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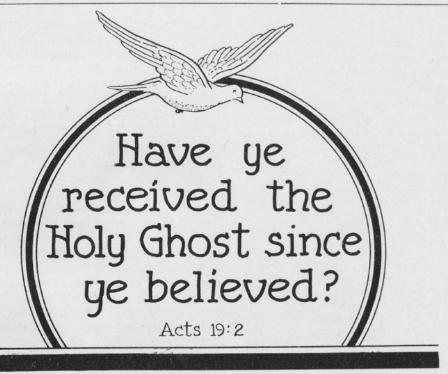
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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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HEN Paul visited the disciples at Ephesus (see the 19th chapter of Acts), he must have quickly discerned that there was something lacking. Doubtless he missed the Hallelujahs and Amens that he would always hear coming from Spirit-filled believers in other assemblies. And so he put the question to them, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" or as the R. V. has it, "Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?"

These Ephesian disciples replied, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." The apostle soon discovered what the trouble was, and the record says: "They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." It is evident that Paul was completely satisfied when he saw these twelve Ephesian disciples receive an identical experience to the hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost.

"But," someone will say, "that was in the early days of the church. Every believer today has the Holy Ghost and is baptized in the Spirit." Is that so? I know that this is current teaching, for only ten days ago I heard this from the lips of a prominent preacher in Philadelphia. But it is quite evident that the apostles did not hold these views. When Philip went down to the city of Samaria and had a great revival, the sick were healed, many believed the gospel message and were baptized in water. Acts 8:5-13. Were the apostles satisfied with these new converts? Was God satisfied? We find that He put it on the hearts of the apostles

to send down "Peter and John; who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet He was fallen upon none of them. . . . Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

It is quite clear that these Samaritan converts did not receive the Holy Ghost when they believed, but it was so important that they should receive that Peter and John had to be sent down to pray for them. And it is evident that there must have been a scene like to that of the day of Pentecost for Simon to offer money to receive like power. As Stephen Jeffries once remarked, "Simon wouldn't give five cents for what he would see in most of our churches today."

We admit it is possible for people to receive the Pentecostal Baptism at the same time that they believe the gospel message and receive salvation. It was so in the case of the Gentile centurion Cornelius and his household to whom Peter was sent. The Jews that accompanied Peter were astonished that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, "for they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God." Acts 10:46. God

put no difference between the hundred and twenty who received the Spirit at Pentecost and on these Gentiles later.

There were two outstanding things that John the Baptist declared about the Lord Jesus Christ; first, that he was the Lamb of God who beareth away the sin of the world; secondly, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in His hand, and He will throughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." As we read the Acts we see that this was the work of our Lord in the early days of the church, and we see that He is doing the same work today.

The Baptism of the Holy Ghost was a necessity at the beginning. It is He to whom all power and authority in heaven and earth is given, He who is the King of kings and Lord of lords, who "commanded" His disciples "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. . . . For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:4,5.

Those early disciples did not despise the King's command. They could not afford to despise His word and disobey it. Nor can you.

When our Lord Jesus Christ ascended on high, into those precious wounded hands of His the Father gave the gift of the Holy Ghost. And, on the day of Pentecost He gave this gift in order that the hundred and twenty should have the same

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Power From on High

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH

WE have a remarkable word in Matt. 3:11, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." This was the word of one who was filled with the Holy Ghost even from his mother's womb, who was so filled with the power of the Spirit of God that they came from east and west and from north and south to the banks of the Jordan to hear him.

You have seen water baptism, and you know what it means. This later baptism taught by this wilderness preacher means that we shall be so immersed, covered and flooded with the blessed Holy Ghost, that He fills our whole body.

Now turn to John 7:37-39: "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Jesus saw that the people who had come to the feast, expecting blessing, were going back dissatisfied. He had come to help the needy, to bring satisfaction to the unsatisfied. He does not want any of us to be thirsty, famished, naked, full of discord, full of disorder, full of evil, full of carnality, full of sensuality. And so He sends out in His own blessed way the old prophetic cry: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat." Isa. 55:1

The Master can give you that which will satisfy. He has in Himself just what you need at this hour. He knows your greatest need. You need the blessed Holy Ghost, not merely to satisfy your thirst, but to satisfy the needs of thirsty ones everywhere; for as the blessed Holy Spirit flows through you like rivers of living water, these floods will break what needs to be broken, they will bring to death that which should be brought to death, but they will bring life and fruitage where there is

What do you have? A well of water?

That is good as far at it goes. But Christ wants to see a plentiful supply of the river of the Holy Ghost flowing through you. Here, on this last day of the feast, we find Him preparing them for the Pentecostal fullness that was to come, the fullness that He should shed forth from the glory after His ascension.

Note the condition necessary-"He that believeth on Me." This is the root of the matter. Believe on Him. Believing on Him will bring forth this river of blessedness. Abraham believed God, and we are all blessed through faithful Abraham. As we believe God, many will be blessed through our faith. Abraham was an extraordinary man of faith. He believed God in the face of everything. God wants to bring us to the place of believing, where, despite all contradictions around, we are strong in faith, giving God glory. As we fully believe God, He will be glorified, and we will prove a blessing to the whole world as was our father Abraham.

Turn to John 14. Here we see the promise that ignorant and unlearned fishermen were to be clothed with the Spirit, anointed with power from on high, and endued with the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge. As He imparts divine wisdom, you will not act foolishly. The Spirit of God will give you a sound mind, and He will impart to you the divine nature.

How could these weak and helpless fishermen, poor and needy, ignorant and unlearned, do the works of Christ and greater works than He had done? They were incapable. None of us is able. But our emptiness has to be clothed with divine fullness, and our helplessness has to be filled with the power of



His helpfulness. Paul knew this when he gloried in all that brought him down in weakness, for flowing into his weakness came a mighty deluge of divine power.

Christ knew that His going away would leave His disciples like a family of orphans. But He told them it was expedient, it was best, for after His return to the Father He would send the Comforter, and He Himself would come to indwell them. "Ye in Me, and I in you." John 14:20.

Christ said, "And I will pray the Father, and He shall send you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth." John 14:16, 17. What a fitting name for the One who was coming to them at the time they were bereft—Comforter. After Christ had left them there was a great need, but that need was met on the day of Pentecost when the Comforter came.

You will always find that in the moment of need the Holy Spirit is a comforter. When my dear wife was lying dead, the doctors could do nothing, They said to me, "She's gone; we cannot help you." My heart was so moved that I said, "O God, I cannot spare her!" I went up to her and said, "Oh, come back, come back, and speak to me! Come back, come back, and she came back and smiled again. But then the Holy Ghost said to me, "She's mine. Her work is done. She is mine."

Oh, that comforting word! No one else could have spoken it. The Comforter came. From that moment my dear wife passed out. And in this day the Comforter has a word for every bereaved one.

Christ further said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14: 26. How true this is. From time to time He takes of the words of Christ and makes them life to us. And, empowered with this blessed Comforter, the words that we spake under the anointing are spirit and life.

There are some who come to our meetings who, when you ask them whether they are seekers, reply, "Oh, I am ready for anything." I tell them, "You will never get anything." It is necessary to have the purpose that the Psalmist had when he said, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after." Psalm 27:4. When the Lord reveals to you that you must be filled with the Holy Ghost, seek that

one thing until God gives you that gift.

I spoke to two young men in a meeting one day. They were preachers. They had received their degrees. I said to them, "Young men, what about it?"

"Oh," they said, "we do not believe in receiving the Holy Ghost in the same way as you people do."

I said to them, "You are dressed up like preachers, and it is a pity having to have the dress without the Presence."

"Well, we do not believe it the way you do," they said.

"But look," I said, "the apostles believed it that way. Wouldn't you like to be like the apostles? You have read how they received at the beginning, haven't you?"

Always remember this, that the Baptism will always be as at the beginning. It has not changed. If you want a real Baptism, expect it just the same way as they had it at the beginning.

These preachers asked, "What had

they at the beginning?"

I quoted from the tenth chapter of Acts where it says, "On the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:45, 46. The Jews knew that these Gentiles had the same kind of experience as they themselves had at the beginning on the day of Pentecost. The experience has not changed, it is still the same as at the beginning.

When these two young men realized that Peter and John and the rest of the disciples had received the mighty enduement at the beginning, and that it was for them, they walked up to the front where folk were tarrrying. They were finely dressed, but in about half an hour they looked different. They had been prostrated. I had not caused them to do it. But they had been so lost and so controlled by the power of God, and were so filled with the glory of God, that they just rolled over, and their fine clothes were soiled—but their faces were radiant. What caused the change? They had received what the hundred and twenty received at the beginning.

These young preachers had been ordained by men. Now they received an ordination that was better. The Lord had ordained them that they should go and bring forth much fruit. The person that receives this ordination goes forth with fresh feet—his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; he goes forth with a fresh voice—it speaks as the Spirit gives utterance; he goes forth with a fresh mind—a mind illuminated by the power of God; he goes forth with a fresh vision, and sees all things new.

When I was in Switzerland, a woman

The Anniversary of Pentecost

N May 28 we celebrate the anniversary of the pouring out of the Spirit on the believers on the day of Pentecost.

