

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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I Had Fainted

Ernest S. Williams

SAID the Psalmist: "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13.

Fainting begins in the mind of a weary pilgrim. "Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Recently one wrote requesting that we write articles of encouragement, saying there were many passing through sore battles, or suffering bondage. The letter closed with the words: "Why this darkness?"

These are the days of darkness. Just before Calvary came the darkest days in the life of Jesus, and just before His coming again will be the darkest days for His Church. We believe we have entered "the beginning of sorrows." If this be so, these are the days when "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." There is a great conflict going on in the heavens which may become more and more severe. Satan is marshalling his forces for the battle of the ages. The hour is upon us when faith will be severely tried, for, "when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" None therefore need think it strange because of the fiery trial that tries them. Physically pressed and spiritually wearied, the tendency of some is to faint in their minds. We must cultivate a mental attitude of faith. We must not submit to the depressive atmosphere of doubt. These are days of spiritual endurance. "He that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved."

If some are having severe battles, the Word tells us: "Ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your heart faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is He that goeth with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you." Deut. 20:3, 4.

The children of Israel fought against seen foes; the Church wrestles against unseen principalities and powers. We should encourage ourselves in God and encourage one another for "What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's hearts



Harvest

In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Eccles. 11:6.

And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

faint as well as his heart." In these days when Satan seeks to discourage and separate the children of God, we need a holy boldness, a divine courage to withstand the devil and to encourage each his brother.

These are also days of adversity for many. God knew such would be, and has said: "If thou faint in the day of adversity thy strength is small." Prov. 24:10. Some of us are beginning to learn how little strength we have. We thought we had much until the fiery trial began to try us, but now we wonder if we shall ever be able to endure to the end. Fear not, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." "When I am weak, then am I strong." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The great men of the Bible did not fail when conscious of lack of strength, but when they thought their strength sufficient. There are new lessons for us to learn. We must learn to lean harder (Continued on Page Nine)

Keeping True in Troublous Days

C. H.
Lang

WHERE was Daniel when his friends were tested by the fiery furnace? It is not known: but now as life is well advanced an equally severe test reveals that he, like them, has strength to be faithful unto death.

The time was near when Israel was to be restored to Palestine, and "an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile," was re-exalted to the highest office in the new empire that shall grant this restoration and fulfill God's purposes and prophecy. Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10. Whether the proverbial wisdom of Daniel (Ezek. 28:3) had reached the ears of the king of Persia, or whether the events in the palace on the night of the capture of Babylon were told to him, or what other reason led Darius to exalt him, we do not know. Perhaps the fact that the Persians were not idolaters, in the common meaning of the word, may have made them more likely to appreciate and protect the Jews, the only other nonidolatrous nation. It is enough that we see the hand of God in the triumph of the Persians and in the exaltation of Daniel, for both events were for the good of Israel.

The coffers of Darius would be the better replenished by having a Minister of State of unassailable integrity, and his burdens of state would be greatly lightened by the aid of one intimately acquainted with the conquered realms and their government, as was Daniel. But for these reasons Daniel would be thoroughly obnoxious to the subordinate officials, for they could not so easily replenish their own coffers at the expense of the king and the public, seeing that this trained eye was ever upon them and this experienced hand held directing power.

The sixth chapter of Daniel gives a vivid and accurate picture of the corruption in high places that has cursed every land where the fear of the Holy One has not had power through His Word and Spirit. This corruption is again increasing in lands that have been blessed with these purifying influences but are rejecting them. The nations are being steadily saturated with pagan philosophy, and the issue is and must be pagan morals, or rather immorality, in every walk of life.

In such circumstances what course shall the godly take? Peter was well acquainted with these conditions, and he answers: "Let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their lives unto a faithful Creator by doing good." 1 Peter 4:19. By doing what is right according to the standard of God a man places his life in the ordering and safe keeping of

God, and he takes it out of the keeping of God when he does wrong.

Daniel's enemies saw that his conduct afforded them no occasion whatever to accuse him to the king. Here is the standard and possibility for every servant of God—unimpeachable integrity and unwavering fidelity in all duties and relationships. But here also is seen the limit of a Christian's duty to the sovereign, the state, to all men. "We shall not find occasion against this Daniel *except* we find it against him concerning the law of God." V. 5. Note well this exception to the general rule that rulers are to be obeyed. In any matter upon which God has declared His holy will obedience must be to Him and to none other. He is the Most High, the King of kings, and we must obey Him rather than men, if He has spoken upon the matter. The rulers of the earth are His subordinates, appointed by Him and removed at His pleasure, and the orders of subordinates may not prevail against the commands of the Superior. How deeply important therefore it is to be well versed in His Word, and to be imbued with His Spirit to understand and apply that Word in all its precepts and at all costs.

Darius knew well enough the cunning and duplicity of Oriental courtiers, and had he not felt flattered by their proposal virtually to deify him he might have reflected upon the likelihood of some false reason for their so extravagant desire to honor him. If he were to replace the gods at all, why should it be for only a month? Surely the king might have suspected a trap in this singular proposal. Why was not his aged and valued Minister of State at the head of the official body in presenting the petition? A moment's reflection might have reminded him of the sheer impossibility that this chief Jew should abjure his God, the God he had served so long and honorably, before his people and all men. But pride went before and lured the king into the snare.

What shall the godly do when his duty to God is attacked? If he can flee he has the Lord's counsel to do so. Matt. 10:23. But it is not always possible to escape from the situation. Gethsemane and Calvary were the path of God, for His Son. Sometimes a Nehemiah must say, "Should such a man as I flee?" Neh. 6:11. In such case the attitude of uncompromising obedience to God, and of consequent disobedience to the law of man, is right, noble, wise, the Christian's only course. "When Daniel knew that the decree was signed, he went into his house (now his windows were open in his chamber towards Jerusalem); and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." V. 10.

This was to court disaster, but Daniel was leaving the consequence with God. It was thus that Christ played into the hands of His enemies, by asserting Himself to be the Son of God. This gave them the grounds of condemnation they had sought in vain. Against false charges He said nothing: to the vital truth He confessed, though it sealed His doom. How vividly Bunyan has detailed in his *Relation of His Imprisonment* the exercises of his soul when faced with arrest if he should preach against the orders of officials. Yet he felt he dared not shirk the test and so went to the meeting and thence to the prison.

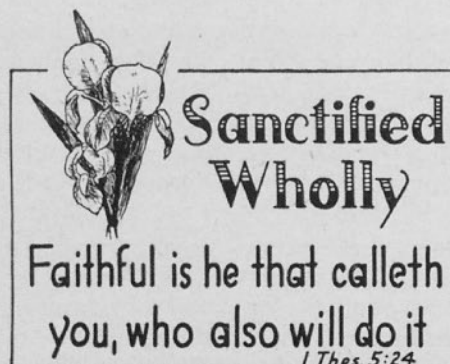
"Dare to be a Daniel,
Dare to stand alone!"

"They climbed the steep ascent of heaven
Through peril, toil, and pain:
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train!"

"The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel." The princes sprang their trap and the king and Daniel were their victims, both helpless in the coils. The princes pressed their advantage to the full. How great respect Daniel had won from Darius is shown by the painful, persevering efforts the king made to rescue him. But he was in the iron grip of his national laws. So he yielded, paid the bitter penalty of his foolish vanity, and Daniel was lowered into the den of lions.

Let us visualize the situation. The other day I was watching the lions just before feeding time. Hungry, restless, fierce, they paced swiftly to and fro, and oh, with what greediness they tore the great joints of raw meat and gnawed and crushed the bones. I was outside the den; but *Daniel was inside!*

The hungry, roaring lion is a picture of the devil roaming restlessly around

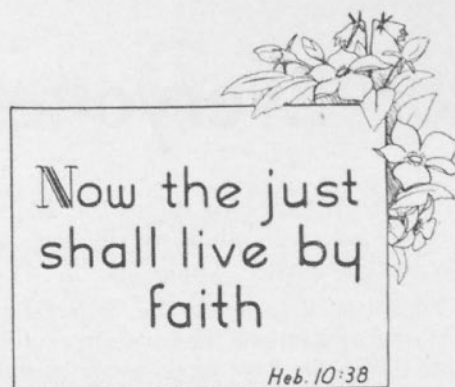


seeking a Job that he may devour him. 1 Peter 5:8. *Why* are the godly so often left in his power? *Why* should the most upright man of the whole Persian world be found in the den? *Why* should Paul be slain by Nero? But most enigmatical of all, *why* should Jesus be crucified? *Why*, indeed? The noble, eternal results of Calvary, for God and man, give answer.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but Jehovah delivereth him out of them *all*." Psalm 34:19. Indeed, David! is that so? It is so: but there are two kinds of deliverance. The three Hebrews, Daniel, and Peter (Acts 12:11) were delivered physically. Jesus, James, and Peter (John 21:18, 19; 2 Peter 1:13, 14) were *not* delivered physically. But when the *man* Christ Jesus was crucified, dying, and forsaken, He nevertheless justified God in so treating Him, saying, "But Thou art holy!" And when aged Paul was facing death and was likewise forsaken by his brethren when most needing encouragement, yet he prayed that they might be forgiven their fear and faithlessness. Both the Master and the servant had been "delivered out of the mouth of the lion," as Paul puts it. 2 Tim. 4:17; Psalm 22:20, 21. For in the heart they had been preserved from doubt towards God and bitterness towards men, which deliverance is, in truth, more wonderful and divine than that the body be saved from a lion. Moreover, the latter is exceptional, whereas the former God will work for every man of faith, of righteous life, and of definite testimony.

