

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



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 THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS
 

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## The Valley of Baca

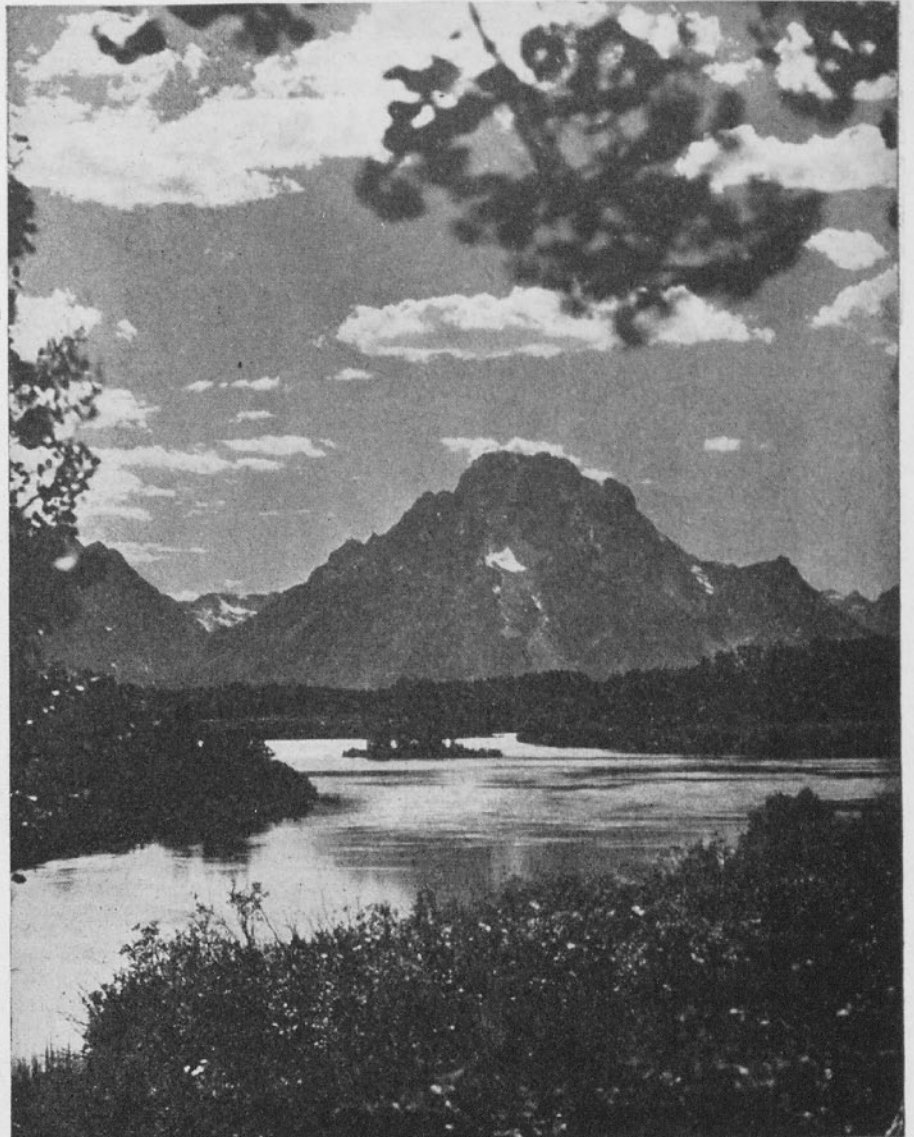
*Ernest S. Williams*

A BEAUTIFUL lesson is afforded us in Psalm 84: 5-7, "Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." From these verses we may draw several lessons.

The people of God are pilgrims. This has been realized as true ever since Abram was called to leave his kindred and his father's house to go into a country "that should be shown him." Faith is required to "count the things that are not as though they are"; "forgetting the things which are behind, to reach forth unto those things which are before." Many were the temptations of Abram to turn back, but faith said, "Any man putting his hand to the plow, and looking back is not fit for the kingdom of God." Like Moses, he was required to "endure as seeing Him who is invisible." It is within the power of any redeemed pilgrim to go back. "And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."

But those who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham and "desire a better country, that is, an heavenly." With the father of the faithful they may "sojourn in the land of promise, as in a strange country," but with him "look for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Such obedience of faith pleases God, "wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city."

It is a city for which the redeemed pilgrim longs. Earthly cities come and go; "here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." It is a city "which hath foundations." The term is plural. It is no city made of limestone, concrete, brick, or marble, but a city composed of "living stones" having "twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Our home is in the heavenly Jerusalem where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,



neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." "God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Brother, we are on our way home. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Already "the night is far spent, the day is at hand." May we be faithful just a little longer as we look "for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ."

But the Christian pilgrim feels his weakness. He is often "cast down, but not destroyed." There is a groan within his soul as he is "waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our bodies." Sometimes

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# Go Up to the Mountain and Bring Wood

Zelma Arque

**G**O UP to the mountain and bring wood." Haggai 1:8.

Go up, my soul!

Leave the lowlands, the mists, the fogs. Ascend the mountain. Enter there a clearer, rarer air. Seek higher ground. Bid adieu to the clamor, the distraction, the haze and the smoke of lower levels. Then will the unprofitable, the foolish, the vain, fall far below into true perspective.

Go up, my soul, to the mountain!

Jesus went up into the mountain that He might commune with God. He followed a long line of others.

Go up, my soul, to the mountain and bring wood. Fuel to build the fires of holy ardor. Wood to build a holy temple of praise. Whence shall I go up? To which mountain?

Go with Abraham up Mount Moriah and there learn of obedience and sacrifice. There, behold a holy scene—Abraham obedient unto God and willing to sacrifice, upon an altar of devotion to God's will, his beloved son. Behold Isaac, a type of Christ, "obedient unto death." Yes, go up with Abraham, for there in that mountain he won through to a victory whereby he has become eternally known as "the friend of God." James 2:23.

Go up Mount Nebo's lofty height with Moses and there in the stillness, let God bestow upon you the gift of vision. Far below, you too, will see stretches, noble and far-reaching, of promised land, spiritual land which you may possess though you never dreamed of it before. In that rare atmosphere you will see the "breadth and length and depth and height" of the fulness of God which may be yours.

Go up with Moses into that unnamed mount of prevailing prayer where he prevails with God as, far below, Joshua wages the battle. Keep your hands uplifted in prayer for victory even though they become heavy. God can find an Aaron and a Hur to stand on either side and help you pray through for those in the valley below.

Go with Moses also into the very lonely mountain where none could accompany, and there learn a little of what he heard and saw in his forty days of fasting; listening until you, too, take on something of the radiance which shone from his face.

Go up, my soul, to the heights of Mount Tabor. There learn the privilege of re-

joicing. "Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy Name." Psalm 89:12. Mount Tabor means "height"; and here, when rejoicing in Him, we are far above the clouds of trial.

Go up to Pisgah. Learn there the power of renouncing self and encouraging others. Then you, too, with Moses, can look upon young Joshua and find comfort in his ability to carry on where you must leave off. You can pass on to him secrets you have learned in the heat of the battle. "Be strong and of a good courage. The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed"—with such words you can encourage others. Deut. 31:7, 8; 34:1.

Go up the sacred Mount Hermon and learn the secret of transformation and glory. There, where the eternal snows glisten, Christ prayed until "the fashion of his countenance was altered," until "his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light." Luke 9:28; Matt. 17:1, 2. What a mount is this! Here the dew of heaven descends because when they dwell together with Christ in this lofty altitude, brethren drop their differences in favor of a blessed unity. Psalm 133. Here the anointing oil freely flows. Here "we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord are changed into the same image from glory to glory . . . by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Most of all, go up to the mountain where Jesus went to pray. Go up where He continued all night in prayer to God. It requires no great spirituality to pass comment upon the shortcomings of others, and of our day; but it does require spirituality and a set purpose to attain those altitudes where power is gained to help the multitudes in the valley below. It requires spiritual sacrifices known only to God, fastings from many legitimate and congenial employments, to reach the secret place where, with tears and heart searchings and strong crying, we intercede, wrestle, and finally prevail with God. As we do this our God will come forth as of old and the mountains of difficulty and resistance will flow down at His presence!

Wood!

Wood! Sticks to be used as kindling! Logs to hold the blaze and glow!

Some of the best wood I know for hot fires is gathered by going early to the

House of God, early enough to wait upon God before others arrive. Really early. Early enough to kneel awhile. Early enough to rest awhile and drop the clamor of the outside world from your spirit. Early enough to just walk up and down before the altar in order to get into the Spirit before the curious arrive, to walk up and down with uplifted hands, either praising God or weeping as the Spirit may lead.

Walk to and fro before the altar? Yes! Remember Elisha, 2 Kings 4. He sought power to bring a dead child back to life. After trying everything else, he "returned and walked in the house to and fro and went up . . . and the child opened his eyes." Many a time I have gone alone into the House of God before the meeting hour and walked to and fro in the aisles, or in the prayer room, or before the altar, and wept and communed with God until the room seemed full of His presence. When the service hour came that night the same Presence was gloriously manifested from the very beginning.

Early? That is when Abraham went up to the mountain. Gen. 22:3. You will find in this early communion with God before church something very precious. It is different from praying at home, from praying during the meeting, different, even, from praying after the meeting. It has the exquisite joy of a confidential meeting with a bosom friend, alone.

Wood? We can either have it or not, depending on how arduous a climb up the mountain we are willing to undertake. God is not dead nor asleep nor rushed by war work. The Holy Spirit has not changed. If we give Him opportunity He still makes intercession for us and through us with groanings that cannot be uttered. Face it honestly. Do we still make room for Him to make through us those spiritual cries to God and groanings of days long gone by? Do we still go alone to the secret place of prayer and there, concealed from earthly eyes, share with Christ in His intercession?

It was as the saints in Antioch "ministered unto the Lord and fasted," that God moved through them. Acts 13:1, 2. Their fasting was not just a fasting from food, but a fasting from the world as well.

Fasting from the world in order especially to wait upon God? "It is not a difficult idea to follow, and it takes you to the very heart of the thought of Jesus.