Dr. Edersheim has written: "The feast of unleavened bread may be said to have not quite passed until fifty days after the commencement, when it merged into that of Pentecost. The day of Pentecost was an anniversary of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, which the feast of weeks (or Pentecost) was intended to commemorate."

Dr. Thomas Chalmers has written: "To make the day of Pentecost more impressive and to be ready for receiving the Law the next morning, the pious Jew spent the entire night preceding Pentecost in the synagogue, as if receiving the Law was an event now experienced for the first time."

Doubtless the hundred and twenty mentioned in Acts 2 had spent the whole night in prayer, and in the early morning they were sitting, when the Spirit of God came upon them.

Dr. Wadsworth of the Great Commission Prayer League asks us to spend the twenty-four hours of May 28, the Pentecostal anniversary, in prayer for missionaries and ministers the world over. The feast of weeks or of Pentecost was connected with the harvest. Let us pray for a great harvest for our lover Lord.

came to me and said, "Now that I am healed and have been delivered from that terrible carnal oppression that bound and fettered me, I feel that I have a new mind. I should like to receive the Holy Ghost; but when I hear these people at the altar making so much noise, I feel like running away."

Shortly after this we were in another place in Switzerland where there was a great hotel joined to the building where we were ministering. At the close of one of the morning services, the power of God fell. That is the only way I can describe it—the power of God fell. This poor, timid creature, who could not bear to hear any noise, screamed so loud that all the waiters in this big hotel came out, with their aprons on and their trays, to see what was up. Nothing especially was "up," something had come down, and it so altered the situation that this woman could stand anything after that.

When you receive the Baptism, remember the words in 1 John 2:20, "Ye have an unction from the Holy One." God grant that we may not forget that. Many people, instead of standing on the

rock of faith to believe that they have received this unction, say, "Oh, if I could only feel the unction!"

Brother, your feeling robs you of your greatest unction. Your feelings are often on the line of discouragement. You have to get away from the walk by sense, for God has said, "The just shall live by his faith." Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17. Believe what God says, "Ye have an uncfrom the Holy One," an unction from above. All thoughts of holiness, all thoughts of purity, all thoughts of power are from above.

Frequently I see a condition of emergency. Here is a woman dying; here is a man who has lost all the powers of his faculties; here is a person apparently in death. God does not want me to be filled with anxiety. What does He want me to do? To believe only. After you have received, only believe. Dare to believe the One who has declared, "I will do it." Christ says, "Verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23. God declares, "Ye have an unction." Believe God, and you will see this happen. What you say will come to pass. Speak the word, and the bound shall be free, the sick shall be healed. "He shall have whatsoever he saith." Mark 11:23. "Ye have an unction." The unction has come, the unction abides, the unction is with us.

But what about it, if you have not lived in the place where the unction can be increased? What is the matter? There is something between you and the Holy One—some uncleanness, some impurity, some desire that is not of Him, something that has come in the way? Then the Spirit is grieved. Has the unction left? No. When He comes in, He comes to abide. Make confession of your sin, of your failure, and once more the precious blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse, and the grieved Spirit will once more manifest Himself.

John further says, "The anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you." 1 John 2:27. We have an anointing, the same anointing which Jesus Christ Himself received. For "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good." Acts 10:38. The same anointing is for us.

It means much to have a continuous faith for the manifestation of the anointing. At the death of Lazarus, when it seemed that Mary and Martha and all around them had lost faith, Jesus turned

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Pentecostal Manifestations

THE motto of a cold, indifferent, worldly church is, "Respectability and decorum," respectability inspired by one who is far from respectable

The birth of the church was announced by a rushing mighty wind, a tornado from heaven. Moffatt translates Acts 2:1, "During the course of Pentecost they were all together, when suddenly there came a sound from heaven like a violent blast of wind." And all of the assembled company came under the power of that which was symbolized as a mighty tornado, a violent blast. Their whole beings were moved by it, so that onlookers thought they were full of new wine. The unnatural movement of their bodies was followed by a supernatural movement of their tongues, for they spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Thus they received the enduement of power from on

The crowd saw the movements and heard the sounds. The sounds were comprehensible—some of them. The movements were incomprehensible—most of them. Some were amazed—those who could comprehend the languages—and the others were confounded. They could not understand the languages, but they thought they could understand the motions, and they interpreted them as the actions of drunken people. Some were amazed, others mocked—none under-

stood.

A generation that prides itself upon its outer respectability and decorum despises the manifestations of the Spirit of God. Nevertheless it is written, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12:7.

David danced or leaped before the ark of the Lord, and he was considered vile by the daughter of the former king. The daughter of Saul accused the anointed of God of vileness in manifestation, want of respectability, of lack of decorum, be-

fore the ark of the Lord.

Did David stop when the wife of his bosom derided him? Did he acquiesce to the formalism she represented? He declared, "I will yet be more vile than thus." 2 Sam. 6:22. It was as if he had said, "If occasion requires it, I will leap higher and dance more."

There is great danger when some churches who have known the manifestation of the Spirit in days gone by desire to become so respectable and decorous that the supernatural is ruled out of their meetings. We need Peters today who can say in explanation of the

Pentecostal phenomena in our midst, "These are not drunken, as ye suppose . . . This is that." If we become so ultra-respectable and decorous that we rule out the supernatural, Peter will have nothing to apologize for. He will have to say, "This was that, but it is gone." We may as well write upon our assemblies, "Ichabod"—the glory has departed. We cease to be vile, and Michal will welcome us home.

There must be no compromise with Michals, with those who hate the supernatural, or they will draw us from the presence of the ark and cause us to cease to be joyful in the presence of the Lord. Michal would have been quite content to have the ark stay where it was.

Pentecost came with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, a violent blast from heaven! Heaven has not exhausted its blasts, but our danger is we are getting frightened of them. The apostles were not. They had a repetition. When they had been threatened to speak no more in the name of Jesus, they lifted up their voices to God in one accord, and prayed, "Behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word, by stretching forth Thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus." Acts 4:29, 30.

And the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and all were filled afresh with the Holy Ghost. Pentecost repeated! Manifestation again! All filled—mouths and all! "And they

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spake the Word of God with"—what? hesitation, moderation, timidity? No, they were yet more vile. "They spake the Word of God with boldness." And the signs and wonders increased. They never resented the first manifestations on their body on the day of Pentecost, and they prayed and received the second experience—building and all. Even the place was shaken this time.

Our God is an active God. His thunder is just as loud today as it was in the first century. His lightning is just as vivid as it was in the days of the early church. The sound of the mighty rushing wind is just the same today as it was on the day of the Pentecost. Pray for the violent blasts of wind from heaven, expect them, and you will get them. And do not be afraid of them.

Let God deal with the Michals. David did not compromise. He was willing to have yet more manifestations of the Spirit. "I will yet be more vile." We can have Pentecost plus Pentecost, if we wish. God's arm is not shortened, nor is His ear heavy. He wants to show His hand and the strength of His arm today in convincing a gainsaying world by sight, sound and instruction. Take note of Conybeare's translation of 1 Thess. 5:19, "Quench not the manifestation of the Spirit."

Power From on High

(Continued From Page Three) to the Father and said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always." John 11:41, 42. Before that supreme faith that counted on God, that counted on His anointing, death had to give up Lazarus.

Through a constant fellowship with the Father, through bold faith in the Son, through a mighty unction of the blessed Holy Spirit, there will come a right of way for God to be enthroned in our hearts, purifying us so thoroughly that there is no room for anything but the divine Presence within. And through the manifestation of this Presence, the works of Christ and greater works shall be accomplished for the glory of our Triune God.

There is no sense in always telegraphing to heaven for God to send a cargo of blessing, unless we are at the wharf to unload the vessel when it comes.—F. B. Meyer.

There is no petition too little, any more than too great, for God to grant, if it is in harmony with His will.—John Wesley.

True repentance is never too late; but late repentance is seldom true.

" - - - And With Fire"

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"He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire." Matt. 3:11.

THERE is a great deal said about fire in the Bible. In the Old Testament fire is a symbol of the presence of God. In the New Testament fire typifies the cleansing work of the Holy Ghost. Thus, John, speaking of the work Jesus would do, said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

Fire is a necessity. We must have fire with which to keep warm. We cook with fire. It takes fire to generate steam to propel our machinery. It is indispensable here and it will take the heav-

enly fire to get us to heaven.

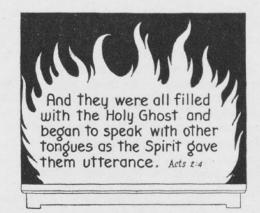
Fire Melts. Fire will thaw out and melt the iceberg. After a long, cold winter, when everything has been frozen for months, let the hot sun come out and shine and the warm days return, then how quickly everything thaws out. So when the Holy Ghost fire strikes a church or community, see how quickly the cold formalism is melted down. Church members who have been cold and indifferent toward God and His cause and toward one another, become suddenly warm in their affections toward Him and His people. They are melted together until they become one in Him. When two pieces of metal melt in the same pan, they run together and become one. Jesus prayed that we might be-

Fire Draws. A burning building will draw a crowd quicker than almost anything else. I have wondered if it would be possible to have a church so on fire with Holy Ghost love—and that is what the fire represents, the love of God burning in the soul-until we would attract the people for miles around. doesn't mean this I do not know what it does mean. Yes, when our churches get so aflame with the fire of the Holy Ghost, folks from far and near will come to see what has happened, and the power of the Holy Ghost will be so manifest in the church that sinners will cry to God for mercy when they enter the doors. That will be the result of a church on fire for God.

