



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

# PENTECOSTAL EVANGEL

THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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## Three Nights In the Underworld

*A Remarkable True Story*

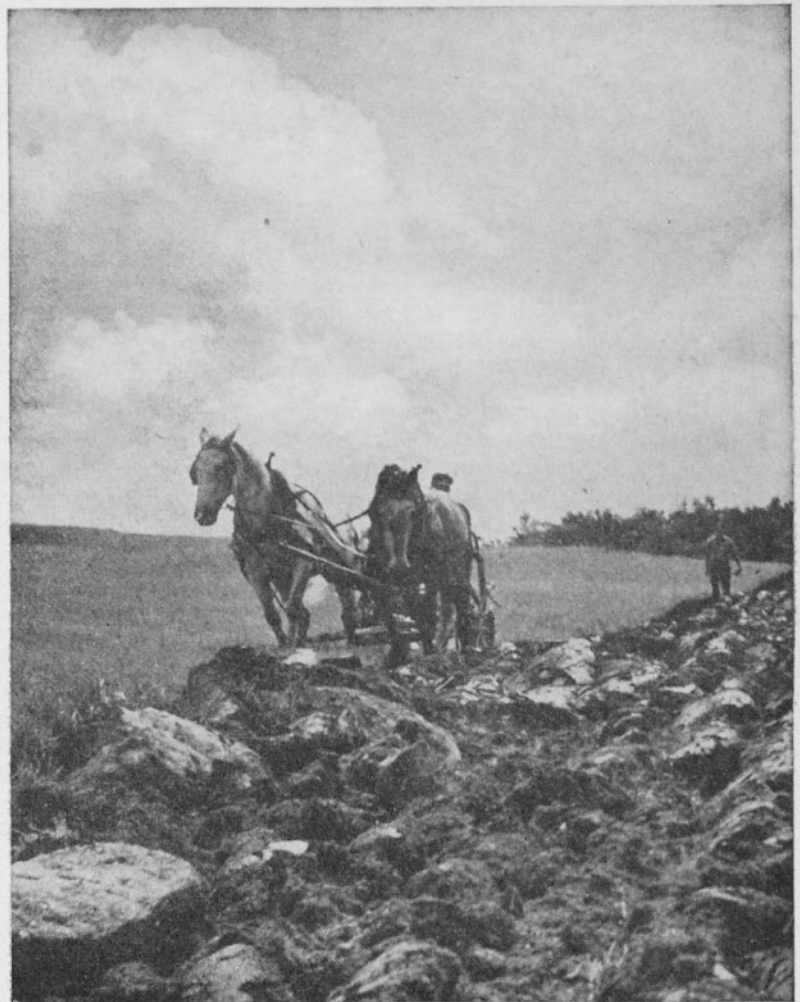
IN the year 1917, after three years of the best medical skill available, Mary MacMillan's emaciated body lay gripped in the last stages of tuberculosis. Some days as many as seven hemorrhages took their toll of her fast-waning strength. Helpless and miserable physically, she was also without any saving knowledge of God, and so, altogether unprepared to die. Then came the darkest day of all that disheartening experience; the day when she overheard the doctor talking with her husband in an adjoining room, and in that conversation he was evidently making it very clear and positive that she must die; in fact that she could not possibly live over three or four weeks at the most.

In the years past, years of her strength and vigor, she had attained for herself a name, and a place, in her special line of work. By diligent application she had had marked success, and much worldly gain, by catering to people of great wealth, and to people quite prominent in high social circles. Before her physical breakdown she had been much sought

after because of her evident talent along particular lines; for she was a designer and maker of beautiful gowns. But now she was stricken down and useless, and suddenly aroused to the awful reality of approaching death.

Only three or four weeks to live! Those words had for her a tremendous meaning. What a terrible verdict! What a seemingly unbearable situation! And with it what a consciousness of her spiritual undoneness and uttermost need. How could she ever meet God? And how could she ever leave her family? What way could she turn? But God already knew the answer, and His Spirit was mercifully brooding over that pitiful wreckage of human driftwood (as she sometimes speaks of herself), and soon the pent-up anguish of her soul broke forth into real heart cries of repentance and confession toward God. The nurse afterward informed her that from five o'clock until midnight she had cried and besought God for His mercy, and that her life might be spared to her family.

And it was just like our heavenly Fa-



*Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground? When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter abroad the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rye in their place? For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. Isa. 28:24-26.*

ther to hear those broken pleadings. And He certainly did hear, and graciously came to the rescue. For He wonderfully lifted the burden, and scattered the darkness, and gave inward rest and assurance. She fell asleep in peace and slept until ten o'clock the next morning, not realizing that she was healed until later in the day when her husband remarked that she seemed much better. Only then did she become aware of the fact that her sickness had all disappeared. Her temperature was gone. The sputum cups were all unused. The hemorrhages had ceased. And best of all, her sins were gone. She had truly passed out from the shadow of death to the dawning of a brighter, better life. On the second day she walked; and from that time on the grace of God has ever been manifested toward this renewed, and ever grateful little woman, who has found an everlasting refuge for her soul in God.

After her miraculous healing came God's call to a strange kind of ministry—a call to go to the hoboies and to the  
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# "A Greater Than Solomon Is Here"

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*"The queen of the south shall rise up in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here." Matt. 12:42.*

**P**OSSIBLY we consider Solomon to be the wisest, the richest, the greatest of kings, but I want to compare him with the Man who is even greater than Solomon, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us make a few comparisons. Solomon was born in a palace, surrounded by all the glories earth could afford. Jesus was born in the stable of a lowly inn, and laid in a manger. Solomon was born of a woman, the wife of Uriah, with whom King David had committed adultery in the lust of his heart. But when God looked over all the women of the world to find an earthly mother for His Son, He chose a humble virgin, and sent an angel from heaven to say to her, "Thou art blessed above all women. . . . That holy thing which shall be born of thee is conceived of the Holy Ghost, and shall be called the Son of God."

While the modernists are doing all they can to destroy faith in the deity of Jesus, my Saviour, I boldly affirm that He was born of a virgin, conceived of the Holy Ghost, truly the Son of the living God. In His birth He is greater than all mankind. There never has been another person born so wonderfully as our Jesus. The heavens rang with a heavenly choir the night He was born. Not so when Solomon was born.

Solomon is called the wisest man that ever lived. He spoke certain proverbs concerning creation, but my Saviour spoke creation into existence. He was in the beginning with God, and without Him was not anything made that was made. My Jesus is the Creator of all things.

It is said by the teachers of some biology classes in our universities that in the beginning there was a whirling ball of fire from which a speck flew off which became our earth. In the course of centuries it cooled off, and then humanity began to form. In the beginning there was only a little cell, but it grew a tail and began swimming around as a polywog. Later it developed legs. In the course of time it lost its polywog tail and grew another with which it could swing around a tree. Then it lost its tail entirely and became a biology professor in a university!

It is amazing how people can believe that, and yet say the Bible record is unreasonable. The Bible says that God formed man out of dust, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth." In this time when education is bidding for the lives of our young people, and opportunities for material gain are representing themselves, may we never forget that we were made by Jesus. He is greater than Solomon because of His creative work.

Solomon knew a great deal about certain birds, and wrote of them; but he never knew when each sparrow fell to the ground. Jesus did.

Solomon knew something about trees, and wrote of them, but he could never speak a word that would cause one to wither from its roots. Jesus did.

Solomon knew something about navigation, but he could never face a stormy lake and say, "Peace, be still," and see the tempestuous waves become quiet at his bidding. But Jesus did that.

Solomon walked through palace doors, but he never walked through closed doors. Jesus one day passed through doors without opening them. The disciples had barred the doors for fear of the Jews, but suddenly Jesus stood before them, the doors still shut. Oh, hallelujah!

But Thomas was not there. When Thomas returned, the disciples said, "Jesus was here." Thomas said, "The last time I saw Jesus He was being taken away to be crucified; I will not believe He is alive unless I can thrust my finger in His side and see the nailprints in His hands and feet." Many have condemned Thomas because of his attitude, but I look on him as a sincere, earnest man who desired the evidence that Christ was really alive. He was so desirous of seeing Jesus

that Jesus made a special trip to come again when Thomas was present. If any individual desires to know that Jesus is real, Jesus will come all the way from glory just to speak to that individual's heart.

While the disciples were conversing behind barred doors, and Thomas was still doubting, they heard a sound, and, turning, saw Jesus. He said, "Thomas, reach hither thy finger and behold My scars, and thrust thy hand into My side, and be not faithless but believing." Thomas fell on his face and cried, "My Lord and my God." A greater than Solomon was there.

Solomon was one of the greatest teachers man has heard. We read his proverbs with astonishment. We wonder at his gracious words and wisdom, but every time I take up my Bible and read the Sermon on the Mount it searches my soul as nothing else does. Never man spoke like Jesus. He walked not with beautiful sandals on His feet, not with royal robes of glory; He was clothed in a peasant's garb, and His only place to lay His head was under the stars, but He could look up into the canopy of heaven and know that His Father was waiting His return to the ivory palaces.

This Christ, this gracious Jesus, this wonderful Man of Calvary, oh, that I had words to properly describe Him. He is so wonderful and so glorious. And most glorious of all is the fact that He lives in my heart. Hallelujah! I love Him supremely, above all else in the world. He is a wonderful Saviour!

Solomon built a magnificent temple, and the glory of God came down and filled it. Solomon was indeed a wonderful builder, but a greater than Solomon has come. He has taken this piece of broken humanity and made me a living soul. I was lying sick on my bed, seemingly ready to die. Twelve doctors came in to minister one afternoon. Each one shook his head and said, "We can do nothing." I said to God, "Here I am; if you can do anything with this broken piece of humanity, please do it now." And Jesus came all the way from heaven and entered into this being of mine. He healed me with His power, and put His Spirit within me. He is building something here that is greater than Solomon's temple. For this is a temple of the living God, in which God has chosen to dwell. God does not dwell in buildings of wood and stone but in the temple of the human body. What inexhaustible love,



Give Thy servant  
an understanding  
heart

1 Kings 3:9

that Christ should dwell in this unworthy temple!

I have seen this wonderful Jesus walk the highways and the byways of India to pick up broken pieces of humanity, the offscouring of society. He goes into the homes of lepers, who to men are the offscouring. He sees fit to enter their homes and hearts and dwell in those lives. He is greater than Solomon.

