God and coming again for His own became the popular theme of the moment, and round the evening fires the incident was discussed again and again.

There is no doubt that confidence begets confidence. If a man only half believes what he is preaching, he had better save his breath. His congregation will feel instinctively his lack of assurance. Mudishi's enthusiasm, his overflowing joy and faith, impressed even the most opposed. When any doubt was expressed as to the truth of some point, he would reply simply, "It must be so, for it is here in God's Word." For him that was an end to every argument. God had spoken.

It was not surprising that in the dead of night he would sometimes be awakened by a voice outside his hut, "Mudishi! I want to talk with you."

His wife would beg him not to listen. She pointed out that many would like to knock his brains out in the darkness, and sneak away without leaving a trace.

He replied that God would send His angels to care for His own, and that as for him, his duty was clear. "Give to him that asketh of thee." Matt. 5:40. He said he would feel guilty, were someone like Nicodemus to call to him at night, and have to go away again without the gospel message which he had come to hear. Thus all were welcomed.

The very witch doctors who opposed him in public came to him in private to enquire about the new teaching. They had seen the change which the Lord Jesus had made in the lives of Mudishi and his converts. Thus in secret they wanted to hear more, and some would even have liked to become secret disciples. Mudishi, however, was very definite in his teaching. The renouncing of witchcraft must be as public as had been its profession. Had they danced the filthy spirit dances in the village street? Then in that same street they must burn their charms, and profess their faith in the Lord Jesus. "Whosoever shall confess Me before men him will I confess before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I deny before My Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:32, 33.

It was strange how small were the things which kept some people back from full surrender. One old man, Mukambo, had a snail shell, filled with ashes, human bones, and chips from several trees. It was sealed with beeswax and cloth. Each evening he placed it before the little hut which was said to be inhabited by the spirit of a favorite aunt long since defunct. Every morning he picked it up, and with

In the time of Oliver Cromwell, the iron man of England, an officer of his army was found to be a traitor, and Oliver Cromwell signed the death warrant for him. An order was given that the next morning when the bell from a nearby church steeple should ring at six o'clock that officer was to be shot.

The wife of the officer came into the room where Oliver Cromwell was and fell upon her knees and said, "Sir, won't you pardon my husband?" "No," he said, "he has been proving himself a traitor to the country and to the commonwealth. Tomorrow when the bell from the church steeple nearby will ring at six o'clock, then he will be shot."

Heartbroken, this woman of love went out of his presence. Oh, what she experienced! She did not sleep that night, of course. Early in the dawn, long before sunrise, the form of the wretched woman, torn by grief in her heart, was seen hurrying towards the church steeple. Up she went, step by step, until she reached where the large bell was hanging. A man, perhaps ninety years of age, both deaf and blind, received a few shillings a month for ringing the bell.

The officer's wife hid herself in the belfry and when that blind and deaf man began to take hold of the bell rope and pull, the wife placed her hand between

the brass tongue of the bell and the side; and instead of striking the side of the bell, it struck the soft hand of the loving wife of that officer; and no sound was heard.

Then the man swung it the other way, and this woman put her left hand upon the other side of the bell, and it struck her left hand. For about five minutes it kept on striking against her hands, until instead of fingers there were only shreds of flesh and blood left.

Tears were flowing down the face of that woman in her suffering, but she never made a sound because she was suffering for a loved one. And when the old man had finished she went down, the blood dropping to the floor, and she went to Cromwell, the man who had said her husband must die. She stretched forth her bleeding hands and said: "For the sake of these hands, won't you forgive my husband?" Cromwell began to weep and he said, "Woman, great is thy love. Go in peace."

Jesus Christ has given His hands, His feet, His side, Himself, for us. Jesus Christ has suffered unspeakable agonies because of us. And when we see the sacrifice, when we know how much He loved us, can we hold back from sacrifice for Him? Shame on us, if we do.

certain potent incantations he licked it, believing that his dead aunt thus strengthened him for the duties of another day.

This man told Mudishi, "I could leave everything else, but what could I do without my 'kilambwilo,' my snail shell licking charm?" For months the Holy Spirit strove with him. Both Mudishi and his wife talked frequently with the old man, but eventually he died, still grasping tightly his "kilambwilo," and was buried with it. Mudishi cried at his funeral, till his whole body shook as he said, "Mukambo, you have thrown away eternity with Christ, and now you are in hell, for the sake of a snail shell full of rubbish."

Even this sad defeat, however, was turned to victory in another life, for Mukambo's brother, Nkwanga, had been a spectator at the climbing of the hill. He was among those who tried to bewitch Mudishi with the "bow of death." After the death of old Mukambo, Nkwanga often spent evenings in Mudishi's hut, or sat in earnest talk with him round the fire outside. His old associates tried to laugh him out of it. "Ha, ha! So Nkwanga too had been bewitched by the Jesus medicine!" They could not keep him back, however. Before long another bonfire was lit in Kiombe's main street, and

Nkwanga was among those who threw his charms upon it, as he made a public confession of his faith in the Lord Jesus.

Not only in Kiombe, was the effect of the climbing of Pungwa Bele felt. The story traveled far and wide, with the usual variations that one finds in native narration. Everywhere people were asking, "What is this new power? Is there anything better than our charms and spirit consultations? Let us hear about it."

Mudishi received deputations from distant villages. "Come and tell us too those words of God." He generally took with him two or three more believers, encouraging them also to preach the message of salvation.

Prayer

It is no loss of time to pray. Many think it chiefly or wholly lost time. They are so full of business, they say, and assume that prayer will spoil their business. I tell you that your business, if it be of such sort as ought to be done at all, will go all the better for much prayer.

Are you studying? It is no loss of time to pray, as I know very well by my own experience. If I am to preach, with only two hours for preparation, I give one hour to prayer.—Charles G. Finney.

God's Blessed Man

I was very much impressed, a number of years ago, listening to Joseph Flacks tell of his visit to Palestine. When he was in the city of Jerusalem he was given the opportunity of addressing quite a gathering of Jews and Arabs. They were presumably unconverted. He took for his text the first Psalm. Of course he could repeat it to them in the Hebrew. He dwelt upon the tenses, "Blessed is the man who *hath not* walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor *stood* in the way of sinners, nor *sat* in the seat of the scornful." He said to them, "Now, my brethren, who is this blessed man of whom the Psalmist speaks? Notice this happy man is a man who never walked in the counsel of the ungodly, he never stood in the way of sinners, he never sat in the seat of the scornful. He was an absolutely sinless man. Who is this blessed man?" Nobody spoke and Joseph Flacks said, "Shall we say he is our great Father Abraham? Is it Father Abraham that the Psalmist is speaking of here?"