Fire Cleanses or Purifies. You may clean the outside dirt off the gold nugget, but it takes the fire to melt away the dross. Water cleanses externally but fire purifies internally. We need something that will search and penetrate to the innermost recess of our souls and

cleanse its chambers. Only the pure in heart shall see God.

Fire Spreads. It may start as a very small flame, but fanned with the heavenly breeze, it will spread to the four winds. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were few in number, an obscure people, without money or without prestige, living under a government that ruled with an iron hand, with sixty millions of slaves, and fostered every known form of sin. This little handful of disciples had no church building in which to carry on their work, despised and



rejected by priest and people, counted as the offscouring of earth, yet, on the first day of the "fire," it spread to three thousand others, and on and on to every known part of the earth. Dear ones, it will spread if we will let it.

The Chinese in asking for missionaries said, "Give us missionaries who have 'hot' hearts." That is the need today, men and women who have not only warm hearts but red-hot hearts, hearts full of love and smypathy made so by the heavenly fire; then they will melt the cold, formal church members they contact.

While this fire is unquenchable yet it may be put out, for Paul says in 1 Thess. 5:19, "Quench not the Spirit." The strange thing about this fire is, it cannot be put out by its enemies. All the cold water of persecution which the enemies may pour on it will not extinguish it, but will transform it into white heat that burns the brighter. You may put this flame out yourself by not adding the fuel of prayer and the reading of the Word of God.

Napoleon boasted that "God is on the side of the heaviest battalions" but forgot that there are battalions above.

Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost

(Continued From Page One) blessed Spirit empowering them as had equipped Him in the days of His ministry.

And how did the Spirit manifest Himself on that wonderful day? "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

He is doing the same today. Many are receiving the very Scriptural experience of being baptized in the Holy Ghost precisely the same way as the disciples were baptized on the day of Pentecost, and their experience too has been to "speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Men argue against it, say hard things against the experience and those who have had it, but after all, the record of what happened at the beginning is still in the Book. It was our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, just before His ascension, who stated that certain signs should follow them that believe, and one of these is, "They shall speak with new tongues." Mark 16:17.

Today we are seeing the word fulfilled that was spoken by the prophet Isaiah that is quoted by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 14:21, "With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that they will not hear Me, saith the Lord." Men are fulfilling this Scripture by refusing to hear what the Lord has to say to them in this supernatural manner.

But what does the Lord say about this? Turn to Isaiah 28:12 and see: "To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing."

To which class do you choose to belong? Are you among those who are enjoying the rest and refreshing? Or do you prefer to be among those who mock?

May we put this Scriptural question to you, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" And have you received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost according to the original pattern in Acts 2:4?—S. H. F.

"To me the second coming is the perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on my pillow without thinking that, maybe, before the morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned! I never begin my work without thinking that, perhaps He may interrupt my work and begin His own. This is now His word to all believing souls, till He come. We are not looking for death, we are looking for Him."—G. Campbell Morgan.

God Still Performs Miracles

JOHN C. WENGATZ

I was our first trip to the interior. I had just completed a march of about forty-five miles. As I entered the mission compound and dragged my heavy heels across the yard, I noticed a man sitting on my right. He was scarcely more than a skeleton, bareboned and as filthy as could be, bare from the waist up. He was sitting by the door of the missionary in charge.

As I entered the little house, Mrs. Wengatz asked me if I had noticed the man who was sitting outside the door. "Yes," I replied, "I saw him. What about him?"

"He has the sleeping sickness," was her answer. Joao Mbaxi, the poor victim of superstition, sin and the tsetse fly, had come to talk with the missionary. He said, "Teacher, you have known me since I was a boy"—and it was so. The missionary had been there nearly twenty-five years. "You knew me when I was well. You knew me when I was rich in cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, crops, etc. You knew me when I owned slaves. You knew me when this disease caught me." (This is an expression peculiar to those of the Kimbundu tribe. We say, "the man caught cold." They say, "the cold has caught the man"-and that is right, for the cold germs come along and find the man in a weak condition, physically susceptible to cold, and catch him.)

This poor fellow continued, "You saw me going over the hill yonder, driving my cattle, leading my goats, carrying my chickens and coming back with a little turtle shell or antelope horn filled with medicine from the witch doctor. I had paid a big price for it, and it was to keep away the evil spirits that were seeking to eat out my life. Now you see all that is left of me." Surely it wasn't much. "Now I am only four or five days from the grave, and have come to have you tell me about your Saviour.

The missionary in charge was a dear man of God, and he sat down and talked to him for a long time and pointed the poor death-fearing and soul-hungry heathen to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Light. Joao Mbaxi slowely staggered to his filthy little hut, leaning heavily on his staff, with one of his wives supporting him by the arm. He went back to think, to pray, to weep and to count the cost of all it would mean to cut away from the tenacious grip of ancestral customs. The second day following was the Lord's Day. The chapel was full and overflowing with

people. Joao Mbaxi came staggering down the aisle to the front. He turned and told the church the same things he had told the missionary two days before. Then, pointing to a large basket full of charms, fetishes and idols that he had gathered in exchange for his cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and chickens, he said, "Now before you all I denounce these things. They are false. There is no strength in them, and here today I accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Redeemer. I am only four or five days from the grave, but if I die, I'll go into the grave trusting Him."

We took the basketful of fetishes and charms outside, and before a great congregation of heathen and Christians, piled them on a bundle of dry grass and burned them.

But what about Joao Mbaxi? Did he die in a few days of that awful and incurable disease? Nothing short of a miracle could have saved him at that stage of life. They say the days of miracles are past. But the man who was scarcely able to stagger along with the aid of his staff and a wife at his elbow was in a few days helping us build a house on the mission grounds. He was going down yonder to a pile of sun-dried bricks, weighing from ten to fifteen pounds each, placing two of them on his head and bringing them up to the new house. Back and forth, day after day, he went. In a little over a month we sent him to carry our mail to the government post, and he made the journey of thirty miles in one day.

After the light had entered his soul and he had become a new creature in Christ, he immediately manifested a burning desire to go and tell the story to others. We found him going from house to house, from village to village, preaching the blessed gospel of salvation.

As he frequently found himself handicapped in his work by not being able to read God's Word, he came to me and asked if he might come to my school. I was glad to admit him and soon found that he made rapid progress for a man of his age. He learned to read in both Kimbundu, his native tongue, and in Portuguese, the language of the Government.

For a long time one of our missionaries had felt that we should open work among the Libolos, a cannibal tribe just across the Quanza River. After much prayer and consultation, he decided on a location. He moved over and built some temporary houses for our workers to live in. The Libolos were glad that he had come, and they welcomed him in royal native fashion. He soon constructed a little chapel in which to begin his work.

A few months after the station was opened, the missionary in charge failed in health and had to resign, leaving no one in charge of that work. I called Joao Mbaxi and told him I wanted him to go and care for the property, teach school and preach to the people. Joao Mbaxi looked at me, then dropped his head and thought for a moment and said, "Yes, teacher, if you send me, I'll go. It is a big work for me to do, but if the Lord will help me, I will do my best." Taking another native with him, he went, entering faithfully on his work.

The spring that falls from the rocks above the mission in that Libolo tribe poured its stream down the hillside day after day. There, from its pure water, the workers drank. The natives came and drew water for their work. At the foot of the hill a sparkling little stream ran along and played its way across the plain. Everything was going well at the mission, and we had hopes of a strong work spreading through that whole cannibal tribe.

The dry season passed off as usual, but still with plenty of water in the springs and streams. The season came on for the rain to begin, but no rain came. Month after month went by, and no rain came. Thus the whole wet season passed like a dry season.

The following dry season added much to the distress in the land. Every one said that he would make the best of it,

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Sunday, May 28
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need can be met easily. Your offering
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Missouri.

endure the suffering of hunger, and surely the new rainy season would bring an abundance of rain and food. September appeared, with no clouds in the air. There was no thunder heard, no lightning seen. The natives went about their work without speaking. Day after day Joao met them and greeted them and tried to draw them into conversation, but they spoke little. The men were spending much of their time in traveling over the country to far-away villages in search of food. The women and children were spending their time at the fast-disappearing streams, trying to catch a few fish, or digging holes in the ground in hope of catching a field rat. They were roaming about in the forest in search of nuts or fruit which might have survived the dry weather. Joao saw that day after day their bodies were growing thinner.