Solomon had a throne made of ivory. It must have been glorious, for it was covered with pure gold. Six steps led up to it. On each step there was a lion on each side—twelve lions at the approach of the throne. Solomon walked up those six steps and sat down on the greatest throne in history; but the Bible says that before the throne of Christ every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. He is greater than Solomon.

Solomon stretched out his hands toward God in prayer, to invite the glory of God to come down and occupy the temple he had built. But the greatest prayer recorded in the Word of God is that which came from the lips of Jesus Himself when, alone with God, He poured out His soul for men. He prayed that His followers might be one. There never was another such prayer as that recorded in John 17.

The provisions of the household of Solomon were great and plentiful. He set a bountiful table, and from time to time hundreds came to partake of his bounty. But Jesus could feed the multitude. He looked on the vast crowds and asked, "Is there anything for them to eat? They have come to listen, to see, to be healed, and now they are fainting and weary; give them something to eat." One answered, "Master, two hundred pennyworth of bread would not be enough to supply these people. But all we have is a few small loaves and fishes—just a boy's lunch. What good is that among so many?" But Jesus said, "Bring them here." Taking the loaves and fishes, He looked up to heaven and blessed them and brake and said, "Take, and feed the multitude." The thousands were fed, and baskets full of fragments were taken up. A greater than Solomon was there.

Solomon, in spite of all his wisdom, wealth and greatness, was led astray. God had sent out His edict concerning mingling with heathen women, but Solomon failed God and married outlandish women and began worshipping their strange gods. Jesus never failed. He is greater than Solomon.

One day, when heaven seemed shrouded with a cloud, a mob took Jesus away to Calvary, stretched out His hands and feet, nailed Him to a cross, and lifted Him high between heaven and earth. There

## The Word of God

It is written, "For Thou hast magnified Thy Word above all Thy name." Psalm 138:2. God's Word is sufficient for all time, for all needs, for all people. His Word, as manifested in the flesh (John 1:14) meets the need of man for salvation, for healing, for redemption, yea, for all that pertains to life and godliness.

The Word spoken by the Lord is sufficient for every man, in every circumstance, in every time. God's thoughts are hidden in the Word, and they are unfolded by the Spirit.

The plan of redemption of mankind, of the world, of the universe, is set forth in the Word, and God has pledged Himself to fulfil His Word.

The lie of the devil in the garden is going to be corrected by God from heaven. The devil's "Yea, hath God said?" brought ruin. But "Thus saith the Lord," will bring redemption, will bring salvation.

The Word of God penetrates the innermost recesses of the being, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It is minute in its penetration. It is marvelous in the extent of its ramifications.

Jesus made the greatest sacrifice that man has ever known. It was for the purpose of redeeming all mankind. Of all the sacrifices Solomon could offer, there was never a sacrifice that could equal the sacrifice Jesus made on Calvary!

A terrible fire broke out in a school building a number of years ago. Seventy children were trapped. No one could save them. The people were running from place to place. Mothers were pulling their hair, crying for their children. Fathers were wringing their hands, saying, "What can I do to save my child?" Out of the building the voice of a young boy was heard. Seeing his father running up and down, he cried, "Daddy, can't you save me? Won't you help me?" Above the awful, agonizing cries of the other children those words came, "Daddy, can't you save me? Won't you help me?" That daddy was doing all he could, but it was to no avail. His son perished in the flames. That father lived only a short time after that. The words of his boy had gotten into his soul and he couldn't get away from them: "Daddy, can't you save me? Won't you help me?"

Friend, your soul is crying out. It is crying for help, and education says, "Oh, I will save you!" But education can't

The angels that excel in strength are they that do His commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word. Psalm 103:20. If you would be strong, diligently hearken to what God has said in His Word. Do not merely be a hearer but also a doer of His Word.

All Scripture is given by inspiration, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is behind the Word of God! And the Holy Ghost always accomplishes that which He sets out to do. The Spirit of God brooded over the chaos at Creation, and out of chaos He made everything beautiful in His time. Eccl. 3:11. He brought order out of disorder. Out of confusion was brought forth perfect peace and harmony. If the Holy Spirit could do that in a disrupted universe, on a disorganized earth, can He not today bring the disordered minds of men who are at enmity against God, into peace?

God's plans are hidden in His Word. They are hidden from the world. But Christ says to those that are His, "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 13:11. That which is hidden from the wise and prudent He reveals unto His babes.

save your soul. You can go into schools of learning and see such sin and corruption that you will be astonished. The wickedness that prevails in some institutions of learning is a stench that goes up into the nostrils of God. We as Holy Ghost men and women are going to have to contend as never before for righteousness, not only to speak about it but to live it, pray for it and do all we can to lead people back to the old paths of holiness.

Your soul is crying for help, and culture says, "O, I will save you!" But culture and proper mannerisms cannot save you. It can teach you how to be polite, how to act in the company of dignitaries, but as far as the soul is concerned culture can do nothing to save you.

Philosophy cries, "I will save you." But philosophy has tried in vain to find something they know exists. It can't help you.

If you will come to Calvary and make your appeal to the Son of the living God, He will help you. For the cleansing stream still flows from Calvary, and there your soul can find refuge. There is salvation in the blood of Christ.

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## The Remedy for Loneliness

**H**AVE you ever meditated on the loneliness of Christ? How many times we read words like these in the Gospels: "He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there *alone*." Matt. 14:23. He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." Matt. 8:20. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. John leaned his head on Jesus' breast, but Christ had nowhere to lean His. The sinless One could not lean His head on the breast of him who wanted to command fire to come down from heaven upon God's own creation. Luke 9:54.

The loneliness of Jesus was intensified as time went on. His announcer, John the Baptist, was beheaded. His disciples all forsook Him, and fled. And then when He was the sacrificial Lamb, God forsook Him; and the cry went up from His heart, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" Matt. 27:46.

A true child of God, who is in touch with God more than with man, to whom heaven is more real than earth, must at times have the same lonely feeling that Christ had. The Johns fail, both the Baptist and the apostle, and even stalwart Peters fail and deny. They, too, feel like crying, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" But this experience of utter loneliness is not for all. These periods bring us to God and into utter dependence upon God.

Christ said, "The hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave Me alone: and yet *I am not alone*, because the Father is with Me." John 16:32. If you have a deep sense of loneliness you can say with Christ, "I am not alone." The outward creature cannot enter into your inner heart. But there is One who can, and He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man will hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. And that is the solution for loneliness—the incoming of the Provider for the destitute. He provides a banquet where there has been bankruptcy!

At most banquets there is waste or leftover, but at this banquet there is no waste or leftover, for there is a continual partaking of the bread of heaven and of the streams of living water that

come from Him who sitteth upon the throne.

Loneliness is a prelude, is the essential for inviting Him who was lonely. And He says, "If any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in." Yes, you may know Him as Saviour. You may know Him as Cleanser. You may know Him as Healer. You may know Him as the One who baptizes in the Spirit, who gives an excess of glory. But do you know Him as Companion and Confidant? Do you know that close intimacy that makes Him to be, and ever to be, all in all to you—the *Satisfier*? He will meet that unutterable, undefined, unspoken desire in your heart. Welcome Him in faith, with all the unuttered loneliness of your heart, and He will come in and verily fill your whole being.

This is not a theory. It can be a REAL experience, that Christ may dwell in your heart by faith. Simple words, well known, but so few realize them. Christ dwelling in the heart by faith—the risen Christ, the perfected Man, the glorified Man, with all the attributes of humanity in perfection, and with all the weaknesses of humanity tested out, met and overcome. This Christ, your Christ, comes in and overwhelmingly meets your need, counteracts your weakness, and wonderfully satisfies the undefined longings of your heart.

You need Him. He wants to come in. He says today, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." There is no question concerning His position, His atti-

tude, His desire. Outside, knocking; and you inside, craving, longing. Yieldedness, surrender, faith, is necessary on your part, and He comes in in His glory. He comes IN, bringing all the provisions for the banquet. "I . . . will sup with him, and he with Me."

This is the preliminary supper before the great supper of the Lamb.

Get acquainted beforehand with the viands, the food, He provides. You can get an earnest of that great supper by allowing Him to sup with you beforehand.

### A Christian First

A crowded gathering of distinguished scientists had been listening, spellbound, to the masterly expositions of Michael Faraday. For an hour he held his brilliant audience enthralled as he demonstrated the nature and properties of the magnet. He brought his lecture to a close with an experiment so novel, so bewildering, and so triumphant that, for some time after he resumed his seat, the house rocked with enthusiastic applause. And then the Prince of Wales, afterward King Edward the Seventh, rose to propose a motion of congratulation. The resolution, having been duly seconded, was carried with renewed thunders of applause.

But the uproar was succeeded by a strange silence. The assembly waited for Faraday's reply, but the lecturer had vanished! What had become of him? Only two or three of his most intimate friends were in the secret. They knew that the great chemist was something more than a great chemist; he was a great Christian. He was an elder of a little church. The hour at which Faraday concluded his lecture was the hour of the midweek prayer meeting. That meeting he never neglected. And, under cover of the cheering applause, the lecturer had slipped out of the crowded hall and hurried off to the little meeting house.—Boreham.

### An Evangelistic Church

We are all naturally like the snail; we carry our little world upon our back, and venture out of our shell only to pick up dainty morsels. God puts us in the midst of the unsaved that we may get out of ourselves. He might send His angels to fly in the midst of the heavens and proclaim the everlasting Gospel, but what would become of the believer? He would be a dwarf and a cripple. The reflex influence of evangelistic effort upon the Church itself is scarcely less important and valuable than the direct influence upon unsaved souls.—A. T. Pierson.

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## The Christian Race

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**S**URROUNDING the stadium an amphitheater of white marble rose like the terraces of a palace. Clouds of witnesses, tier upon tier, sat expectantly watching the scene before them. A trumpeter stood ready. Runners were at the mark, poised, bent forward for the best possible start. This was a Grecian race, the race of which it has been said that no human effort was both so short and so violent.

The trumpet sounded, and with a rush the race began. Weary lap after weary lap followed until, finally, the goal was in sight and the victor burst past the mark to be crowned by the judges who sat at the line.

Again and again the Holy Spirit uses this contest as a picture of the short, sharp struggle of the Christian race. To the Christian He says, "Know ye not that they which run a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." 1 Cor. 9:24.