One old Jew said, "No, no, it cannot be Abraham for he denied his wife; he told a lie about her."

"Ah," said Joseph Flacks, "it does not fit, does it? Abraham, although he was the father of the faithful, yet was a sinner who had to be justified by faith. But, my brethren, this refers to somebody; who is this man? Could it be our great lawgiver, Moses?"

"No, no," they said, "it cannot be

Moses. He killed a man and hid him in the sand." And another said, "And he lost his temper by the water of Meribah."

"Well," Joseph Flacks said, "my brethren, who is it? There is some man here that the Spirit of God is bringing before us. Could it be our great King David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel who perhaps wrote this Psalm?"

"No, no," they cried, "it cannot be David. He committed adultery and had Uriah slain."

"Well," he said, "who is it; to whom do these words refer?"

They were quiet for some little time and then one Jew arose and said, "My brethren, I have a little book here; it is called the New Testament. I have been reading it. If I believe this book, if I could be sure that it is true, I would say that the man of the first Psalm was Jesus of Nazareth."

An old Jew got right up and said, "My brethren, the man of the first Psalm is Jesus of Nazareth. He is the only one who ever went through this world who never walked in the counsel of the ungodly nor stood in the way of sinners." And then this old man told how he had been brought to believe in Christ, and he took that occasion to openly confess his faith. He had been searching for a long time and had found out some time before that Jesus was the One, but he had not had the courage to tell others.—H. A. Ironside.

Up! For This Is the Day

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your breast, and the old tears of love will flow, and the old shouts of confidence and victory soon will sound again. The healing stream will be flowing again fresh from Calvary. Just give God a chance. Don't let the clang of the streetcars and radio always fill your ears. Get alone. Sacrifice something. Be alone with God. Moses had to; Paul had to; as did all the other valiants of the faith—Abraham, John Baptist, even our Lord. "*Get alone somewhere with God!*"

How about Saturday night? Do we exhaust our energy on avoidable items, then drag ourselves wearily to the house of God next day? If so, when the time comes to pray for the Baptism or help needy seekers, we must feel ashamed before God at the little strength we have to put into it. I am impressed with such words, as these, "It was the day of preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath." Mark 15:42. I am convinced if we earnestly prepare for the Lord's day, His glory will still come down. Let us

sacrifice other things to be sufficiently rested to be in the Spirit for it. God will answer in the old time manner, never doubt it! Secondary things are *not worth* the price we often pay.

The days of "first love" held many secrets worth retaining. Such phrases as, "Quench not the Spirit," "Honor the Holy Ghost," "Let the Spirit lead the meeting," "Grieve not the Spirit," were frequently heard, realizing the Holy Spirit is a tender Dove, easily wounded. Today I am convinced there are many seekers whom God is ready to fill with the Holy Spirit, but where are the groups of anointed saints who used to stay around, as in days gone by, keeping in the Spirit? It reminds us of the scripture, "The children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." 2 Kings 19:3. Just as Ananias could have had no power to enter the house where Saul of Tarsus was, blinded, and, "putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus... hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost," without pre-

viously having been alone in the deepest communion with God, neither can we have power to help them otherwise. Acts 9:10, 17. Ananias had been alone with God first, and had heard from heaven. No wonder he could help him. For that reason he did not have to evade the issue, by remarking powerlessly, "I'm tired tonight. Just let us leave him alone for God to bring him through in His own good time!"

Do We Honor the Spirit's Moving as in Days Gone By?

There is a tendency among us, in a light manner, to evade spiritual burden, spiritual travail that brought heaven down in the earlier days, with a casual remark. "Oh, the Spirit is not falling as He did in days gone by!" This is closely related to such an attitude as, "I'm tired tonight. I think I will go home early," when hungry seekers for the Baptism have no one to get under the burden for them.

Great outpourings of earlier days were not born thus. They were born of untold travail and prayer. I have a letter sent some years ago to my mother that breathes the spirit that brought God down in the early days: "I often think of the days when we were all in Winnipeg burning with the first love and zeal of the Holy Spirit. Wasn't it wonderful how all of us were sought out and called? Surely the Lord was mindful of us. I never feel worthy of it all, but we are seen in Christ, and so, 'His blood makes us worthy, His Spirit to hover.' Each meeting in those days was such a spiritual feast, and to miss one was to miss a great treat that had been looked forward to with delight. I am so glad we found that the gift of the Holy Spirit was for mothers in the home as well as for preachers. I think we need the comfort of the Spirit so much, as mother hearts carry so many burdens. It helps so to have the Burden Bearer with us."

Tarrying! Waiting upon God! Are we letting the relish for it slip away from us? If we do, the loss is beyond price. It wasn't easy in the early days either. It took determination, and a set heart, and time from the busy demands of life, as it does today. There is no short cut. There is no easy way to a life of power with God and man. I have been looking at a testimony of my mother's, and in my heart making comparisons, as her written record is of the very early days.

"We always felt," said she, "that if we missed a meeting we should miss seeing someone come through with whom we had been tarrying. We wanted to be there to rejoice with them... Busy with household duties, and the care of a family, and workers visiting in the home, I sometimes wondered if the Baptism was meant for me. I could make no headway. I felt

unworthy, and at first would pray only for others. But one day the power began to fall on me. A sister said, 'Why dear, the Lord is baptizing you.' I took heart then. Suddenly some eggs were thrown in, two of which struck me. Though feeling unworthy to be thus honored, yet I felt, 'None of these things move me!'

"How I wanted more of the Lord! That day I did not even ask for the Baptism, but for more and more of my Lord. I asked that I might know a little of what His suffering in Gethsemane meant. I do not advise this for everyone. He surely took me at my word. I felt His power come into my body. Such a weight of burden came upon me—groanings, sufferings, and sorrow—till at one time the breath seemed to leave my body.

"When this burden lifted, I felt so light. As the power of the Lord came upon me, I trembled and shook. It seemed my body lifted off the floor, ready to go up. Dimly I could hear a voice of another language, and listening, I found it was myself speaking. The Lord had baptized me with His precious Holy Spirit. I now felt drawn out on the lines of intercessory prayer, and found my work in tarrying with others."