## OFTEN AND LONG ALONE WITH GOD

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.  
James 4:8

It is for us to treat the world not only in its corruptions, but in its legitimate joys, in all its privileges and blessings, as a subject that we should touch at a distance; and with strict reserve and abstinence, feeling that if we are caught by its spirit, or fed upon its meat, we shall not feel the breath of the Highest, nor receive the manna that falleth from heaven. Therefore we are bound to look upon the world, with all its delights and attractions, with suspicion and reserve. It is not for us. We are called into a higher kingdom, we are touched with a diviner Spirit. It is not that He forbids us this or that indulgence, or comfort for our life; it is not that He is stern, making upon us the call of the ascetic; but it is that we who love our Lord, and we whose affections are set on the things that are in heaven, voluntarily and gladly lay aside the things that charm and ravish the world, that, for our part, our hearts may be ravished with the things of heaven, and that our whole being may be poured forth in constant and unreserved devotion in the service of the Lord, who died to save us."

As an evangelist, I have found that some of the hardest meetings would break if the pastor and some of his people would join me in fasting and prayer. At a recent meeting, the burdened pastor told me that no one in his assembly had been baptized in the Spirit for over two years. After a week of services, we invited the seekers and prayer warriors who really had the burden to come on Sunday afternoon at about five o'clock and fast and pray with us through the supper hour. The pastor and several others responded. Nothing appeared to happen before the service. But in the after meeting that night the Spirit was powerfully manifested. Two received the Baptism and the glory of God was revealed. The following Sunday some fasted during the breakfast hour. Then we had fasting and prayer through the supper hour as well. And that night "the slain of the Lord" were many, and five came through to glorious baptisms in the one meeting! But few knew the depth of crying to God that was behind that hour of joyous victory.

Honestly, let us face it. Do we bring wood for the fire or do we pour barrels of water, as they did in Elijah's day, by comments which are so devoid of faith that they only blight the timid faith of the weak ones who would very much like to believe?

We speak of the "old-time glory." Did it come easier in earlier days? Let us not deceive ourselves. It did not. Said William Bramwell, that great preacher of Wesley's day, "Almost every night there has been a shaking among the people; and I have seen twenty set at liberty. I believe I could have seen many more, but

I cannot yet find one pleading man. There are many godly people; but I have found no wrestlers with God." It took wrestling in those days just as it takes today!

It is further recorded of William Bramwell that "when the result which he desired did not attend his own ministry, he would spend days and nights almost continually on his knees, weeping and pleading before God; and especially deploring his own inadequacy to the great work of saving souls. He was, at times, when he perceived no movement in the church, literally in agony, travailing in

## A Mighty Deliverer

George Bowen

**M**ANY are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psalm 34:19.

The Bible does not mock the anguish-bitten soul by telling it that the Christian cannot experience unhappiness or disappointment; or by telling it that it has no business to be wretched. The followers of the righteous Jesus are told distinctly that there are afflictions for them; and that these afflictions are many. So in drawing up an inventory of what belongs to them, they may put down many afflictions. These are a part of their property.

We see that it is not a disreputable thing to suffer. We are in good company.

The righteous man is infinitely more blessed in his afflictions than the unrighteous man in his exemption. The den of lions may be a better place than the royal couch.

The afflictions of the righteous are those that he encounters in the attempt to walk righteously. Some come upon him from his unsubmitive nature struggling against the new principle that seeks to control it. Many from the wickedness of men, who do their utmost that he may not continue in a path that they abhor. Many from the lukewarmness and want of sympathy of his brethren. Some from the suggestions of the adversary, seeking to undermine his faith.

Others again from the strange procedure of God, very different from what he had erringly anticipated. He thought that God would never let him be cast into a pit or sold to Ishmaelites. He thought that God would move with the speed of lightning to his rescue. He thought that God would call to him out of the clouds, "I have heard thy prayer."

birth for precious souls, till he saw Christ magnified in their salvation."

I am deeply persuaded that any church where a few are willing to give the week night supper hour, from six to eight, or the Sunday afternoon period from four or five until church begins, to waiting upon God, would soon see the mighty power of the Spirit manifested in the old-time way. It is a challenge worth trying! Don't give up too soon!

*"Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you."*

Some afflictions come upon him from wounded affections. Some from the disappearance of loved ones. Happy for us if we are able to feel in all our afflictions that they are the afflictions of the righteous. Not brought upon us by our own folly—by the neglect of divine guidance. But our Lord will deliver us from all our afflictions as we pray. James 5:13.

All the afflictions of the righteous open out into something glorious. The prisoner is not merely delivered, but he finds an angel waiting for him at the door. And with every deliverance comes a specific blessing. One angel is named Faith; another, Love; another, Joy; another, Longsuffering; another, Gentleness; another, Goodness; another, Meekness; another, Temperance; another, Peace. Each of these graces says, "We have come out of great tribulation."

### On Top

"They... shall reign in life." Rom. 5:17.

It is a great thing to reign, to be on top of one's circumstances. The weight of things so often presses us Christians down; whereas we should be on top of life. "They shall reign in life." I wonder whether we are doing it. We can soon discover. Let me suggest several tests by which you and I can see whether we are living this life of ours as a royal life or not. Listen! *Sins*: Are you living on top of them or are they on top of you? *Fears*: of men, of things, of the future; are they on top? *Feelings*: Are you on top, or do they rule you? *Nerves*: They are a very real burden, but we ought to be on top. *Circumstances*: Are we on top, or do the things that happen in daily life tend to crush us? God's intention for every Christian is that he shall reign.—Guy H. King.

# Enthroned With Christ

**A** FATAL mistake of generals is to underestimate the power of the enemy. The church today is doing that. It is written in Rev. 12:12, "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Paul wrote, "We are not ignorant of his devices." 2 Cor. 2:11. But alas, the majority in the church of Christ today are so ignorant that they even back up his devices—lending their lips to the accuser of the brethren.

Michael the archangel did not underestimate the power of the devil. We read in Jude 9 that when Michael contended with the devil about the body of Moses, he declared, "The Lord rebuke thee." Michael knew that the Lord was more than a match for the devil.

Are you mightier than Michael? How many of us have sought to meet Satan in our own power, and we have failed! The time is come when the saints must call on God; and, assured that the presence of the Lord is with them, must declare, "The Lord rebuke thee."

Christ recognized the voice of Satan even though he was using the lips of one of His disciples. He said to Peter, "Get thee behind Me, Satan," and the enemy had to obey.

Even in death Christ was triumphant over Satan. On the cross He said, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit." His body was not touched by corruption. He who had power to lay down His life, knew that He had power to take it again, and He came forth triumphant over the destroyer on the morning of His resurrection.

Satan is still going around "seeking whom he may devour." But the saints are exhorted to resist him, "steadfast in the faith." 1 Peter 5:8, 9. The saints can overcome the adversary through the blood of the Lamb, and through the word of their testimony concerning the power of that adequate sacrifice at Calvary.

"The devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time," and the saints should have great power, knowing that their time also is short. Increased power in Satan should cause the saints to receive increased power from the Lord. The Lord has promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

Christ says to us, "Abide in Me, and I in you." John 15:4. His purpose is that we shall be so filled with His presence and

power that we can say with Him, "Satan can find nothing (no place of lodgement) in me."

Christ made an open show of the principalities and powers, triumphing over them through the cross. Christ arose *above* all the principalities and powers. The apostle says to us, "God, who is rich in mercy . . . hath quickened us together with Christ . . . and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:4-6. Seated with Christ in heavenly places, we have an advantage over the devil. The saint seated with Christ in heavenly places does not look on the things on earth with fear and dismay, but he views the things on earth from the standpoint of heaven.

God has exalted our Lord Jesus Christ far above all principalities and powers and dominion. Christ is enthroned. He has the serenity of a victor; and He wants His saints to have the same serenity, the same sense of security, the same victory that He has. He says to His saints, "I give you authority over all the power of the enemy. *All power is given unto Me; go ye therefore into all the world, and preach the gospel.*"

The church of today has never realized the extent of that message: "*All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations.*" Matt. 28:18, 19, margin. But in the first century they did. It is written, "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working

with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16:20.

The Lord wants to give new emphasis to the commission: "*All power is given unto Me; go.*"

The present war has produced many strange inventions, and new explosives having terrific power, never before known. These have been produced through the exigencies of war. But spiritual warfare is more intense than earthly. Because of this there is need of a new apprehension of the promise, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." We need a fresh realization of the power that is in Christ Jesus. He has *all power*. He is in the place of power, above all other powers. So high, so exalted is Christ, that He can see all the forces of the enemy working. His enemies may take counsel together, but He that sitteth in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them all in derision.

He says to us, "Ye are My witnesses." He wants channels through whom He can exert His mighty power. Though the enemy may have great wrath, yet the Lord is equal to every occasion. He sent ten plagues on Pharaoh and He drowned Pharaoh's hosts in the Red sea. The greatest army of the greatest empire, that purposed to destroy His people, was overthrown by His negative power—the wind *ceased* blowing, and the sea fell back.

It is written, "The weakness of God is stronger than men." 1 Cor. 1:25. He laughs and holds His enemies in derision, and He will speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Psalm 2:4, 5. The Lord would have His people fully confident concerning His great power, His might, and the power of His Spirit. Have confidence in Him, in His gospel. Continue in prayer and in lowly waiting on Him, and count on Him to manifest His power as never before, and to do it through His yielded consecrated saints.

## Getting God's Thoughts

What trouble people take to learn a foreign language, to have access to its writers. Let no trouble be too great to understand the language of God, His Word, His Son. To learn a foreign language I get someone who knows it to teach me. The language of God is heavenly, spiritual, supernatural—altogether divine; only the Holy Spirit can teach me to understand it, to think God's own thoughts. Let me take Him as my teacher.—Andrew Murray.

Extravagance usually keeps pace with prosperity. The things we want are so much more expensive than the things we need.

As a tonic for a rundown reputation, try a dose of charity.

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ye think not.