The control of angels over creation is here strikingly illustrated. They can "shut the mouths of lions." The manner of this influence we are not told. It is easy to conceive that they who can give to a man the nature of a beast, as to Nebuchadnezzar, can suspend as here the fierce destructive nature of the wild beast, which after all is a foreign nature. It was not found before man fell from God, and it will be removed when He takes over the rule of the world at the beginning of the Millennium. Isa. 11:1-9, etc.

How puny is man against these wondrous agents of the will of God. How easily they thwart his designs. How foolish to provoke their hostility. What terrific force lies in the words, "The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that cause stumbling . . . shall sever the wicked from among the righteous, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth." Matt. 13:41, 42, 49, 50. This will be more awful than its type, when Daniel's accusers were cast where they had cast him, to their destruction. How exact is divine retribution. A barbarous king cuts off the thumbs and toes of conquered foes, and duly loses his own



when captured. Judges 1:6, 7 is the only instance known of Israel's mutilating a captive in those wars. So to the exact fate to which the princes sent Daniel they are sent. What they meted out to him was meted out to them.

But equally blessed it is to know that these powerful beings are sent forth to do service for them that shall be heirs of salvation. Heb. 1:14. Daniel they saved from the lions, Peter from Herod (Acts 12:11), and a thousand more from other and otherwise inescapable perils.

Once again is Daniel privileged, because of his faithfulness, to be the occasion of a royal and universal testimony to the living, steadfast, and eternal God. And again is he exalted to a prosperity that gave vast opportunities to serve God and men.

"So run that ye may attain." 1 Cor. 9:24. "Let us run with steadfastness the race that is set before us," looking away from earth to heaven, from the present to the future, from circumstances unto Jesus, and finding in Him the author and the perfecter of faith. Full of point is Spurgeon's reason why the lions did not eat Daniel, even that one half of him was grit and the other half backbone. Equally to the purpose, when he saw an advertisement, "Tons of bones wanted," he said, "Yes, backbones!" "Thou, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 2:1. "I can do all things in (the power of) Him that strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Shut In—But Not Shut Up

A poverty-stricken French soldier, at the age of twenty-one, was compelled to go to Paris for medical treatment which lasted for twelve months. All alone in an attic with only a skylight, he lay for hours gazing up at the clouds. For ever they scurried by, changing as they passed, until he began to sort out the different kinds and to study the connection between their forms, and the weather which followed. He noted down every type of cloud—black sheets of nimbus which brought snow, the galleon cumuli and the feathery cirrus clouds that promised fair weather. When his cure was complete,

Lamarck might have returned to the army. But without any funds he launched out on a scientific career, and became one of the greatest French scientists.

This may comfort and help someone who is shut up or compelled to lie for long hours. Make it the start of a new career and the house of prayer, for as you are shut in by four walls, you may walk through Congo's forest, India's plains, visit the isles afar, and do great things for the Kingdom of God.

Hints to Preachers

A. G. Ward

1. It is the preacher's business to train his countenance to express gladness.

2. Let the preacher stop finding fault with the universe, stop pitying himself, and soon he will discover that the dark clouds are full of rich blessing and ready to break upon his own soul.

3. Preachers of the gospel of glad tidings ought not to be prophets of doom, lawyers of the law, scolders, whiners or pessimists; their message is one of victory!

4. It is very important that the minister should keep sweet; it is the surest way of making his people sweet. It is the best antiseptic of the poison of biting tongues; it disarms sermon critics; it neutralizes church quarrels; it brings people to church and makes the minister a welcome visitor in every home.

5. Whole men are greatly needed in our ministry. Too many preachers are a little of this and not much of that. They look all right on one side, but, like Ephraim, they are a cake not turned. They are not complete in anything, mere fractions.

6. Don't shout yourself hoarse and the people deaf. Boisterous preachers are seldom convincing. There is a limit to the volume of sound which the human ear will react to; when preachers go beyond that limit, they do so at the price of not being understood.

7. Young preachers especially should associate closely with well-trained and well-informed minds. It promotes good habits of thought.

8. A great many sermons boil over and cook nothing. A speaker's power is sometimes in what he doesn't say.

Baxter was exceedingly successful in the ministry, and Ryle says of him: "He always spoke as one who saw God, and felt death at his back." Fletcher of Madeley, frequently so electrified his audiences that some minutes passed before he could resume his sermons.

The righteousness of Christ is necessary to entitle us to heaven; personal holiness is needed to qualify us for it.—John Wesley

Spiritual Gifts for Everyone

It is written, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." Eph. 4:11. These are Christ's gifts for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of His body.

In the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians there is a list of the spiritual gifts which the spiritual workers are to use in their spiritual ministry. "To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues." 1 Cor. 12:8-10. These gifts are not only for the leaders, *they are for all*. For it is written, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12:7. Those who are called into the ministry may expect a double portion of these gifts for the upbuilding of the church.

"The manifestation of the Spirit is given." We see the manifestation of God in His creative work, the leaves of the trees coming forth in the spring, when the life, in the form of sap, is rising within the trees. We see life in the birds as they sing, manifesting forth their thanksgiving to their Creator. The breeze brings its life-giving tonic to man and beast as it conveys cool air from the ocean and lake. The whole of the natural world is full of the manifestations of God's power and life and energy. *He wants in like manner to manifest His life and power in the realm of the Spirit.*

The manifestation of the Spirit—that selfsame Spirit that God breathed into man so that he became a living soul; that selfsame Spirit that was manifested in the prophets, who spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; that selfsame Spirit that worked through the apostles in the early church—is given to every man *to profit withal*.

During that period of church history which is known as the Dark Ages, the Holy Spirit was quenched, driven back, refused and rejected. But from time to time He has been recognized in a partial manner, and where He has been recognized revivals have broken out, as in the days of Wesley, Whitefield, Knox, Finney, and many others. And where the Spirit of God has been allowed to have His right of way there has been the phenomenon

of the manifestation of the Spirit, as men have yielded their whole spirit, soul and body to the Spirit of God.

What has kept back the Spirit from operating and having His way in our day as He did in the days of the early church? *Unbelief, and the discounting of His office work.* Some do this through ignorance, some utterly ignore the Holy Spirit, and with others there is indifference. And alas, with some there is marked opposition.

It is written, "The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal," and yet some dare to say, "It is not for these times." Is that which is written in the New Testament for these times? God has clearly shown in His Word that the Spirit operates, can operate, and will operate, and tells in 1 Corinthians 12 the manner of His operation. To say that the operation of the Spirit is not for these days is as much as to tell God that we do not want what the church had in the first century.

What was given for profit in the early days of the church is given for profit in the later days of the church. But the enemy seeks to hinder. He seeks to withstand God in His manifestation of supernatural power in the realm of the Spirit.

Go over the list of the gifts of the Spirit, as they are given in 1 Corinthians 12, very carefully, and after mentioning each of the gifts say out aloud, "What has Satan in his kingdom to lose by the operation of the Spirit in the form of the gift of the word of wisdom? What has Satan

to lose by the manifestation of the gifts of healing, a gift that will enable those who are Christ's to follow in the footsteps of Him who went about doing good and healing those that were oppressed of the devil?"

Go carefully into the details of each one of the nine gifts of the Spirit, and after each one say, "What has Satan to lose when these gifts are severally in operation in the church?" Then you will realize the reason for the opposition to the spiritual gifts. Do you think the inspirer of the evil spirits that molest the children of men wants you to have the gift of discerning of spirits? Of course not. Camouflage is part of his character. To be exposed is the least thing he wants. Speaking of the devil, the apostle says, "We are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Cor. 2:11), and we who live in these last days should not be ignorant either.

To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, this; and to another, that; and to another, another gift. There are plenty of gifts but not many recipients. There is an abundance of the Spirit's power to be manifested by the Holy Spirit, by the Lord Jesus, and by the Father Himself. But by men these spiritual manifestations are ignored and often misunderstood. And frequently there is no faith to grasp them. Many despise some of these gifts, and ask, "What is the use of tongues?" The answer of the inspired Word is this: "The manifestation of the Spirit (and the speaking with tongues is one of those manifestations) is given to every man *to profit withal*." 1 Cor. 12:7.

After recounting the list of the gifts of the Spirit, the inspired apostle writes, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." Our mighty glorified Christ, who has received from the Father the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is the Head of the church, is desirous and willing that every disciple of His should be so united to Him, so filled with the Spirit, that the outcome, the result, the natural sequence will be that there will be an overflowing life in jumping, shouting, laughing and playing. You ask the child why. He says, "I like to do it. I cannot help it." To a lively, healthy child it is a hardship to keep still. Life will out. So with a lively, healthy, active church, the Spirit with His gifts will out.

I would rather aim at perfection and fall short, than aim at imperfection and attain it, as most of us succeed in doing.—A. J. Gordon.

"Jesus didn't come from heaven's glory to take our part but He came to take our place."—Paul S. Rees.

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General Presbyters' Gathering

THE District Superintendents and the General Presbyters of the Assemblies of God, together with Secretaries from many Districts, gathered together at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, for a three days' conference, from September 5 to 7.

The different officers at Headquarters brought reports. Brother J. Roswell Flower submitted an interesting report of the Executive Department. Brother Ralph M. Riggs brought a report concerning Home Missions and the Educational work of the Council. Brother J. Z. Kamerer gave a report of the Gospel Publishing House. He pointed out that the publications of the Gospel Publishing House now have a circulation of more than a million copies. The circulation of our publications has more than doubled during the past nine years, and 111,000 copies of the *Pentecostal Evangel* are now printed every week.