It is one thing to pass the responsibility off upon others, saying, "Folk don't seek the Lord as they did in years gone by!" However, that does not get us anywhere. If we seek out the face of God now, as the face of God was sought in days gone by, He still will answer in the old-time way. Meanwhile, I am so glad the Holy Spirit knew in advance all that lay ahead of world changes. As we have honored Him, he has helped us.

If the Pentecostal movement has had a remarkable ministry in soul-saving around the world, it was because the Spirit whispered, "Get ready! Jesus is coming!" (Let us recognize these world changes as footprints bringing back the King.) For that reason opportunities were bought up. Lights burned night after night in our missions and tabernacles. While others slept, the voice of prayer and praise ascended from our prayer rooms. Thousands now called away to various battle fronts of the world heard the glad gospel sound. Thank God that in a real way the Pentecostal people have shown the Deborah spirit, crying, "Up! For this is the day." And God has answered from on high.

Every act of obedience to God from right motives, strengthens us spiritually; every act of disobedience weakens us spiritually and dims our vision.—George Muller.

There is no way to avoid God's justice but by flying to His mercy. There is no hiding from God but in God.—T. Mantion.

The Message and Power of the Old Testament Prophets

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mocking me, my message is not appreciated, I am overwhelmed with the selfishness of human nature. Lord, I cannot stand it any longer."

These words represent the outcry of the strain under which the prophets sometimes labored. It doesn't mean they were backsliding, but their human nature could not stand the strain and sometimes they felt like collapsing. But notice this: One day Jeremiah walked along the market place and, seeing the crowd, the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and he said: "His word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jeremiah was preaching again. His experience has a message for my ministering brethren. Sometimes we see the sordidness of life; we seem to be building nothing up, all seems confusion and disorder, fuss after fuss, problem after problem. One day it is the choir, the next the Sunday school, Sister Jones or Brother Brown, this condition and that until like Jeremiah we feel like saying, "I am through!" Let us not get discouraged. Because Jeremiah was right in the thick of the fight, deafened by the confusion, he wasn't in a position to see what was being wrought. But today we look back at Jeremiah and admire his consecration and patience, and we see the wonderful work he did.

"Wherefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58. "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction and of patience." James 5:10. These things are written not that we might look down upon Jeremiah and see the man's weakness, but to assure us that the same grace that took Jeremiah through the hardest crisis of Jewish history can take you and me through the crises of today.

The preachers of Israel were preachers of spiritual religion and here is the heart of their message to the people of their generation. Every spiritual, God-given movement, whether in Old Testament or New Testament times, begins with a vital, living experience. After a while organization is added, for system is absolutely necessary. At first organization is not ironclad! It doesn't prevent the fire's coming through or stifle the life. But later it becomes case-hardened through formality and dryness, so that there is danger that the life within will be stifled and the experience will die.

Now at such a time God sends forth a

prophet with the hammer of God's Word, and he wields that hammer and smashes the case hardening formality. He says to the people, "What God wants is not merely the outside of religion; God doesn't care for your formality, your ritual and your sacrifices. What God wants is a contrite heart and sacrifices of righteousness. Ritual motions without religious emotions are unacceptable devotions."

As it was then so it is today. Our movement began with a living fire, a vital experience. We have come to the place where we have a united organization and system. We need it, but let us pray that the time will never come when that organization will become case-hardened and we go the way of all flesh.

In conclusion: You remember the time when Moses became discouraged as he said in effect, "Lord, I cannot stand the burden any longer." He begged, "Kill me, Lord. I cannot stand the burden." See Num. 11:10-29. And the Lord said, "Do not get discouraged, Moses. I will give you seventy elders." Moses took them to the tabernacle and the Spirit of Jehovah came upon them and they began to prophesy. But two of the men hadn't come to the tabernacle and they began to prophesy in the camp. Someone told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua, who was always a stickler for order said, "My lord Moses, forbid them." And Moses said, in so many words, "Joshua, do not be jealous for my sake. I am not jealous of those men. Would God that all of God's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them."

I am glad to say that the prayer of Moses has been answered, and all of God's people through the Baptism in the Holy Ghost have in some measure become prophets of the living God, with the testimony to Him to whom Moses and the prophets pointed, the Lord Jesus Christ.

"With God all things are possible."

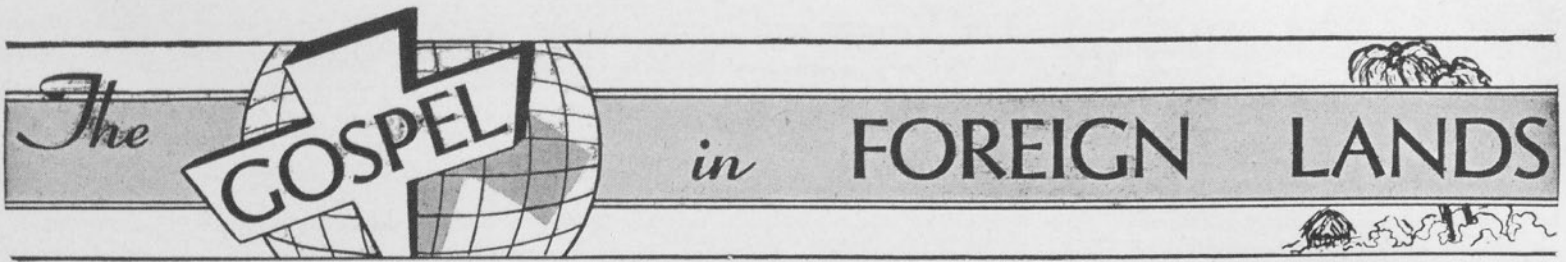
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Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, set among the green hills of the northern end of the Andes as they abruptly halt by the shores of the Caribbean, is named after one of the Indian tribes that roamed Venezuela before the coming of the early discoverers. Many of those original tribes are now extinct and others have retired into the fastnesses of the interior jungles of Venezuela, Brazil and Colombia, to make way for the European immigrants who invaded their country, bringing modern civilization with all its evils. In many cases those original Americans have intermarried with the newcomers, so that there is being born a new race, the Venezuelans—and a new civilization.

An Awakening

For centuries Venezuela, like other Latin American republics, has lain dormant under a tropical sun, her three or four millions not worrying much about anything in this life outside of the daily diet of cronbread and black beans. But now things are different. Venezuela, like her neighbors, is awakening, and one can feel a quickening of her national pulse.