LUKE 12:40

# A Timely Warning

R. E. Sternall



Lest coming  
suddenly,  
he find you  
sleeping.

Mark 13:36

**D**ARE we say, "Our Lord delayeth His coming?" and that Jesus will not return until after certain events transpire? Sometime ago, I was listening to a sermon preached by one who, as far as theory is concerned, believes in the imminent coming of our Lord. But during his message I perceived that in his heart he did not believe that our Lord would actually come for some time. In his sermon he tried to convince the people that there must first be a world-wide revival before Jesus comes again. In his heart he was really saying, indirectly, "My Lord delayeth His coming, until after we shall have had a world-wide revival."

I realize the tremendous need of revival and constantly cry to God for a general spiritual awakening; but I am afraid Satan is succeeding, at least in part, in hindering a general revival by robbing us of our hope, which is that which causes us to purify ourselves "even as He is pure." The unfaithful steward said in his heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Watch how Christians are acting, and you can know what they are thinking in their hearts. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

Would you, my brother, jeopardize your preparedness for meeting your Lord, by saying, "There will certainly be a world-wide revival before our Lord returns"? Dare you say with the unfaithful steward (Luke 12:45), "My Lord delayeth His coming until after there is a world-wide revival"? Do you realize how serious and alarming such an attitude is? By saying there will first be a great revival, you are indirectly saying, "My Lord will not return for some time." If this be your attitude, plausible as it may seem to you, if you have ever had a heart vision of the imminent coming of Christ, a light has now actually gone out in your soul; the daystar has ceased to shine, and the mists have darkened your horizon. If the morning star is not shining in the heart to gradually brighten the horizon of the soul for the break of day, the sudden bursting forth of the Sun of Righteousness will dazzle your eyes and compel you to admit, "I have failed to behold the glory, my lamp is gone out." Your cold wintry soul does not hear the springlike singing of birds, for it is not attuned to the Spirit's voice, the turtledove. The same is true if you

look for the tribulation, or anything else, rather than for your Lord. "The Lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for Him."

It is not my purpose to give the scriptures, pro or con as to whether there will be a general revival before the Lord Jesus comes again, or whether the situation demands a revival. Every consecrated child of God will continue to be a burning flame and do all in his power to revive others around him. He will occupy until He comes. I do however want to ask my reader this important question: Have you said in your heart, "My Lord delayeth His coming"? Are you certain that you have not? Have you said it indirectly by your words and actions showing that you are not looking for Him, but rather for another event?

Can you imagine a messenger of truth going to the unfaithful steward with the following message from the Lord: "Steward, the Lord has been greatly pained by the tongue beating around here, and by the way you people have become drunken with the spirit of the world around you. The love of many of you has waxed cold. But before your Lord comes again, you will all be well prepared for His return; for there will first be a great revival. Your Lord delayeth His coming." Would such a message not confirm the lie, that is already in the steward's heart and increase his carelessness? Would not such a messenger be a messenger of lies appointed to hinder the purifying influence that the hope of the Master's imminent return is calculated to produce?

The Holy Ghost, God-given message intended to lead His people to God and revival, presents a positive, insistent demand as regards our Lord Jesus Christ, "Behold now is the day"; "Prepare to meet thy God." James 4:7 does not read, "Be patient therefore brethren unto the coming of a revival." Some would read 1 John 3:3 thus: "Having the hope of a coming revival in him, he purifies himself even as He is pure." Hope may look forward to a revival, but faith produces revival in the present tense. We are not exhorted to hope for a revival, but to hope for His return. Faith looks up and sees the glory of God and hears Him say, "I AM." Faith knows her Lord, not simply as "I WILL BE,"

but she lives in the glory of His presence continually; and points to the ever-present, living Christ, with the burning message, "If thou wouldest believe (that I AM the resurrection and the life), thou shouldest see the glory of God." John 11:40.

We should indeed and by all means work and pray definitely and persistently for revival, while at the same time we carefully avoid all acts and statements indicating that we believe a certain kind of revival will come before the Second Coming of our Lord.

## His Father's Business

We shall never know whether we have much or little faith, until it is tested. Mr. Baker, the tent manufacturer of Kansas City, was known as a man of faith. He had been prosperous in business, and had accumulated a large stock of goods in a big factory building. The earnings from the operation of this business were largely given to the servants of God, and for the work of the Lord.

One evening a fire broke out, on one of the upper floors of the factory, and soon got beyond control. The materials were very inflammable, and burned fiercely and quickly. The firemen labored in vain, and soon the entire structure was a mass of smoking, burning ruins.

Mr. Baker stood in a nearby road, watching the terrible loss. No complaint came from his lips. He stood calmly and quietly, watching the destruction of that which he had spent years in accumulating.

A young Christian, standing by his side, thought to sympathize with him, and said, "There goes all that you have in the world. It is too bad; I am certainly sorry for your loss." To this Mr. Baker replied: "You are quite mistaken about it—that business was not mine—it belonged to my Father; I have just been His servant, operating the business for Him. I will now go home and will see what He wants me to do next for Him." Here was triumphant faith, bringing peace to the heart.

Half-heartedness consists in serving God in such a manner as not to offend the devil.

# The Fallen Mexican Woman

Mary McMillian

**R**OSALIND was a Mexican woman. She had big brown eyes, and was rather nice looking; but she was a sinner of the lowest type, the rankest kind of debauchee. But this was before she came to hate her loathsome, vile condition enough to turn from it, and consent to have her soul bathed in the precious shed Blood of the Lamb of God.

Rosalind was not discovered in a homey little cottage in a respectable part of town. She was not led down some thickly carpeted aisle in some lovely church building, to kneel at some beautifully carved altar rail. Perhaps she would have felt out of place in the barest mission hall. But God loved her soul. Christ had died that she might live. And so the Holy Spirit was seeking her out. Mary McMillian had not chosen this kind of ministry; nevertheless God had called her to it, and had made her to know it. And so in obedience to His will, she walked along this way.

I said, "Let me walk in the field."  
He said, "No, walk in the town."  
I said, "There are no flowers there."  
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the skies are black,  
There is nothing but noise and din."  
And He wept as He sent me back.  
"There is more," He said, "There is sin."

And so our friend left the more attractive part of the city and walked in slum town, watching for an opportunity to minister to some needy soul. Presently as she made her way along, her attention was called to a very unkept little lean-to house. What was inside she knew not, but she was strongly moved to stop and inquire. And so she approached the neglected-looking place and rapped on the door. A little Mexican girl about eleven years of age pushed open the door, and then, because she felt sure that God was leading, and because there was evidence of great need, the missionary entered the house. Inside she found three other children; a sister about nine years old, and twin boys about six years old.

The house was unspeakably dirty, more like a place where animals were housed than a home for human beings. "Where is your mother?" she asked. "She went away with two men," was the sad reply. "Have you had any breakfast?" "No," they said. "How long has your mother been gone?" "Three days." "Did she leave you any food?" "No, not much." "What

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Rom. 3:23, 24. "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." 1 Peter 2:24, 25.

did you have to eat last night?" "Only a little milk in a bottle." The little girls were crying. One brown-eyed boy sat on a box watching. The visitor looked around. No food anywhere, and very little coal. Certainly here was a real need, and she decided then and there to never leave those children until their mother returned.

No, there were no flowers blooming in a well-kept garden, nor grass growing in a nice front yard. There was no comfortable upholstered furniture, no innerspring mattresses to sleep on, and no costly tapestries or rugs. But there were hungry little stomachs, and souls that needed God.

I said, "But the air is thick,  
And the fogs are veiling the sun."  
And He answered, "Yet souls are sick,  
And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,  
And friends will miss me, they say."  
He answered, "Choose tonight  
If I am to miss you, or they?"

After getting somewhat acquainted they all started out in search of food; and thereafter the children went along wherever their new mother led the way. Out to the grocery store and lunch counter; downtown to a large department store; for their clothes were in rags, and very, very dirty. They needed so much attention. And over and above that they needed someone to care. They were fed, and cleaned up, and comfortably and decently dressed. Then the dirty clothes were put to soak, and they were put to bed for the night. But what about the visitor? Where did she sleep? What did she do? As the story was related she chose to sit up all night. If she had any sleep it was in a chair, for she couldn't bring herself to lie down on the dirty bed. But who would suppose that she spent the night in grumbling, or bemoaning her sorry plight? She had not been forced to stay. No one had required it of her. But her life was not her own. She had been raised up from the last stages of tuberculosis after

the doctor had pronounced her case hopeless. Therefore she was forevermore indebted to her God and Savior.

The second day friends were contacted, one a very wealthy lady who oftentimes came to the rescue of the poor and needy. She came and looked over the situation, and then left fifty dollars to help make that sparsely furnished house more comfortable. Throwing her arms around her little missionary friend, she said, "How can you stand it?" It certainly was not a very desirable place, but it was not impossible, for she was quite convinced that she was in God's will. So she stayed on. Clean bedding was provided. The house was cleaned up. The clothes were washed and patched. Necessary articles of furniture made the place more livable, and little Nora, and Eileen, and the two little boys were cared for.

And so the time passed until the fourth day, when a car stopped outside, and two men brought the Mexican mother back into her home in a very drunken condition. They laid her down, in her torn and filthy clothes, on the now clean bed. Our friend watched proceedings, and then to the men, "You go," she said, "and never dare to come back." Again that night our friend sat up in a chair. There was nothing better to do. In the night the poor woman began to sober up, and questioned, "Are you going to stay here? Don't you want to lie on the bed?" But it was out of the question to accept. And morning would come.

Morning did come—strange things were talked about. The Mexican debauchee was weeping. "I've lived an awful life," she said. "Do you want to live a different life?" "Yes, if I knew how I could support my children." "But do you really think you are supporting your children this way? leaving them alone all this time?" And then the woman who had fallen so low began to ask questions about the better way. "How can I know?" she inquired. Before our friend departed she offered up a prayer on behalf of that family, and encouraged the mother with kind words. "Now God is cleaning up your home, and you must keep it so," she admonished.