"So run," writes Paul to the entire church of the living God, "that ye may obtain." *Run*—not walk, not march, but race. *So run*—as only the winner runs, with a purpose, keeping the prize in view.

All Christians—all kinds of Christians—are entered in the race, but only one type of Christian can win. So you must run, not with the slowness of many but with the energy of one. None of us dare to seek anything short of God's highest.

But how shall we discover God's highest? The Holy Spirit reveals conditions for the race. First, there must be careful preparation.

An athlete trains to prolong his wind, to harden his muscles, to produce a perfect body. The Christian must train to produce a perfect saint, one whose spirit and character are as developed as the body of the athlete. "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." 1 Cor. 9:25. This involves self-discipline. There must be abstinence, not only from evil things but from things which, though good in themselves would be a hindrance in the race. Weights must be cast aside (Heb. 12:1), for in the race even the slightest hindrance can be fatal.

Observance of the rules is the second condition of success. There are rules for every race. In the Christian race the Holy Spirit instructs, "If a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not

crowned, except he strive lawfully." 2 Tim. 2:5.

The New Testament is our racing guide. It tells exactly what to do and what to avoid. Every rule is there, and every rule is essential for success. No one may write rules of his own. All must obey the truth. To some Paul says, "Ye did run well; who did hinder

the Christian's prize in incalculably richer. "Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." 1 Cor. 9:25.

For the athlete was a garland of olive or bay, a wreath of parsley or pine. It faded and the glory was forgotten. So are all earthly crowns; their joys are transient. But for the Christian is "a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4); a crown of joy for the soul winner (1 Thess. 2:19), a crown of glory for the faithful pastor (1 Peter 5:4), a crown of righteousness for them that love His appearing (2 Tim. 4:8), and a crown of life for the

### ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE RACE

1. *No criminal nor slave, only free-born Greeks, could enter the race. So, God's race is only for the reborn; the free of the new birth.*
2. *The racer who fouls is disqualified.*
3. *Unbelief paralyzes. So, unless we believe there is a race, we can win no prize.*
4. *Doubt hinders. Don't give up. Sullivan swam the English channel on his seventh try.*
5. *He who trains others may himself lose the prize. Don't be a castaway.*
6. *The nearer we approach the goal the fewer they who run with us.*
7. *Remember the cloud of witnesses. God, Satan, men of earth; three worlds are watching you run.*

you that ye should not obey the truth?" Gal. 5:7. Of himself he writes, "I press toward the mark for the prize." Phil. 3:14. The mark or goal is Christ-likeness. The prize is glory, the crown of holiness before Him.

Self-mastery is the greatest element of success. Not only must the body be fit but the spirit must be trained as well. "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." 1 Cor. 9:26,27. D. M. Panton writes: "The race is no splendid sport, it is dogged drudgery; it is lost by either self-confidence or self despair: the real failures in life are those who surrender before the sun goes down." The spirit must persist even when the body would quit.

The spirit must dominate the body, for in the body is our most dangerous enemy. For this reason Paul says, "I keep under my body"—I buffet it, bruise it black and blue, bring it into bondage, lead it as a slave. He discovers his besetting sins and lands his blows there so that self-mastery may be complete for victory in the race.

*The prize.* Paul has spoken of the difficulties of the race, showing that they are much greater in the spiritual race than in the natural. Now he speaks of the reward. He shows that

martyr. Rev. 2:10. These are not gifts. They cannot be inherited. They must be earned by achievement. But it is worth the effort, for they will shine when the sun has gone out forever.

The eyes of God are upon us; the eyes of Christ watch our race; the eyes of the angels of heaven observe our running. The powers of hell watch with concern. Men of earth never cease to watch. And when the goal is reached the whole church will know how we ran.

So, cheer each other on! Though there be panting breast and trembling limb, the goal looms on the horizon. Now, at the end of the race, sounds the voice of the Master, "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man may take thy crown." Rev. 3:11.

"Behold, I come quickly." The Spirit whispers the message to those who toil in the race. *So run* that from the lips of our returning Lord you may hear, "Well done" . . . for thee is the prize.

### Moving Sinners

"Nothing moves the people like the terrific. They must have hell-fire flashes before their faces or they will not move. Last night I preached a sermon on Christ weeping over sinners and only one came forward."—General William Booth.

## Saved From a Crocodile

LESTER F. SUMRALL

**T**HE tropical sun was westering in the small town of Portacalvo in the state of Alagoas, Brazil, bringing refreshing relief from the torrid heat of the day. The townsfolk awaking from the customary afternoon *siesta* were slowly emerging from their primitive dwellings to perform the usual evening chores. In most rural districts of Latin America the women are the water bearers, carrying water in jugs and cans, balanced upon their heads, from the local springs or streams. For foreign visitors it is a novel sight to see women and girls coming from every part of the village, in the early morning and late afternoon to get a supply of water; ordinarily they come laughing and joking, relating amusing incidents of local interest.

Living in the town of Portacalvo was a native woman who had been convinced of the truth of the gospel and led to accept Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour by a Christian servant girl working in the home of a missionary, Otto Nelson. One afternoon this newly converted woman took her large water crock, which would hold some five gallons and was oval in shape and some two feet in length, and prepared to go after a supply of water for the household. With a small piece of rag rolled in a circle on her head to pad and balance the jar she placed the vessel thereon and with agile stride and graceful movements walked down the dusty road toward the river humming a church hymn.

### Facing a Crocodile

It so happened on this particular day that the other water carriers from the village had not arrived. The woman, not desiring to wait for the usual time of tittle-tattle, proceeded to her customary place and dipped her jug into the flowing waters and brought it up brimming full. Then she splashed the cooling and refreshing waters on her hands and face before journeying back to the village. When she picked up her water jug to return home she looked behind her and *behold!* a large, vicious crocodile had slid surreptitiously out of the slimy undergrowth and was quietly creeping up from behind for an attack. The crafty crocodile, realizing there was no human assistance near for the woman, had no fear in attacking.

It is a common story in the tropical lands of slimy serpentine monsters attacking, tearing and devouring humans.

The crocodiles are so powerful that a defenseless person has no chance to match them, and they move so fast in battle that they have been known to catch birds; naturally the natives have a horror of these ferocious denizens of the swampy jungles—especially as Brazil has the largest species of crocodile in the world.

The Christian woman, immediately sensing that to escape from the monster by running would be impossible as it lay on the path between her and the town, stood overawed, watching it crawl slowly toward her with glaring eyes and open jaws, revealing its swordlike teeth, ready to devour its victim. The woman, having been taught to trust in God and pray to Him when in danger, instinctively began to call upon Him for deliverance. With a loud and strained voice she cried, "Lord, save me!"

As the monster came nearer, ready for its final snap for human food, the woman threw her large water pot into his mouth with full force and the gigantic reptile closed his powerful jaws upon ceramic ware rather than human flesh. Rushing home, the woman with bated breath and excited words told her relatives and neighbors about the dreadful ordeal. In conclusion she assured them that she had prayed to Jesus Christ and He had miraculously delivered her from the man-eating crocodile.

The incredulous natives looked at one another and then at the woman, some of them asking for more details about the incident. Soon a rumor spread through the village to the effect that the woman had told an awful lie, as everyone agreed that it would be humanly impossible for her to meet the hungry monster while alone and get away unharmed. Some of the townsfolk even went to the missionary and said that it was tragic that Evangelical Christians should tell such unreasonable lies. By this time the woman was dejected; she had supposed her friends would rejoice with her for the great deliverance, but instead they did not believe the story. She felt the shame of ridicule so poignantly that she prayed daily for God to show the people she had not lied, but that He had delivered her in this simple manner from the dreaded beast.

### The Dead Witness

Ten days passed in the little town of Portacalvo and the excitement of the crocodile episode was waning. How-

ever, the woman was still laughed at on the street and down at the river bank when she went for water; nevertheless she stuck with her story and told it the same way each time her unbelieving friends asked for details. In her heart she believed that one day the truth would be revealed.

On the tenth day after the incident some fishermen found the carcass of a crocodile upon the sandy beach of the river near town, and while examining the body discovered a large water pot lodged in its throat; it seemed wedged in, as if his teeth had closed heavily upon it clamping it securely. They concluded that the monster had either gagged to death or had starved from lack of food and water. As the jug was in his throat bottom first they found some river fish in it which seemed to indicate that the crocodile had been trying to catch food but found it impossible to get them past the waterpot.

This new story arrived in the village, causing another sensation. The water pot was soon identified as the one owned by the woman; public opinion was instantly reversed and everyone seemed satisfied that the story was true and admitted God must have helped the woman as such a thing had not been known before. A number spoke to her privately about the matter and she exhorted them to be real Christians and put their trust in the Lord, for it was only by the power of Christ that she was still alive.—(Story related to me by Mrs. Otto Nelson, Missionary)

*Brother Frank Lindquist of Minneapolis and Brother Lester Sumrall are just leaving for a ministry tour of Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, etc.*

### The Missionary Call

Where will you find an apostle? I will expand what I mean by that term. He must be a man who has died utterly to the world; who has no ties of any sort; who can bear the intense dullness of these countries; who seeks for few letters; and who can bear the thought of dying deserted. Now there are few, very few, men who can accept this post. But no half measure will do. A man must give up everything, everything, to do anything, for Christ here. Yet what a field!—Chinese Gordon.

### Will a Man Rob God?

Right giving is a part of right living. The living is not right when the giving is wrong. The giving is wrong when we steal "God's portion" of our income to hoard, or spend on ourselves.

# Concerning the Conscientious Objector

J. R. FLOWER

IT seems that the conscientious objector in this war is the most unpopular fellow imaginable. Little sympathy is given to him, especially by those whose sons are in the armed forces which are being sent overseas in defense of their country. And yet, these C.O.'s are martyrs to conscience. They sincerely believe they would be violating the teaching and example of Christ should they yield themselves to the military spirit and they are willing to suffer and die, if need be, for their convictions. Instead of condemning them, as so many are prone to do, we ought to sympathize with them and seek to help them if at all possible. Some of them have suffered keenly, have felt ostracized, neglected, despised by those Christians who they had expected would understand them and appreciate their stand for conscience.

The U. S. Government has been happy to consign them to the Civilian Public Service camps, which are supervised by the Quakers and other Peace Churches, and to forget them. It is a good riddance of a problem which has plagued the War Department in every war in which the United States has been engaged. There have always been conscientious objectors. There always will be conscientious objectors.