Spiritually, too, this land, a daughter of Spain, has been asleep under the hypnosis of the Roman See and her idols. Just as about a hundred years ago she threw off her political shackles, now in this last half century she is throwing off her spiritual chains with the incoming of the "Evangelicos" who bring a message of freedom in Christ.

Caracas, now a great modern city boasting of over 300,000 inhabitants, is in every sense the center of the Venezuela. Our call and interest in Caracas came into being before we ever left the homeland, when we heard that there was little real gospel effort being put forth and that the Pentecostal message was practically non-existent except among scattered groups gathering in homes. Our first two and a half years in Venezuela were spent at the interior city of Barquisimeto, but a little over a year ago the Lord led us to this city which had been upon our hearts, and now we can report some great victories which the Lord has wrought.

Humble Beginning

One of the first problems confronting us was the high rent and difficulty of securing halls in which to begin meetings. After a month of waiting on the Lord and holding a few meetings in our home, we finally secured a small auditorium accommodating about 100 people. The appearance was fairly good both inside and out, but it was very poorly

located on a narrow, dark, side street, in a low-class neighborhood, very hard to find, and right alongside a big gully which was little better than a sewer, emitting all the smells associated with one. But there we began our services, and there the Lord blessed. The spiritually hungry people found us, and from our humble beginning of about 10 or 20 people we saw the work grow until the hall was full to overflowing. Many, many souls sought the Lord for salvation in that humble place; some were baptized in water, others are still waiting to be baptized. In all 30 have followed the Lord in baptism this first year. We began a Sunday School and saw it grow to an attendance of about 80. We started young people's meetings and soon a group of 15 or 20 had gathered.

A Step of Faith

After ten months in that location, where the people by their sacrificial giving had met the \$30.00 monthly rent, there was presented a new opportunity—a lovely hall seating close to 200, located on a busy main thoroughfare—but the rental was just double. We took the step of faith, and there was immediate confirmation that this was of the Lord. We saw the hall filled to capacity with hungry seekers after truth; the Sunday School increased to 100, the young people's group to 25, and best of all there has been a mighty spiritual enthusiasm that has carried the work along at a steady pace.

It is hard for us to realize the extreme poverty of these people. Many of them eat only once or twice a day, and then of the simplest fare; yet they have been willing to sacrifice in giving that the work might go on, and month by month the increased rental has been met. Many more have sought the Lord for salvation and are awaiting baptism.

On Sunday, December 26, we inaugurated a radio broadcast, Vesper Meditations, sponsored by the Missions Department. We broadcast each Sunday evening from 6:00 to 6:30, and it is our aim by this means to reach the many that cannot be contacted personally. Pray with us over this important forward step.

Pentecost

Some of our recent triumphs have been in home prayer meetings where the Lord has begun to pour out His Spirit. About ten have received the Baptism and many others are seeking. Let me recount the experience of one young lady, Rosa Rojas, who came to Caracas from the eastern part of Vene-

zuela where she had been converted through a special revelation from the Lord. She attended our meetings, liked the spiritual atmosphere, and finally became a member of the church. Her heart was hungry for God and she began to seek His fulness. One Sunday, instead of attending the morning services she remained at home, spending almost the entire day in prayer. At the evening service, when the message was concluded and the people were invited to seek God, Rosa was among the group who went forward. God's power went through her like an electric shock and she fell under the anointing of the Spirit. The people from the street crowded in to watch but she was lost to her surroundings. Soon her praises in Spanish were mingled with praises in new tongues. Praise God! At times she gestured as though preaching; at other times, expressions in Spanish indicated the mighty revelation of God she was receiving.

When the hour became late it was necessary to disturb her in order that she might catch the last bus to her distant home. We could hardly bring her back to this earthly realm, and she was still speaking in heavenly languages as she went to the street with her companions.

Rosa continued under the cloud of blessing that night and all the next day. Such a change has taken place in her life through this marvelous experience that even those most opposed to the Pentecostal blessing have been convinced of the genuine nature of her experience.

Our great need now is for a building of our own with adequate accommodation, seating at least 500 people. Buildings sometimes are a very important factor in the growth and establishment of a congregation, and we see this as an immediate challenge to our faith and vision.

Another great need is for new recruits. In and around Caracas there are great opportunities. The work is too much for us and we have been asking God for reinforcements. Souls are perishing for lack of workers to carry the message—even though our Venezuelan helpers are very faithful in preaching the Word every day in the week, sometimes in several places the same day. Perhaps the Lord is speaking to young people to come out here and help us.

CLOTHING FOR EUROPE

Gustave Kinderman has kindly agreed to assist the Missions Department by receiving used clothing for shipment to the needy in Europe. Those who wish to help in this cause may send such articles direct to Mr. Kinderman, at Route 2, Oxford, Pennsylvania, instead of to our office.

An Open Door

Rex Jackson, Nigeria

"For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Corinthians 16:9.

One of the greatest missionary opportunities I have ever seen lies in the Province of Benin among the Ishan people. Although Christianity has been in some parts of Nigeria for a hundred years, these people have been greatly neglected. Here is a ripened field; a great door is being opened unto us.

A few years ago a young man by the name of Gabriel Oyakhilome left his native town of Eko-Ewu, traveling several hundred miles east to work as head gardener for the Chief Commissioner of the Eastern Provinces of Nigeria. He had an excellent position but knew nothing at all of God.

At our church in Enugu, Gabriel was saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and very soon became one of the pillars of that church.

My first acquaintance with Gabriel was at a short-term Bible School held at Umuahia during the month of August in 1941. He got a month's leave from his work to attend these classes and he showed himself to be one of the outstanding students. I shall never forget the night when he opened his heart to Everett Phillips and myself concerning the great burden he had for his own people who knew nothing of the gospel. God was beginning to open the door.

Gabriel resigned from his good position and went back to his home to tell the good news of salvation. He went in answer to the call of God, without any promise of support from the mission. Such consecration could not but receive the blessing of God, and in a short time the Lord had helped him to establish two churches in neighboring villages.

Today, just two years later, there are six churches, besides contacts in a number of other villages. We have held open-air services in several new towns, and in each of these places we expect to see a church started before another year has passed. The door is opening a little wider.

In November I spent two weeks visiting these people, and the need and opportunity stirred my heart greatly. God has worked some mighty miracles in the healing of sick bodies as well as in the saving of souls from heathen darkness. Many have been filled with the Holy Spirit, their shining faces testifying of what the grace of God has done in their lives.