Missionary Report

Brother Noel Perkin submitted the Missions Department report. He mentioned that we had set as a goal the recruiting of 500 new missionaries, and 67 of this number have already been appointed. In spite of war conditions 36 missionaries have actually left for foreign lands since September 1943. Our total offerings for foreign missions during the fiscal year amounted to \$1,054,337.14. This does not include what has been given for home missions through the World Missions Plan, which would increase the total to \$1,267,437.82. Brother Perkin said, "This may appear like a large figure, but it does not average more than \$5.59 per member for a year, and since there are many who attend our assemblies who are not members, the average giving per capita is no doubt even less. Some may have raised the question as to whether we were top heavy on foreign missions, but can it be said that to give less than a 3c postage stamp per day for each person is too much to carry out the plan of God for this age?"

Brother Perkin mentioned that we have approximately 150 missionaries who will leave America as soon as war conditions change. This will require at least \$150,000.

He spoke of the possibilities of radio ministry in days to come. He stated that the Japanese, before the war, were selling receiving sets at 30 cents apiece. He said, "The radio, the airplane, and the penetration of modern machinery into the primitive lands will provide the means whereby

every barrier can be surmounted. Hitherto closed lands may be entered as the airplane and radio provide the key, and a highway can be opened for the return of the Lord." He mentioned that we are shipping an airplane to Liberia for the use of our missionaries there.

Servicemen's Department

Harry A. Jaeger, Director of our Servicemen's Department, brought an encouraging report. This department was established on January 5 last, and work was at once commenced on the compilation of information for the Servicemen's Directory. Today there are approximately 28,000 names registered in this directory. It is estimated that this represents slightly less than half of the entire number of servicemen from the family circle of Assemblies of God homes. These have been contacted with general letters from the department. Thousands of personal replies have been received from all parts of the world, many of the men asking the way of salvation. Each letter receives a personal answer.

Reveille, tracts, and a special edition of *Christ's Ambassadors Herald* have been supplied to all the men. Those who have requested it have been furnished with larger quantities of literature, also with special supplies such as quarterlies, song books, and a Bible study course.

In January last, approximately 600 chaplains were using *Reveille*; at the present date there are more than 2,000 chaplains on the mailing list. During the past eight weeks, there have been an average of 60 chaplains per week added to the mailing list. The present issue of *Reveille* has a printing of 1,650,000 copies.

There are 17 of our own chaplains in the armed forces, with whom close contact is maintained. Six are overseas, and incidentally six have been promoted to captaincy. Recent accounts of God's blessing on their ministry are most encouraging. From France, R. Stanley Berg reports that 65 men in his outfit were saved during one week in July.

In several military areas, Assemblies of God groups have been responsible for the organization of Christian Service Centers. At present there are 24 centers associated with our Servicemen's Department. Four of these in England, established by full-gospel churches, are now aided by the department. The newest and largest of our centers is in Long Beach, California. Brother W. F. Garvin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has left his church to take charge



Giving thanks always
for all things unto God

Eph. 5:20

of this center. Though only three weeks old, it as had an attendance of over 1,000 servicemen in one day. Reports from these centers tell of 2,243 men yielding their lives to Christ.

There are 14 field representatives now in the employ of the department. One of these, Robert Fierro, is ministering primarily to Spanish-speaking servicemen. He expects to leave soon for Mexico and Central America, to distribute Spanish New Testaments among the servicemen.

Brother Jaeger told how God is graciously supplying the needs of his department, meeting their needs month by month, and usually there are just a few dollars left over each month. He mentioned that in August just \$36.00 came in more than their actual needs. The cost of sending out literature is high and will doubtless cost more in days to come.

National Children's Home

Miss Gladys Hinson told the Presbyters about her burden for a National Children's Home and how the Lord had provided the first unit of this home at Hot Springs, Arkansas. A large tract of fertile land has been secured with some buildings, and already there are applications for 26 children to come into this home. She mentioned a case of two children whose mother had been murdered and whose father, who shot the mother, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison. We hope in days to come that we shall be able to tell the story of this work in the *Evangel*. Miss Hinson hopes to develop similar works throughout this country to that of the orphan home of Lillian Trasher in Egypt.

It was an interesting fact that thirty years ago the General Council of the Assemblies of God had its beginning at Hot Springs, Ark., and that this is the place that has been chosen for the first unit of a National Children's Home. The Presbyters voted the sum of \$11,500 for the purchase of the property.

"No sword is as sharp as the tongue."

Miracles Wrought in Brazil

Samuel Nystrom

THE first Pentecostal church in Brazil was organized in Para in 1911, with eighteen members. Gunnar Vingren and Daniel Berg were the missionaries. They were Baptists but baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The Evangelical churches and also the Catholics began a persecution against the work. But the Lord saved souls and baptized believers in the Holy Ghost. Six people were wonderfully healed, and the work began to spread out over the State of Para.

My wife and I arrived in 1916. At that time there were about 200 or 300 believers. The largest church had 60 members. *The work has grown until now we have nearly 1,000 churches with about 100,000 members in the fellowship.* We have passed through many persecutions during these years. Stones have been thrown, guns fired, other weapons used. Lies have been circulated through the papers. But the Lord has helped us through. One time 150 bullets passed through the meeting hall. The believers lay down on the floor. No one was hurt, but a chicken was killed in the kitchen.

One time, there was a great persecution. I was going to preach in the very place where the persecution had taken place, but the Lord through prophecy advised me to go another way. I went to another town, and thus eluded a hundred armed men who were waiting for me. Some believers were killed. Others lost their houses. Many were hurt during these years; but the Lord's work is growing stronger and stronger.

The work has spread out into other States in Brazil, and every capital has an assembly. In Rio de Janeiro, the capital of the country, we have about 7,000 believers. We have 4,500 believers in one State capital, and in several other capitals we have over 2,000 people saved and most of them baptized with the Holy Ghost. The Lord is healing the sick and working wonderful things.

Our paper, called *Mensageiro da Paz* (the Peace Messenger) is printed twice a month and has a circulation of 16,000. We are getting out 24,000 Sunday School quarterlies, although half of our people cannot read. In the last four years we have printed 50,000 songbooks. Millions of tracts are going out. We are handicapped at this time because the firm that used to do our printing sold out, and now we are obliged to have our literature printed by four different concerns. We

have a publishing house but must have the printing done outside.

We now have twenty-seven missionaries from Sweden, Norway, and England, together with seventeen missionaries from the General Council, working in Brazil. We have more than four hundred pastors, and about a thousand co-workers. We praise the Lord for the co-operation of the believers in the Brazilian assemblies. They are out to win souls for Christ.

As an example, in a town in the north of Brazil, the Presbyterian church had been working for fifty years. There was a church in the capital with about 150 believers. A Pentecostal assembly was started there in 1932 with less than 50 believers; but after twelve years there are more than 1,500. The pastor of this assembly was a tailor who left his work and went out to preach the gospel. God sent him to Fortaleza, one of the hardest and most Catholic towns in Brazil, and there the Lord opened up a wonderful work, with about 1,000 assemblies in the State of Ceara.

The believers in Brazil are all out for the Lord and are helping the work with their offerings. I believe that most of them are tithers. They began to build their churches a short time after the work started.

A Portuguese man from the Para assembly went in 1922 as a missionary to Portugal, and began a work, and there are a lot of assemblies in Portugal today. The assemblies send help to those on the frontier of Bolivia, and even contribute to the work in the north of Argentina. The assembly in Rio de Janeiro sent out a young Brazilian man as a missionary to the Indians in Goyaz, and there he has an assembly of about 200, made up of mixed Brazilian and Indian people, but the wild Indians he has not been able to get in touch with as yet.

We have seen many miracles of healing. Sister Nair, wife of one of our elders, was very sick. She went to one of the best known doctors in Rio de Janeiro, and he told her she was suffering from appendicitis and must be operated on immediately. She told him she did not like to have it done without first consulting her husband. The doctor said that if she did not have the operation that day, it would be too late. But she went home and told her husband. He came to the meeting that night, and asked for prayer. We had just finished a meeting of pastors, and one of the pastors went to her home

and prayed for her. She said that when he put his hands on her head, she felt just as if a knife had passed through her, and then she went to sleep. During the night, her mother-in-law went to her bed many times, thinking that she was dead because she did not groan or have any pain. The mother-in-law was not a believer. The next day, the sick one arose and was perfectly healed. This same sister had been instantly healed a short time before of a dangerous sickness.

A brother doing construction work fell down from a building. The ambulance took him to the hospital. He could not move, could not speak, could not open his mouth. The doctors were busy so he had to wait. He heard the nurses say the doctors could not come because they were operating on another one, and he thought, "What about me?" Then he remembered that he had another doctor—Jesus. And he began to pray in his heart. He felt the power of God, and rose up from the bed. When the doctor came he was on his feet. The doctor asked, "Where is the dying man?" He answered, "It was I, but I am healed. Jesus healed me." The doctor said that he had to stay five days in the hospital; they could not let him out even though he felt healed. Five days afterwards they dismissed him from the hospital. This man is now working as janitor in our assembly in Rio de Janeiro.