While the soldier receives his soldier's pay through the War Department, the C.O. receives no pay for his services. He is required to work and work hard at all sorts of occupations, including forestry, soil conservation, as attendants in insane asylums, etc. Some have offered themselves for experimental work in medical clinics, endangering their health and their lives in the interest of medical science. These are unsung heroes, unwilling to fight and yet willing to suffer and die if need be that others may live.

The burden for the support of these men has fallen upon the Service Departments of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), the Church of the Brethren, and the Mennonites. Because of their convictions on the question of war, these churches have assumed a financial burden which has been staggering. Some little help is being given them by other church-service groups, but the main bulk of the burden has been resting on the three so-called "peace" churches.

Books are being kept and the accounts of all men who are adherents of other

faiths than the three "peace" churches, are kept separate. If the churches will not stand back of their members who are assigned to the C.P.S. camps by the government, the three peace churches will do their best to bear the burden of supporting them, but they have appealed time and again to the other churches for aid for the men which have come to them from those denominations.

The problem is becoming more acute since the government is inducting into the army men with families. The soldier will obtain from the War department, support for his wife and children.

## WANTED

Names and addresses of men in the Armed Services who have asked for and obtained 1-A-O rating, i. e., rating as non-combatants. Also name and address of nearest relative to whom mail can be directed. This information is desired for a special ministry to the non-combatants in the armed forces of our country. Send information to J. R. Flower, General Secretary, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

The C.O. gets no support. The family must starve or become the charge of neighbors or friends. The peace churches are therefore appealing to the other denominational churches to do something for the families of their own members as well as the men who have been taken from their families and assigned to the C.P.S. camps.

There are some in our assemblies who are sympathetic, evidenced by the fact some \$800.00 has been sent in to assist in the support of the C.O.'s in the camps. We have passed this money on to the three peace churches to be credited over against the charges which have accumulated against the men of the Assemblies of God under their charge. But \$800.00 is only a small portion of the charges which have been accumulating during the past three years. The charges have mounted to well over \$10,000.00, and are still mounting. We thank all those of our constituency who have contributed toward this fund which has been used to help the Conscientious Objector, but we would like to call their attention to the need once more.

It is really a disgrace to us as a church movement to forget and neglect our men who are in these C.P.S.

camps, whether we agree with their stand for conscience or not. It is a greater disgrace for us to stand aside and permit the three peace churches to raise the money for the support of these men among their members, while the members of the Assemblies of God show nothing but apathy. Furthermore, it is now known that because of our indifference, and the care shown to them by the three peace churches, some of the hearts of these men are being estranged from us, and there are known cases of some men joining up with the peace churches which have befriended them.

We are not asking that anyone divert money now going to home or foreign missions to be used for the support of the Conscientious Objectors in the C.P.S. camps, but we are fulfilling our responsibility to these men by calling their need to your attention once more. If your heart is touched, and something can be spared to help them you can send your offering to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, and what you send will be forwarded to the Service Committees of the Peace Churches to apply against the accounts now standing on the books against Assembly of God Conscientious Objectors in Civilian Public Service.

## Isaac the Well Digger

Abraham's life gathers about a pilgrim tent; Jacob's about a ladder pointing toward the sky; Isaac's about a deep-sunk well of water. But hard by to each was an altar—they belonged to God. Isaac is too often overlooked. Abraham stood for faith, Jacob for strength, Isaac for obedience and meek reliance, which also is power. All looked up to God. "Go not down to Egypt," God said to Isaac, "sojourn in this land" (Gerar) and, as speaks the simple word (Gen. 26:6), "Isaac dwelt in Gerar." It meant temptation and trial, but there he stayed, as bidden, and in proof of his trust, "there he digged a well." And then another, and another, and another. He was the great well-digger. So are we all, as we follow after God, digging and re-digging the wells of salvation, stopped up awhile by the Philistines, but opened again in faith and hope and love. Jacob's ladder was good, pointing upward. So also were Isaac's wells, driven downward. They both looked toward the divine resources.—John Weaver Weddell, in *Hid Treasure*.

# Made Sin

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**F**OR He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21.

This tremendous passage is the climax of this chapter in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, especially of the portion (vv. 14-21) where he reveals the motivation for his own arduous apostolic labor as the matchless "love of Christ," which constrained him.

This *constraint* was not a pull or a push; it was nothing forced upon him, but the irresistible urge of that love. The underlying meaning of the word "constrain" may be illustrated by a road running through a narrow valley or defile hedged in by precipitous mountain walls, which road must of necessity take that course, and everyone who travels on it is "constrained" by those walls to continue, if he moves at all, in the path that road marks out. Or by the funnel which "constrains," by its very shape, the liquid to flow into a vessel.

The redemptive work of the Son of God finds its origin in the great infinite loving heart of the Father, who yearned for reconciliation to Him of alienated man, whom He had created "in His own image and after His own likeness." This yearning is so intense on God's part that Paul uses the strongest language to express it—"As though God did beseech you by us, . . . be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20.

The marvelous love of God compelled Him to conceive and to execute His great redemptive purpose, consummated in the tragic events that relate immediately to Calvary. Let us paraphrase our theme text: "He (God) made Him (His Son, the spotless One) to be sin for us (in our behalf); that we (sinful, defiled) might be made the righteousness of God in Him (Christ)."

The difficult phrase in the text is "made Him to be sin." Perhaps someone might explain the word "sin" by substituting the word "sin-offering." It is true, we know, that Christ was the sin-offering, the great Antitype of the whole Old Testament system of substitutionary offerings. But this is not the word here, and the truth goes further. And we certainly cannot substitute the word "sinful" in its inherent sense as explaining the word "sin," for Christ was not made sinful for us, for He was the sinless One. The word "sin" is the same used everywhere in the New Testament for man's "missing

the mark"—failure, falling short, in fact, the whole category of varying degree of departure from the law of God. The words are literally, "He hath made *the-not-knowing-sin-One* to be sin."

In what sense, then, was Christ the sinless One made to be sin? In this sense. The whole panorama of events immediately leading up to and at Calvary are a concrete, objective, personal exhibition of sin in all its hideousness. And while He was no part of it Himself, either in nature or in act, the central Figure in all this drama of "sin" is the Spotless Son of God Himself.

If one would acquaint himself with the awfulness of sin, let him look to Calvary and see the "Holy One of Israel" hanging there on the tree. That drama of "sin" began in the garden when a great "multitude from the chief priests and elders of the people, led by Judas, came with swords and staves" and burst with unholy feet into the garden of prayer and communion with God. They "laid hold" on Jesus, who had gone throughout their cities, healing the sick, restoring the lunatic, delivering the blind, the lame, and the deaf from their bonds. Here was seen "sin" in the act of Judas, Christ's own "familiar friend," who lifted up his heel" to crush Him. Psalm 41:9; John 13:18.

It seems almost unbelievable that he who had companioned with the Lord for those years, had seen the miracles and acts of kindness done by Him, and had heard the gracious words of instruction and admonition from His lips, could have been so seared in soul as to betray the Son of God. "Sin" is the answer, and the central Figure is the innocent One.

Would you see "sin" in its monstrous calculated purpose to destroy the innocent? View the trial sessions, so called, of Jesus. There was not a legal thread running through the whole procedure. The self-righteous Jewish religious leaders violated their own law repeatedly in their vindictive purpose to do away with the One who had uncloaked their hypocrisy. Eminent trial lawyers have examined the trial procedure and find it illegal and unjust at every point.

Sin? Yes, in the acts of Herod's men of war, who made sport of Christ, "mocked Him and arrayed Him in a

gorgeous robe." Again that central Figure, the real King, subjected to indignity and shame, by a small-souled, petty pseudo-monarch. How depraved the hearts of men!

Gaze at a similar scene after Pilate had delivered Christ to be crucified, when the rough Roman soldiers laid harsh, unholy hands on the meek and lowly One, stripped Him of His clothing, put a scarlet robe upon Him, smote Him on the head with a reed, spit upon Him, and pressed the cruel thorns into His innocent brow; then mocked Him, saying, "Hail, king of the Jews!" Here, again, the One "holy, harmless, and undefiled," was made "sin."

Contemplate the scene of Calvary and you will recognize the blackness of sin, the hollow mockery of the populace as they milled by that cross, shouting, "Save Thyself! If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Even the rulers themselves joined in the heartless derision, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be the Christ, the chosen of God."

Note the callousness and hardheartedness of the soldiers as they gambled at the foot of that cross for His seamless robe, utterly insensible of the agony of the Man of Calvary. "Sin," and Christ the crystal Figure in it all.

In all this series of events we see the dark picture of *sin*—"Christ made to be sin in our behalf." I have often wondered what must have been the emotion of the infinite heart of the Father as He contemplated that scene down here on earth. His violated holiness would demand that His sword of justice spring from its scabbard and visit summary judgment upon the heads of the murderers of His Son. But, No! At the cross we see the holiness of God, divorced from His power, meeting the sinfulness of man; we see evil permitted to manifest itself in all its awfulness unrestrained; we see the love of God for a sinful race, for in it all the innocent victim was taking our place, the burden of the world's sin was laid upon Him.

At Calvary "it pleased the Lord to bruise Him," "to put Him to grief." God the Father was making His Son "sin" in our behalf.

Sin is revealed more clearly in what it does to the innocent. The family of a drunkard who robs his children of their bread to pour it down his own throat in the form of liquor, who beats his wife and family—they, the innocent victims, suffer intensely because of his sin. Often in the violation of the law of the highway, the man who scrupulously keeps the law, is done to death by a senseless lawbreaker. The innocent suffer through the guilt of the transgressor. The horrors of this



present world conflict vividly reveal this same sad truth.

But at Calvary the innocent victim, the spotless Son of God, assumed all our guilt as a vicarious sacrifice, took our place, that we, the sinful and defiled, might have His righteousness, by faith, put to our account, and actually imparted to us by the power of the Holy Spirit. "That we might be made the *righteousness* of God in *Him*."

"I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus, the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.  
How marvelous! how wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be,  
How marvelous! how wonderful!  
Is my Savior's love for me."

### *Three Nights in the Underworld*

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down-and-outs, a commission from God to the castaways and to the unwanted ones of this world.