A few days passed without Joao seeing the people of the villages round about. They had withdrawn to the forest for consultation. One morning the chief and his bodyguard appeared at the little mission and called for the native workers. Joao Mbaxi went out to see what he could do. The chief stated that during all the years they had lived in the country they had never known such a time of hunger as was upon them now. They had worshiped their gods, the charms and fetishes of their fathers, and rain had never failed them to this extent; but now for many months they had been hungry; their women were suffering with hunger; their children were dying. The spring above the mission had long since dried up. The little stream that had danced past the village at the foot of the mountain was dry. The women were making long journeys with their gourds in search of water. The skies refused to answer their sacrifices. They had been to the witch doctor, and in consultation with him and with proper divinations, it had been discovered that the spirits of their ancestors had been angered by their allowing a new religion in the land. They had made sacrifices of all kinds to appease the wrath of their ancestors, but to no avail. The medicine man had told them that there was only one remedy. The white man and his religion must leave the land. They had now come in a peaceable way to ask that our workers withdraw from the land and take the white man's gods with them.

Joao answered the old chief by saying that they could not leave the land. The white man had sent them there and had told them to be faithful. They would have to stay. The chief was somewhat angry at this refusal to move, and turned away with his bodyguard and walked

down the hill with them to his village. About five o'clock in the afternoon he appeared. He refused to enter the gate, but stood outside and called for the workers to come near him. He again pressed his claims and strengthened his arguments that the men must leave at once. This was the order of the big medicine man of the country. It was the order of all his people over whom he ruled.

Joao told them that the rain had not ceased because of the new God whom they were worshiping, and tried to convince them that the rains had stopped because they had refused to accept the God that the white man worshiped, and that this famine was a punishment upon the land. It was evident that the chief had been drinking a good deal of palm wine that day, and he flashed back to Joao by saying that this was the last appearance that he would make. They had been waiting month after month for rain, and there was no rain. There was no more food to be found in the land. They had sacrificed to all the ancestral spirits, but all in vain, and now the demand of the people was that these strange missionaries and their gods cross the river and leave their land at once.

The angry chief continued, "You say that you are serving the real God. We are not here to play. If your God is good and rules the sky, then why doesn't it rain? Why are we hnugry every night when we go to sleep? We will not stand for this. You must go across the Quanza River at once and leave us alone. You must be across by sunrise tomorrow morning. If it does not rain by sunrise tomorrow morning, we will drink your blood—tomorrow we will eat your flesh."

Joao knew what that meant. He could see it in the chief's eyes. He dropped his head in silent prayer and thought a moment and then remembered his promise to Jesus when he came into the chapel at Quiongua, a victim of the sleeping sickness. He remembered that he had said that he would be true to God and serve Him faithfully as long as he lived if He would heal him of that awful disease. He raised his head and said, "All right, you go back to your village and tomorrow morning come back, and you will find me here. Come at sunrise, and I will be waiting for you."

The chief and his bodyguard turned and went back around the point of the hill to their village. As they disappeared around the point, Joao said, "Now what shall I do? Will God hear me if I pray for rain? I am only a black man, and I and my ancestors have lived in sin all our lives." He remembered the story of Elijah, and how God

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Central Bible Institute will begin its Fall Term on September 22, 1944.

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answered him and sent rain. He found the burden of prayer coming on him, and entered into his little hut to pray. He prayed as he had never prayed before. It soon became dark, and still he prayed on. He forgot his suppertime. He forgot that it was time to lie down and sleep. As he prayed he recalled nearly all the miracles and manifestations of God's power in the Bible.

I believe that if ever a man prayed, Joao did that night up there on the mountainside, alone in the hut, among heathen who were waiting to drink his blood and to eat his flesh. As he stopped in the night to catch his breath for a moment, he saw the light of the fires in the heathen village where they were waiting for daylight to come. He heard their gabbling. Their voices rang out loud through the wild forest about him. He cried on in prayer until his clothes were soaked in tears. He was nearly exhausted, but still the fires gleamed in the village; still he heard their gabble. Constantly the thought was with him, "In a few hours they will be drinking my blood and eating my flesh down there." It was a night of agony, but he could not flee; he must be true.

About one o'clock in the morning when he was nearly exhausted and his bones ached, he stopped for a moment's rest, and still saw the light of the fires below him. He heard their tom-toms beat as they called the other villages to the feast. Again he listened, and lo, away back over the top of the mountains he heard the low growling

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Wise or Foolish?

M OSES was anointed of God. And the Lord took of the anointing that was upon Moses, and it was shared with seventy others. Num. 11:25.

The Lord told Moses that He would raise up a prophet like unto him. He did. And He mightily anointed Him with the Holy Ghost and with power, so that He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. And this anointing that He received He shared with His own, the seventy—plus fifty, on the day of Pentecost.

This anointing, however, is not to be the privilege of a special few, but it is a necessity for all believers. The Samaritans heard the Word, and a great awakening came to that city. But there was yet something lacking. The Samaritan converts lacked the anointing. So Peter and John were sent down to Samaria to pray for them, that they might receive this special gift.

Christ told a parable of two classes of virgins, five wise and five foolish. The wise valued the oil they received, and saw to it that they had a full supply. The foolish undervalued the oil and were not diligent to seek to receive that which was absolutely necessary. The wise, who had adequate oil, went in with the bridegroom to the marriage. The foolish, those who lacked oil, were shut out.

In the churches today there are two classes of people, the wise and the foolish. The wise highly appreciate and value the oil, the anointing, the unction, the fullness of the Holy Ghost. The foolish esteem it lightly. They are content with a form of godliness without the power. They see no need for the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

David appreciated the heavenly oil and declared, "Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." Psalm 23:5. And the whole world has been blessed by the overflow from that cup. There is still plenty of the heavenly oil available—enough for all flesh.

Wise are they who ask for and receive the anointing, and give heed to the word, "Be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18. Utterly foolish are they who are deaf to this command.—S. H. F.

God Still Performs Miracles

(Continued From Page Seven) of thunder. It came on louder and louder. Still the heathen gabbled, their fires gleamed. It was near the break of day, and the thunder came, rolled on faster and louder, as if hurrying to his rescue. Soon the thunder pealed loudly and the lightnings were dancing among the treetops on the mountain-side. He said it sounded as if every tree on the hills was being struck by lightning. He ceased praying and stopped to listen, and then he heard the trickle, trickle of the great raindrops on the leaves of the trees. Soon it rained, it rained, and it rained until it filled the little rivulets full. The streams of the mountainside united in one great torrent and madly rushed by his hut, leaped over the rocks and washed a part of the heathen village down into the valley

At sunrise, according to his promise, Joao came out to meet the heathen, but they were not there. They were down in the valley, picking up the sticks of their huts, trying to get to a dry place. They had forgotten their threats, too busy looking out for their own lives.

Joao was a poor scribe, but several days later he wrote the whole story and sent it to me by messenger. When I read it, I went and hid myself and prayed. Oh! I felt so unworthy to be called a missionary, when I thought of how this poor black man, just now dug out of the very pit of darkness, ignorance, sin and superstition, could pray and move the arm of God to split the sky open and bring rain out of a sky that had been locked up for eighteen months, and in the midst of the dry season when it never does rain, and so convince the heathen that God is. I called Mrs. Wengatz, and together we read the letter with tear-filled eyes and said, "Just another miracle in black!"-From Miracles in Black, by John C. Wengatz, copyrighted by Fleming H. Revell Co., and reprinted by permission. This book, which should be in every Sunday School library, can be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo. Price \$1.50 postpaid.

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Precious Blood

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There is a little piece of silk in the museum of Springfield, Illinois, that could not be bought for any amount of money. Why the value attached to it? Because of its significance. That little bit of silk is all covered with blood. It was once a part of a dress worn by a beautiful girl, who sat by Abraham Lincoln when he was shot; and it was that beautiful girl who took his head in her lap, as a mother would receive the head of a baby, and it was that girl who held him while he bled his life out. The state of Illinois purchased that dress, and cut out this piece of silk covered with the blood of the great statesman, emancipator of an enslaved race, and the man who in the program of God became a cohesive force in the salvation of this great nation.

If a state would do that for the blood of a man, what should the world do for the Blood of Jesus with all its emancipating power, and all its cohesiveness for a scattered race? For, if the race of man, without regard to nationality or color or condition of life, is ever to be united and held, it will be by the cohesiveness of that Blood.

O for a new value placed on that Blood! O for a new appreciation of that infinite gift of God—the Blood which has loosed us from our sins and saved us from our judgment! O the Blood, the precious Blood! O preacher, be a proclaimer of Calvary! Preach Christ and preach His cross.—Leon Tucker.

HEALED WHEN DYING

I married when I was eighteen. My husband's people were members of The Assembly of God and very devoted to the church, but I was not interested in their services.

Six years after I was married, my husband and I were attending one of their revivals and at the close of the message, I went to the altar. I did not know how to pray but I knelt before God. A short time later we were going thirteen miles to the next town and I was in a car wreck. I lay at the point of death five days. They put two thirds of my body in a plaster cast.

After I had been in bed three months, the doctor told me he didn't think I could ever walk again; that he had studied my case from every angle and had concluded that it would be impossible. Up to that time I hadn't been able to be moved the thirteen miles back home. They moved me home soon after this and after four months I was able to sit up and later, walk again.