Of course, the persecution is great. In one village the chiefs forbade the people to go to the church, but in spite of that many have attended. At another place a large group of women gathered in the road to stop any of their children who might be going to

the services. Some of those boys, however, were so hungry for the gospel that they de-toured around through the bush in order that they might come to hear more about Jesus. Another village demanded that all the people take an oath to the ju-ju. When our people refused, the chiefs took their goats and chickens as a fine. The devil is stirred—"there are many adversaries."

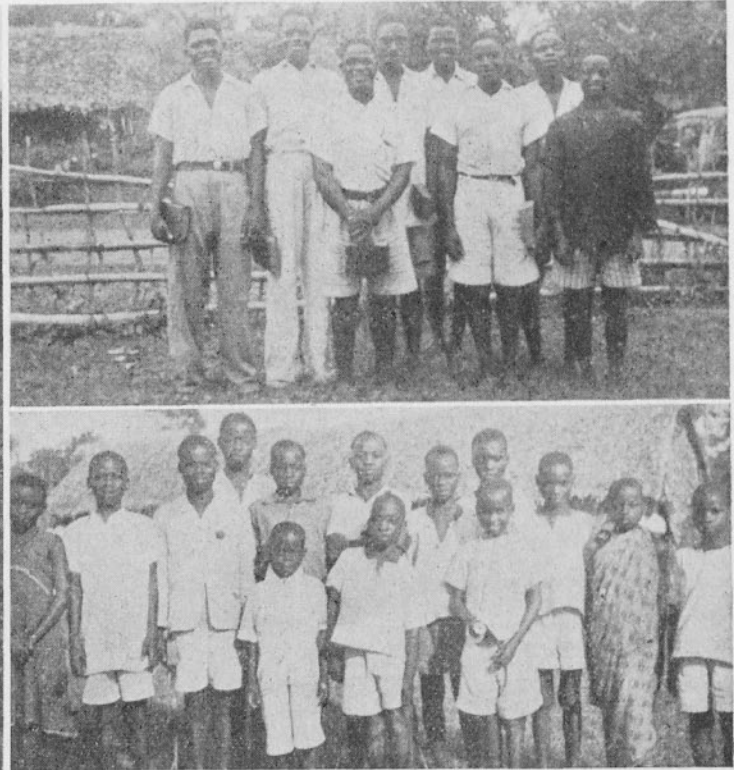
One of the greatest needs at the present time is for a resident missionary couple. Since this section is 200 miles west of our other work, we are not able to visit it often enough to know and help the people as we should. There is no written language, and one of the first tasks facing a missionary would be to learn the language, and reduce it to writing in order to translate the Scriptures. The people are bright and quick to learn. Gabriel would be an excellent assistant in translation work. He speaks English very well and already has tried to translate some of the hymns for use in the churches.

Another immediate need is that of a day school, for it is among the children that the greatest interest is being shown. The govern-

ment of Nigeria permits the teaching of religion and the use of the Bible in the schools. Just think what could be accomplished by having a large group of children every day, with unlimited freedom to give them the gospel. School work, of course, would be only a small part, and there would be plenty of time for visitation of churches, besides training the native workers.

At present all the churches could be reached by bicycle. However, we visited the district governmental headquarters, some distance from Eko-Ewu, where Gabriel has contacted a number of interested people. As this is a fine center, we are looking forward to the time when another missionary couple may be located there. The local king, although he professes to be a Mohammedan, is favorable toward us and has offered any amount of land that we need for a missionary residence. I looked at several locations, one of which was especially appealing. It is on a hill overlooking a great valley. The view is grand and on clear nights the lights from a village twenty-five miles away can be seen over on the opposite hills. Building material is obtainable near by, but of course it would be necessary to have someone there to supervise the work.

The door is open. Someone is needed immediately to step in and take advantage of these great opportunities. "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I; send me.'"



Left: Gabriel Oyakhilome. Upper right: Our Nigerian pastors in the new field. Lower right: Group of children at Eko-Ewu. All are saved and some have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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PRAY MUCH—AND PRAY NOW!

As this issue of the *Evangel* goes to press some of the first returns of the work of the Servicemen's Department come in through the mails. A private in a Florida reception center was known to be in need of spiritual aid. Though the department had been established only for a number of hours, a letter was written directing this man to the Lord as his personal Savior.

Today comes the reply, from another camp to which the man had been transferred: "Words cannot express how I felt when I received your welcome letter. It was real to me. My heart is heavy now. If I were where I could, I would just lie flat on my face and weep until I was entirely exhausted. My heart is broken. I want to feel and know the 'Old Time Religion.'

"I have at one time in my life known Christ as my personal Saviour. I want a real change in my heart again. My wife is Pentecostal and belongs to the Assembly of God.

"Brother, I want you and the others to continue to pray for me. God is able to save me. I mean to hold on until He does. I want to be one hundred per cent holiness when I see my wife again. She will be the happiest person in the world."

How thankful we were to know that there was a way we could help lead this man to Christ, that there are workers devoting their time to reaching just such men who are seeking God and others who should seek God. During the stress of war many husbands and sons who in time of peace took little thought of their own souls' salvation will awaken to their spiritual need. We will make every opportunity to reach them for God with a message of power through the Spirit. By the grace of God these men who are facing the danger of physical destruction by the enemy shall be returned to mothers and homes preserved also from the destroyer of men's souls.

Pray with us that God will lead in selecting the men who will go to our boys with the message and that He will direct us in what we shall write to the boys overseas. Pray for God to direct us in opening centers of Christian fellowship for these men. We desperately need your prayers that the Lord will provide the many helpers who will be needed behind the scenes to type letters and cards and to help print the bulletins for them. Pray that He will supply the financial assistance it will take to do so many things in so short a time. Pray much, and pray now. We must move with alacrity to reach these men before they are sent to some foreign battle front.

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THE "IFS" OF WAR

It is now revealed that Hitler probably could have conquered the British Isles with a few armed divisions *if* he had followed up the Dunkirk defeat with a cross-channel invasion. But God ruled otherwise.

Japan might have won the Pacific war overnight *if* more of America's best fighting ships had been at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. But God ruled otherwise. According to Ray Tucker, writing in *The National Whirligig* and quoting authentic but unnamed authorities, "Providence saw to it that the Eleventh Task

Force, one of the strongest and finest units of the U. S. fleet, had left Hawaii for a ten-day cruise on December 3, whereas older ships remained at the base. The practice squadron contained carriers, numerous brand-new cruisers and many auxiliary and supply ships."