One day a fourteen-year-old boy was sent by his mother to a business house far away. On the way he fell off the horse and hit his head against a stone. When he had not come back that night, they sent out men to look for him, and they found him dead. The doctor gave a death certificate, and during the night the relatives were in the house where the dead boy lay. Two believers came and prayed together over the body, and the Lord raised him up. In 1942 he was a soldier in the army, stationed in the town of Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul.

After our first convention in 1920, we left the convention place for the capital. One of the brethren, who was my secretary found a man who had been bitten by a mad dog. The man was already violent and was striking the two men who held him. They were taking him to the Pasteur Institute in the capital of Para. When our brother saw him, these words came to him: "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:18. He was afraid at first, but again the Lord gave him the same words. Then he lifted up his hands and began to pray in a loud voice over the man.

The man became quiet, and he could speak to him. The man asked for water. Then my coworker came to me and asked me to come and see the man. We

went to him and told him that it was Jesus who healed him. When the man got to the institute, one of the best known doctors in northern Brazil, looking into his eyes, asked, "How were you healed? What have you been doing?" The man said, "Jesus healed me."

Upon a microscopic examination, the doctor found that the microbes had been killed. And he asked him again what had happened. The man told him, "A man prayed for me in the name of Jesus, and I was healed." The doctor asked him to come back, and he had to go back there every day for two weeks. When the two weeks were up the doctor told him, "You can be glad and thank this Jesus of whom you speak, that you are not three yards below the surface of the earth." That doctor was a Jew, and there he got his testimony of Jesus as Healer.

One day at the mouth of the Amazon river we were waiting to go through a channel far away into the ocean where there were sandbars. We had cast anchor and were resting after a stormy night. Suddenly I felt that we had lost the anchor and were drifting. I awakened my crew. We hardly knew what to do, because even the wind was against us, and the water in the channel was so shallow that we could not row. We were about two miles from land. I told the man who had charge of the sailboat to go through the channel, and then I went down into the cabin to pray. Then the

boat stopped on a sandbank. I was praying and the Lord gave us a mighty wind that caused the sailboat to tip over on the side, across the sandbank. The same thing happened several times, and after a quarter of an hour, when I was praying, I felt that we were in deep water and that we were sailing with high speed. I went up and found that we were saved from the sandbanks.

We continued sailing to get to a place where we could get a new anchor. At night we stopped at an island where we had never preached before. One of the men in the sailboat had a sister there, and her husband had the sailboats. We asked for an anchor. In the morning the men came and told me that the family would like to hear the gospel. They had an eighteen-year-old girl whose right leg was paralyzed from the hip down. When they heard the gospel they asked, "Jesus healed the sick when He was on earth. Can He not heal the sick today?" We told them, Yes, if they believed. And then we prayed for her.

I had to leave just after we had prayed, because the tide was going out. I did not see her healed. But three weeks afterwards I came back to return the anchor we had borrowed, and they told me that the girl had been healed, and already had left to visit relatives in other towns.

Then I understood why I had lost the anchor—so I could preach on that island and so that the young girl could be healed.

lessons are based on a series of texts which show the various sides of each truth. The added difficulty is simply in the increased number of references. But this difficulty is compensated for by the increased familiarity with the Bible which it affords. Each of these references should be looked up, and the context read; and each reference should be compared with the others to determine how they differ, and how they must fit together to make the whole. This is more work—but how much more work? It takes more time—but how much more time? A few more minutes and the least bit of added energy in studying *all* of the references will give you a concept of each phase of the truth, qualifying you as one who rightly divides the "Word of Truth."

The whole Bible, not just parts of it, is going to be the standard by which we shall be judged when we stand before God's throne. Before we can live according to the Word, we must know the Word. So we suggest that you get a Sunday School quarterly and start faithful attendance at the school of your choice immediately as this new quarter begins. Don't leave it to the teacher to interpret these lessons for you. Study them for yourself. They deal with situations and experiences which are common to your life, and as you wait on God, He will give you thoughts which will be a blessing, enrich your life, and make you a blessing as you "dig" together in His Word.

And now a word to the teachers. Yours is never an easy task, but it is a glorious one. In a very real way you help shape the spiritual lives of your class. The pupils are what you teach them to be. Now, in these lessons is an opportunity for you to teach truths which will have a tremendous effect upon every life. And as you present these truths you will be making a personal investment in your pupils. You will be helping them to live as better examples of true Christianity before the world. You will be leading them into greater fruitfulness for Christ. You will be aiding their development, so that they will "shine" as overcomers when they stand before God's throne. And having done so you will be laying up treasures which will add to your own eternal reward.

We have urged the pupils to "dig." That means that you, more than ever, will have to dig. But truth from God's Word is so precious that we all ought to "dig for it more than for hid treasure." It is to you as well as to Timothy that Paul advises, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And remember, for the faithful teacher as well as for the the wise pastor, there is a crown which the Lord Himself will give at His appearing.

Buy the Truth--Sell It Not

ARE you among those who have been asking for a guide for everyday Christian living? Are you interested in what God says about the results of the way in which you invest your money, your strength, and your time? Have you ever wondered what God thinks of your prayer, "Forgive us... as we forgive"? Do you ever ask, "Does God consider about what I have said in that prayer a lie"? Have you ever been concerned about the problems of Christian courtesy, and what God expects of you in relationship to others? Have you ever cried for guidance in your study of the Word or in prayer? If you have, you will be glad to learn that the Gospel Publishing House is making such studies from the Word available to all of you. These subjects especially will be dealt with in our Sunday School literature beginning with the first Sunday in October.

Again and again people have said, "We appreciate our Sunday School lessons which are centered around Bible char-

acters and stories of their lives, but we also want something which will help to establish us in doctrine, and instruction which will have a more direct appeal to our lives."

Such instruction is more difficult than the applications which can be made from stories, but it is of inestimable value. We are expected to fashion our lives by every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. And we are commanded to be ready to give a reason for the hope that transforms our lives. Thus, for a well-rounded Christian life it is essential that such studies be included, and it is only in such studies that the "reasons" are found. "All Scripture is profitable," and none is to be neglected. But these lessons contain material which has immediate, practical application to every one of our lives. Their value far outweighs the added study involved.

Did we say that these lessons are "harder"? Well—they are perhaps a little. Instead of being based on a single text, these

NICHI

John C.
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WHEN I returned with my boys from a faraway tribe, I told my local native church about it on the following Lord's day. They are always interested to hear about our trips to the interior. They always pray for us as we go to a new and strange field to spy out the land and people, with the possibilities of sometime opening up a new work there.

The church was filled. Their bare bodies were firmly packed one against another. The aisles were filled, for there in that part of Africa were no fire insurance companies to object. All around me on the platform were the smaller and less socially refined of the villages. For often in the midst of a service it was necessary to stop and administer discipline or a flat hand to them in order that we might be heard, and to make the message more impressive. Every ear and eye were open to get the report of our long trip.

As the crowd jammed the church, little Nichi shuffled aside so as not to get hurt by the careless huskies who were almost piling over one another to get into church. Nichi had fallen victim to the awful infantile paralysis. Her little childish limbs just dried up and turned in and crossed in front of her lower body. One dangled loosely about. The other seemed to remain firmly and rigidly in place. She was now perhaps ten or eleven years old. She was not loved at home like other girls. She was of no use to her greedy father, who was not a Christian. The other girls would bring him a cow each when he would sell them off to become someone's wife; but this Nichi would not be able to farm, gather wood, bring water from the stream or cook food. She would only eat his food that others would have to prepare for her.

The other girls laughed at her. She could not run and romp with them, so they would not play with her. She was just left alone outside somewhere to pass the day as best she could. She gathered small sticks and played with them. She called them her pigs and goats, dogs and chickens, according to the shape of them. She had never seen a doll, but had sometimes played with an ear of corn that had a few of the husks left on it which she would tear into fine shreds and curl like native hair. This corn doll she would play with for hours, and sometimes tie it to her back like mothers did their babies.

Nichi could shuffle about some by putting her hands ahead of her on the ground and then swing her body through

and sit down, something like a man would walk with two crutches. In that way she soon learned to come to the mission, where she saw many pictures, and the white teachers would talk to her about Jesus. She learned many of the Bible stories and could tell them well. Then one day she was blessedly converted, and Jesus came into her little heart and made her clean and happy. After that she sang the songs of the mission many times every day. She would tell other children about Jesus and tell them how happy she was since He had come into her heart. We always loved to have Nichi come to the mission for a visit, for she was always so happy and cheerful.

When all the people were quietly settling down in the church, Nichi took a chance and shuffled into the church at one side. She could not get up to sit on the stick bench as others were doing. She had to sit on the ground over at the side. On her back this time she had another baby, for only last week the missionary received a box from his homeland, and in it was a little rag doll. It had no clothes but was naked just like Nichi. The missionary's wife made a pretty pink dress and put on the doll. It was one of those wiggly and loose-legged rag dolls. It had dots for eyes and a mark for the nose and mouth. She gave the doll to little Nichi as a playmate for her. Nichi took the doll and tears came to her eyes as she pressed it to her breast. She called it "Henda" (love), for she said no one had ever loved her enough before to give her anything.

As Nichi shuffled over to the side in the church, the little doll, Henda, was on her back, tied there with some strips of bark. We were all amused to see her bring the doll to the church. There may have been two reasons for this in Nichi's mind. She may have wanted the company of the doll, and not leave her at home where she would get lonesome, or she may have decided that all well-behaved children should go to the church and hear the "good words" and find Jesus. So Henda was soon taught to attend the services on Sunday.