One day while I was reading a book on the soon coming of Jesus, the Spirit of the Lord moved upon me with real Holy Ghost conviction. I had not been to church in over a year—not since the wreck—but the Lord dealt with me there in my home. I could see myself standing before the judgment bar of God and hearing the words, "Too late!" I realized I was not saved, and I began to cry out to God. One night I prayed all night. The words, "Too late!" stayed with me.

About this time we went to the State Convention in Dallas. Needless to say, I found my way down to the altar. I was gloriously saved. The Lord gave me a vision-I saw Jesus on the cross; I was kneeling under one of His hands that was nailed to the cross. I felt three drops of blood and as each drop touched my hand, it would cover my entire body. Then the Lord filled me with His Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and spoke to my heart that he was coming soon, and as the great Apostle Peter said, "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory," and I thank God for all eternity to praise our God for such a revelation of Himself. My entire life changed—I became a new creature in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor. 6:17.

Five years after I was in the car wreck, I was stricken ill and upon examination by a medical doctor, it was found that complications had set up in my spine where the two dislocations were. The doctor said "I would probably have a stroke of paralysis." He came to see me several times and finally told me that I was beyond medical aid. He suggested, as the trouble was in my spine, a chiropractor might help me.

I was in this condition three months. They sent for my sister who was living in Washington, D. C., saying if she ever expected to see me again, to come at once. I was taken to a chiropractor, who when he examined me and my X-ray pictures, marveled that anyone broken up as I had been, was still living. He said that few people had suffered in their body what I had. He was also alarmed over seeing my stomach in such a condition. I had ulcerated stomach of many years standing. I had been under the care of many doctors and only grew worse.

I took several weeks treatment and was helped some. One day while lying on the bed and

reading the newspaper and also the Pentecostal Evangel, I thought-the newspaper is news of this world but the Evangel spoke of heavenly things. While I was meditating thus, I distinctly heard a voice say, "If you trust in a physican you will die, but trust in Me." I said, "Lord, is that you?" and again came the same words. I said, "Lord, I will trust in you," and immediately great faith came into my heart which before I did not have. I called for some of the saints in the church to come and pray for me. While the saints were praying the Lord healed me. It seemed like an electric current had gone through my body. It was done in a moment of time. The glory that filled my heart and the reality of that experience, is unspeakable. I hadn't asked the Lord to heal my stomach-I was only concerned about the disease that was fast taking my life. When I arose to walk across the room, the Lord spoke to my heart-that He would heal my stomach if I would only trust Him - and the devil said, "That will be too good to be true, to be able to eat like other people. You had better be glad you are going to live, for you were dying." I said, "Lord, I will trust in you." How true it is the Lord does more for us than we ask or think, Eph. 3:20.

Since that day my stomach has been completely healed. I have been able to eat anything, and when my sister came from Washington, I was not dying as she expected, but healed by the power of God. I was healed while she was on her way. We had a vacation together and she said she couldn't get over my eating as other folk do. I did not go back to the chiropractor.

I weighed 104 pounds during the years of my affliction, today I weigh 146 and have better health than I have ever known before. I can do any kind of work I care to do. I am perfectly normal in every way.—Mrs. Violet (J. H.) Martin, 2100 May Street, Ft. Worth, Tex.

OUR CHAPLAIN IN ENGLAND

Chaplain Reuel Stanley Berg is somewhere in England. He was unable to attend the recent conference of Servicemen's Department workers and chaplains, but at the time of the conference the following letter was received from him:

"Greetings from England!

"These few words are to let you know we are indeed grateful to you for all your kindness and co-operation. The package of Reveille, tracts, and books arrived last week.

Everything was in good condition. The package made splendid time, too. These men need and value such things over here.

"God is blessing our contacts and we rejoice to see some surrender to the

Chaplain R. S. Berg

"This office of mine is becoming the hub of activity—a very popular place on the post. Your

Christ we love.

prayers and help are truthfully appreciated. Your much needed ministry is finding the

place of God's choosing for these great

"The tension continues to grow every day, and we are all trusting to be heading across the channel as soon as possible. God has so much for us to do, and you are all part of this tremendous 'task-force.' God bless you all!"

This is an hour of anxious suspense for thousands of American homes and multiplied thousands of American men who join the British in making up the invasion forces.

Tons of Reveille and tracts are being shipped to these men in a desperate effort to give them every possible spiritual aid in this crisis hour. Thousands of letters encouraging them in Christ are being written by our Servicemen's Department.

PRAY that Holy Spirit power will accompany the literature and the letters.

PRAY for finance, for paper and printing facilities to put out millions more of Reveille and tracts.

PRAY for God's blessing upon our chaplains; more of them will be going overseas soon.

PRAY for the field workers of the Servicemen's Department as they minister to the men in camps at home.

PRAY THAT WE MAY WIN 100,000 MEN FOR CHRIST!

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A DARK OUTLOOK

Anna Rauschning, the wife of Dr. Hermann Rauschning, says in her book No Retreat: "The brave people who will attempt a reconstruction of the world have a hideous problem before them-the problem of the criminal child trained from its cradle to treachery and wrong doing. There are millions of 'State' babies in Germany today, bred in the depths of animalism, formula-reared by a godless, heartless State. To bring these human animals back to something resembling the youth of other countries is not the work of years, but of lifetimes. These children will come to adult years and spread out over the earth, carrying with them their godless theories of hatred and might."

This is a dark outlook, but there is one gleam of hope: the gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, if they can only be led to believe in Christ.

A HOME MISSIONARY VENTURE

Pastor Henry H. Ness of Seattle, Wash., writes: "I thought you would be interested in the sort of Home Missionary program which the Hollywood Temple has undertaken, namely, that of subscribing for the *Pentecostal Evangel* to be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Washington, the Mayor of the City of Seattle, all the Councilmen, and other prominent men and religious organizations.

"I am enclosing herewith all the names, and also check for \$300.00 to cover the same. We have prayed over these names, and we believe God is going to use this Home Missionary project to bring some soul into the kingdom of God."

F RHARD... to the uttermost parts

Invasion of the Mud Flats

Maynard Ketcham

Amphibious operations! They have been made necessary for recent military conquests throughout the world and they are necessary today for the conquest of East Bengal. This country is a scene of constant battle between the land and the sea. The Bay of Bengal seeks to overrun Eastern India, and the land-in an effort to stem the tide of invasion-hurls against the invading forces the refuse, filth and silt of half a continent, carried down by the mighty Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers. The resultant expanse of mud flats, interspersed with rivers, canals and creeks, comprises a sort of nomans-land where the flood rules by high tide, and the land dares to rise its protesting head when the waters recede. In a country with a planned economy, such land would be left to the undisputed control of its original inhabitants-crocodiles and mud turtles. But India's multiplying millions must live somewhere and a large portion of these millions are destined to exist on the little islands of mud which dot the surface of the delta like so many fly specks.

Praise God that this quagmire which is East Bengal is being invaded by-yes, and being conquered by-the gospel of Jesus Christ. A Pentecostal revival has broken out in the midst of the mud! Churches have been formed. The work is rapidly spreading. The Pentecostal convention, which is held annually at one of our churches in this area, is the high light of the spiritual year. This convention brings together hungry hearts from all of the Christian communities of the delta, refreshing their souls with additional teaching and fellowship. Our Seventh Annual Convention, which has just been concluded, was held at Dharabasail. Dharabasail is honored by the government with the title of "town," but is in reality a chain of little man-made, muddy islets.

When our city-dwelling convention workers arrived from Calcutta, they were "Cut into eight pieces with wonder," as we say in Bengali, at the folly which called for a convention in such a place. "Why, you'll have for your congregation only frogs, crabs and fish," was the comment of one friend. But the convention date arrived, and with it the

people began to appear from all points of the compass, slithering along in their little saucer like boats, which will float on a heavy dew.

From the very first meeting the Spirit began to work. The emphasis of the convention was on a life of purity and holiness, and there was a very evident manifestation of conviction for sin. Confession and restitution was the order of the day. Many gained the victory over tobacco, which is considered more essential than meat, drink and clothing to the dweller in East Bengal. Especially did the Lord work among the women folks. The finger of conviction rested heavily on things which savor of the old life. Handkerchiefs were vigorously applied to vermillion marked foreheads. Cast off bracelets made a jingling pile. One earnest sister almost dismembered her nose in her zeal to dislodge a gaudy nose ring.

An accurate count was not kept, but it is safe to say that at least 100 people gave witness to a definite experience of salvation during the convention meetings. Some were baptized in the Holy Spirit, the first of which was a recent convert from the despised Untouchable people. A deep and abiding work of grace was accomplished during these days which will not only strengthen the work of the Assemblies of God in Bengal, but will be the means of reviving many outside churches.

As we take stock of the advance of the work during the past year, we are overjoyed to find that the spiritual level of the churches has risen, and membership in the various assemblies has almost doubled! New converts have been gained from Hinduism and Mohammedanism. New church buildings are going up and new opportunities for the preaching of the full gospel message are presenting themselves. Applications are in hand from many groups who wish the benefit of our ministry, to the end that they may receive the fulness of the Spirit and join our fellowship.