Hitler might have made the Allied invasion of North Africa impossible *if* he had bombed the Gibraltar air field. General Marshall states that all the British and American air forces, except a few long-range bombers and the small number of carrier-based planes, "had to be funneled through the single restricted field at Gibraltar which could have been put out of action in less than an hour." Here again God overruled. It is one more of the famous "ifs" of history.

And now we are reminded of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's statement in November, 1943. Said he: "Next year will see the climax of the European war, with costly battles and big sacrifices in British and American lives, *unless* some happier event occurs and the hand of Providence is directed by some crowning mercy." Here is another "if." Though an invasion of Europe would be expected to be a costly and bloody campaign, God is able to inter-

vene and let the cost of success be surprisingly small.

The world was amazed at the complete tactical surprise that was attained in the recent landing on the west coast of Italy between the enemy lines and Rome. A large beachhead was won with hardly a shot being fired. God is able to intervene and overrule the natural course of events in the promised invasion, if His people pray. The "unless" of the Prime Minister's statement can become a wonderful reality.

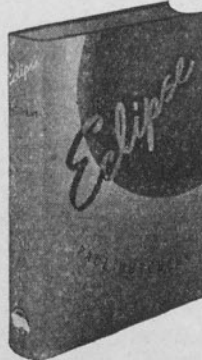
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For doing your level best;
For being kind to the poor;
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For harboring clean thoughts;
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When Terry Nealle faces a lifelong handicap after an accident in a football game, he views with bitterness the rapidly-growing interest between Mildred Handel, the girl he loves, and Clem Lindeman, a classmate. When their engagement is announced his despair is complete, for he feels that Clem is not worthy of Mildred.

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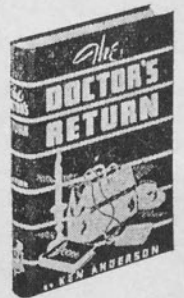
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By Ken Anderson



Paula Ammons, an attractive graduate nurse, the sole support of her mother and brother Danny, never thought that Dr. Clay Sheffield Jr., brilliant, cynical, God-defying surgeon, would ever in any manner be attracted to her.

When working together doing first aid in a disastrous flood, however, it was inevitable that case-hardened Dr. Sheffield should take special notice of Miss Ammons and her simple trust in God. This was the girl he must learn to know. She it was he soon learned to love. But—he was soon to realize that God's ways are "past finding out."

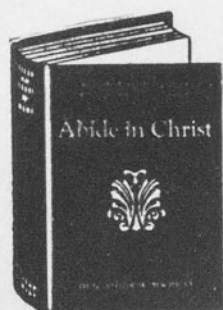
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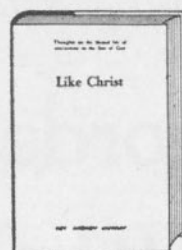
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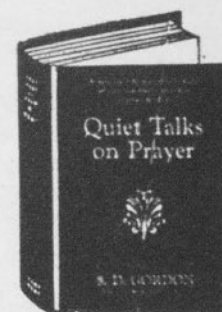


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A CO-PILOT'S TESTIMONY

The following is adapted from an editorial in the *Houston Chronicle*:

Lieut. Matthew L. Vinson of Houston, Texas, gives God alone the credit for his surviving the crash of his burning, bomb-filled plane into a mined area. He could not see ahead of him as he handled the stick. He prayed—and God answered.

The Flying Fortress of which Vinson was co-pilot had just taken off when an oxygen box exploded, tearing a big hole in the ship and setting it afire. Metal doors were fused by the terrific heat.

The other crew members escaped because air blasting through the hole forced the flames back to the back of the fuselage, allowing them to reach the escape hatch. One by one they jumped.

Then came the second explosion. It blew Venson's parachute away. The bombardier, last man to jump, offered to stay with the co-pilot or attempt to descend together with one parachute. Vinson, knowing they could not get out the escape hatch together, pushed the bombardier out.

Then the young co-pilot, facing almost certain death, tried to get the plane (Blackheart Jr.) out over the water so no one would be killed by its bombs. The plane was burning fast. The machine gun ammunition began exploding. The bombs might do the same any moment.

All this time, Vinson relates, "I talked to Him. I talked to Him plenty—and He must have heard me."

The flier could not see ahead of him and the instruments were blacked out. But he could see

out a side window. He found he was still over land, about 3,000 feet up, and not spinning. The ship still responded to a hard tug on the stick. He decided to try to land on the beach.

And still the tale is not done. The Fortress settled to earth in the middle of a heavily mined area on the English shore. Coastguardsmen who knew the path through the mines brought Vinson out. And then the plane blew up as its 2,000 pounds of bombs exploded from the heat.

Vinson's own part in the amazing incident is a story of pure heroism from first to last. But the landing, he insists, was not due to his skill.

Here is another soldier who, we may be sure, never so long as he lives will doubt the power of prayer. There are many such. Enough personal testimony has appeared in print since the famous maxim from Bataan, "There are no atheists in fox holes," to fill a good-sized book.

ANOTHER WAR INEVITABLE

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, says that the United States must learn that wars are inevitable and must inaugurate a "full and continuing preparedness" after this war. "Instead of looking to disarmament as a safeguard against war," he says, "let us try the opposite, full preparedness according to a continuing plan." He might have obtained his logic from Luke 11:21, "When a strong man armed keepeth his place, his goods are in peace." But even preparedness will not bring lasting peace. Only the return of Christ to the earth will bring that.

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY

"I read your paper (Reveille) that mother sends to me, and I think it is a wonderful paper. I know that it has the true gospel and straight doctrine in it for I read the Bible very often and find that it corresponds.

"As a soldier over here in the combat zone, I have seen God work miracles. He has kept me from death. I know my mother's prayers have been answered. I have asked the Lord to return me to my mother and I believe with all my heart that He will.

"I am not filled with the Holy Ghost yet, but I pray that I will be soon. I want you to pray that I will.

"It is very lonesome over here; there isn't anyone to talk to except soldiers, so we get a lot of comfort out of reading the Bible. Pray for me,

"A lonely soldier,
"Pvt. Dewey Traylor"

The Servicemen's Department has already written to this lonely American soldier and to his mother. We are sure that he will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and have the blessing of the Lord upon his life as he continues to pray and serve Him. Let us remember today the thousands of our boys who are far from home—some of them may not have the comforting presence of the Lord as this lad.