The visitor left sometime that first afternoon, but on the second day she returned. And what an encouraging sight met her eyes. The Mexican mother was crying and praying: "Oh, God, help me! And give me a home for my children." The Lord was dealing in grace with this fallen woman. In His merciful kindness He was leading her to repentance, and it was real repentance as later years have witnessed. The two men never came back and a new life was beginning for Rosalind. In two weeks time she was gloriously saved. She declared, "Something has taken place in my life." She was different.

She had confessed all, and thus had found the way of God's forgiveness. Her deliverance was becoming manifest. She could testify to the saving power of Christ.

And then she told more of her sad story. How sinful her life had been! How wretched! How vile! She confessed that one time while she was away on one of her awful sprees that her little baby had burned to death. Then how she had stayed at home for awhile, and had tried to quit her sinful life. But her leaning toward the old life had overpowered her, and she had gone from bad to worse. Needless to say she had suffered, and her little children had been made to suffer because of her waywardness.

But now that she had found peace, she must also find an honorable way to make a living. And again the wealthy friend came to the rescue, and a good position was secured in a bakeshop. A woman was found to help in a new home, in a more respectable part of town, and thus they were comfortably settled. The children were placed in school, and on Sundays attended Sunday School. Our missionary friend says: "Many times I visited that home on Sunday, and it was so sweet to see those little tots bow in prayer. I truly did love that little woman." Little Nora, the oldest girl, had also been saved, and it was found that she had a sweet voice, to sing the praises of God.

Eventually her Mexican friend was running her own bakeshop, a lovely place, and she was prospering. She had four women employees, and better days had come. The wealthy lady of our story would send her chauffeur around for some of the bakery goods for her own table. And best of all, the one-time debauche was now witnessing to the saving power of Christ.

This is hardly a nice story, but it is a story of real life, and a story with a blessed ending. For God had proved Himself abundantly able to deliver. And not only the mission worker, but the saved Mexican, could truly subscribe to the last verse of the poem:

Then into His hand went mine;  
And into my heart came He.  
And I walked in a light divine,  
The path I had feared to see.

### Teachers

I do not believe that all the statesmen in existence, and all the efforts they have ever made, have tended so much to the greatness and true happiness, the purity and glory of this country, as have the efforts of its Sunday School teachers.—John Bright.

Daniel was safer in a den of lions than the king in a royal palace guarded by an army of soldiers.

### Choice

A godly brother was led to go into a leading theater in London and give a tract to an actress he saw there. She asked him to accompany her into another room, which he did. In the room there were three ladies and three men. He gave them each a tract and departed. About a week later he received a letter from the actress, asking him to remember her in prayer, as she was that day going to do a most difficult thing.

A few weeks later another letter came asking for permission to call on him. A day was fixed, and this is what the actress said to him: "Your tract led me to the Saviour, and I immediately felt I must leave the stage. But what was I to do? I was the understudy of one of the leading actresses of the day, and under a seven years' contract. The day you received my letter asking you for prayer was the day I fixed to see the manager of the theater. I went to his office, and told him I was converted. Could he release me? The manager, deeply moved, said, 'Years ago, when I was a young man I too came under the influence of the Gospel but there came a day when I had to choose between my profession and Christ. I chose the stage, and from that day I have not known what happiness is. I am going to hell, and I dare not take the responsibility of ruining you. I release you from this hour.' That actress, now a child of God, sailed as a missionary for China.—Edith Goreham Clarke in *Dawn*.

### A Short Cut to Revival

"A meeting was being held in a large country church in Pennsylvania, where eleven or twelve hundred people crowded in to hear the message every night, yet there was no response. I felt that something was amiss and said to the pastor (an old college mate), 'Brother Stuart, is there a division in your church, or bad feeling toward each other on the part of any?' 'No,' said he, 'except possibly two sisters-in-law who do not speak to each other.' 'Are they influential families?' I asked. 'Yes,' said he, 'and some take one side and some the other.' We drove to the home of one of these women. Going direct to the point with her I said, 'My sister, I understand that you and your sister-in-law do not speak. Let us pray.' We got down on our knees. I said, 'Stuart, pray.' He did. Then I said to her, 'God commands us to love one another and to put away all bitterness. Now, sister, you pray.' She did not open her lips. We left the house and went to the other sister-in-law to whom I spoke as I had before. She burst into tears and said, 'Oh, how sorry I am about this!' I said, 'Stuart, pray,' and he did. Then I asked her to pray. The best she could

amid her tears, she prayed for her sister-in-law. I gave thanks to God. I said, 'Come on, Stuart, God is going to work.' That night many souls were saved and there was great blessing.

"To me it seems a sad mistake to try to get Christians engaged in various Christian activities without finding out the absolute pre-eminence and necessity of love. 'Above all things have fervent love among yourselves.' 1 Pet. 4:8. 'If any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye.' Col. 3:13, R. V.

"If the Christians were all one in heart, the world would know that the Father sent Christ and would be convicted of the awful sin of unbelief. But until we love one another freely and fully, it cannot be so."—Wm. R. Newell.

### The Power of the Spirit

In a granite quarry in North Carolina, the manager said to me, "We supplied the granite for the Municipal Building in New York City. We can lift an acre of solid granite ten feet thick, to almost any height we may desire for the purpose of moving it. We do it by compressed air. It can be done as easily as I can lift that piece of paper and move it through the air."

This thing that I can move my hand through, and which does not seem to have any power at all, yet under compression can lift an acre of granite. O Thou Holy Spirit invisible, of whose presence we are sometimes not conscious, still Thou hast the power to lift a heart toward God, though it is hard and heavy as granite!

I went into the great building where artists from Italy were chiseling this granite into shape. Their instruments cut it round and round, carving that flower and that great pillar as easily as if it were cheese. I said, "How do you do it?" Again the answer was, "By compressed air." It is the compressed air that moves the instrument and, guided by the intelligence of the artist, can chisel this hard granite into any desired shape. Oh, that God, in the quiet power of His Holy Spirit, would not only lift us up, but chisel us into shape, into the very form and image of Jesus Christ our Lord, after we have been born from above!—A. C. Dixon.

### Getting Alone With God

Lonesomeness is part of the price one must pay for deep spirituality. The farther on man goes with God the less he may hope for human companionship.

Soul-culture is tremendously difficult, but its rewards are infinite.—A. G. Ward.

# "God Will Strike You Dead!"

Charles A. E. Duncombe

"The sword is sharpened...to make a sore slaughter." Ezek. 21:9, 10.

A church member of ours had a brutal husband. Many years' soldiering had increased and inflamed an already vicious nature. The drinking habit recklessly indulged in had eradicated the last traces of human affection from this pitiless man. Even among his fellow workmen on the docks, themselves men of blasphemous speech and rough ways, he was regarded with a kind of awe. His black temper, fearful language and gorillalike strength established his reputation as the toughest of a tough crowd. His lurid oaths and bitter curses caused even his companions to whisper of divine judgment.

To say that his wife's life was hell upon earth was to put it mildly. A new gas stove was installed. The moment he saw it, in a paroxysm of rage, with naked hands he tore it from its fastenings, at the same time shattering the oven door with violent kicks.

His wife's condition was pitiful, the effect of his shameful ill treatment. She was stone-deaf, fearfully shortsighted and a nervous wreck.

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## The Valley of Baca

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he wonders if he has strength to enable him to endure. Be not too much worried as you sense your weakness. There is a lesson for us here. The great apostle felt himself hindered in spiritual progress through some infirmity of human weakness and earnestly went to the Lord that what he called "a thorn in the flesh" might be removed from him. Then he discovered, "My strength is made perfect in weakness" and he became a richer man.

Rising from his sight of weakness he exclaimed, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong!" What a lesson! "When I am weak, then am I strong!"

Perhaps we have been relying too much on our human endeavor, our ability to be faithful, or to endure. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing." The blessed or supremely happy man is he "whose strength is in Thee."

In desperation one day she said "God will strike you dead!"

A few days later, *He did.*

He was coming home at lunch hour with a gang of workers. Suddenly they saw his powerful form stagger. The dark face flushed. He whirled on one foot and without a cry, fell heavily forward and lay still.

When they picked him up he was dead!

I buried him; not a pleasant task. These sublime words in the burial service, "*He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die,*" did not apply to him. The pearls of gospel truth he had ruthlessly trampled underfoot, turning to rend the hand that offered them.

To all such, here is a message from God, "*Because there is wrath, beware!*" "*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.*"

"O Christless sleep—how sad!  
What waking shalt thou know?  
For thee no stars, no dawning glad,  
Only the lasting woe!

"O Christless soul—awake!  
Ere thy last sleep begins.  
O Christ the sleeper's slumbers break  
Burst thou the bands of sin!"

God's grace is sufficient for us, and He is wanting us to learn "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who *believe.*" Our strength to go through is not our poor human strength. That is only weakness. It is divine. It is "with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness."

They who have found the Lord their strength "go from strength to strength," from one degree of strength to another, advancing from the weakness of infancy to the strength of childhood, of youth, middle life; and, in this Christian pilgrimage, fortitude of strength becomes the crowning blessing of age. Caleb learned a little of this strength, and after reaching the ripe old age of eighty could still say, "as my strength was then, so it is now." What a secret is learned when one has learned the lesson of taking God for his strength in all things.

Wherein is the excellence of this strength, this life "hid with Christ in God"? It is all excellence, its whole contact with man and things and circumstances. But its chief excellence is its abiding relationship to God. Those

"whose strength is in thee" "everyone of them in Zion appeareth before God." They live in communion, their fellowship is "with the Father and with the Son." They are among those described, "But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem—to the general assembly and church of the Firstborn, and to God the Judge of all—and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." It is bitter when our relationships with men are marred through our lack of strength, but after all it is our fellowship with God that is of greatest importance.

The way to the celestial city leads the Christian pilgrim through many valleys, one of which is the Valley of Baca. This word "Baca" means weeping. Jesus wept. Paul wept. Jeremiah was the weeping prophet, and all good people have wept. Life brings with it many sorrows. But we must not too long remain in the Valley of Baca. The blessed man is he who is but "passing through."