Yet these advances have been made in the face of tremendous and unprecedented obstacles. To begin with, East Bengal has been in the grip of a devastating famine—

one of the great calamities of modern times—which is reported to have taken one million lives and which might readily have wrought havoc to the Christian churches. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge the liberal help which our friends in America have given, making it possible for us to distribute rice, paddy, flour, clothing and financial aid, thus making the suffering among our Christian brethren much lighter than that of the general populace.

A resolution passed at one of the recent meetings reads as follows: "RESOLVED: That The Assemblies of God of India, Bengal Union express its deep gratitude to the Christian friends of America who have, through the instrumentality of their missionary representative in Bengal (Brother Maynard Ketcham) given most liberal and valuable assistance to members of the Bengal Pentecostal Churches toward the relief of suffering caused by the famine which has devastated this land, and which still holds Bengal in its grip. This timely assistance has not only been the means of saving many lives, but has helped to rehabilitate many who would otherwise have been left desti-

Apart from the famine, all of us who are



Maynard Ketcham and Paul Schoonmaker en route to convention in East Bengal.

responsible for the work seem to have gone through periods of fiery physical testing during the year. Dear Brother Munshie has paid the price for continuing his ministry in the pestilential Untouchable areas, and his body has been racked with all the various types of malaria known to medical science. How I grieve to relate that his wife, Sister Munshie, has made the supreme sacrifice and laid down her life while on the firing line, rather than leave the work so dear to her heart and seek a haven in some more healthful locality. She was truly a martyr and when many more souls from the downtrodden outcasts of Jessore are brought into the kingdom (as they most assuredly will be!) they will stand as the fruit of a life of fragrant service.

Now that convention is over, we are running to the various corners of the Ganges delta, answering calls from people who have enjoyed the convention feast, had their hunger aroused, and want the same message preached in their homes and churches. It is at this time that we most strongly feel the need of adequate transportation - a motor launch. The only highways in this land are waterways. Our existing fleet of country boats afford us transportation of a sort-but what a sort! They are paddled or rowed, polled, pulled or sailed (using as a sail a bed sheet fastened to a bamboo stick!). Too often they merely float down the stream. But no matter how they are propelled, one does well to average more than a mile per hour! Yet there are hundreds of miles to be covered in the work of overseeing existent churches and establishing new ones.

A proper motor launch would easily enable one missionary to do the work of four. The cost would normally be about \$2,500 and will be even more now. It is our plan to call the boat Shushila, in memory of our dear departed sister, Mrs. Shushila Munshie, the spiritual mother of all the Pentecostal work in East Bengal who laid down her life willingly that Bengal might have the gospel. Many who read these lines will never have the opportunity to make such a sacrifice, but here is an opportunity to give, to the end that this work may prosper and grow. Will you help?

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Secret Intercession

Secret intercessors make it possible for public laborers to do their work and win. They do as much for the Lord's cause who intercede like Moses on the mount, as they do who fight like Joshua in the thick of battle. Prayer based on God's Word is the only weapon man can use today to touch the invisible foe. The individual members of the Church of Christ will not know until they reach eternity what they have been saved from by the ministry of secret intercession.—Evan Roberts.

Things You Want to Know John H. Hall

"How do the Mossi women of West Africa prepare food?" is the uppermost question in the minds of American housewives. You may be sure that African women heartily agree with their American friends of the same sex that, "A man's work is from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done."

The African woman often hoes in the field all day long by the side of her husband, or perhaps with his other wives. Towards nightfall she gathers sufficient sticks and branches for the evening fire. Upon returning home she takes her earthen pots and goes to the well to laboriously draw water by hand. Water is drawn fresh every day and corn meal is daily ground—custom decrees it!



In this picture is demonstrated the manner in which the grain is ground. A circular adobe platform is built up nearly waist high and flat slabs of granite are embedded in this earth. Crushed laterite is then poured over the granite and pounded until it is hard and smooth. The work table is ready. A flat granite rock held in the hands is pushed back and forth over the hard surface of the table to crush and grind the grain. At interims the women keep flickering

more grain from the side on to the grinding stone.

And now for the recipe!

Have a number of children tend the fire under the cook pots to keep the water boiling vigorously. Now add a small amount of lye to the water to keep the family from having indigestion. The corn meal is then stirred into the boiling water. If you are a good cook, you will have ground the meal two or three times for a finer texture. Lazy cooks grind it but once. With the adding of the meal to the water, the work really begins. It is no small task to keep stirring it until the mush is done. A potsherd serves as a ladle.

And now for the "gravy." This is left largely to the ingenuity of the cook. It may contain bean leaves, shea grease, salt, a piece of meat or dried fish.

Please, ladies, do not forget your table etiquette! The men and boys are always served first, separately. Afterwards, you and the girls may eat together—if there is anything left. Husbands and wives never eat together!

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Missionary Wedding

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Hubert Mitchell nee Rachel Edwardsen, to whom we have forwarded some offerings in the past, is home from her missionary labors in India. Miss Edwardsen was married to Rev. Hubert Mitchell at the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles on April 21. Brother Mitchell has spent a number of years in the service of the Lord in Sumatra.

Friends may contact Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell by addressing mail to 1307 Waterloo Street, Los Angeles 26, California. Congratulations and best wishes to these good people.

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Exchange Your Gold Into Men!

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Money is a golden channel of service through which one may reach most intimately to others, near by and around the world.

Money is not riches. Some perhaps, have not fully escaped that delusion. And money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. It gets its moral quality from the man owning it for the time being. It takes on the color of its ownership.

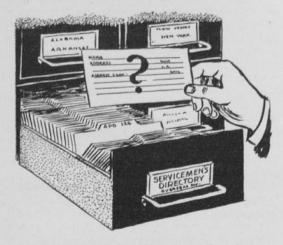
Jesus gives us the simple law for the right use of money. Exchange your money into the coin that is current in the kingdom of God. Exchange your gold into lives. This yellow stuff that we call riches, they use for paving stones up in the Homeland. Would that we might put it under our feet down here, instead of being ruled by it!

Money will fail. There is an end to the power of gold in itself. Money will be bankrupt someday; but it has enormous buying power now. Someday its power will all be gone—and so will our opportunities! Better use it while it has the power of purchase. Better not be caught with much of the yellow stuff sticking to you when the true values are being settled. It will all be dead loss then—dead stock not worth the space it occupies.

Exchange your money into men—purified, uplifted, redeemed men. Buy letters of credit that will be good in the Homeland, if you would be wealthy!—Selected.

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Is Your Son Missing?



From the Files of the Servicemen's Directory

In a few days the Servicemen's Department will be sending a special red, white and blue edition of the C. A. Herald to 18,000 servicemen from all our assemblies whose names have been supplied by parents, pastors and friends. Will your loved one be in this number, or is his name missing from our Servicemen's Directory?

If your serviceman's address has not yet been sent to us, there is still time for him to receive this special edition of the C. A. Herald, and also a copy of Reveille Number 10—if you send us his address at once.

All men listed in the Directory will receive regular correspondence from the Servicemen's Department. Those who are unsaved will be pointed to Calvary; all will be encouraged in the Lord. Special literature, Bible study courses, and personal help from field representatives working in the camps are also part of the work of the Department.

More than 30,000 servicemen from the

family circles of Assembly of God homes did not receive the first letter which our Servicemen's Department sent out, because some one failed to send their names for the Directory. We cannot help your sons or the men from your church unless you help us.

If you want your Serviceman encouraged for God and his faith strengthened, or if he is unsaved and you want him reached, send us his name AT ONCE with the information requested in the form below.

Rank Name Serial No. Full Military Address Saved? C. A? Does he attend chapel now? Church? Home Address Nearest Relative CHURCH MEMBER? PASTOR'S NAME Your relation to above person Do you write? Your Name Address In accord with government regulations, this information is for the confidential use of this Department and will not be published in any form.

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A "PREVIOUSLY HEATHEN SON"

The following is an extract from a letter written by a member of the RAF to his parents:

"I want to impress upon you that, before I take the air, I pray to God and ask His guidance and protection, not for myself but for the crew. On several occasions when I have been in a tough spot. I've sat at the control and prayed God to save us, and I always thank Him afterwards."

According to the Bible Society Record, he closed his letter with these words, "Your previously heathen son is now a firm believer in God." There are many "previously heathen sons" taking part in this war! While war brings sad bereavement to some parents, it brings glad rejoicing to many.

CATHOLIC CRADLES

L'Action Catholique, official organ of the Quebec Cardinal, wrote on Aug. 7, 1943: "The Church finds its finest hopes in the family. The greater number of Catholic cradles there are, the more souls there will be in the perpetual ship of Peter. What a glory to furnish members to the assembly of Christ. May all parents better realize their duty. In the measure that the Catholic family grows the society of the Master grows, and is that not the hope of the Church?"

Thus the Roman Catholic Church puts its hope in natural generation, a carnal weapon, rather than in spiritual regeneration, apparently ignoring the fact that it is through the second birth, not the first, that souls are added to the body of Christ.