Her early life had been very carefully protected from evil associations. Her father was a judge, a God-fearing and kind-hearted man. Her mother was a well-educated and refined English lady, who would not allow her young daughter to so much as cast a glance in the direction of a fallen human creature. And now to obey God's strange call, and thus make herself an object of scorn and contempt to her own family seemed utterly impossible.

But when God calls He gives grace and power to obey; thus in spite of bitter opposition, the time came when under the constraining power of the Holy Spirit, she acted upon the direct leading of God, and found herself witnessing to a ragged, dirty tramp, in a small town in Colorado. Thus her unique ministry began, and it proved to be a good beginning, for that fallen man then and there accepted the offers of redeeming grace, was saved from his lost condition, and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. He is now married and living on his farm in Nebraska.

Many wonderful experiences could be related, but since all cannot be told in one article, we shall begin by telling of the conversion of an ex-convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary by the name of Sam Farmer, a negro of disreputable character. This man had been sentenced to hang for a terrible crime committed near Springfield years before. Later, however, the Governor had commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. However, he had finally obtained his freedom. From his own story told later, Sam Farmer had been one of those hard-to-control characters, even behind prison bars, a "tough customer," as the world would say.

At the time of this experience Mary MacMillan was staying in Denver. The weather was quite disagreeable, and she was afflicted with a trying bronchial trouble which had so affected her speech that she had been unable to speak out loud for days. However, late one evening she felt a strong urge to go out, and being quite convinced that she must go, she arose and made preparation, though where she was to go she little knew. For a time she questioned whether it was right to venture out in her present physical condition, and especially since it was cold and snowy, and rather slushy and slippery underfoot. But she was acquainted with that inner voice, and knowing full well that she dare not disobey the call of God, she dressed herself in warm clothing and ventured out into the night alone, against the protests of kind friends.

Following the leadings of her unseen guide, she walked on and on down 17th Street, until she reached a dimly lighted building in the outskirts of the underworld. Convinced that this was the right place, she stepped up to the door, pushed it open and entered. Once inside she faced a long bar and a rough-looking, riotous crowd, a mixed crowd of men and women, colored and white. Not her usual kind of associates, surely, but the kind that greatly needed the gospel of Christ. At one end of the bar stood a tall black man, with a terribly scarred face. He approached the strange lady with these words: "What are you doing here? This is no place for a lady." And to her own astonishment (for she had not spoken out loud for days), she answered him clearly, "Well, then it is no place for a gentleman, either, is it brother?" "No, I guess not," he replied. "But why are you here?" "Because the Lord brought me here," the strange visitor replied, firmly but kindly. "The Lord? What does He want you to do?" inquired the black man. "Why, He wants me to speak to these people," replied the little lady insistently. "But I don't know as this crowd will let you speak," he parleyed. "Oh, yes, if God let's me speak no man can prevent," she assured him.

And then the wonderful thing took place. For that big negro called out to the drinking, gambling, dancing crowd to give attention. And they did give attention, and she learned afterward that the big black man was the owner and manager of that whole ungodly establishment. And not only did the occupants of that wicked place give attention, but they crowded around that humble instrument of the Lord while she exhorted them concerning the salvation of God.

She preached unto them Jesus; and she wrought with them, and pleaded with them earnestly for the salvation of their

souls, inviting them to come unto Him who could save to the uttermost, and who alone could give them rest. And it was not in vain that she thus besought them, for a wail went up from many hearts as the Spirit of God moved mightily upon them, convincing them of their lost condition. She still recalls their earnest pleadings: "God, help me! God, save my soul!" And other like confessions of awful need. The music had ceased. The bar was deserted. And no less than thirty souls found Jesus Christ in saving power that night. Meanwhile the big black man had acted as her guard against any bodily harm, following her about from one seeking soul to another.

The following night she returned to that sinful haunt, and likewise the third night. On the third night she was allowed to visit the basement, which she discovered to be a house of ill-fame, the details of which might not be profitable to relate. However, that third night the big negro found the way of eternal life. Rolling upon the floor in his agony of soul, he cried out to the God of heaven for mercy, and was wonderfully saved. It was a real change of heart, for the next morning he locked up the whole ungodly establishment, and then and there quit the whole business. Later he turned back the lease, and delivered up the fixtures, refusing to take so much as one penny for himself from the whole place. He likewise closed the doors of two other similar places which were under his management. He was done with sin, and from that time on his life was completely changed. He began a new career, as a new man, and as a witness to the saving power of Christ. For he preached on the street corners of Denver, and wherever he could find an audience.

Then came the great day when God wonderfully baptized him with the Holy Ghost, and made him to know that he was called to preach the gospel to his own people in Africa. Following the leadings of God, he made his way to St. Louis, where he held a great revival with the African Methodist Church, which encouraged him to obey the call of God, and helped him to make his journey to that far-away land. Since then good reports have made their way back from time to time, informing his friends in this country of his continued ministry in the land of his calling, and so far as is known Sam Farmer is still alive and witnessing for Christ.

This is but one of many and varied experiences of this now grey-haired mother. God has wrought some very marvelous things, and to Him be all the glory forevermore. Eternity only will reveal the far-reaching influence of those

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# The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## HELP FROM THE QUAKERS

During 11 months of 1943 the American Friends Service Committee shipped overseas 113 tons of clothing, bedding, and supplies valued at \$239,000.

## THE CENSUS IN INDIA

The latest census in India (1941) shows a total population of 388,000,000 which is fifty million more than the previous census (1931). According to official figures, there are only 250,000 professing Christians—less than 2% of the total population—but alas, a large number of these are only nominal ones.

## THE BOMBING OF ROME

Speaking of the bombing of Rome, *Time* magazine quoted an RAF spokesman who said: "Who would have the hardihood to tell mothers in Britain and America: 'Your sons must die in greater numbers, rather than risk disturbing a monument next door to a factory making guns or parts for submarines?'"

## WHERE THE DENOMINATIONS FAIL

*The Presbyterian* has a word in season for many declining churches. It says: "In denominational circles one often hears lamentations over the growth of religious sects. These are thought to be ministering to great masses of people whose forebears were once the communicants of the denominations. We think the answer is not far to seek. We find it in the two tendencies in the denominations to be 'high-brow' and liberal. Weak theology and highfaluting ways have alienated plain people who want real food for the soul put down low enough for the average to reach it."

## PREPARING FOR ANTICHRIST

It is a strange coincidence that the National War Service Bill, advocated by the President, is number S. 666. If this measure were passed it would make all between the ages of 18 and 65 subject to government draft for war labor. Of course, Bill S. 666 may never be passed, but we cannot help but remember that "Six hundred threescore and six" is the number of the Antichrist (the Beast). Rev. 13:16-18. When the Antichrist is in power he will exercise complete control over the lives of all. Things are fast heading up in that direction.

## A NATIONAL LIABILITY

Liquor is a financial liability to our nation, and not an asset, in spite of the fact that huge sums are paid to the Government in liquor taxes. An investigation instituted in the city of Los Angeles not long ago proved this. It was found that every person arrested on the charge of being drunk costs the city \$51.33. The total expense is more than \$2,000,000 annually. This is four times the amount received in revenue from the saloons in the city. As a result of this investigation, a resolution was introduced into the city council requesting a contribution of \$2,054,563 from the State, to help defray the police expense caused by drunkenness and to aid in enforcing the liquor laws.

## GENERAL "IKE" AND THE BIBLE

Commenting on the recently observed National Bible Week, General Eisenhower said, "It is truly gratifying to know that the people of the United States are setting aside a week to honor the Book which is our 'daily bread,' the Word of God. While the utterances of God as recorded in the Bible are ever the need of mankind, it is in war, and particularly in the present war, with its issues of humanity and morality, that their essential presence is felt."

## THE GREATNESS OF OUR GOD

According to *The New York Times*, "Professor Shapley reports the discovery of 75,000 new galaxies to add to the 325,000 already known. He tells us the galaxy spotters will probably run the total to a million within a few years, and that the average galaxy contains more than one billion suns, plus, no doubt, planets, moons, comets and other minor accessories. . . . Some of these new galaxies may be 100 million light years from our earth."

## ZIONISM'S WEAKNESS

Zionism is taking many Jews back to Palestine, thus bringing a partial fulfillment of the prophecies concerning the regathering of Israel in the last days. But Zionism says nothing of repentance. Its battle cry is "Palestine"; its means of redemption is money. Its great leader, Dr. Herzl, said in the first Zionist Congress, "Our salvation must be by money." Zionism is a substitute for God's method of regathering Israel. God says He will do it in a supernatural way, a way more wonderful even than the deliverance from Egypt. See Jer. 16:14, 15 and Micah 7:15, 16.

## NAZIS TURN TO CHURCH

Interesting, if true, is the United Press report of a "back-to-church" order issued in Germany. Members of the Gestapo and storm troopers were ordered to attend Christmas services, and the people were informed that they may now look to the church for solace and a bolstering of their morale for "religion has again become modern." One of the newspapers to carry the announcement is the mouthpiece of Dr. Alfred Rosenberg, who six years ago declared that "both the Catholic Church and the Evangelical Confessional Church, as they now exist, must vanish from the life of the people."

## TIDINGS FROM TARAWA

Among the chaplains in the Navy there are some who faithfully preach the gospel. A letter from such a man is quoted in *Sunday School Times*. This particular chaplain took part in the bloody invasion of Tarawa, in the Gilbert Islands. Of this battle he writes: "Both the executive officers and company commanders of the first two waves of the attacking force were Christians, the two former officers having accepted Christ as their Saviour aboard ship." He said that aboard his ship about fifty men confessed Christ or reconsecrated their lives to Him before the battle. As they drew near the zero hour, he began to hold evangelistic

services each evening. One night twenty-two men responded to the invitation, while others were saved the next day. "This could not have been accomplished," he says, "but for the faithful personal work done by the Christian marines and sailors among their shipmates." "I know someone was praying for us, for nothing like this had ever happened before—so keep praying!"

## A GREAT MISSIONARY VISION

A certain pastor recently said: "It is my prayer and hope that the Lord may permit me to lead a church in giving annually more to missions than to its local expenses." This man has a great missionary vision. How many churches could we find that actually give the major part of their annual budget to missionary work?

## RUSSIA AND RELIGION

Some have the impression that full religious liberty has been restored in Russia. The statements of the Archbishop of York, who visited Moscow recently and fraternized with leaders of the newly restored Greek Orthodox Church, have helped to create this impression. The trouble is that only part of the Archbishop's statements have been published. According to an article in *Moody Monthly*, the Archbishop said:

"Antigod societies are still in existence in Russia."