Recently I met a fine woman whom I met years ago. Then she talked so much about certain sorrows and misunderstandings through which she had passed. When I saw her recently she was going over the same ground. Her spirit was not unkind, but it was sad. This sadness she has continued to nurse all these years. She lives in her Valley of Baca instead of passing through.

There are many others who have camped too long in this dismal valley. Some have so submitted to the influence of Baca that they have adopted a spirit of unforgiveness to those whom they think have wronged them. They cannot forget, and continue to hold a grudge. Have you not met such? Real or imaginary injuries have taken such deep root in the heart that they have continued to nurse them, sometimes for years. Such persons are living in the valley. God wants us to pass through. Should you be one of those whose pilgrimage has stopped, whose tent is pitched in this valley of sadness, regret, melancholy, distrust, or doubt, it is time for you to pack your baggage and move. God promises no blessing to him who stays in the valley. His promise is to those who pass through.

How long it may take us to pass through the Valley of Baca cannot well be assured. Some things give greater pain than others. Some things are more difficult to triumph over than some other things are. We are safe if, when in the valley, the determination of our heart is not to stay too long there, but to get across. Those whose strength is in the Lord transform the valley as they cross. They make it a well. Realizing their need of divine help and victory they "go to



digging." Isaac followed the way which had been taken by his exemplary father. He found the wells filled up which Abraham had digged. We have no record that he sat down in the valley and wept beside those wells, nursing the injury and injustice which had been done in closing them, thus depriving those who needed their soothing waters. Instead we learn that "Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father." Isaac was a pilgrim and when beset he went to digging. With what result? "And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water." His digging brought him a gusher.

How unkind it seems that Abraham and Sarah should send Hagar and her son away, as it would seem, to perish. We find Hagar as she lays the lad under the shade of a bush and goes from him some distance that she may not see him die for lack of water. There "she lift up her voice and wept." How she might have nursed her feeling of injustice done her as she meditated upon the past! In deepest truth she was in her Valley of Baca. Then God opened her eyes, "and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink." Every Valley of Baca has its divinely given living water, if, in passing through, we do not allow the bitter things to overcome us, but instead, seek the well of divine blessing that God wishes us to find there.

There is another blessing that comes to the pilgrim who seeks refreshing waters in the midst of the valley of sorrow. "The rain also filleth the pools." As we look for God's sustaining strength; as we seek His sweetness in the face of trial; as we dig deeper, the rains from above begin to fall, and continue to fall, until all the pools which we have digged become filled with water. We dig, but our digging is only a preparation. God lets us dig until we have created the pools. The digging may be dry, but when the pools are formed, they are filled with water from heaven. Thus the soul is renewed and ready again for the march. We see the pilgrims as they go forward, "from strength to strength" with renewed hope, fullness of love, conquering and to conquer "each of them appearing before God" radiant in triumphs won in the valley, to rejoice in the fond and lasting benediction of God, who makes bitter waters sweet, and who leads even in the valley of sorrow.

### *Pilgrims and Strangers*

"We must be willing to be like Abram. He went out, not knowing whither he went; the when and the where we may safely leave with God."—T. Walker of Tinnevelly.

### *How Much Longer?*

"We plead for these neglected millions. We raise our voice on their behalf. They cannot speak for themselves. Distance makes them dumb. Strangership silences them. They wander in moral mid-night. They know not what they do. Year after year, age after age, they fall and perish as though of no more worth than the withered leaves of autumn. They have fallen by millions, and no one has cared for them. They have perished from the earth, gone into a dark and dread eternity, without ever having heard of Him who died and rose that men might live, who was lifted up from the earth that He might draw all men unto Him, and who cries aloud to a ruined but redeemed

humanity: 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.'

"We plead for the neglected millions of heathendom. We say to the Church of Jesus Christ: 'Behold them! They are our own brothers and sisters in a common humanity. They are one with us in sin and ruin—let them be one with us in the knowledge of Salvation.'

"Awake, O selfish, sleeping, forgetful Church, arouse thee to thy neglected duties, fulfil thy solemn mission; bear thy testimony; send forth thy sons; proclaim thy glorious message; gird thyself, and give thyself, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the tremendous task of evangelizing the uttermost parts of the earth."—H. Grattan Guinness.

## *Spiritual Victories*

### FOR OUR FIGHTING MEN

#### BIG—BUT NOT TOO BIG

In Oklahoma City, Okla., Jerry Collins, Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy, attended the Victory Service Center. He is a big man—6 feet 5 inches tall, weighing over 250 lbs., and through his Navy experience he had seen a lot of sin. Still, this big Chief was not too big to be brought to his knees in the office of the Center, with tears coursing down his face. Walter Haydus, director of the Center, reports that Jerry poured out his heart to the Lord and experienced a marvelous conversion. After victory had been wrought in his heart, he immediately got to his feet and headed for the canteen to witness to all the other servicemen to what the Lord had done in his heart.

Jerry Collins is just one of more than forty fellows who have been saved since Brother and Sister Haydus became directors of the Center just a short time ago. The Lord has marvelously blessed their ministry and each week produces greater victories in the name of Christ.

The Victory Service Center in Providence, Rhode Island, reports a steadily increasing attendance. The last letter received from them informs us that nine accepted Christ that morning in an early breakfast service. Others were led to the Lord during the day as they visited the center and experienced a new thing in Christian fellowship.

The appreciation of servicemen for the hospitality is indicated in a letter written by one of a group of three members of the Royal Air Force who attended the Center:

"I want to thank you for the two nights we spent in Providence. It was just like home. In the five years that I have been in the Royal Air Force, I have never come across such a fine place and I am happy to know that it is continuing for other boys. I shall soon be going back to England, carrying the sweet memory of the fellowship offered me by the people of the U. S. A. (Signed) R. Dawson."

#### CHAPLAIN BERG IN FRANCE

A letter just received from Chaplain Stanley Berg is headed with greetings from France.

"I have just finished three services and have at least one more today—maybe more. I had four services scheduled this afternoon and night. There is plenty to do and not enough time. At least sixty-five turned to Christ last week. All is not sweet. Some things are plenty rough and tough but God is leading. The chaplain is really an important man over here and is able to do much for eternity. We are having good attendance for the services. REVEILLE is being devoured by the thousands. Send another five thousand at once. I have been all over the peninsula from Cherbourg to the front lines, on the beaches and inland. Hungry hearts are everywhere. The gospel is received and cherished. I have seen some hot fireworks and some pathetic scenes.

"There is more work to do here than I have time to accomplish. It is work to encourage the heart.

"Send an individual communion set at once."

The communion set and five thousand REVEILLE have already been shipped to Chaplain Berg. Others of our Assemblies of God chaplains are using thousands of REVEILLE each month. At present, well over two thousand chaplains of all denominations are using our literature. Pray with us for the hand of God in meeting the tremendous need that confronts us in this hour.

There are three important things that every EVANGEL reader can do:

- (1) Send to the Servicemen's Department the names of all Assemblies of God servicemen. Proper cards will be provided upon request.
- (2) Pray for the salvation of souls among men of our armed forces.
- (3) Send an offering to meet the financial needs of this ministry.

**SERVICEMEN'S DEPARTMENT**  
336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri

# FORWARD...

*to the uttermost parts*

## Reinforcements Now Appearing

What a thrilling thing it is to receive news from our missionaries of their safe arrival and early experiences in their fields of labor. An interesting descriptive letter has just been received from our Brother and Sister Kenneth Godbey who recently left the shores of America for Nigeria, West Africa. Their letter reads in part:

On April 23rd we set sail on the Portuguese "S. S. Serpa Pinto" from the shores of our homeland, bound for the regions beyond. After an uneventful voyage of two weeks we arrived in Lisbon, Portugal on May 5th. We quickly passed through customs and immediately endeavored to make arrangements to be on our way again as soon as possible. We discovered that transportation would not be available for some days so there was nothing to do but wait. Thus we had opportunity to see a great number of things which were new to us.

May 27th we embarked on the Portuguese "S. S. Quanza." As we sailed southward we began to see many indications that we were nearing the tropics. We stopped at the Maderia Islands but were not allowed to leave the boat. The natives came out to the ship in their little boats, stacked high with fruit and goods for sale. When we had completed discharging cargo we again set sail. After several days of watching the porpoises, flying fish, sharks, and other sea life we arrived at the Island of San Tome. The next day, June 11, we reached Santo Antonio de Zaire, a port at the mouth of the Congo River. We disembarked about noon and boarded a river launch for the Belgian outpost of Banana. Here we were introduced for the first time to native life and the tropics. It was a beautiful spot and as the sun was setting a number of missionaries gathered on the sands along the shore and had a time of worship and praise. How gracious God had been to us all, keeping us from the countless dangers and perils of the great deep.

We stayed overnight at Banana and early next morning dressed by candlelight in preparation for the trip up the Congo River by launch to Matadi. This proved to be a very interesting, eleven-hour trip. We saw our first monkeys out of cages and a big crocodile sunning himself on a rock.

June 14th, we left Matadi by train for Leopoldville where we were to make plane connections for Nigeria. Here we again had a wait of several days, but on July 3rd we boarded a plane for Lagos, Nigeria. What

a wonderful sight it was as we flew for hours above the dense jungles and forests with little native villages here and there dotting the green of the bush with brown. In Lagos we found a place of hospitality with a dear sister in the Lord where we stayed until again embarking by plane for Port Harcourt. This particular stage of the journey was surely arranged by the Lord, for it saved us a long wearisome train journey of several days and at the same time cost us no more.

Arriving in Port Harcourt we were met by Elmer Frink. Rex Jackson arrived later in the day by train from upcountry. We stayed in Port Harcourt one day and left early in the morning for the mission station. The train pulled into the station of Old Umuahia Malt about noon. I do not believe we shall ever forget that welcome and how it thrilled our hearts. A great crowd of the natives and brethren were there. As the train came to a halt we quickly pushed our baggage through the coach windows to those waiting to receive it and then set our feet on ground which we will tread many times in the years to come. We shook hands and saluted brothers and sisters in the Lord. How happy they were that we had arrived! Part of their prayers had been answered. Our baggage was carried on kinky heads and with us in the forefront the group made its way to the compound singing the songs of Zion in their own tongue and in English. How our hearts filled with gratitude and love for these people among whom God has called us to labor. How simple and childlike they are and yet how they have already won a place in our hearts!

