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Brigadier Ross, Alec Monroe, Minta Miller

# Pentecost in Cairo and Jerusalem

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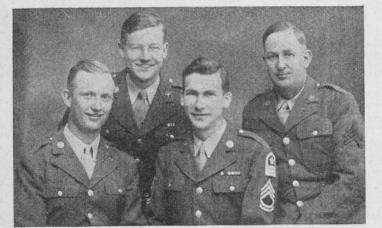
#### Vera I. Swarztrauber of Jerusalem, Palestine

M RS. BRIGADIER ROSS is a retired Salvation Army officer who has had many years of service in India. It was while she was in India that she sought and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the home of Ethel King, in the hills.

She was saved in Australia when she was a girl, and when she joined the Salvation Army she was put out of her home. She faced a great deal of persecution for the stand she had taken for the Lord, and her whole life has been a constant uncompromising stand for the things of the Lord.

Her husband died in India, and after some years the Lord definitely called her to Jerusalem in Palestine. She was asked to help in the services for soldiers in what was known as "The Hut." Those who were in charge of this work were connected with the Mediterranean Garrison Mission. Her ministry here was much blessed. Soldiers were saved, and some became hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Among those who became hungry for the



Back row: Cpl. Harold Bienz, Sgt. Paul Beaven. Front row: Sgt. Milton Sytsma, T/Sgt. Douglas Henderson.

Baptism was Alec Monroe, a young Scotchman, stationed in Jerusalem. Alec's Baptism in the Holy Spirit brought a tremendous change in his life and also complications at the Hut. Finally, Mrs. Ross decided that her ministry was at an end in Jerusalem, and the Lord guided her to Cairo. It was there that she met Minta Miller, a young American Pentecostal missionary, and together they opened a work for soldiers.

They began hunting for a home and after they had searched through the whole city of Cairo, they found a small apartment near the central railway station. It was a central location, but there were drawbacks in the way of brawling neighbors, and a near-by fish market that surely had a smell! Since the owners did not dispose of their stale fish, the odor sometimes was overpowering.

The neighbors in the apartment near by became excited about the noise that came from this apartment; they delegated a woman to come in and investigate and to return and re-

port. This woman came, became convicted of sin. was saved, and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Now she is "one of them."

Two thousand servicemen have passed through the home during the time Mrs. Ross has been there. Everybody comes — English, South African, Australian, New Zealander, American, and Indian soldiers. They call her "Oomi" which is Arabic for "My Mother." They come in from the street, hot and tired, and find a warm welcome, a shower, a change to shorts, a clean shirt, and comfortable slippers. And a good meal is awaiting them.

During week ends many of the boys have leave, and stay over night at the flat. At such times the place fairly bulges with humanity. Mattresses are put down in the prayer room, in the dining room, in the one spare room, and upon the two balconies if necessary.

There is a meeting held every week night and twice on Sundays. The boys gather in the living room, which can hold about thirty, packed tightly. If there are more, they overflow into the dining room. The meeting begins with rousing choruses, Mrs. Ross being seated at the piano. These are usually followed by testimonies.

It is glorious to see the faces of these soldier boys and to hear their inspiring testimonies. One boy testified to being delivered from demon possession. A tall boy from Texas, a navigator in the Army Air Corps, testified to deliverance from serious engine trouble while flying over the Indian Ocean. Others testified of the wonderful change that had come into their lives through salvation.

One of them electrified us when he told us what the Lord had done in his barracks the night before. He had returned early and found his mates in a deep discussion about the inspiration of the Bible. When he entered the room, one of them said to him, "Can you give us any verse from the Bible that will prove that the Bible is true?" He said "Certainly I can." And he quoted: "These signs shall follow them that believe: In My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.' Mark 16:17. As he finished those words, the Spirit came mightily upon him, his arms went up, and he burst into a powerful message in tongues. When he finished there was absolute silence in the barracks. They had had overwhelming proof of the reality of that scripture.

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## Extreme Eternal Security Teaching

First, what do we mean by "Eternal Security"? Perhaps the handiest definition, and it is fairly exact too, is the phrase—"Once saved, always saved." That puts it in a nutshell. This doctrine teaches that once a soul has been born from above by a personal faith in Christ, that soul can NEVER be finally lost, however much the individual may thereafter backslide, and even die in sin that is apparently quite unrepented of. It is claimed that one act of faith in Christ at some point in life's history has absolutely guaranteed them heaven for evermore!

These are tremendous claims, but I think no exponent of Eternal Security could complain of their being overstated or unfairly stated.

Before examining the basis for this doctrine it will be profitable to pause and consider why some have embraced it. For therein lies an important part of the whole matter.

One evening a few years ago, a brother preacher opened up his heart to me on the subject. He had been a local preacher for the Methodists for many years, and had been trained in a very extreme and perverted form of Wesleyan doctrine, which made our eternal salvation a matter so dependant upon our particular standing in grace that this good brother had been tormented for years with miserable fears and uncertainties as to whether he would be ultimately saved at all. Carried to extreme in some churches, this idea produces converts who "come and get saved" all over afresh every Sunday night. Every slip by the way is supposed to jeopardize their hope of eternal salvation. No wonder my friend was weary at heart, and hailed with relief this doctrine of Eternal Security when ably presented to him by a skilled, though dogmatic, Bible student. I sincerely sympathized, though I did not agree, with him.