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ago, how very much nearer it must be today! For we no longer wait for the reinstatement of the Jews in the land of their forefathers. That began to be fulfilled twenty-five years ago. There remains today not one unfulfilled prediction of Scripture, to our knowledge, as to events that need to transpire prior to the coming of the Lord. He may come at any moment. Are you ready to met Him?

Among the Assemblies

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS—We just closed one of the best revivals ever held at the Victoria Tabernacle, with Lee Krupnick, Jewish Evangelist, and Mrs. Krupnick. We had the largest week-night crowds of any revival held in this church, and on Sunday nights we were packed. Our church seats 1200. Twenty came to the altar for salvation, and 9 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. In spite of cold weather we had 837 in Sunday School. Brother and Sister Krupnick are anointed of God and preach the Word without fear or favor.—Hershel Barnett, Pastor.

COVINGTON, OKLA.—A little over two years ago I started the work here, and on April 21, 1942, we set the church in order with 43 members. We have had nearly 100 saved in our regular services; also there have been some wonderful healings. Two have been healed of tuberculosis and two of cancer, and there have been other healings as wonderful. We have just concluded a revival with Evangelist Glen B. Hamilton of Enid. Ten were saved, and 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—Mrs. H. F. Beaty, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—In March, 1943, we purchased a two-story brick building and a five-room house, and remodeled the brick building into a church, spending about \$1500.00. We have three apartments to rent besides our living quarters.

We began with a 3-week revival onducted by J. B. Smith and party. God's blessings have been upon the work from the start, and the Lord has given us several good revivals. A. C. Bates was with us two weeks, and we just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist G. B. McDowell. Quite a number have been saved, and we ask the prayers of God's people.—H. Donald Skelton, Pastor, Victory Temple, 520 W. Davis.

LITTLE WHITE CABIN

By Marian M. Schoolland

Bonnie and Bessie, always interested in new neighbors, soon learned to love the old couple who had just moved into the little cabin down the street. When it is suggested that they help entertain young Jack, the invalid grandson, the girls fall right in with the idea. Both boys and girls will enjoy the nature lore interwoven with the story and will gain from it a love for God's creation and proper understanding of His relation to it. Price 60c.

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HIS COMING DRAWETH NIGH
The book, *The Approaching End of the Age*, was published about fifty years ago. It was written by the late Grattan Guinness, who said (pages 473-4):

"We have noted various indications in the condition of Palestine and of Israel, and in the political events of our own day, which seem to indicate that the cleansing of the sanctuary and the restoration of Israel are not far distant. When these shall take place, when the Moslems, now driven out of Bulgaria, shall be also out of Syria, when the nations of Europe, actuated it may be merely by mutual distrust and political jealousy, or it may be by higher

motives, shall conspire to reinstate the Jews in the land of their forefathers, then the last of the unfulfilled predictions of Scripture as to events prior to the great crisis will have received its accomplishment; then the second advent of Israel's rejected Messiah to reign . . . will be close at hand; then the mystery of God will be all but finished, and the manifestation of Christ immediate. . . . The destruction of the power and independence of the Ottoman Empire, like the annihilation of the temporal dominion of the Papacy, should be as a trumpet blast to Christendom, proclaiming that the Day of Christ is at hand."

If the Day of Christ was at hand fifty years

THE AUSTIN BOYS MAROONED

By Ken Anderson



Say, young fella, did you ever dream of living on a South Sea island, swimming in the surf, diving for oysters or exploring mysterious jungle paths and caves? These are some of the things that the two young sons of missionaries, heroes of this story, enjoyed as they lived on a "wild and woolly" island in the South Pacific.

One day, to cap all their adventures, the boys found a great pearl in an oyster, the largest they had ever seen. When some of the natives on the island stole this pearl, the fellows really had some adventure trying to recapture it.

We must not tell you more of the story. Read it, and you will be thrilled by the narrow escape, suspense and mystery of this great story. **Price 75c.**

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MISSIONARY ECONOMICS

Inflation in China has made it hard for missionaries to make ends meet. One worker in distant Yunnan describes in *China's Millions* his wife's clever economies: "When the children's shoes wore out she learned to make them Chinese fashion with pasted cloth for uppers, tightly weaving the hemp cords several layers together for the soles. This neat homemade job costs only 60 cents as against unprocurable shoes at \$10 a pair. Quilt covers made serviceable trousers for our boy of four, and dresses were made from other redeemed fabrics for our six-year-old girl, as even the cheapest cloth costs a dollar a foot. When winter came we made our beds warm with mattresses of gunny sacks filled with straw. Tallow, lye and resin made a good enough washing soap at about one fifth the commercial price. We used vegetable oils for fuel when kerosene went up to \$20 a gallon, and the dim lights sent us to bed earlier. 'Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.'"

ZEAL FOR CHRIST

Though I could not preach, and never thought I should be able to testify to the multitude, I used to write texts on little scraps of paper, and drop them anywhere, that some poor creatures might pick them up and receive them as messengers of mercy to their souls. I could scarcely content myself for five minutes without trying to do something for Christ. If I walked along the street, I must have a few tracts with me; if I went into a railway car, I must drop a tract out of the window; if I had a moment's leisure, I must be upon my knees or at my Bible; if I were in company, I must turn the conversation to Christ that I might serve my Master.—C. H. Spurgeon.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3.

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.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Gospel Rally, Lancaster and Dittmar Sts., Feb. 17-18; G. B. McDowell, Evangelist.—G. O. De Merchant, Pastor.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—Highway Tabernacle; meeting in progress through February.—A. G. Voight, Evangelist, 2001 N. Magnolia Ave.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT COUNCIL
The 27th annual District Council of the Rocky Mountain District will convene at Denver Revival Tabernacle, 9th and Acoma Sts., Denver, Colo., Feb. 15-18. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, guest speaker.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

MISSIONARY PRAYER CONFERENCES
Georgia District Missionary Prayer Conferences: Augusta Feb. 21-22; C. M. Hicks, 2054 Oglethorpe Ave., Pastor. Hoganville, Feb. 28-29; S. P. Danford, Pastor. Thomaston, March 6-7; H. F. Freeman, Pastor. Dexter, March 20-21; K. M. Gyax, Pastor.