On Sunday we attended our first services in Umuahia. I preached by the aid of an interpreter in the morning service. In the afternoon we sat by and listened to one of the native brethren bring the message. How I marvel at the grace of God and His power to transform the lives of these heathen people and bring them into His great family! The brother who preached in the afternoon, Ben Osumo, brought a wonderful message from the Word. The singing was beautiful; to me it sounded heavenly! They are fine singers and have close harmony. If only those in the homeland could see and hear what we have seen and heard here of the transforming grace of God, there is no doubt but that His people would consecrate themselves in a deeper way and give to the cause of missions as never before. More and more workers are needed. I wonder how

many will say, "Here am I, send me"? There is so much to be done, so many thousands to be reached with the gospel and the laborers are so few. Can there not be more volunteers?

Please continue to remember the work out here in prayer and by your gifts, praying that God will give us strength and wisdom to minister Christ to those who sit in darkness.

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*Flash!*

As this article, "Reinforcements Now Appearing," goes to press, a cablegram has reached the Missions Department from the Clarence Goudies and the Earl Hances stating: "Arrived Safely." The cable originated in Umuahia, Nigeria, so there are still more workers to join the Kenneth Godbeys in a forward push for Christ in needy Nigeria. Pray that these new workers may be used of God in a mighty way.

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### THINGS YOU WANT TO KNOW

John F. Hall

#### Furlough French West Africa

"Do you ever have any white people saved in Africa?"—is a question not infrequently asked. Colonial government men, business men, traders and travelers are not the kind easily approached with the gospel and often the very presence of a missionary is distasteful to them. But we do endeavor to witness simply to them when we have opportunity.

One day while preaching in the Ougadougou chapel in Mossi, a French serviceman walked in. We stopped long enough to invite him to go to the mission house where Brother Chastagner was conducting a Bible Class in French for some educated Africans. After the first class Monsieur B—attended regularly and through that class came to know Christ as his personal Savior.

He came voluntarily one day and said that he was going to give the monthly equivalent to the support of a native evan-



gelist that he had been spending on cigarettes! Wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if Americans did that when they find Christ?

Later he wished to be baptized and was humble enough to take his place along with a group of Mossis who were being publicly baptized. He grew in grace and was refreshing to us all.

Shortly after Hitler began his purge of the Jews, we had our first white convert in

Upper Ivory Coast. A Jewish surgeon-doctor from Austria and another in the Sanitation Service were located by the government in Mossi Land. It was our privilege to talk at length with both of them but the Smiths and Chastagners on their respective mission stations had the initial joy of leading both of these Jews to the true Messiah. May God grant us more "whites" in Africa who shall find Christ as Savior, Redeemer and Friend.

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## Blessing in Brazil

Bernhard Johnson

Looking back over the events of the last few months our hearts overflow with joy, for the Father has blessed us with a heaven-sent revival!

Many new doors have opened for us to go and preach the Word. We are not refusing any of the invitations but are on the go from early morning to late at night. Week before last we had the privilege of going to the village of "Villa Barcelona." We did not have time to start our first song before the house was overcrowded and we had to move out into the street. We spoke from the text: "Behold the Lamb of God!" We asked the people how many of them knew that Jesus died and arose again. Many knew of the dead Christ, but not one of them knew that He still lives. How thankful we are to God for the opportunity we had to tell them about the risen Savior. At the close of the meeting we had the joy of praying with eight sinners who desired salvation. A few days later, we went back to the same village for a visit. The people saw us coming and, gathering in the house where we were visiting, they insisted on having a meeting. Thank God, there are still hungry hearts anxiously waiting to hear the message of salvation!

We have given out thousands of tracts and hundreds of Gospels these last few weeks. We believe that God's Word will bear fruit. In one of the towns where we have a work there is a large camp where about one thousand soldiers are stationed. We were able to visit them and distribute Gospels to soldiers and officers alike. Our Gospels have the colors of the Brazilian flag on the cover so they are accepted readily. We also had two meetings in this place and a great number of men attended the services. How we do wish that we had more help to spread the Word of God.

The Lord is also pouring out of His rich blessing in Tres Pontas. Many new converts are waiting to be baptized in water. There will be a real stir in the town when the people hear that we are going to have a baptismal service. The property for the new church in Tres Pontas is nearly paid for. Both saved and unsaved are very anxious to see a church built in this place.

Our native evangelist sent us a good report from the work in Parraguassu. There are conversions every meeting and the interest is great. We are going there for a baptismal service shortly. The need for a church in this town is acute. Many people have to stand outside of the present building to hear the message. This month we make the last payment on the lot so we will be able to start building soon.

There are great opportunities for the preaching of the gospel in these towns and God is giving us a real revival. Do continue to pray for this needy land, that God will save many souls while the door of salvation is still open.

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## Crumbling Walls in Nepal

Esther B. Harvey

Nepal, the little country on the south slopes of the Himalayan mountains, has for years been closed to Christianity. No one is permitted to preach inside the border, though the gospel has found entrance through other channels.

Many years ago when Mr. Harvey and a couple of his workers were on a tour along the border, they went some miles inside and preached. They were apprehended and called up before a magistrate, who voiced his disapproval of their action in no uncertain terms. He told Mr. Harvey that a few years before there had been a number of Nepalese who had declared themselves Christians but they had mysteriously disappeared. While he was talking, a group of young men came forward and said that they were willing to put these Christians out of the way. But God's hand was on our men for they were escorted out of the country and released with the warning not to appear inside again or it would not go well with them. That was thirty years ago. Since then Gospels have been sold to the Nepali people who have taken them back into the interior. I believe that as a result there are a number of real Christians in this closed land.

During the past few years the Lord has given us another opportunity to minister the gospel to Nepal. We have three Nepali boys in our orphanage. Their father, who

worked on the railroad, had heard the gospel and was a secret believer, although he did not dare to declare his faith openly. He had two wives who were sisters. They had lived a sheltered, secluded life until the husband died. As he had placed the children in Christian schools the mothers wished them to continue their education under Christian influence. We were asked to take the three boys but discovered that the mothers were in such difficult circumstances that they were unable to place the children in the orphanage. However, we saw this as a real opportunity not only to give the gospel to some Nepalis but to teach and train these boys for a ministry among their own people. So we took them in.

I have kept them free of charge and paid for their school books while the mothers have clothed them. I asked the older boy if the mothers are Christians and he assured me that they are but that they dare not make open profession of their faith.

Will you not pray for these lads that they may be living witnesses for Christ in this closed land of Nepal? The older boy is so devoted to his two younger brothers even though they are the children of his "Little Mother" as he calls her. He calls his own mother, "Big Mother." Our prayer is that the Word of God may become so living to them that even though their Bible might be taken away from them they would have a testimony for our Lord. Is not this a challenge to our hearts to lay hold of God in prayer as never before that the closed doors of Nepal may be quickly opened wide to the gospel?



● The three Nepali boys.

## Among the Assemblies

MAYWOOD, CALIF.—Evangelist J. C. Bonds of Covina closed a very successful evangelistic campaign in this city. I consider it the best Pentecostal preaching we have ever had.—Arthur W. Erickson, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—We recently closed a wonderful meeting with Evangelist Douglas Carroll of Crichton, Ala. This was one of the best meetings we have ever had, 20 coming for salvation and one being filled with the Spirit. Our church was thoroughly revived. As a church we thank God for Brother Carroll's ministry.—Currell Muirhead, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—We just closed a tent revival at 33rd and Hoover Streets, with Evangelists Ira and Rhoda Heath from Colorado. Eight or 9 were saved or reclaimed, and 3 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Quite an interest was stirred up among the students at a nearby college. Two families have been added to our number. Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor, Assembly of God, 3705 S. Vermont Ave.

AUBREY, TEXAS—The Bethel Tabernacle has been blessed by a mighty Holy Ghost revival. Each night in our meetings we had an average attendance of about 500. Friday night we had a divine healing service, and many outstanding healings occurred. L. F. Ammons of Carrollton was the evangelist, and he stirred the people by his unusual and outstanding messages. As a result, about 45 people were saved, 34 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 42 were baptized in water.—Bessie Adams, Pastor.

LIVINGSTON, CALIF.—A glorious three and a half week revival has been conducted here by Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey, of 115 Gregory Ave., Whittier, Calif. Night after night our brother stirred us as never before; his ministry was a great blessing.

Since our coming to Livingston the Lord has blessed us in a wonderful way. We have been here 15 months. A year ago we had 35 in Sunday School. At the close of the revival we had 124. Since the first of the year, the Lord has blessed us with a 6-room parsonage.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gaither, Pastors.

BILOXI, MISS.—We ask the *Evangel* family to join with us in gratitude to God for the marvelous success of our recent tent revival, launched on behalf of the servicemen and women in this section. The ministry of Evangelist Floyd E. Heady of St. Louis, Mo., was highly successful, proved by the fact that many filled the altars nightly. Together with the many civilians and other servicemen who found Christ, 10 army sergeants and their wives were converted. Many of the young men have since moved to different parts of the country, and others have gone overseas. Almost daily, letters come from them, expressing their appreciation because they had found Christ in this revival effort.—D. V. Williams, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

DOWNSVILLE, LA.—We wish to report the closing of a splendid and highly successful revival at the Pleasant Valley Church. Seven or 8 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and several others were saved. Sister Uber Arrington did her own preaching, as she failed to get an evangelist. My wife and I were the special singers. God was with us and our souls were fed throughout the five weeks.—Ben Naron, Route 4, Box 522-A, West Monroe, La.