At home Nichi loved her doll very much. She never left it out of her hands except when it had to be cradled on her back. She fed it just as any white girl feeds her dolls. She talked to it all day long. At night when Nichi went to bed on her little grass mat on the floor over in the corner where the goats were and the chickens roosted, she rolled over

and prayed for herself, for her teachers at the mission and for Henda. She cuddled the tiny baby up to her breast and held it firmly as she slept. Henda was the only friend she had on this earth who would stay by her all the time. She had never had such a toy or friend before.

As I talked to the church about the need of the Gospel among those primitive people up in the interior, I told them that I did not have enough money to send a preacher up there, for it required about \$60 for a year, and I had only a small portion of that. I asked them if they wanted to help send the preacher and teacher to that far away interior people. Then I was ashamed of myself, for what could these needy bare-bodies give? At once there was a silence, and I tried to impress upon them that it must be a SACRIFICE in order to be followed by the Lord's blessing and bear fruit in precious souls for the Kingdom. I told them they should give the thing that was dearest to them, as God had done in giving Jesus to us for our redemption.

There was again silence for a moment and then one man said he would give a goat. Another man said he would give four rows of corn from his farm. Another said he would come and work for me a week. Another said she would bring a basket of beans, and so on went the offerings for the gospel to the interior. Finally I told the boys to pass the grass baskets, for perhaps there were some who had sold something during the week or who had worked and had some of the Lord's tithe they wished to give, for in all our work in that part of the country every member and probationer is a tither.

The boys went around with the baskets as the people sang heartily in the native tongue, Ximana Nzambe kua Muene ku Tunda Jimbote Joso (Praise God from whom all blessings flow). As the boys returned with the baskets, tears gushed to my eyes and my heart beat loudly. There on one of the baskets lay Nichi's rag doll. She wanted to make an OFFERING to the Lord, and this was the only thing that she had that was her own, and she wanted to give that which she loved and thought she needed. After I could see a bit clearer, I took the doll by the head and lifted it up so the people could see it. All knew that it belonged to Nichi, and they knew what it meant to Nichi. In a moment tears filled all eyes, and sobs could be heard throughout the audience as they looked at that offering for the Lord.

When I could clear my voice I told the people about Nichi and the doll, and what it meant to make an offering like that. Then I said, "I want someone to come and buy back this doll for Nichi." A man with a partly-clothed body came to the front and asked me how much it would require to buy back that doll for

Nichi. I told him that perhaps the doll cost only about ten cents in our money when it was bought in America, but that whoever bought the doll now must pay whatever he thought the doll was worth to Nichi. He looked at it with tear-filled eyes and then said, "Teacher, I will give you a cow for the doll." Immediately another man stood and said he would give a cow also for Nichi's doll. Four men came driving their cows to the mission the next day to buy back that little rag doll.

Needless to say, we had enough money to send the needed preacher to the interior for a year. God's angel went before the preacher, and many were the hearts that turned from darkness to the Light during that short stay in that tribe. A crippled girl had made a sacrifice, and through her gift God was able to work another miracle in black.—From "Miracles in Black," a remarkable missionary book that should be in every Sunday School Library, price \$1.75. Reprinted by permission of Fleming H. Revell Co., owners of the copyright.

I Had Fainted

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on Jesus and less on self; to trust His promise, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

When through conflict or adversity we get our eyes off the Lord, and begin to sink, it is possible that we may also become faint in our spiritual life and our prayer life—one of the most fatal mistakes we can make. Knowing this, the Lord has not overlooked it in reminding us of His faithfulness to us, and has told us of the widow who came to the unjust judge that she might be avenged of her adversary. Then the Lord tells us: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." Luke 18:1. Whether we feel a spirit of prayer or not, we must pray. Whether prayers seem answered or not, we must pray. No struggling saint ever prayed in vain, for "Shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day or night unto him? Yea, I say unto you he will avenge them speedily." Those prayers which we do not see answered are preserved above, and at the last it will be seen that they have not been in vain when there is given to the angel much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints. Rev. 8:3. Pray on, believe on, fight on. The promises of God are as sure today as when the apostles lived. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We also must not become weary in well-doing. Some have ceased to testify and to do personal work for God. Some in the ministry conduct their meetings because it is their profession, but without the burning zeal of days gone by. In all

lines there is likelihood of fainting, but remember, "in due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not." Harvest time is coming. The seed watered by our tears will not fail to bring its harvest. He who is the God of battles is also the God of cultivation. One may sow, another may water, but it is God who giveth the increase.

A short while ago I was travelling through a part of the country which was very dry, and it looked as if there would never be any moisture there. But farmers were out plowing and harrowing the the ground. They expected rain, and finally a crop. Though our spiritual skies show no sign of rain, may we toil on faithfully, for, after a while will come the harvest, since we have the definite promise that we shall reap, if we faint not.

Now for a few helps to keep us from fainting. We may have been paying more attention to our feelings than to our faith. If so, our attitude must be changed, our minds must find their proper place in God's plan. "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." Isa. 40:28, 29. When discouragement comes may we remember "God is not faint." He has looked on the wickedness of the world from the beginning; has seen the blasphemy against His son; has watched the progress of iniquity; but He knows the hour draws near when Satan shall be bound and cast into the bottomless pit, when righteousness shall come into its proper place, and the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. These dark days are the beginning of birthpangs out of which the new creation shall be born. Can we, God's children, not watch with our Lord in this transition hour? With the Psalmist we must believe to see the goodness of the Lord. "The just shall live by faith" was never more true than now.

We have mentioned the value of prayer; we shall mention it again. Living in a time when natural strength and fortitude would fail, when "even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall," our promise is: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:30, 31. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Psalm 27:14.

Finally, as an aid against fainting, we must consider Jesus. We have not yet

resisted unto blood striving against sin. Our Savior has. "Consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." We fear that too many have gotten their eyes off the Lord. Some see the darkness; some suffer adversity; some are weakened through the unceasing hostility of battle. May we see Him who conquered for us, who has pledged Himself to fight our cause.

There goes little David, clothed with no armor but faith, equipped with no weapon but his little sling, youthfully running up the hillside to meet the mighty Goliath, who is clothed in heavy mail, with mighty shield and spear. Israel wished to meet this giant in their own strength, but fainted through fear. David met him in remembrance of his covenant relationship to God, and he prevailed. It is the blood of the everlasting covenant which is the sign by which we conquer in these evil days. May we glory in the cross, and fight the good fight of faith.

Seed Thoughts

Gathered by Alice E. Luce

"If you choose to obey your Bibles, you will never care who attacks them."—Ruskin.

The most powerful of all Christian Evidences is an obedient Christian who lives out what the Bible teaches.

But the attacks come just the same and we must be prepared for them—always ready to give an answer. 1 Peter 3:15.

The important thing about replying to the opposers is to do it in the spirit of meekness. See also 2 Tim. 2:24, 25.

The word *fear* coupled with meekness in 1 Peter 3:15 is translated *reverence* in the margin. It implies a sense of the sacredness of the teachings of God and of our responsibility in defending them.

It is a good plan to throw back the onus of proof on those who attack the Bible. Let them prove what they assert.

"Men who conquer go in for attack; you must not wrap garlands around your sword if you want to deal effectively with sinners."—Spurgeon.

Courage, Christian soldier! The enemy may be much too strong for you, but trust in your Captain, who has never lost a battle.

Remember that you are never to fight flesh and blood, but the forces of evil behind your opponents; and they can be best conquered by prayer.

The real battlefield is the closet of intercession. It is there God's overcomers are trained and developed.

Under the law "I am a child"; under grace "I am a son."



Five Years in South India

Constance S. Eady

Thrilling beyond all description is the recollection of what God has wrought during the past five years in this corner of His great vineyard. The work is extending far beyond all expectations. The Lord is performing miracle after miracle in our midst, and this is a most encouraging time for the work in South India.

IN SOLAVARAM we opened the first work in the Chingleput District. Nine years ago a man in this place found himself afflicted with leprosy. For nine years he had suffered alone, being separated from his wife and family. He had been hospitalized, but with no results, and he continued on in his sufferings. One day he heard of the One who is able to heal all diseases. Coming to our pastor, he asked if such a thing were possible today. He was brought to Christ in prayer and not only delivered from the malady, but from his sins as well. In a recent baptismal service in Solavaram, ten converts were buried with their Lord. Large crowds gathered to witness the service and the gospel was preached to them in power.

AT VILLIVALKAM there has been much house visitation. There is one dear old lady about 70 years of age here who had been having considerable trouble with her eyes, until she completely lost her vision. She was prayed for and, as the prayer was ascending to the throne of grace, the power of the Lord came upon her and she was baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the same time she received perfect vision.

Also living in Villivalkam is another old woman who was very antagonistic toward

Christianity. She allowed no Christians in her home and lost no opportunity to speak against the Lord. But the Christians continued to hold on in prayer for her. Suddenly she became ill and sent to the hospital for medicine, but she only became worse. She finally sent a message asking our workers to come to her. Upon their arrival she pleaded with them to pray for her deliverance. For two hours they talked with her and the Lord graciously touched her body. Before they left the house, the old woman had accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior.

This church is growing by leaps and bounds. At present the Christians are meeting in a house to worship, but it is not nearly large enough to accommodate the people and we are much in need of a church building. We had decided not to build any more churches until after the war, but we are now agreed that a church for Villivalkam is imperative. I have already seen about the land for this project. Some time ago a brother in the States sent me \$50.00 for the building, so we hope to have a new church before long.