"There is no freedom of religious propaganda."

"Large numbers of churches are still used for secular purposes."

"Altogether in theory the State is neutral and allows freedom to all denominations," he doubted "that a nonorthodox sect could hold meetings and proselyte."

"There is no religious teaching of children in Russia."

Keep praying for Russia.

## THE PARATROOPERS

Modern paratroopers are getting men used to the idea of human descent from the air. Special training is necessary for the paratroopers. It includes intensive body conditioning and jumping technique. They have to look danger squarely in the face. The moment comes, and with precision and courage they slip over the side and drop into space.

Should there be the slightest carelessness in the making, folding or packing of the parachute, death is certain. Coming down the paratrooper may meet the ground a little heavily and break a limb; he may catch his parachute in a tree or fall into a river, Or worse still, perhaps, landing in an enemy country, he may be shot dead before he has a chance to defend himself.

The Lord Jesus Christ will have no need of a parachute when He returns, through the air, to the earth. His body, risen from the dead, changed into a spiritual, eternal state of being, will need no silk umbrella to catch the air in order to overcome the force of gravity. He will come, regal in His splendor, Controller of the elements, Ruler of the universe, King of heaven and earth. And all who are ready for His coming shall rise to meet Him in the air. Will you be in that spiritual "air corps" when it takes its flight to heaven? Have you washed your robes and made them white through the blood of the Lamb?

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!

Carl C. Cranmer, Associated Press analyst, wrote recently on how Hitler twice lost his chance to win the war. We quote:

"1. Prime Minister Churchill disclosed that on June 11, 1940 (after Dunkirk) Britain had only 100 tanks, and they of the thin armored model which already had proved no match for German anti-tank artillery.

"2. A booklet issued by the British Ministry of Information shows that on Sept. 9, 1940 (after a Sunday night bombing that lasted 9½ hours) every one of Britain's railways to the south was out of commission.

"The meaning of these disclosures is as clear as the mustache on Hitler's face. He missed his chance."

Why? Because "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will." Dan. 4:17.

NO "CHANCE" AT ALL

The following story is told in *The Prairie Pastor*:

An airman, pretty badly smashed up, was brought back from "Somewhere in France," to a hospital, "Somewhere in the north of England." After the doctor had patched him up as best he could, he turned to the airman in the next bed. "Say, mate, can you help a fellow with a bit of religion?" he asked. "Sorry, chum," the man replied, "I'm afraid I can't, but you'll be all right; a lady visits here on Thursdays with Gospels and tracts; she'll put you right!" "Well, I may not be her on Thursdays with Gospels and tracts; anything?" Presently he turned again to the fellow in the next bed. "I've been thinking. I don't know if it's a bit out of the Bible or part of a hymn, but some words keep running through my mind: 'Jesus said, Suffer the children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" "Yes, that's in the Bible, all right, mate." "Well, if Jesus Christ wanted the children to come to Him do you think He'd have me, for I know I jolly well need Him? Anyway, I'm going to ask Him!" He pulled the sheet up over his head; that sheet never came down again! "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out. . . . Come unto me all ye." I was telling that story to a group of airmen at Kingston, Ontario, some months ago, when one U. T. pilot in training camp came up to me afterward and asked, "Padre, do you think that fellow had any chance?" I replied, "No! He'd no chance at all; he'd an absolute certainty!"

NATIVES EVANGELIZE AMERICANS

Stanley W. Tefft, 25 years old, an aerial gunner from Toledo, Ohio, disclosed the Christian natives on a South Pacific island had won to Christ seven Navy airmen who had been shot down in combat with the Japanese.

He said the natives had received the Gospel of Christ from American missionaries before the war.

The gunner, who is at the Naval air station at Alameda, California, recuperating from wounds, said that with two companions, Lt. Edward Peck of Shreveport, La., and Radioman Jeff Scott of Garden City, Kansas, he reached the island on a raft after two and one-half days at sea. Four others also were there. For the next 87 days they hid on the Japanese occupied island, watched over by the natives,



OUR SERVICEMEN'S RALLY

The picture shows a portion of the congregation that assembled at the Pentecostal Full Gospel Tabernacle, San Diego, Calif., on Christmas night. There were approximately 200 servicemen present, and about 250 civilians. The picture was made with a 35mm candid camera from the choir loft.

Every Saturday evening for the last eleven months we have had a meeting for servicemen, which we call our servicemen's rally. During that time we have had approximately 1,600 boys attend this and the Sunday evening service. The church has three Sunday School buses. Two of them are used on Saturday evenings, when we go into town with a group of workers, and as the boys are invited and show a willingness to attend, they are put in the buses and brought to the church.

During the service we have congregational singing, special vocal and instrumental numbers by servicemen and civilians, testimonies by the servicemen who are saved, and a time of getting acquainted, when each boy is asked to stand and give his name and the State he is from. As he does this, all the boys from

that particular state are asked to give their name and city. This part of the service is greatly appreciated by the boys. Cards are given out for them to sign, and these cards are kept. Later on, a group of mothers in the church send a form letter to each of these boys who signed cards, and as they answer continue to write to them. Over 3,000 New Testaments have been given out free of charge in the last eleven months, also many *Revelles* and servicemen's tracts.

Our pastor, E. E. Fullerton, then brings a short gospel message, and asks the boys who want to take the Lord as their Saviour to come to the prayer room or to the altar. Many Catholics as well as Protestants have come to the prayer room and been saved. Almost 700 cards for salvation and reconsecration have been received.

After the service, the boys are given refreshments, consisting of coffee or cocoa, doughnuts, cookies and cakes, furnished by the ladies of the Tabernacle. The boys really appreciate these refreshments, especially since they are homemade, "like mother used to make."—Arthur Knowles, Assistant Pastor.

whose first act was to give them a Bible. Tefft said: "Every night the natives would gather around us and we took turns reading the Bible. They sang songs which we knew. You can tell the world that I am now a devout Christian."

Others may criticize missionary endeavor, but these airmen are praising God that America ever sent missionaries to the islands of the South Pacific.

Although born and reared in this country, where they heard the Gospel of Christ, which is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," these young men failed to make the Saviour their own by faith here.

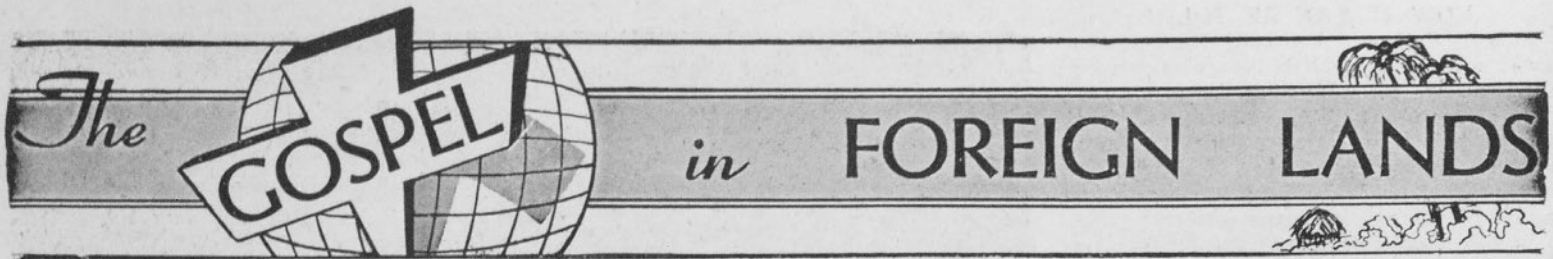
What a joy it must have been to them to find the natives friendly and in a position to give them God's way of salvation! And what

a joy to the native to give the Gospel to the airmen who had come from the very country from whence the missionaries came to bring them the good news of God's love, and of the gift of His beloved Son and of His death for their sins and resurrection for their justification!

"Herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reapeth." (John 4:37).—*The Old Camp Meeting News*.

HYMN-SHEETS FOR SOLDIERS

In the future, every American soldier who opens his "K" ration will find it wrapped in a folder entitled "Hymns from Home." It contains the twenty-third Psalm and a collection of twelve favorite hymns, such as, "Faith of Our Fathers" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."



# The GOSPEL in FOREIGN LANDS

## North India District Convention

Dorothy Chapman

In spite of many difficulties and obstacles in the natural, we had a very blessed convention, most unusual in many ways, and one long to be remembered.

Since the place for the convention was decided at a very late date, it caused a rush to have everything in running order on time; but everything went off very smoothly.

Willard Waggoner, our missionary host at Siswa Bazar where the convention was held, was taken ill with fever a week beforehand and surely worked under a handicap. He managed to keep on his feet until a day or so before everyone gathered, and we appreciated his faithful labor. God honored our united prayers, giving us the joy of seeing our brother restored to health before we left.

Many problems confronted the catering committee, since all supplies had to be shipped to Siswa Bazar; but no apologies were offered for lack of things unobtainable, nor was it necessary as everything was accepted in a spirit of good will.

Since 34 of our missionaries are at home, the group this year naturally was much smaller than ever before—perhaps for that reason we seemed more closely united as a family. There were 31 present, besides a few guests, among whom we welcomed with joy our fellow missionaries and neighbors from South India, Brother Stoddard, Sister Eady, and three Indian brethren.

The theme of the convention was prayer. One has said that "prayer is the most talked of subject and least practiced," but such was not the case in our conference of 1943. God gave us all a real spirit of prayer so that it was not only a theme, but a vital, living atmosphere and practice in our midst. Even after services were dismissed, folk seemed loth to leave but tarried on in His presence.

We missed the fellowship of Mrs. Schoonmaker, who did not feel able to attend the convention, but our souls were fed by the messages she had penned which were read by her son Paul each morning at the 8:30 service.

At a larger morning service, John Johnson ministered the Word, speaking mostly from the Book of Samuel. It was beautiful to see the dovetailing of the messages, though given by entirely different personalities, proving they were of that one great Personality.

Before each afternoon and evening message, ten minutes was devoted to reports from the various stations. The joys and encouragement caused us to rejoice; at the

some time the needs and problems presented united us to stand together in prayer. As we listened to these reports, we felt that our work is marching on—not swiftly perhaps, but surely and steadily on to glorious victory.