A missionary under the direction of the Missions Department is expected to be with us in the meetings.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

REGIONAL S. S. CONFERENCE
FT. WORTH, TEXAS—Regional S. S. Conference, First Assembly of God, 1326 S. Jennings Ave., Feb. 18-20. Customary arrangements for entertainment. Write us how many will be in attendance from your School. Those from distant points will find Friday the most profitable day to attend.—C. N. Rice, Host Pastor.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS
North Central Section, Cushing, Feb. 14-16. Central Section, First Assembly, Shawnee, Feb. 21-23. South Central Section, Lighthouse Assembly, Ardmore, March 13-15. Southeast Section, Broken Bow, March 20-22. Those desiring license can meet the District Board at the above meetings. For information address V. H. Ray, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, Box 134L, Oklahoma City 1, Okla. First service, 7:30 p. m.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary.

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AT THE WAILING WALL

It is little wonder that at the Fast of Ab in in August some 20,000 Jews were at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. The moral earthquake of today should turn millions to "the things that cannot be shaken." Heb. 12:27.

THE NATION'S GARBAGE

Roger Babson says, "Fifteen billion dollars of our annual national income goes into the garbage pail in the form of purchases of liquor, narcotics, gambling, sex magazines, and other things which undermine the health and employability of our people."

EUROPE'S ONLY HOPE

A speaker recently said, "The only hope I see for the Church and the world at this time of crisis is that when the war is over there will be found in occupied Europe a nucleus of godly people so purified by the fires of persecution that they will lead the way for the Church of Jesus to get back to its purity and power." Let us pray it may be so.

PAPAL PROCLAMATION

To a shattered, bleeding and afflicted world the Pope recently issued the following proclamation: "Let us turn again to the Virgin Mary. We desire that all turn to the Virgin Mary on the day that is sacred to the Immaculate Virgin and that public prayers be held all over the world." Mary is not the world's Saviour. Our Saviour is Jesus Christ, and He invites us, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. He waits to hear our prayers and to carry our burdens; let us go directly to Him, and we shall not be disappointed. Study the 44th chapter of Jeremiah and it will be seen that the worship of "the queen of heaven"—the title Rome gives to Mary—is an abomination in the sight of God.

A VIVID OBJECT LESSON

The violent volcanic outbreaks in Mexico are being attributed to God's wrath. According to *Sunday School Times*, the Roman Catholic authorities are urging the people to visit the volcano "to see for themselves what the fires of Purgatory will be like." The imposed fear is gripping the people. They hurry by in a constant stream on their way to the churches, fear and anxiety written on their faces.

We wish all the unsaved people in America could visit the volcano if it would awaken them to the awful reality of hell. Purgatory we regard as a false hope; the Bible does not promise any release from the eternal burnings, once the soul has entered eternity in an unregenerate, unforgiven state: but hell is very real, and fear of its fires ought to drive the unsaved into the loving arms of our gracious Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

INFLUENZA

In the closing days of 1943 an epidemic of influenza gave the U. S. more than a million cases of sickness, but not many deaths. In England more than a thousand deaths were reported in one week. It has broken out in northern Italy and is reported to be ravaging Germany. If it invades the rest of Europe with its malnutrition and destitution, the results may be appalling.

THE GOVERNOR'S WILL

Up to the time of his recent death, Governor Dickinson of Michigan was a prominent Methodist layman and Sunday School teacher. In death, however, he rebuked the Methodist Church by leaving a fourth of his estate to four non-Methodist colleges because, as his will said, "the Methodist schools have permitted questionable indulgences harmful to Christian youth."

PARENTAL DELINQUENCY

The only way to retard juvenile delinquency is to "strengthen family life, religious activity, and recreational facilities"—this was the conclusion at the end of a big panel discussion in St. Louis, Mo. Judge Michael Scott of the St. Louis juvenile court said, "There is no real substitute for a mother in the home. Instead of trying 4,500 boys and girls last year, we should have been trying 9,000 parents."

IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE

According to the British White Paper, Jewish immigration to Palestine was to end on March 31, 1944, for the five-year period will terminate on that date. However, only 43,922 Jews have entered Palestine during these five years, whereas the White Paper provided for 75,000 to enter. The deadline therefore has been postponed until such time as the remaining 31,078 Jews will have entered the country. Thus the return of the Jews to their National Home is to continue for some time to come, even though the quota system officially ends on March 31.



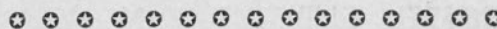
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Winston Churchill has said: "If you can succeed in reducing the enormous expenditure in strong drink, every trade in the country will benefit. More food will be bought, and better kinds of food; more clothing will be bought; more education, and a better kind of education, will be given to the children."

CHRISTIAN NATIVES FRIENDLY

The friendliness of natives in the Southwest Pacific means a great deal to our fighting men. Because of it, four U. S. Army engineers were able to conduct a 200-mile mapping mission of a Japanese-held island. They landed secretly by plane, spent thirteen days in correcting their maps and flew away without the Japanese suspecting their presence. The reason these natives were friendly is that Protestant missionaries went to them years ago and won them to Christ. The four officers reported that the natives held two religious services each day at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m., singing hymns, reading the Scriptures, and joining in prayer together.

PRAYER AND VICTORY

A faded clipping from the *Toronto Globe* of Aug. 28, 1918 reminds us of the relationship there was between national prayer and victory in World War I. On June 30 the outlook had been none too favorable for the Allies, but on that date President Woodrow Wilson called the U. S. to a Day of National Humiliation and Prayer. Similar action was taken in Canada. Then came the remarkable victories in mid-July, "which," said the *Globe*, "very many cannot fail to recognize as the direct result of this earnest appeal to God, and it is not merely fitting but necessary to recognize the divine hand in these events." By Aug. 28 another German offensive had been smashed, the safety of Paris had been assured, and "in the short interval of forty-four days the German army had been so outgeneraled and outfought that it had suffered grievous defeat on every foot of the battleline between Scarpe and the region east of Rheims. . . . French military writers, who six weeks ago were wondering whether the enemy could be held far enough from Paris to prevent the use of his siege artillery against the city, now express their conviction that the Hindenburg line will be reached on a wide front before the beginning of October."

It is when God's people humble themselves, and pray, and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, that He intervenes on their behalf, forgiving their sins and healing their land. 2 Chron. 7:14. May God lay a spirit of repentance and a spirit of supplication on more and more of our hearts.