AT TINNANUR a girl of twenty gave her heart to the Lord through the efforts of one of the Bible women. Her parents were indignant and refused to let her be immersed. The Bible women also suffered a great deal of persecution, but through the grace of God the girl is now permitted to attend the church services. Please pray for these parents.

IN TIRUPATTUR where we have our training class, every house is being visited whether Hindu, Mohammedan, high or low cast. This led to one man becoming a modern Nicodemus, coming to the mission by night and asking, "What does this mean?" That night he received Christ as his Redeemer. He now attends the services regularly and is being prepared for water baptism.

In the hospital in Tirupattur a woman had been suffering with fever for three months. She had had many injections, but nothing seemed to do her any good. She asked one day if she would be permitted to talk with our pastor. With the permission of the doctor in charge, Brother Lamech went to see her. He prayed with her and five minutes later she was up, perfectly healed. In this same hospital is a nurse who has been wonderfully saved and is now desiring water baptism. An orderly in the hospital who was saved and immersed two years ago, has gone straight on with the Lord and is now baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is wonderful how the doctors allow us to give Bible teaching in the hospital and outside in the compound. The gospel is preached continually and there is generally a crowd of people anxious to hear the Word of God.

Recently while Brother Lamech was preaching he was attacked by some drunken men and injured, but the Lord enabled him to go on preaching. A Hindu later came to him and said, "I am so sorry you were hurt but I have never seen people like you, for even when you are hurt, you go on preaching!"

Over a thousand people are hearing the gospel in Tirupattur. Naturally there are some enemies. There are those who say of Brother Lamech, "We must kill him and get rid of him." But others object, declaring that



Left: Constance Eady and Carl Graves with group of workers at Krishnagiri. Right: Crowds bathing in holy river on festival day.

he is a good man and that they want to hear more of the gospel. So the preaching continues. Even when our workers go into the house to eat their food, the crowds are outside saying, "We want to hear more!"

We now have 30 Indian workers, all baptized in the Holy Spirit. At present there are four young men who are being trained for the work and are attending the training class in Tirupattur. They receive Bible teaching for a season, and then we send them out into the villages with the trained evangelists. There is one young boy 14 in whom I am very much interested. He is an orphan and is being brought up by our Indian pastor and his wife. This lad goes to school, but is so hungry to learn the Word that he begs to be allowed to come into the students' class whenever he is free. He has made amazing progress.

AT KRISHNAGIRI is a man who suffered from hip disease. The worker in that station had told him of Christ, the One who saves and heals. The man believed, gave his heart to Christ and was then perfectly healed. He is now asking for water baptism.

AT KAVERIPATNAM we have witnessed a strange incident. Brother Lazarus, who is in charge of the station, was away at the time. He had left his wife and children at the mission while he was gone. During the night a thief broke into the house. The wife, one of our dear Bible women, at once knelt down and began to pray. The thief ran off without harming anyone.

The following day Brother Lazarus received an urgent message from his wife telling him to return home at once. He quickly returned, bringing Brother Lamech with him. They had not been back long before the thief came again—this time to the church. He was under such conviction of sin that he didn't know what to do. He finally confessed his sin and called upon the name of the Lord for forgiveness. He then told us how he had heard Thangam praying and such fear laid hold of him that he ran off. That day another soul was born into the kingdom.

I could go on endlessly telling of souls saved, bodies healed, of demons cast out, and of the continual spread of the gospel. I only wish I could tell you in person of the marvelous things God is doing through His people in this needy land. Continue to pray!

The Floyd Thomases

We are happy to announce that a telegram received by the Missions Department on September 5th announced the safe arrival of Brother and Sister Floyd W. Thomas and their two children in Natal, Brazil. The Thomases are on their way to Gold Coast, West Africa. The telegram reads: "We arrived Saturday. Will be here at least three weeks." Let us continue to pray for these friends that they may reach their destination safely and be mightily used of God from the outset.



Brother W. H. Clifford baptizing.

The Power of God in Ceylon

Walter H. Clifford

One Sunday morning a school teacher came from her home town, about 100 miles from Colombo, seeking deliverance from a throat ailment which was threatening to make it necessary for her to give up teaching. She had heard that we pray for the sick and came seeking healing. She was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister and had been a prominent church worker, so she felt sure that she was right with the Lord.

As she sat listening to the message, she had two visions. First, she saw Christ hanging on the cross, the blood streaming down His head, hands and side. Then the vision changed and she saw herself. To her amazement she was

filthy with sin, vile and far from God. Right there as the service went on, she confessed her sins, yielded herself to Christ and experienced true salvation.

When we gave the altar invitation, she came forward and told us why she had come and how the Lord had met her in the service already. Then she asked prayer for the healing of her throat. She was anointed with oil in the name of the Lord and was wonderfully healed. She was never attacked with the ailment again. Later on she sought to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and was gloriously filled. She became a power for good, both in the church and in the island.

More Hurricane News

We are happy to announce that the recent hurricane in Jamaica which caused such widespread property damage over the Island, did very little damage to our church buildings there.

Brother Cyril C. Huckerby has just written to tell us: "God has been very merciful to us in that while many churches have been destroyed, our assemblies have suffered comparatively little damage. In Port Antonio only five sheets of zinc were torn off the roof of the church building, though every tree in the yard was blown flat and will have to be cleared away. The booth at Roaring River, our mission among the Maroons, has suffered a little damage which must be repaired. The booth at Rolandsfield has been destroyed completely, but we will soon have it reconstructed. The building at Haining, which we were in the process of constructing, was shifted from its foundation slightly, but this can be rectified locally."

While we suffered only slight property damage, the people themselves are homeless and in much need. Brother Huckerby continued his letter: "The full score of our members and families have lost everything in Haining and Rolandsfield. It has been a pathetic sight to see the conditions there, and words cannot describe the suffering and need of the homeless. The storm came on a Sunday and the wind registered in some parts 130 miles per hour. If it had come during the night, the loss of lives would have been terrific."

Just Arrived

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh P. Jeter of Cuba announce the birth of their second son, Robert David Jeter, on August 23. Robert was born 5 lbs. 6¾ oz. of a future missionary—if Jesus tarries. Congratulations to the parents and a hearty welcome to our midst to Robert David!

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Among the Assemblies

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Have just closed a 3-week revival at Faith Tabernacle, in which 8 were saved and 2 were filled with the Spirit. J. F. McNinch was the evangelist.—Sister E. B. Smith, Pastor.

COTTER, ARK.—We have just closed a very successful revival with Edwin Burris as the evangelist. Seventeen were saved, one was filled with the Spirit, and 12 were baptized in water. The church is greatly revived.—B. F. Hickman, Pastor.

FLORENCE, ARIZ.—A wonderful meeting has been conducted here by Evangelist and Mrs. Frazier Baker. Five were saved, and 7 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The revival spirit is still on and God is pouring out His blessings upon us at every service. We opened the doors here in this new field about fourteen months ago, and have around 50 in Sunday School.—A. O. Reynolds, Pastor.

SOUTH HOUSTON, TEXAS—Our assembly has recently been blessed with a great revival, W. M. Cupps of Conroe being the evangelist. We had exceptionally good crowds and Brother Cupp's Holy Ghost anointed messages were an inspiration each night. Conviction became so great that on the closing night of the revival, a 49-year-old man came to church and was saved and testified that God had dealt with him for the first time in his life.—J. M. Daily, Pastor.

SANTA PAULA, CALIF.—Just closed a 4-week revival under the able ministry of the Garland Evangelistic Party, P. O. Box 1338, Willowbrook, Calif. The soul-inspiring sermons given from night to night brought a great move in the church. Many were saved and many were filled with the Holy Spirit. The ministry of our brother has been a blessing to church and city. Our Sunday School has grown, and the revival spirit is continuing.—T. S. Singleton, Pastor.

MADERA, CALIF.—We are glad to report that the old-time Camp Meeting held here, August 13-27, under the auspices of the South San Joaquin Section of the Northern California-Nevada District, was a real visitation from God. About 50 were saved, and 30 baptized in the Holy Spirit, 12 being from our local assembly. Large crowds attended, there being people from all denominations. Unusual things happened. One lady, 73 years old, was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. One of our C. A.'s received the Holy Ghost Baptism while milking his cows at 5 a. m.

Three services were held daily. We also had early morning prayer meetings, and children's church conducted by Ina Rae Vancil. E. C. Lagmay and Earl F. Davis were our evangelists, and they preached mornings and evenings. District Superintendent R. J. Thurmond spoke at two services. Various pastors in our section were in charge of the afternoon meetings.—T. E. Woods, District Presbyter and Pastor.

DELAWARE, OHIO—The annual State C. A. Convention was held in the High School

auditorium, on Labor Day. The following officers were elected: President, Thomas Sutton; Vice President, T. E. Hartshorn; Treasurer, Andrew Basell; Secretary, W. C. Stepp; Missionary Secretary-Treasurer, J. W. Davis.

Ernest Sumrall, pastor of Stone Church, Chicago, Ill., was the guest speaker. A great feature of the convention was the dedicatory service conducted by Chaplain McGowan, from the Servicemen's department, Springfield, Mo. A large Servicemen's flag with 17 gold stars and 700 blue stars was dedicated to the Ohio C. A.'s serving in the armed forces of our nation. The convention was well attended and God's blessing was wonderfully enjoyed throughout the day. The Ohio C. A.'s are looking forward to their annual New Year's Day rallies.—W. C. Stepp, State Secretary.