BELLA VISTA, CALIF.—May 30, 1943, we started this little work, with only 19 in Sunday School. The building was only 12x24 feet. Since that date we have had three revivals, the last one, just closed, conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Hopper of Templeton. Thirty-four have knelt for salvation, 2 have received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and our Sunday School attendance has reached 156. Our building is twice as large as it was when we started. The Lord has surely blessed.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Hickerson, Pastors, P. O. Box 1163, Pittsburg, Calif.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—Our Assembly has just closed a revival which was like a chapter out of the book of Acts. We pitched a tent three miles from our church, and for five weeks had one of the most glorious meetings ever held in this section. Over 80 prayed through to real heartfelt salvation, and 20 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, as night after night waves of glory and conviction swept over the congregation. Forty-five have followed the Lord in water baptism, with about 15 more to be baptized, and 36 have united with the church. We broke all Sunday School records with as high as 190 in attendance. We had no outside evangelist, our pastor W. Glenn West, doing the preaching. God met us in a wonderful way.—Don Howell, Secretary, Box 255, Dorothy, W. Va.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—A most profitable revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur S. Arnold, Hebrew Christians, has just been conducted at the First Assembly of God, Lancaster and Dittmar Streets. The interest and the attendance were good from the first night to the last. We had two services daily. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, both in the morning and in the evening services. A great number of servicemen, including one captain, were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Brother Arnold's messages were very unique and original. He spoke on the Holy Ghost, taking the scriptures from the Old Testament and then showing their fulfillment in the New Testament.

We had a lovely water baptismal service the last afternoon, and opened the doors of the church the last night, receiving 12 new members. Brother Arnold came here for two weeks but stayed three.—Mr. and Mrs. Gideon O. De Merchant, Pastors.

SALEM, OHIO—Sometime ago we purchased a brick building, located on a good corner on our main street, and after six months we have it nearly ready for dedication. The building has been completely remodeled, with a new brick front of colonial architecture. The basement has been lowered and cemented, and

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After eight years as pastor here, we are very grateful to God for His blessings on what was only a pioneer work when we came here. Our Vacation Bible School closed this year with a record enrollment of 94, and our Sunday School attendance, even before we enter our new building, is running higher than ever. On September 17 we expect to open a series of special meetings in our new building, N. Howard and W. State Sts., with Evangelist Charles Hirst as speaker.—Milton R. Searles, Pastor.

VINITA, OKLA.—In the two years we have ministered here, we have had well over 30 saved or reclaimed, about that number filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit, and 22 baptized in water. A man who had been stricken with creeping paralysis and tumor of the spine, and who had never been saved, prayed through when he was 70 years old, and I had the privilege of baptizing him even though he was paralyzed from his waist down. We put him on an ambulance cot and took him down to the creek (just a short distance from his house), pulled him out into the water, and baptized him while he was sitting on the cot. God gave us another man, 88 years old, who had never been saved before, and I baptized him in water. Though old and feeble, he came out of the water almost shouting the praises of our Saviour. Oh, it is wonderful what God will do for those who will pay the price!

We have children's services here, and several of the children have prayed through to salvation. There is a good interest among the children. We have from 20 to 29 regularly in our Booster service, which I think is pretty good for our little church.—L. H. Gundlach, Pastor.

### MONTANA YOUTH CAMP

The second Youth Camp held in northern Montana recently closed after ten very profitable days. At least 15 young people, as well as a larger number of boys and girls under 12, were definitely saved. Three received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The attendance was about 200, more than double that of last year. Boys and girls and young people, ages from 9 to 20, were accepted. The camp was held in the mountains at Beaver Creek Park, 20 miles southeast of Havre, Montana. Many young folk came hundreds of miles to attend.

The program included teaching in the morning, recreation in the afternoon, and an evangelistic service in the evening. John F. Hauck of Helena was the evangelist. Fred Dalton of Libby, E. A. Born of Cut Bank, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burdette Wiles of Havre, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barfoot of Wolf Point, A. A. Howell of Malta, M. Dormier of Fairfield, Carl Hines of Opheim, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Willis-croft of Glogow, were the teachers.

The cost of the camp was \$5.75 for the 10 days. In spite of the low cost of each one, there was a good balance in the treasury at the end of the camp.—Paul Willis-croft.

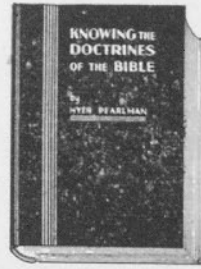
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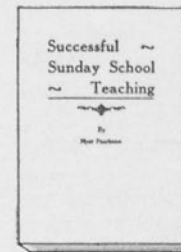
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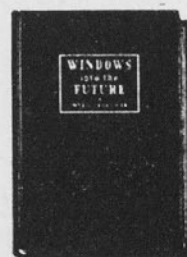
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FORT SMITH, ARK.—We came to the New Bethel Assembly of God, N. 8th and T Streets, almost a year ago, and God has certainly blessed our efforts for Him. We found a very fine group of people, to whom God had been especially good, in giving them the leadership of their former pastor, O. E. Gaugh. God had blessed Brother Gaugh in a special way in the building of a very fine church and parsonage. The church will seat about 400.

In the few months we have labored here, we have had four very good revivals, conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Bird Campbell, Evangelist Burton Pierce, Evangelist and Mrs. Philip Megna, and Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Luther Davidson. During Brother Davidson's meetings we had the largest crowds in the history of our church. People came as in the days of yore, to seek God. Many nights our altars were lined with seekers; we saw as many as 30 seeking God one night. Our Sunday School attendance is now averaging about 225. Many are being saved and filled in our regular services.—Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Crace.

TEXAS WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The Texas Woman's Missionary Council met at Waxahachie, Texas, in connection with the Texas District Council. About 500 women from our local churches were present. Gladys Pearson of San Bernardino, Calif., brought the afternoon message. The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. D. Davis, President; Mrs. J. D. Jolly, Vice-President; Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer. The following is the report of the Secretary-Treasurer:

Pentecostal Evangels and other religious papers distributed, 11,102. Tracts distributed, 335,938. Bibles given, 437. Testaments given, 3,999. Gospels given, 8,735. Story books given, 211. Sick calls made, 29,429. Hospital calls, 18,225; Prison services, 20. Jail services, 687. Prayer Meetings, 4,703. Meals given, 4,237. Garments given, 15,255. Pairs of shoes given, 1,357. House-to-house calls, 25,986. Quilts quilted, 472. Quilt tops made, 87. Quilts given, 191. Sandwiches given, 335. Foreign missionary boxes sent, 66. Bouquets given, 2,658.

Number of members of W. M. C., 1,785. Average attendance, 1,153.

The following councils have been organized since the last convention: Wortham; Bascom Assembly, Route 7, Taylor; Troup; Glad Tidings, San Antonio; Los Angeles Heights Assembly, San Antonio; Government Hill Assembly, San Antonio; Coady-Baytown, Route 1; Plano; Fairfield; Grace Tabernacle, Dallas; Love Field Drive; Cooper; Bowie; First Assembly, Beaumont; Pine Grove Assembly, Beckville.

The following councils have been reorganized: Rusk; Cayuga.

The Woman's Missionary Councils of Texas have been very active. The Tyler Section canned several hundred jars of fruit and vegetables for the Bible School. Almost all sections have given furnishings for the school. Houston has given very freely to the school; Dallas has given about 100 pieces of furniture. Many hours have been spent in Red Cross work and many garments have been given as miscellaneous items, besides those listed in the report.

Financial Report

Foreign Missionary offerings	\$4,298.28
Cash on flowers	2,326.85
Home Missionary offerings	2,152.45
Estimate of groceries given	2,496.19
Cash on local churches	3,983.47
Cash on local parsonages	2,047.88
Cash on Bible Schools	1,184.53
Cash on miscellaneous items	4,081.58

Total \$22,571.23  
Mrs. E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—220 S. College Ave., Aug. 27—; Evangelist and Mrs. J. C. McClusky.—C. E. Turner, Pastor.

GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.—4th Ave. and 7th St., Aug. 23—; Jack Pope, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—E. N. Oster, Pastor.

CORAOPOLIS, PA.—Pentecostal Tabernacle; Sept. 3. for 2 weeks; Beatrice Wells and Ruth Stewart, Singing Evangelists.—M. Mastro, Pastor.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO.—C. A. Rally and Fellowship Meeting, Sept. 4. Services 10:30, 2:30 and 8:00.—Franklin Murray, Secretary-Treasurer.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Third at Vine, Aug. 13-Sept. 3; R. L. Buckley, Rockford, Ill., Evangelist.—R. Elmer Baker, Pastor.

EAST ALTON, ILL.—The Garner Radio Band, Maplewood, Mo., will be at 319 W. Main St., Sept. 10, 9:30 a. m. until noon. Basket dinner in Rock Springs Park.—L. L. Ferguson, Pastor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Dedication of New Church, corner Montford Ave. and W. Chestnut St., Sept. 3, 3:00 p. m. Revival Sept. 10—; Mabel Willetts, Evangelist.—Wm. E. Hadden, Pastor.

HAMMON, OKLA.—Special Panhandle and Northwest Sectional Fellowship Meeting, all day, Sept. 11. Brother and Sister W. M. Rumbough, Pastors.—W. C. Crowder, Sectional Secretary.

SOUTH BEND, IND.—1115 S. Michigan St., Oct. 4-23; Wallace Ross, Bellflower, Calif., speaker, Einar Waermo, Swedish tenor, singer.—C. C. Burnett, Pastor.

DELAWARE, OHIO.—Ohio State C. A. Convention, High School, Sept. 4. Services 9:00, 2:00 and 7:00. Election of officers at afternoon service. Ernest Sumrall, special speaker. Special servicemen's service in evening.—Thomas Sutton, C. A. President.

WESTERN NEW YORK CAMP MEETING  
Western New York Pentecostal Camp Meeting, Silver Lake Institute (Methodist grounds), Silver Lake, N. Y., 65 miles east of Buffalo, Aug. 26-Sept. 4. Speakers: A. G. Ward, Wesley Steelberg, Kenneth Haystead, Junior Bible School for boys and girls between ages 12 to 17. For further information write Gordon R. Bender, 134 Genesee St., Lockport, N. Y.