After five days of spiritual feasting, we entered into the business meetings. There was much business to be handled; there were difficult problems to solve, yet because of the spiritual unity, matters were arranged quickly, and in a spirit of consideration of one another's viewpoint.

We have all returned home encouraged, refreshed, and feeling that we are in a position to pray with understanding for our fellow missionaries. It is indeed a privilege to come together in this manner—"and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

### A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Lillian Trasher, Assiout Orphanage, Egypt

In counting the many blessings of past months, I have decided that 1943 was the "best yet" in the orphanage.

First, Egypt has been freed from the enemy. What would have become of all that is dear to me and all my life's work

if the Germans had taken Egypt? Shall we ever forget July 1, 1942, the day word came to us that the enemy was entering the outskirts of Alexandria. All the Americans left Assiout that night for Sudan. It was a sad hour as we went to the homes of some of our dear American friends to bid them good-by, wondering if they would ever be able to return to their work. On returning home, I opened my Bible asking God for a promise of hope, and these were the words I first saw as my Bible fell open, "Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will show you today. . . . The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Ex. 14:13,14. They never came a step nearer!

Another wonderful cause for thanksgiving is that all through the war we have been able to meet every need of the orphanage, and we are not in debt. Our financial condition is improving gradually each year. The children are better cared for in every way. The Egyptian government has given us permission to buy 35 bales of cloth a year, and we had funds to pay for the full allowance, thus enabling us to make enough clothes for all the children for winter and summer.

There have been many hard trials to face, but God has wonderfully delivered us out of them all. Surely He would not have allowed these tests to come upon us if He had not

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Boy Scouts, Assiout Orphanage, Egypt

known they would be for our good. In closing, I want to thank each one of you who have shared in helping us along the way. May God cause His face to shine upon you and enable you to continue your help to the Lord's work.

**SAFE HOME**

Mrs. V. G. Plymire, with her two children, has arrived in America returning home after twelve years of missionary service in China. Brother Plymire is remaining at their station on the Tibetan border to carry on the work until it is possible to send reinforcements.

**ARE YOU WATERING THE SEED?**

Grace Walther, Bettiah, North India

There has never been a time when we have felt more encouraged regarding the work in our district. Oh, the thrill it gives our hearts to see the hunger manifested for the Word of God. In the last three months, more than 15,000 Scripture portions have been sold in our district—and because people pay for them, you may be sure they will read them. Our workers are joining forces with the neighboring English missionary workers in a concerted effort to place the Scripture in every home of each town and village of our district, as well as to conduct group meetings so that the gospel may be preached to those who cannot read. What a challenge it is for us to pray as never before that the Holy Spirit may reveal Jesus to these hearts through the reading of the Word! We are sowing—are you watering the seed with mighty prevailing prayer? God will give the increase, hallelujah!

Not only have we reached a new all-time high in the distribution of Scriptures, but thank God we can testify to a forward move in every phase of the work. It hardly seems possible that we entered 1943 almost with fear and trembling, wondering how long it would be possible to carry on, and whether we would be able to do much work in this hard district. Thank God, there have been open doors on every hand, and we can believe God for great things ahead—as you pray for us.

The blessing of the Lord has been manifested in connection with the school, also. During the past few months opportunities have come to our door in the form of wee

little ones, unwanted and unloved—would we, could we take them in? What would have been your answer? Difficult times? Uncertainty? Well, such questions might come to mind until one looked into the pitiful little faces, pinched and drawn; then your arms would open and your heart warm to take in these little ones. The latest was a two year old Nepali boy—father died, deserted by mother—yes, we would take him, praying that some day he might return as a witness to his own people in closed Nepal.

Friends at home, we commend to you all these needs for prayer, trusting you will share with us in the joy as well as in the burdens. Please continue to pray for me, also, as there is a physical weariness after eleven years on the field without furlough.

**MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS  
JANUARY**

Alabama	630.17
Arizona	824.18
Arkansas	1,038.02
California	21,974.92
Colorado	1,665.50
Connecticut	647.81
Delaware	868.20
District of Columbia	1,153.40
Florida	1,697.69
Georgia	497.15
German Branch	643.27
Idaho	839.43
Illinois	4,058.31
Indiana	1,459.46
Iowa	1,605.20
Kansas	2,702.86
Kentucky	399.52
Louisiana	249.98
Maine	174.13
Maryland	688.14
Massachusetts	798.10
Michigan	5,415.93
Minnesota	3,584.12
Mississippi	206.33
Missouri	3,964.05
Montana	1,208.74
Nebraska	1,422.58
Nevada	107.82
New Hampshire	52.04
New Jersey	3,665.27
New Mexico	302.25
New York	4,674.33
North Carolina	165.53
North Dakota	1,054.14
Ohio	7,434.47
Oklahoma	3,290.71
Oregon	4,680.30
Pennsylvania	5,465.63
Rhode Island	97.24
South Carolina	281.52
South Dakota	1,016.29
Tennessee	432.42
Texas	5,928.68
Utah	82.71
Vermont	56.75
Virginia	1,291.72
Washington	9,588.06
West Virginia	175.27
Wisconsin	2,039.05
Wyoming	279.79
Alaska	139.98
Canada	357.85
Foreign	94.30
Miscellaneous	1,403.21
Total Amount Reported	114,574.43
Home Missions Fund	11,841.58
Office Expense Fund	1,830.77
Literature Expense Fund	198.11
Given Direct for Home Missions	3,494.69
Given Direct to Missionaries	6,055.81
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	91,153.47

**HELLO!**

My name is Evelyn Louise—I arrived on February 3, 1944, at Habana, Cuba—I weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz.—and my brand new parents are Mr. and Mrs. Einar Peterson.

**FLASHES FROM OUR MISSIONARY  
LIGHTHOUSES**

**SOUTH TRAVANCORE, SOUTH INDIA**  
—“We made a trip last month to some of our distant stations which it is not possible for us to visit often because of the gasoline shortage. It was a hard trip, but tiredness was forgotten in rejoicing because of the blessing of the Lord. God gave us a real revival; four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and eleven were baptized in water.

“At one of the places we were called to pray for a wealthy woman who used to attend the services there. God wonderfully healed her in answer to prayer. At the time she was in a dying condition, but we now hear she is up and able to do her work.

“Keep praying for this part of the harvest field and for us, that God may keep us strong to carry on the work which is increasingly heavy.”—Mary Lindberg.

**PURULIA, BIHAR, INDIA**—“We are having exceptional opportunities to work among the armed froces. They are with us nearly every evening and sometimes remain until the early hours of the morning. Most of the boys move on so quickly that there is no way of telling the results of our ministry; but we know of some who have been definitely saved. The men seem really hungry for something to satisfy their souls.

“Our Indian brethren are taking more and more responsibility for evangelism both in the towns and villages. At first it was difficult for them to accept the initiative instead of being told to go to a certain place or do a certain thing; but they are moving forward splendidly, and it is going to make a real difference in our work.

“Four of our workers left this week of their own choice to labor in a malaria infested area of East Bengal where recently we have lost three good workers. Three others are starting out on a tour in the villages.

“We are well, happy in the Lord, and willing to stay at the front until reinforcements arrive.”—Charles Woolever.

**LIMA, PERU**—“It was our privilege to attend the Andean Language Conference in Cusco, held under the auspices of the American Bible Society. There were 18 missionaries present, from Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, all laboring among either the Quechua or Aymara Indians. It is estimated that there are at least 4½ millions of these Indians, probably more, with only a few missionaries working among them. The task is tremendous—the obstacles are great—much prayer is needed that this great challenge may be met.

“Since at the present time it seems impossible to get new missionaries into the country, I feel that greater help must be given to the Peruvian workers to get them established in some of the sections which have not yet been reached. We have a message for all of Peru; it is time to ‘lengthen our cords.’”—Wilfred Morris.

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

### Three Nights in the Underworld (Continued From Page Nine)

three visits to that den of vice and iniquity. However, when the Spirit of God is moving it is possible to touch the hardest hearts. And when the love of God is made known the vilest creatures can be brought to repentance.

American cities today have many places such as this story of real life reveals, where are to be found many one-time noble men and women who have been lured into lives of shame and misery. Who will take a real interest in the unfortunate ones that have somehow missed the better way of life, and in the many perishing souls that have never known the saving power of Christ?—*Herald of Hope*.

#### MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Nigeria, West Africa—The young man who is C. A. President at the church here at Nquot Okono seems to be losing his mind. Please pray for him.—Rex Jackson.

A number of our missionaries on furlough from China, taking further study in the California language school, write, "A number of the missionaries here don't know what it means to be born again. Some seem open and searching for light. Please pray that we who know Him as our personal Saviour may be endued afresh with power to witness to these people with whom we come in contact day by day."

Shantung Province, North China—Two people were healed in a heathen village to the east of our PuChi station. This resulted in others in the home being saved. Please pray with me that these may be kept true and filled with the Holy Ghost. I personally visited this village and so can rejoice that God has begun to work there.—Grace Nicholson.

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South China—Mrs. Ohan has an incurable cancer. This sister is a very precious child of God and it would be a wonderful testimony if the Lord would touch her and heal her.—H. A. Park.

Bihar, India—"Just now and for some time since cold weather my mastoid glands are aching and causing me more trouble than anything else. I have to resort to heat to get relief but I know Christ is our Healer Divine and He can make thorough work. Please believe for me, and thank you.—Fanny Simpson.

Santa Rosa de Copan—We ask an interest in your prayers that this year we may be privileged to win many souls for Christ in Honduras.—Henry Fogelburg.

Barquisimeto, Venezuela—Pray that the door will again open that foreign missionaries can come into this country.—G. F. Bender.

San Salvador, El Salvador—Please pray for our work here in the capital, that it may have a speedy and healthy growth.—Earl E. Wilkie.

## Among The Assemblies

GREENSBURG, PA.—Just closed a revival with Dot and Homer Thropp, which proved a great blessing. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and many at the altar seeking the Baptism. The last night of the meeting our new church at 533 Sidney St., was filled.—E. A. Lowmaster, Pastor.

CASSVILLE, MO.—The Lord has blessed in a 3-week revival with Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lefkowitz of Oklahoma City, Okla., Evangelists. Six were saved, and 6 new members were admitted into the church. The meetings were of interest to everyone from the first night, and we had large crowds. Much good was done in every way for the church.—Oscar Fox, Pastor.