GENERAL COUNCIL FELLOWSHIP

The following names were added to the General Council ministerial list during the month of August, 1944

- Allen, Robert F., Gallatin, Tenn.
 Apple, Oliver W., Rice Lake, Wis.
 Baggs, Richard J., Pocomoke City, Md.
 Barrett, Arvel J., Dixon, Mo.
 Brewer, Melvin M. Jr., Valley Park, Mo.
 Cantelon, Hugh D., Sawyer, N. Dak.
 Clark, Thomas E., Weiss, La.
 Clayton, F. T., Lepanto, Ark. (Reinstated)
 Cummings, Robert W., Springfield, Mo.
 Dahlberg, Henry I., Culbertson, Mont.
 Devore, Hazel M., Kitzmiller, Mo.
 Downs, Alvin B., West Monroe, La.
 Dunn, James W., Eminence, Mo.
 Eaves, Martin D., Jr., Belgrade, Mo.
 England, Otis R., Oceanside, Calif.
 Fagerstrom, Ernest W., Memphis, Tenn.
 Fagerstrom, Mrs. Evangeline, Fayetteville, Tenn.
 Friend, Mrs. William B., Willow Springs, Mo.
 Fritz, Howard H., Front Royal, Va.
 Gerdes, Martin E., Worthington, Minn.
 Graham, John M., Greeley, Mo.
 Grimsley, Fred N., Neosho, Mo.
 Gunter, William E., Goldonna, La.
 Gunter, Ruth (Mrs. Terrel), Goldonna, La.
 Guier, Calvin W., DeSoto, Mo.
 Hancock, Robert J., Richmond, Va.
 Hanson, Gilman A., Richland Center, Wis.
 Harmon, Charles E., Houston, Mo.
 Harvey, Russell W., Clarksburg, W. Va.
 Hines, Carl R., Poplar, Mont.
 Jorgenson, Lloyd C., Valley City, N. Dak. (Reinstated)
 Keeton, Mrs. Idama, St. Louis, Mo.
 Kerfoot, Thomas J., Frederick, Md.
 King, LeRoy, Sikes, La.
 Kowalewski, Bernard E., New York, N. Y.
 McGaugh, Alvin C., Cullen, La.
 McKinney, Harold C. Jr., Bellevue, Pa.
 Meador, Robert P., Potosi, Mo.
 Mitchell, Charlotte L., Sunburst, Mont.
 Murray, C. Franklyn, Eldon, Mo.
 Murray, Lois (Mrs. C. F.), Eldon, Mo.
 Niccum, George A., Iron Mountain, Mich.
 Phelps, Kathryn, Tomahawk, Wis.
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- Sandell, A. Ferdinand, S. Milwaukee, Wis.
- Smith, Virgil T., Decatur, Ill. (Reinstated)
- Walterman, DeVore H., Neenah, Wis.
- Wampler, Fred T., Bixby, Mo. (Reinstated)
- Wiles, Mrs. J. Burdette, Havre, Mont.
- Wilson, Delus D., Munford, Tenn.
- Wynne, Howard, Doniphan, Mo.
- Young, George A., Clinton, Mo.
- Zezzo, Mariano N., Culpeper, Va.
- Ziemann, Edwin G., Mayville, Wis.

The following names were removed from the General Council ministerial list during the month of August, 1944:

- Bogart, Anna K., Dayton, Ohio (Withdrawn)
- Freezeland, Calvin F., Staunton, Ill. (Dropped)
- Holland, Joseph W., Trilby, Fla., (Withdrawn)
- Shelley, H. Howard, Danbury, Conn. (Deceased)

- Tobey, Emmitt C., Brownwood, Tex. (Dropped)
- Walker, George W., Austin, Texas (Dropped)

CORRECTION

- Lewis, William J., Minneapolis, Minn. (Dropped instead of Withdrew)

Brother Howard Shelley at the time of his death was the Secretary of the New England District Council and a General Presbyter. He was ordained in the year 1933, and served his district as Secretary for six years. He departed this life on August 27th at the age of 58 years.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS
August, 1944

Alabama	\$ 723.30
Arizona	677.73
Arkansas	3,389.79
California	21,467.75
Colorado	2,074.32
Connecticut	523.13
Delaware	1,145.06
District of Columbia	331.25
Florida	1,216.75
Georgia	884.07

German Branch	150.00
Idaho	872.64
Illinois	7,998.12
Indiana	1,915.25
Iowa	1,321.06
Kansas	4,004.78
Kentucky	916.77
Louisiana	584.35
Maine	162.08
Maryland	715.64
Massachusetts	593.69
Michigan	6,586.10
Minnesota	3,992.65
Mississippi	265.39
Missouri	6,593.35
Montana	1,536.17
Nebraska	2,244.34
Nevada	144.04
New Hampshire	38.25
New Jersey	1,859.37
New Mexico	573.30
New York	8,520.40
North Carolina	216.82
North Dakota	1,610.47
Ohio	8,377.17
Oklahoma	3,955.08
Oregon	3,370.34
Pennsylvania	6,520.13
Rhode Island	444.84
South Carolina	149.30
South Dakota	815.40
Tennessee	828.76
Texas	7,064.19
Ukrainian Branch	19.00
Utah	98.39
Vermont	46.00

Virginia	1,069.86
Washington	9,549.64
West Virginia	1,959.41
Wisconsin	2,715.62
Wyoming	243.68
Alaska	27.00
Canada	418.83
Foreign	92.05
Miscellaneous	958.36
Total offerings	\$134,571.22
Home Missions Fund	3,476.78
District Fund	7,548.90
Servicemen's Fund	10,976.10
Office Expense Fund	2,105.22
Literature Expense Fund	217.98
Given Direct for Home Missions	6,493.61
Given Direct to Missionaries	13,762.47
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	\$89,990.16

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST 1944

Congo	\$ 7,507.20
Egypt	4,594.00
Gold Coast	8,744.49
Ivory Coast	2,492.84
Liberia and Sierra Leone	3,195.74
Nigeria	1,874.15
Tanganyika	499.50
Transvaal	2,886.75
China	4,678.03
India and Ceylon	15,761.76
Palestine and Near East	1,991.50
West Indies	6,080.78
Mexican Work	2,414.43
Central America	6,493.68
Argentina	1,365.50
Brazil	4,342.04
Chile	2,096.75
Colombia	517.00
Paraguay	145.50
Peru	4,181.28
Venezuela	936.00
Fiji Islands	310.79
Straits Settlements	357.79
Hawaii	165.00
European Workers	652.00
British West Indies	1,272.50
Non-Council Missionaries	1,574.22
Miscellaneous Fields	1,252.10
Retired Missionaries	1,135.12
Total Disbursements	89,518.44
Credited Extension Work	14,755.16
Charged from Designated a/c	104,273.60
Total Receipts for August	\$89,990.16

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.

CHICAGO, ILL.—740 E. 77th St., Sept. 24—; Anna Lock, Evangelist.—S. Paul Carlyss, Pastor.
 TURTLE CREEK, PA.—Sept. 24—; Evangelist and Mrs. Charles Shaffer.—R. W. Metzger, Pastor.
 BRUCE, S. DAK.—Revival in progress; H. V. Foley, Sumner, Mo., Evangelist.
 TRIANGLE, VA.—Sept. 15—; J. B. Woolums, Atlanta, Ga., Evangelist.—Harry and Grace Rupp, Pastors.
 MT. MORRIS, PA.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. E. V. Berquist. W. C. Long is pastor.—By Evangelist.
 NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—3rd and Palm Sts., Oct. 11-29, or longer; N. H. Rhodes, Greenville, Miss., Evangelist.—Louie Shultz, Pastor.
 SWEETWATER, OKLA.—Sept. 17, for 2 weeks; N. B. Rayburn, Martin, Tenn., Evangelist.—Ed. Lee, Pastor.
 EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—26th and State Sts.; Sept. 26, for 2 weeks or longer; F. Pepper, Findley, Ohio, Evangelist.—A. A. Anderson, Pastor.
 CHANDLER, OKLA.—Oct. 8—; Mr. and Mrs. J. Phillip Johnson of Muskogee, Evangelist.—Douglas J. Friesen, Pastor.
 INDIANAPOLIS.—Laurel St. and Pleasant Run Blvd., Oct. 1-15; Delbert and Beatrice Best Bucher, Springfield, Mo., Evangelists and Musicians.—J. L. Price, Pastor.
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Lancaster and Dittmar Sts., Sept. 24-Oct. 8; L. R. Hunter, Elkhart, Ind., Evangelist.—Mr. and Mrs. Gideon O. DeMerchant, Pastors. Phone Lambert 21921.
 CLEVELAND, OHIO—Northeast Ohio Fellowship Meeting, West Side Pentecostal Church, 3123 W. 43rd St., Oct. 2. Services 10:30, and 1:30 for ministers only. Public service, 7:00.—T. E. Hartshorn, Secretary-Treasurer, 264 Rieg Ave., Conneaut, Ohio.