LEWISTOWN, PA.—Eastern District Youth Conference, Sept. 4-5. Speakers: District Superintendent A. N. Chase, Byron Jones, Wallace Bragg, Chas. R. Shuss and James Van Meter. Services all day, starting 10:00 a. m. Bible classes with timely subjects for young people. For overnight entertainment write Pastor E. S. Opdenhoff, 431 Logan St., Lewistown, Pa.—A. D. Skymer, District C. A. President.

MICHIGAN C. A. CONVENTION

Eighteenth annual Michigan C. A. Convention, Brightmoor Tabernacle, 22338 Fenkell Ave., Detroit, Mich., Sept. 1-4. Special speakers: Ralph W. Harris, National C. A. Secretary, and G. F. Lewis, Central District Superintendent. Sidner Correll, world traveler, will speak at Missionary Rally, Cooley High School, Sept. 2. Einar Waermo will sing.—Virgene Buchanan, Secretary, 302 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, Mich.

CAMP MEETING

Camp Meeting, Maurer Lake, 1/2 mile south of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Sept. 5-15, under the auspices of the West Central District, and in co-operation with the Kansas and Southern Missouri Districts. This will be Kansas City's nearest Assembly of God camp meeting. Clyde Bailey of Illinois, night speaker. Rooms and cabins at reasonable rates; meals on grounds. For further information write Bennie Clevenger, Lawson, Mo.—Z. E. Miles, Pastor, 507 South St., Excelsior Springs, Mo.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Tri-sectional Young People's Rally, Masonic Auditorium, Park Ave. and 7th St., Sept. 4 North-South Jersey and Hudson Valley Sections. Services 10:30, 2:00 and 7:00. Speakers: morning, Kenneth Haystead; afternoon and evening,

Earl Winburn. Musical director: Elizabeth Bencket. Choir practice, 1:00 p. m. All urged to bring musical instruments. C. A. leaders' meeting, 6:00 p. m. For further information write Kenneth Haystead, 115 Harvard Ave., Collingswood, N. J., or Pastor Andrew Rahner, 400 W. 8th St., Plainfield, N. J.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE—Xylophone, 3-1/2 octave, nice condition; price \$65.00 plus postage.—James Urban, 300 Spruce St., Elyria, Ohio.

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NEW ADDRESS—2819 E. Belknap St., Ft. Worth, Texas. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Riverside Assembly of God in the city."—E. R. Wilkinson.

NOTICE—Used Evangels, Gospel Gleaners, and various other kinds of Sunday School literature for the asking. Freight paid.—Marian Thornton, 1415 Walnut St., Everett, Wash.

NOTICE—Servicemen stationed at Ellington Field, Texas, will find a welcome at the Genoa Assembly of God, only two miles away. Would appreciate hearing from those having loved ones in this field.—Pastor Charles H. Miller, Genoa, Texas.

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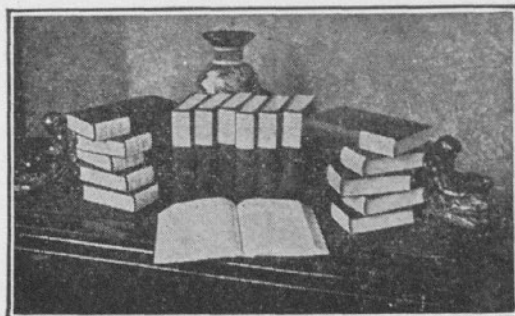
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# The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## NEGRO CHAPLAINS

There are 300 Negro chaplains in the U. S. Army, says *Time*, while in World War I there were 57 in service. The Navy has just recently selected its first two Negro chaplains.

## PALESTINE'S OUTPUT

The total industrial output of Palestine during 1943 was valued at 120 million dollars, nearly half of which consisted of military supplies ordered by the British. The industrial output during 1940 was worth only 60 millions, while in 1937 it was worth only 40 millions. It has tripled within six years.

## WHY TUNISIA WAS WON

A Major wrote home from Tunisia, saying: "At one time I was amused when I read about Bible-thumping generals. But, believe me, that is what has won this battle. The Germans had a faith built upon the sands of the desert—a Nazi creed. Our lads have a faith built upon the rocks of Tunisia—a Christian faith. There could have been no other result."

## A WELL-ILLUSTRATED SERMON

An early-morning blaze claimed the lives of ten people in Hamilton, Canada's fifth city, in June. A soldier, Private Clarence Lowe, saw it as an object lesson on the uncertainty of human life, and began preaching to a large section of the crowd that gathered to watch. With New Testament in hand, and wearing the uniform of his country, he stood before the crowd and fearlessly preached the gospel. It was a well-illustrated sermon on the need of preparing for eternity while the opportunity is given.

## QUEEN ACKNOWLEDGES GOD

Says Queen Wilhelmina of Holland: "In the midst of the spiritual confusion of the world, confusion from which our people have not wholly escaped, the need is ever more pressing of taking, before all, the law of God as the chief guide in legislation. In its general purpose the government will be marked by a determined effort to defend and strengthen the positive Christian foundations of our society. This means care for wholesome married and family life, the protection of public honesty, and the defence of the Sabbath by the authorities."

## AMERICA'S SAVIOR

Said Mayor Kelly, in endorsing the candidacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt for a fourth term: "I repeat what I said in 1940. The salvation of this country depends on one man."

One columnist (Rupert Hughes) reported to his newspaper syndicate: "It is all rather terrifying . . . the way they bow down to worship before a demigod, a man on whom alone the whole nation absolutely depends for its salvation."

Another newspaper reporter said: "It is a dangerous thing to put a man in the place of God. Salvation, I remember from my mother's Bible, comes from Christ, the indispensable Savior, not from man."

## COMICS AND CULTURE

The comic magazine is one of the chief educational factors among American youth today. This fact is proved by a recent survey made by the Market Research Company. Between the ages of 6 and 11, 96% of the boys read an average of 14 comic magazines each month, and 94% of the girls read 11. Between the ages of 12 and 17, 90% of the boys and girls read 12 comic magazines a month. In the 18-to-30 age group, 55% of the men read 7 comic magazines a month, while 43% of the women read 9. The comic magazine is much more popular than the Bible!

## GROPING IN DARKNESS

According to *The Alliance Weekly*, a wave of desire to probe the future is sweeping this country. One New York department store is selling as many as 400 Ouija Boards a day. The stores in Chicago cannot supply the demand for the boards. To many a Ouija Board is nothing more than a diversionary game, but to some it is the doorway to intercourse with the powers of evil. The action of *Reader's Digest* in presenting recently to its millions of readers the history of Daniel Home, one of the most successful mediums of the past century, is likely to give fresh impetus to the desire of the unregenerate to probe the unknown.

## A NEW "LOST GENERATION"?

J. Edgar Hoover says: "I am not easily shocked or alarmed. But today, like thousands of others, I am both shocked and alarmed. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering. This country is in deadly peril. We can win this war, and still lose our freedom for all in America. For a creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation, . . . symptomatic of a condition which threatens a new 'lost generation,' more hopelessly lost than any that has gone before."

Whether or not the rising generation will be a 'lost generation' depends on the response of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ to the challenge of the times.

## A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE?

The Librarian of Congress, Archibald MacLish, made an interesting statement in an address in New York City. He said: "The peace we seem to be making will be a peace of oil, a peace of gold, a peace of shipping, a peace, in brief, of actual situations, a peace without purpose or human intent, a peace of dicker and trade about the facts of commerce, the facts of banking, the facts of transportation which will lead us where the treaties made by dicker and trade have always led us."

In other words, instead of a just and durable peace it will be a selfish, and therefore we fear a temporary, one. For greed is usually at the root of the causes of war. It is the "haves" and "have not's" who fight, as the Scripture says: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not; ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not." James 4:1, 2.

## POLITICAL PIETY

The stress of war brings a good deal of political piety in every country. According to the *Methodist Recorder*, there is much of it in England, as in America. It says:

"Today we are living in a State that, in a time of stress and danger, has become apparently God-conscious. But underneath it is a certain falsity. It is always a danger signal when, in time of catastrophe, the State begins to patronize religion. Unfortunately it is a signal that the churches have been slow to realize. They are still under the delusion that a Day of National Prayer can be of any value without national repentance, that an Atlantic Charter is more effective by being rounded off with 'Onward Christian Soldiers.' The churches have allowed themselves to become the agents of Government propaganda. Quite early in the war the Council of Religious Broadcasting muzzled any frank and fearless speakers or preachers, so that wireless sermons became and still are most often innocuous trivialities."

## WIN THEM BEFORE THEY ENLIST!

A serviceman in the South Pacific recently wrote, saying: "The things that I have seen over here, the way the fellows live—some of them just kids—have convinced me that I should work among young people. They should be reached before coming into the service. . . . Even the natives over here are more civilized, in my opinion, than some of the fellows from America. In a year's time our men have undone what it took the missionaries years to do. Yes, the young people of America need someone to guide them and that Someone is the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can straighten out the tangled lives of high-school kids."

How is it with the high-school boys in your church? Will they take Christ with them when they enlist in the Army or Navy? Are you doing all you can to help them? Every pastor should see that a Hi-C. A. Brigade is formed at the very beginning of this fall term of school. Send a penny card to the Christ's Ambassadors Department, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri, this very day, asking for information regarding the Hi-C. A. plan.

## TEN YEARS FROM NOW

What war will be like ten years from now is almost too horrible to imagine, in the opinion of Major Alexander P. de Seversky. Writing in *This Week* (May 7) this eminent scientist said:

"The nations of the world hold in their hands scientific force capable of blowing all civilization to bits. . . . In the wars of the immediate future entire populations will be directly menaced by instruments of demolition more effective than any now in existence. . . . The destructive power of electronics, the lethal resources of modern chemistry, have scarcely been tapped. Within a decade or less, they will be ready to visit horror on man in new and almost unimagined forms. The splitting of the atom, already achieved in the laboratory, will release colossal energy to further enhance wholesale annihilation."

Wholesale annihilation is the very thing God's Word foretells for the last days. When God's judgments are poured out "the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even unto the other"—too numerous even to be buried. Read Jer. 25:31-33 and Rev. 19:17, 18.