DEMON-INSPIRED MUSIC

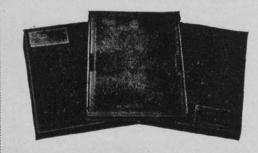
Arthur Rodzinski, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, has made this statement: "The style of boogie-woogie which appeals to hep cats is the greatest cause of delinquency among American youth today."

Why is this? It is because there is a strong demon influence, without a doubt, behind modern jazz and the jitterbug frenzy which it produces. Musicians have traced its origin to the drum-beating, dancing demon-worshipers of pagan jungles. An authority declares that to achieve the height of jazz perfection the player must be in a trance in which he wanders off into a world of his own. Anyone with spiritual discernment can sense the demonic power behind it when he hears some of this swing "music" come over the radio, and it is little wonder that young people who listen to it by the hour drift into all kinds of sin.

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Moore, Marrles W., Rapid City, S. Dak. Newman, Donald T., Grants, N. Mex. Pletcher, Gerald A., Gallup, N. Mex. Porter, Kenneth G., Albuquerque, N. Mex. Quillin, Leon C., Tucumcari, N. Mex. Roggow, Louis L., Spirit Lake, Iowa Schaumburg, Henry W., Chatham, N. J. Slagel, Mrs. Iola E., Madison, S. Dak. Smith, Frank W., Tucumcari, N. Mex. Stone, Ellis J., Peralta, N. Mex. Whiteside, Ethlyn J., Hatch, N. Mex. Yaws, Thurman R., Carrizzo, N. Mex.

The following name was removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of April, 1944.

Surface, Ira E., Winton, Calif. (Deceased)

Among the Assemblies

PARIS, ILL.—We recently had an outstanding revival with Evangelist Fred Numerick of Springfield, Ill. Many souls were saved and a number were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was one of the most successful revivals ever known in Paris.—A. L. Matejka, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—We have just closed a very successful revival with Evangelist George Hayes of Houston, Texas. A substantial number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and 9 members were taken into the church.—R. H. De Lancey, Pastor, 9th and Phillips Assembly of God.

LAWTON, OKLA.—For the past nearly 3 weeks, God has given us a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. Paul Riggs of Ardmore was our evangelist. Twenty-five were wonderfully saved and 12 received the Holy Ghost Baptism. We are so thankful for the Lord's continued blessings upon this church.—Edgar and Margaret Newby, Pastors.

NORWOOD, MO.—Evangelists Nola Stout and Norma Elliott of Ava closed a very successful meeting here. God surely visited His people with an old-time revival. Twentyeight were saved, 28 baptized in water, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 20 new members were taken into the church.—James Russell, Pastor.

HARRISON, ARK.—We recently closed a very successful revival with Evangelists D. C.

Ogden and O. L. Jaggers in charge. The Lord blessed in giving out the gospel message. Some 18 were converted, and 12 came into the church. The special singing and music proved a great blessing, and there was an increased interest in the revival.—L. L. Riley, Pastor.

SEMINOLE, OKLA.—We praise the Lord for the revival conducted here by Evangelist W. C. Drain of Shidler. Several were saved and the saints were benefited by the inspiring ministry of Brother Drain. Our Sunday School attendance has increased, and although the revival is over, the revival fires continue to burn. We thank God for Brother Drain's old-time gospel preaching.—Fred Carrington, Pastor; L. L. Beaty, Secretary.

PALM CITY, CALIF.—I just closed a 2-week meeting with Brother Carlton of this city. There were at least 7 adults saved or reclaimed, including a man and his wife the last night. It was good to see conviction on their faces and then after many tears of repentance and calling on God, the shining faces, as they found reality in Christ Jesus. Brother Carlton is a very zealous man and desires to see the Lord work.—C. H. Austin, Box 216, Jacumba, Calif.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Evangelist and Mrs. Bird H. Campbell recently closed a series of special meetings in Calvary Tabernacle. The presence of the Lord was manifest in every one of the services. Almost nightly, souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. This meeting was a revival in every sense of the word. The evangelists were fearless and untiring in their efforts to help earnest seekers through to a definite experience in the Lord.—J. Robert Ashcroft, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—We have had a very successful revival at Fifth and Peoria with Evangelist and Mrs. James E. Hamill. The good preaching and singing were enjoyed by all who attended these meetings. Several were saved and some filled with the Holy Spirit. One feature in this revival which was different from many others, or from the ordinary revival, was that the Lord worked among the deaf-mute people. We prepared a room with a public address system and an interpreter for the deaf. Several were saved, and 4 were filled with the Spirit and spoke with tongues as other do. We baptized 7 of the deaf-mutes.— G. W. Hardcastle, Pastor.

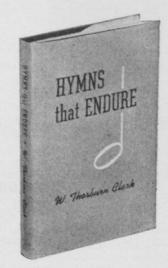
MEMPHIS, TENN.—April 23rd we closed a very good revival with Floyd Jones of Ripley, Tenn., as evangelist. Brother Jones' ministry proved to be exceptionally blessed of the Lord, and his excellent, heart-searching messages accomplished a very definite result in our church. Without doubt, this has been the best revival we have had since our church was started two years ago. Many were at the altar for salvation and reclamation, some were filled with the Spirit, and others healed. Many friends from other denominations declared themselves candidates for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to the Pentecostal pattern.

On the closing Sunday, a Servicemen's rally was conducted in the afternoon by Sam Todd, of the Servicemen's Department, Gospel Publishing House, at which time an offering of

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BIG STONE GAP, VA.—We are grateful to God for His blessing which has rested upon us here the past four years, for the souls that have been saved and filled with the Spirit, and for the co-operation of the saints. God has helped us to build and pay for a nice parsonage and to make some other improvements as well that are a blessing. At the close of a revival we resigned the pastorate to give full time to evangelistic work. Our farewell service was conducted April 2. There are some blessed saints here, and unity prevails among them.—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Tood, 12 N. 22nd Ave., Humbolt, Tenn.

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BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.—Meeting in progress; N. H. Rhodes, Evangelist.—H. E. Simms, Pastor.

GOLDEN CITY, MO.— Joplin Section C. A. Rally, May 28, 2:30 p. m.—F. N. Grimsley, C. A. Secretary.

PERCY, ILL.—May 16-29; George Hayes, Evangelist. Nearby assemblies welcome.—Bob Shaw, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, May 14—; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Blair.—R. C. McClure, Pastor.

PATERSON, N. J.—187 Pearl St., May 13—; Harvey McAlester, guest speaker.—David Leigh,

BRANSON, MO.—C. A. Rally, May 30. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Basket dinner. Speakers: Thomas F. Zimmerman and Kenneth Short, of Springfield.—Verne Warner, Sectional President.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—State C. A. and S. S. Convention, Municipal Auditorium, May 29-31. E. S. Williams, F. D. Davis, F. C. Cornell, V. H. Ray and others will speak.

ARITON, ALA.—Eleventh annual C. A. Convention, High School, June 14-17. J. Billy McIntosh, Nashville, Tenn., special speaker. For further information write Mrs. Jimmie Flowers, District C. A. Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 272, Troy, Ala.

READING, PA.—Eastern District C. A. Rally, Glad Tiding Tabernacle, 330 W. Windsor St., May 30. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:30. Speaker: John Jenkins, Wilmington, Del., and J. Robert Asheroft, Chicago, Ill. Ralph Bender is pastor.—Albert D. Skymer, District C. A. President.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—3212 Q St., N. W., May 21-June 4; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hamill, Evangelists. Great Mass Meeting, Pentecost Sunday, May 28, at Continental Hall.—W. L. Shirer, Pastor.

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SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL The South Carolina District Council will convene at Assembly of God, Spartanburg, S. C., May 29-31; A. C. Bates of Texas, main speaker.—J. D. Courtney, District Superintendent.

Ohio C. A. Memorial Day Rallies, including services and speakers. Willoughby: 2:30, T. E. Hartshorn; 7:30 Andrew G. Basell. New Philadelphia: 2:30, Thomas Sutton; 7:30, Brother Wells. Dayton: 2:30, Brother Davis; 7:30, Brother Jollay. Marion; 2:30, Ernest V. Berquist; 7:30, Brother Trimble.—E. V. Berquist, State Secretary.