TORONTO, CANADA—833 St. Clair Ave. W.; Sept. 17, for 4 weeks or longer; Esther Mae Cooper of California, Evangelist.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor.
 CAMARGO, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting, Oct. 10. Dinner on grounds. Walter Gore is pastor.—W. C. Crowder, Sectional Secretary, Chester, Okla.
 LAWRENCE, KANSAS—Oct. 1, for 3 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. R. R. Morrison, Springfield, Mo.—P. D. Pittman, Pastor.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The West Florida District Council will convene at Marianna, Fla., Oct. 3-5; Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker for evening services.—R. F. Hudson, District Superintendent, Box 395, Crestview, Fla.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The 34th annual Convention and 30th District Council of the Alabama District, City Auditorium, Montgomery, Ala., Oct. 9-11. Aaron A. Wilson, guest speaker. C. A. Rally and Fellowship Meeting, Monday night. W.M.C. business meeting, Tuesday afternoon. Free beds furnished as far as possible. Grover Langston, Host Pastor.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.

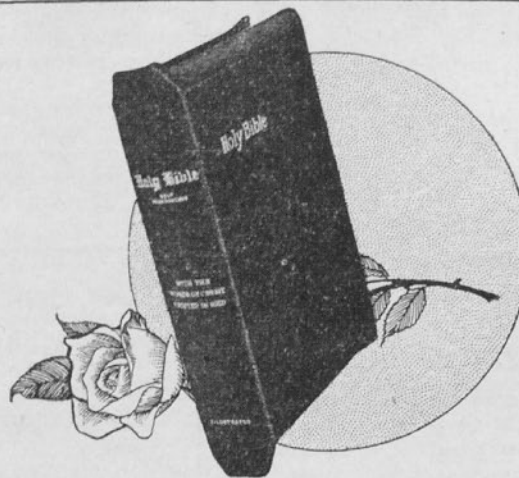
OKLAHOMA DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The 29th annual District Council of Oklahoma will meet in the Municipal Auditorium, Shawnee, Okla., Oct. 2-6. First service, 7:30 p. m. Those desiring ordination will meet the committee at this time. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, night

speaker. For further information write V. H. Ray, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.—V. H. Ray.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL
 The Arkansas District Council will meet at Russellville, Ark., Oct. 9-12. District meeting of Women's Missionary Council, Oct. 9, 2:30 p. m.; Mrs. H. E. Sims, President, in charge. All-state C. A. Rally, Tuesday, Oct. 10, opening business session. The Russellville church will furnish rooms for ministers and delegates. All others should write and make reservations. For further information write David Burris, District Superintendent, Box 436, Hot Springs, Ark. For reservations write W. J. Higgins, local pastor, 708 N. Boston, Russellville, Ark.—David Burris, Superintendent.

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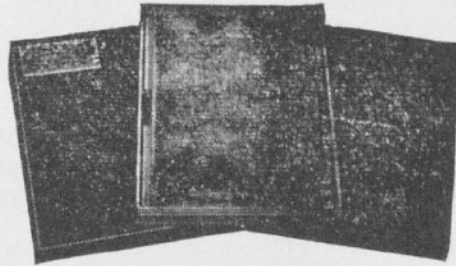
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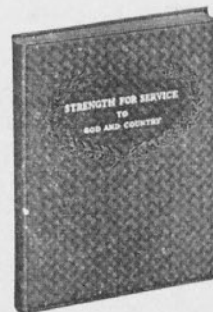
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According to the Mutual Broadcasting Company's new policy, there will be no more gospel network broadcasts after 1 p. m. on Sundays and none will be more than thirty minutes in length. All the fine programs like the Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Lutheran Hour, Young People's Church of the Air, etc. will henceforth be heard only on Sunday mornings, except in cases where they are re-broadcast over local stations by means of transcription.

THE JUDGE'S DECISION

Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Dunne recently asked to be removed from his divorce court because he could not reconcile his beliefs with the wholesale granting of divorces. According to the *Los Angeles Examiner*, he explained: "I am against divorce. I am against parents so unmindful of their duties and obligations to their children that they place their own selfish interests before their children's happiness. I am against persons who enter marriage lightly and expect to escape just as easily."

BARREN CHURCHES

"As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth"—and that is God's plan for His church—but too often there is no travail and no bringing forth. The report of the United Church of Canada (an amalgamation of Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists) reveals that, during the years 1938 to 1942, 973 churches did not add to their memberships three persons within those years, and "in 1941 did not receive into membership one person from the Sunday School or otherwise on profession of faith."

RUSSIA'S INTEREST

Russia already has an imposing legation in Egypt and is expected also to open a consulate at Jerusalem. Andre Visson, organizer of the East European department of the Office of War Information, predicts that Russia may play an important role in settling the Arab-Jewish problem in Palestine. In his book *The Coming Struggle for Peace* he declares that the Soviet Union is beginning to manifest her interest in Palestine. He reminds us that it was Russia's claim to being protector of the so-called "Holy City" that led to the Crimean War. To students of prophecy the interest of Russia in Palestine is quite significant. It is that little land of promise that will be the bone of contention in the closing struggle of the age.

CHRIST AT A CONVENTION

When Elmer Anderson learned that the national political conventions would be held in Chicago, he decided to prepare for it. He had a special red-white-and-blue tract printed, entitled, "Vote Right." He also obtained a police permit to hand out the tracts at the great Stadium. As a result, when the thousands of politicians gathered from all over the country they were met by eight fine young men distributing these appropriate gospel tracts. The same tract will be used at the fall elections. This story, taken from *Evangelical Beacon*, shows how a wide-awake Christian can find wonderful opportunities to witness for Christ if he is on the job.

ASTONISHING DEGENERACY

From *The Missionary Worker* we quote the following:

"Contraceptives and prophylactic equipment will be furnished to members of the WACS, according to a super-secret agreement reached by high-ranking officers of the War Department and the WACS' chieftain, Mrs. Wm. Pettus Hobby, wife of the publisher of the *Houston (Tex.) Post*. At least, so says John O'Donnell, in 'Capitol Stuff.' He quotes a lady lawmaker as saying, 'Women have the same right to indulge their affections and emotions, whether married or single, here or overseas, as do the men in the same uniform.' Then he goes on to say that the agreement was reached because of feminine determination to smash any out-moded double standards, and a consideration for the health of the girls in uniform."

The "health" argument for promiscuity is as ridiculous as it is sinful. Continency is the best safeguard for health. Sinful indulgence is a violation of God's command—"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Woe to America if the present trend is not checked. We are becoming a nation of harlots and drunkards.

HEART HUNGER IN RUSSIA

A writer says: "Perhaps no nation has manifested the spiritual tendencies, the longing to know God, and the thirst for truth that are found in 'Holy Russia.' World travelers always have marveled at the 'Russian soul,' which combines patience, courage, and endurance with intense religious fervor. Childlike trustfulness, unselfishness, and submission are other qualities which are usually manifest in Russian character. Emotionalism is expressed by tears of joy or sorrow over another's experiences. When real faith in Christ is added to such characters, we have as nearly exemplary Christian lives as can be witnessed.

"Trampled though the Russian nation has been, since the introduction of the Greek Orthodox Church about A. D. 900, its diligent search for God has continued until the present time. The Established Church, by ritual, fasting, and pilgrimages, failed to satisfy the hearts of its adherents. Tolstoi, the great philosopher, at the age of eighty, admitted, 'I am still seeking.' So eager were the Russian people for truth that when Catherine II (in

the eighteenth century) imported Dutch Protestant farmers into southern Russia in order to teach her peasants modern methods of agriculture, they eagerly learned the way of salvation from the Dutch but failed to become better farmers. Every home in Russia became a potential sanctuary in the days of the Czars."

The writer points out that during the short periods of religious freedom that have been granted in Russia's dark history, the gospel has been preached and millions have been saved.

The Bolshevistic minority ruling Russia have been unable to stamp out the fires of this religious faith. "A recent Bolshevik census read: 'If you are a religious believer, say so.' So many 'said so' that the result of the census was withheld!"

He adds: "May we reassure those who are rightfully anxious over our present alliance with an atheistic government, that only 2 per cent of the Russian people belong to this (atheistic) group. We are allied with 190 millions of freedom-loving people who are heroically fighting for the restoration of freedom."

Keep praying for the heart-hungry Russians!

RUSSIA AND ROME

The Prairie Pastor says: "When Moscow lately delivered a radio broadcast against the Vatican it proved to be such a 'broadside' that it scarcely received newspaper recognition, let alone place on the radio. Pastor J. B. Rowell of Victoria, B. C. rightly asks, 'Is Russia the only nation which the Vatican cannot deceive?' Neither Britain, the U. S. nor Canada would dare to come out in such plain truth telling. We must take off our hats to the Bolsheviks. They are not under the dominating sway of false religion. When they sought to rid Russia of 'the opiate of the people'—for such indeed was the Greek Catholic system that she drugged the people 'with the wine of her fornication'—they fulfilled in miniature what will be done by the last ten kings under the Antichrist. 'These shall hate the whore and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil His will.' Rev. 17: 16, 17."

AN ANXIOUS INVENTOR

Major Alexander P. de Seversky, author of "Victory Through Air Power," has developed important inventions which are helping to win this war. However, he is becoming greatly concerned about the future. "The gulf between our available technical power and our moral understanding has widened disastrously," he says. "It is a terrible abyss that may swallow everything that the human race has prized. Humanity today is like a child playing with matches. It has the ability to ignite them, but lacks the sense of danger and the self-control to desist. Therefore it is a child menaced by self-extermination."

Will a world state keep the situation under control? Can a world police force prevent another and yet more disastrous war? No, for warring, sinful man needs more than a cage. Caging a wild beast does not tame it. Nothing less than the redemptive power of the Lord Jesus Christ can take hatred from the human breast, and provide sufficient moral force to turn man from his program of destruction to the development of more constructive weapons.