LE ROY, KANSAS—We just closed a 5-week revival with R. E. Rupp, of Sterling, as the evangelist. This was the most successful revival ever held in this church. Forty-eight were at the altar for salvation, and 5 received the Holy Spirit Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The church was filled nightly and Sunday nights we used extra chairs to take care of the crowds. Conviction was so great that many came to the altar the first night they attended.—I. D. Rayborn, Pastor.

SKIATOOK, OKLA.—At the request of G. W. Hardcastle, who was then District Superintendent, we took over the work here on July 16, 1940. We found a few saints who wanted to work for God, and began to pray. We started sending in missionary offerings, and God blessed our church. We have enlarged our auditorium, built seven Sunday School rooms, also added two rooms to the parsonage and made it modern, also purchased a baby grand piano. Our building has cost us about \$3,500, all paid for. We are having a dedication and home-coming service on the night of February 28. F. C. Cornell, our Superintendent, will be the speaker. We invite all former pastors and all who have been saved here to attend the service.—J. P. Woodell, Pastor.

## The King and His Kingdom

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INDIANA, PA.—The first evangelistic campaign in our new church, conducted by Evangelist H. E. Hardt of Falling Waters, W. Va., was crowned with unusual success. About 20 knelt at the altar for salvation. Through the kindness of the Christian church, a baptismal service was arranged and 13 adults were immersed. The attendance was exceptionally good throughout the four weeks. Each Sunday night the tabernacle was filled. We attribute the success of this revival largely to the regular morning prayer meeting and the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Hardt.—Harold E. Crosby, Pastor.

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—We came here January 1, 1943, as pastor. On January 4 we launched a daily radio program, called "The Sunshine Hour." We also began the publication of "The Assembly of God News," a monthly church paper.

In May, the Lord enabled us to purchase the First Methodist Church, South, structure, located in the heart of the city. We also bought a vacant lot adjoining the church, and a 9-room parsonage. After spending about \$2,500 and several hundred man hours of labor on repairs and redecorations, we moved to our new location on June 27. On July 11, E. S. Williams dedicated the building. The congregation had formerly worshipped in the old church on N. Oklahoma Ave.

The Methodist church building alone cost more than \$60,000 when constructed, but God opened the way for us to secure it at a very low figure, including the business lot, the pews and other equipment, as well as the parsonage.

In the six months from the time of occupancy, we have been able to almost liquidate the indebtedness on all the property. The church now holds sufficient assets in property (taken in on the deal) and notes to come within \$500 of paying off the indebtedness. For this we humbly thank God.

The year has been a blessed one for us. God has met us and given an increase in every department of the church, except the Sunday School, which suffered a slight loss in average attendance. This was due, perhaps, to the war and the Herculean task of moving a whole congregation and school to a new location. However, strides have been made in proper organization, worker and teacher efficiency, etc.

The income of the church was more than double that of 1942. Numbers were saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The church membership enjoyed a slight increase, despite the fact that many moved away during the year. The attendance has increased, especially on Sunday nights, and the future of the church appears brighter than ever.

During the year we have had three revivals with George Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Bird H. Campbell, and Lee Krupnick. All of these meetings contributed much to the success of our efforts, and we praise God for these faithful workers who labored with us.

In these days of war we feel a definite call to the evangelistic field, where we spent some nine years. We have, therefore, resigned our pastorate to re-enter the evangelistic field.—James E. Hamill, 1201 W. Fifth St., Okmulgee, Okla.

REVIVAL REPORTED IN SIAM

Even though Siam (Thailand) is in the hands of the Japanese, the gospel is still being preached, according to word brought to U. S. A. by a missionary on the *Gripsholm*. The Japanese, in order to win loyalty to themselves, offered freedom of religion, and those who had been in prison for Christ's sake were set free. As a result, renewed spiritual life is manifested in the workers and the churches. It was stated that on every mission station in the land there were stories of blessing.

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Coming Meetings

ESCALON, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Robert B. Thomas, Evangelist.—A. Byron League, Pastor.  
WINTER HAVEN, FLA.—Revival in progress; A. L. Todd, Big Stone Gap, Va., Evangelist.—Barclay B. Brickley, Pastor.

CUBA, ILL.—6th and Main St.; March 5, for 2 weeks or longer; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist.—Ralph E. Price, Pastor.

WOODWARD, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting, all day, March 14; A. Pyle is pastor.—W. C. Crowder, Sectional Secretary-Treasurer.

DENVER, COLO.—22nd and California St.; March 7, for 3 weeks; James E. Hamill, Evangelist.—D. L. Cooper, Pastor.

ELKS POINT, S. DAK.—Lighthouse Mission, revival in progress; F. A. Toller, Evangelist.—Goldie Jones, Pastor.

ELYRIA, OHIO—Assembly of God Tabernacle, March 5-19; Evangelist and Mrs. R. S. Peterson, Kenosha, Wis.—I. E. Ade, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—3213 Q St., N. W.; March 19-April 9; Virgil Jackson, Evangelist.—W. Lloyd Shiner, Pastor.

WILMINGTON, DEL.—Young People's Crusade, 3rd and Pine Sts., March 5-19; Homer and Dot Thropp, Greensburg, Pa., Evangelists.—J. E. Jenkins, Pastor.

BRATT, FLA.—C. A. Rally, March 21-23; Ira M. Hartsfield, main speaker. Beds and meals free. For information write me, Route 1, Atmore, Ala.—J. C. Braddock, C. A. Secretary.

NORTH BERGEN, N. J.—51st St. and Hudson Blvd.; March 14, for 2 weeks or longer; Paul Kauffman, Evangelist. Y. P. Rally, March 25, 7:30 p. m.—Nicholas Nikoloff, Pastor.

CAMDEN, N. J.—Missionary Fellowship Meeting, 570 Walnut St., March 7. Kenneth Haystead, Pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Long, returned missionaries from India, will speak at 2:30 and 8:00.—Elizabeth J. Ashcroft.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 25th session of the Appalachian District Council will convene at Chesapeake, W. Va., April 25-27. James Adkins is pastor. Fellowship meeting, 8:00 p. m., April 24.—M. B. Hampton, District Superintendent, 550 Hart Ave., Roanoke, Va.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

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 meetings. For information address V. H. Ray, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla. First service, 7:30 p. m.—V. H. Ray District Secretary.

WEST TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

Conventions open 10:30 a. m. first day, with special Missionary rally that night. Returned missionary will be speaking. All desiring license or worker's papers urged to attend.

North Plains, Pampa, March 9-10; West Central Levelland, March 14-15; South Plains, Big Spring, March 16-17; Pecos, Crane, March 21-22; East Central, Memphis, March 28-29.—H. Paul Holdridge, District Superintendent.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Michigan's 4th Annual Ministers' Institute, Assembly of God, 902 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich., March 6-8. W. C. Richardson, host pastor, will provide rooms as far as possible. Assistant General Superintendent Ralph M. Riggs, special speaker. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, workers' Clinic, conducted by Chas. W. H. Scott, senior presbyter. Topics: "Today's Problems" and "Tomorrow's Possibilities."—J. E. Engelhardt, State Secretary-Treasurer.

TEXAS DISTRICT SPRING CONVENTIONS

The following conventions begin 7:30 p. m. first day, 3 services the second day: Austin Section, Grace Assembly, 5000 Caswell Ave., Austin, March 2-3; Corpus Christi Section, Aransas Pass, March 7-8; Valley Section, Harlingen Church, March 9-10; Yoakum Section, Cuero Church, March 14-15; San Antonio Section, Glad Tidings Church, San Antonio, March 16-17; Paris Section, Paris Church, March 28-29; Greenville Section, Sherman Assembly, March 30-31; San Angelo Section, Abilene Church, April 20-21.

The following conventions begin 10:30 a. m. first day, 3 services each day: Tyler Section, 202 N. Beckham St., Tyler, March 21-22; Luikin Section, Evangelistic Temple, Palestine, March 23-24; Beaumont Section, North End Assembly, Port Arthur, April 4-5; Houston Section, First Assembly, Houston, April 6-7; Waco Section, Marrow Ave. Church, Waco, April 11-12; Ft. Worth Section, Rosen Heights, Ft. Worth, April 13-14; Wichita Falls Section, 5th and Broad Church, Wichita Falls, April 25-26; Dallas Section, Faith Tabernacle, Oakland and Marburg, Dallas, April 27-28.

All ministers affiliated with the Texas District urged to be present; all licensed ministers and exhorters will need to renew their papers. Our ordained ministers will also renew their fellowship with the District. Those making application for ordination will need to meet the committee of their respective sections.

For any information write F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, or C. P. Robison, Secretary-Treasurer, District Office, S. B. I., Waxahachie, Texas.—F. D. Davis, Superintendent.

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NOTICE—If those having relatives or friends at Camp Crowder will send us their names and addresses, we shall be glad to contact them.—S. K. Biffle, Pastor, First Assembly of God, 2519 Main St., Joplin, Mo.

WANTED—Spirit-filled man, 35 to 50; one who has a burden for souls; to be Business Manager and Assistant to Superintendent.—Light House Rescue Mission, Inc., 9 S. Main St., Tulsa, Okla.

NOTICE—Servicemen stationed at Camp Sibert, Ala., will find a hearty welcome at the Assembly of God, Etowah Ave., West Gadsden, Ala.—Melvin Freeman, Pastor, 923 Wahl St., E. Gadsden, Ala.

NOTICE—We shall be glad to contact sailors coming to the Naval Training School at Bedford Springs. Our church is on Chamberlain St. Services: Wednesday night, 7:45; Sundays, Sunday School, 9:30; Crusaders, 7:00; Evangelistic, 8:00. Our home is at edge of city.—Wyatt and Nellie Guthrie Pastors, Route 2, Bedford, Pa.

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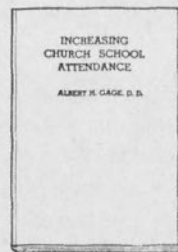
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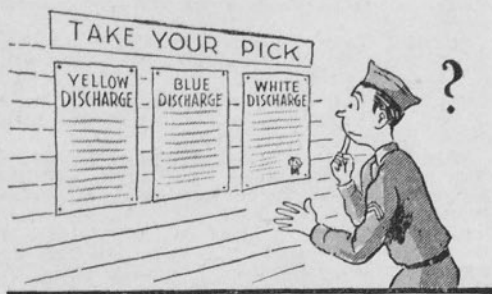
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