WESTERN SLOPE CAMP MEETING
Rocky Mountain District Sectional Camp Meeting, Western Slope, Grand Junction, Colo., June 9-18. R. A. McClure, Pueblo, Colo., special speaker. Wm. Young is the local pastor.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL RALLY

United Pentecostal Rally, sponsored by the Ministerial Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington, Continental Hall, 17th and D Sts., N. W., Washington, D. C., May 28, 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Ralph M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo., guest speaker.—Herbert A. Nunley, President

FRAMINGHAM CENTER, MASS.-New England District Youth Conference and Fellowship Meeting, Camp Grounds, May 29-30. May 29, campfire service, 8:00 p. m.; Harry Jaeger, speaker. Memorial Day: Classes 8:45-10:45 a. m. Services 11:00 and 3:00; Allan Swift, speaker. Patriotic and fellowship rally, 7:00 p. m.; Harry Jaeger, speaker.—Edwin Anderson, District C. A. President.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The annual meeting of the Georgia District Council will convene at 301 Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga., June 12-15; Ralph M. Riggs, main speaker. Other leading ministers and officials from other Districts as well as God-sent able workers willing to do Home Missions work in new fields, invited to attend, Monday night fellowship service. District Presbyters' meeting, 4:00 p. m. Monday. Council opens 10:00 a. m. Tuesday; W. M. C. meeting 2:00 p. m. Rooms free. Ralph Byrd, 301 Capitol Ave., is pastor.—S. W. Noles, District Superintendent, Box 1101, Columbus, Ga.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 29th session of the Texas District Council will convene at Waxahachie. Texas, in the gymnasium of Southwestern Bible Institute, June 6-9, June 5. Fellowship night. Ralph M. Riggs main speaker. All those desiring ordination must meet the ordination

committee. For any information desired, address C. P. Robison, District Secretary-Treasurer, or F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie,

MONTANA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND YELLOWSTONE BIBLE CAMP

LIVINGSTON, MONT.—Montana District Council and Yellowstone Bible Camp, July 10-19. Speakers: Wm. E. Long and Ralph M. Riggs. Missionary Representatives: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Garlock. Sunday School Representative M. L. Grable will be with us July 14-16. Presbyters' meeting, July 11. District Council, July 12-13. Meals on grounds. Tents and cots for rent. Trailer parking free. Rooms available in city at reasonable rates. For further information address: Leonard Palmer, District Superintendent, 1026 Third Ave. S., Great Falls, Mont.

TEXAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

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Waco, May 24, Full Gospel Church, Morrow and
14th Sts. Waxahachie, May 25, informal sessions at
Southwestern Bible Institute. Dallas, May 27-28,
First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts.
Above conferences will be conducted by M. L.
Grable, Superintendent of the Sunday School Department. There will be forenoon, afternoon and evening
sessions with the exception of the Dallas sessions,
which will convene Saturday afternoon and evening
and Sunday morning and afternoon. Workers from
local schools should plan to attend the conference
nearest them if at all possible. These meetings will
be both spiritual and helpful.

The PASSING and the PERMANENT

PLANES FOR MISSIONS

A Christian business man (Robert G. Le-Tourneau) recently stated that he was ready to buy and equip 1,000 airplanes for missionary service when the war ends.

A STRANGE "GENERAL"

The Virgin Mary has been made an honorary general in the Argentine Army. According to *The Converted Catholic Magazine*, she receives ten dollars a day as 'viaticum' (traveling expenses), which goes to the Roman Catholic Church.

VALIANT JEWISH SOLDIERS

Speaking recently in the House of Representatives, James M. Curley of Massachusetts praised the record of Jews in the nation's armed forces. He cited 2,500 Jews who have received the Purple Heart or other awards for valor in the present war.

REVIVALS IN RUSSIA

"News has seeped through that mighty revivals are sweeping over the Russian plains, on both the Russian and German sides of the line. So we realize that God is working in spite of what men are planning or doing." The foregoing is from Brother G. H. Schmidt, who is still in Sweden, having escaped from Germany less than a year ago.

RUSSIA AND RELIGION

Says Kenneth N. Taylor, writing in *His Magazine*, "Reports have been in circulation that Russia's attitude toward religion has changed and become more liberal. The source of this rumor is questioned. A few months ago, on the contrary, a high Soviet official was asked for permission to allow the circulation of Scriptures to war prisoners and replied that both officially and personally this was considered undesirable and could not be permitted."

EYES ON THE MEDITERRANEAN

"Josef Stalin caught both the American and British Governments quite off guard when he recognized officially King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio as the rulers of Italy," says Our Hope. "Coupled with Russia's demand for one third of the Italian fleet, this is rather clear indication of Stalin's determination that Russia shall become a major power in the Mediterranean."

A VISION OF CHRIST

According to the *United Press*, more than 500 witnesses profess to have seen a vision of Christ on the cross in the skies over Ipswich, England, during a recent air-raid alert. Their pastor, Harold Green, expressed complete confidence in the authenticity of the vision. "I regard the sign as a definitely good omen," he said, "and if only a dozen people had seen it instead of hundreds I should still say it was God's call to this our nation."

"Fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven," said Jesus, in describing the days preceding His return. Luke 21:11.

RECORD YEAR

The American Bible Society reports that 1943 was a record year, for both the publication and the circulation of God's Word. It circulated 9,733,651 copies of the Scriptures throughout the world. None of the shipments of Scriptures was lost by enemy action during 1943.

IUVENILE DELINOUENCY ANALYZED

Juvenile Judge Sam Davis Tatum, of Næhville, Tenn., tried 4,000 cases of youths under 17 years of age between June, 1939, and August, 1943. The facts deduced from these trials form a revealing analysis of the causes of juvenile delinquency:

1. Of the approximately 4,000 cases, only 17 were those of regular Sunday school or church service attenders. And of the 17, nine were found not guilty.

2. Only about six of the families of these 4,000 were regular attenders at Sunday school or church.

3. Over 75% of the youngsters appearing before Judge Tatum were from broken homes. Either the parents were separated, divorced, or one or both were dead.

A SPIRIT-FILLED SALVATIONIST

Mrs. Brigadier Ross, a retired Salvation Army Officer from Australia who has received the Pentecostal experience, is carrying on a Full Gospel Mission in Cairo, Egypt, in cooperation with Mrs. Minta Munroe. Sister Ross writes:

"We have had a glorious revival here. Last year over fifty were filled with the Holy Spirit (including many British and American servicemen). This year we have had three Jewish girls filled with the Spirit and two of them baptized in water. Our boys are scattered all over the world now. They are holding their own meetings and getting their chums saved and filled, three or four little groups in Italy having the Lord's Supper under the olive trees; some in Aleppo, some in Bengal and other places."

MAN'S DEEPEST NEED

Writing under the above heading, Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, says:

"We need today a resurgence of spiritual purpose and of moral stamina. We must rededicate ourselves to the service, the defense and the nurturing of freedom under justice and law.

"Our homes, our schools, our churches, our leaders in every walk of life must inculcate this faith and this spirit.

"But our churches, particularly, have an exceptionally important role to play in this work of spiritual rebirth. The terrible misfortunes which are being visited upon mankind have been the result of a dangerous deterioration of standards of personal and national conduct.

"We desperately need today a revival of religious fervor, a renewed humility before God in support of wholehearted adherence to high standards of individual and group behaviour."

HITLER AND THE JEWS

Dr. Harry Rimmer says: "All that Hitler has accomplished by his European-wide persecution may be summed up in a sentence: He has accelerated the return of Israel to Palestine, thus apparently hastening his own doom. By driving 'the preserved people' back into the preserved land, Hitler, who does not believe the Bible, and who sneers at the Word of God, is helping to fulfill its outstanding prophecy. Thus does the wrath of men sometimes serve the purpose of God."

NO SUNDAY THEATERS

No theaters are open on Sunday in England. Again and again, during this war, attempts have been made to pass laws permitting Sunday theaters, using the entertainment of soldiers as an excuse, but each time the Lord's Day Observance Society has campaigned against such attempts, and has called on God's people to pray, with the result that the theaters remain closed. Theaters are not permitted to operate on Sunday in Canada, either.

CORROBORATING THE SCRIPTURES

According to Revelation, Soviet research scientists have made experiments that have enabled them to drain every drop of blood from the body of a dog, keep it out for fifteen minutes, and then revivify the dog a quarter of an hour after the heart had stopped beating. Dogs on which the experiment was performed in 1939 are still alive and healthy. The machine has been able to keep a dog's head alive for hours. A decapitated head cocked its ears at a noise and licked its chops when citric acid was smeared on them.

But the machine is incapable of reviving a whole dog more than about fifteen minutes after its blood is drained. Body cells then begin to disintegrate. Here is Twentieth Century scientific proof of a Biblical statement made fifteen centuries before Christ: "The life of the flesh is in the blood . . ." (Lev. 17-11), which in the whole verse might be called the John 3:16 of the Old Testament.

GENERAL MONTGOMERY'S MOTHER

The London Daily Sketch has been running a striking series of articles entitled, "I Confess My Faith." The sixth was written by Lady Montgomery, mother of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery. She headed her article: "The Bible—Our Key to Happiness." In it she strongly stood for the reading of the Word of God, especially in family life. "A child should never be able to remember a time when it did not kneel at its mother's knee night and morning to say its prayers," she said. She advocates the practice of causing children to learn one verse of the Bible every day.

Lady Montgomery said that there is no doubt that England is passing through a phase of irreligion. Churches are empty. Bibles are unread. Crime and drunkenness are on the increase. For this she affirmed that parents and homes are largely to blame. Her final words were: "True religion should mean, for us all, the knowledge of the love of God and a thankful remembrance of the sacrifice of His dear Son upon the Cross for us."

With such a mother, is it any wonder that General Montgomery shows Cromwellian zeal in affirming his belief in God?