Truth always suffers at the hand of extremists; and this question has suffered from extremists on both sides. Unhappily there have been those who hold, with the writer, the possibility of "falling from grace" who have come so short in their presentation of the glorious keeping power of Christ that they have produced a morbid condition of strain in their converts entirely different from the radiant "joy and peace in believing" which breathes throughout our Bible.

On the other hand, brethren who believe in Eternal Security have sometimes been so fierce and radical in their preaching that they have made statements utterly revolting to our sense of righteousness, openly teaching that we may continue in sin, for grace will abound. We have heard such with our own ears. They *meant* to teach the security of the godly, but they only succeeded in perverting it into an apparent license for careless living, and unhappily drove folk away from teachings of "security" altogether, and sent them too far in the opposite direction.

If extreme views and statements on either side can be avoided we shall find unity much easier of maintenance; and incidentally we shall get a lot nearer to the truth. The Scriptural basis for the doctrine of Eternal Security would seem to be generally based upon three things—1. The immutability of God as manifested in His promises; 2. The analogy of birth and sonship; 3. A few strong statements of a direct nature, notably John 10:28.

1. The unchanging word of God, and the divine faithfulness, are glorious themes upon which angels and men delight to dwell. Fully revealed in Christ they form the anchor of the soul. Heb. 6:17-20. Paul grandly proclaimed his own deep sense of security when he shouted, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep." 2 Tim. 1:12.

But it should be carefully noted that the promises of the Word of God are conditional. An "if" will be found somewhere in the context. Concerning "eternal security" the heart of the whole matter seems to be expressed in Col. 1:23: "IF ye continue in the faith, grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel." See also Heb. 3:6 and 3:14.

The comforting doctrine of our security because of God's own glorious faithfulness would appear to be pushed to a very insecure extreme when it entirely ignores our own responsibility to keep within necessary conditions. In olden days the man who fled from the avenger of blood was only guaranteed safety while he remained *Within* the city of refuge which God had provided. Num. 35:26-28.

2. The truth of our sonship to God, through regeneration, is equally glorious; and is declared in some of the most emphatic statements of the gospel. The doctrine of Eternal Security argues with apparently unanswerable logic that we cannot be "born again" more than once; and that the gift of eternal life must in the very nature of the case be irrevocable in establishing our eternal place in the family of God. The

#### STRAYING SHEEP

- 'Twas a sheep, not a lamb that strayed away, In the parable Jesus told;
- A grown-up sheep, that was gone astray From the ninety and nine in the fold.
- Out on the hilltop, out in the cold,
- 'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought, And back to the flock, safe into the fold, 'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.
- And why for the sheep should we earnestly
- long, And earnestly hope and pray?
- Because there is danger, if they go wrong, They will lead the lambs astray.
- For the lambs will follow the sheep you know, Wherever the sheep may stray,
- When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long 'Til the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so, with the sheep we earnestly plead, For the sake of the lambs today;

If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost Some sheep will have to pay. familiar analogy of our physical birth into a human family seems to provide the topstone to a triumphant chain of reasoning.

But it is that very analogy, when pressed by extremists, that makes the whole argument break down. For the reason that the analogy is imperfect, and there is one all-important factor in our spiritual birth which never entered into our natural birth. In our own natural birth our own wills played no part; but in the new birth they play a vital part. It necessarily follows that the thing which my own will can hinder at the outset it can also hinder in its continuance and ultimate fruition.

Apostasy is a scripturally recognized fact of unspeakable solemnity. The tremendous statements found in Heb. 6:4-6; and 10:26-29, are usually explained away by those who teach the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" on the ground that they only applied to Hebrew Christians. But a careful study of Ephesians 2:8-22 will show us there is no difference between Jewish Christians and Gentile in the body of Christ.

3. The supreme passage upon which this doctrine is positively based is our Lord's majestically emphatic statement in John 10:28: "My sheep shall never, never perish." (Newberry points out that the Greek here is emphatic.) Such a verse makes us want to shout "Hallelujah!" Our hearts have drawn comfort from its unqualified assurance so many, many times. Thank God for it.

But before we base a doctrine of Eternal Security thereon we are under obligation to examine it more closely. As we do so we find that the "sheep" who will "never, never perish" are clearly defined. Our Lord says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." Verse 27. What right, we ask has anybody to claim eternal security on this promise if they are *Not* hearing His voice, and if they are *Not* following Him? The whole passage is conditional.

A further solemn consideration is the thought that the guarantee is in the terms that "no man can pluck them out of My Father's hand." Ver. 29. But the terms necessarily imply that the one who expects such keeping will remain within the hollow of that Mighty Hand. We can *Take Ourselves* out of it—and many do.

The moral teaching of the Bible, and the whole tenor of the ceaseless exhortations and solemn warnings of the New Testament, alike provide a background that completely denies the smug assurance of ultimate safety regardless of holy living which Eternal Security teaching produces. At the same time a background *Is* revealed that consistently affirms that sustained faith and obedience are the only means by which we can enjoy the true security of the godly.

Eternal Security teaching undeniably tends to inculcate in some who receive it a weakened sense of the absolute need of holiness in the believer. The backslider says in his heart: "What does it matter? I am saved for eternity whatever I do down here." And so he wilfully or carelessly plunges into utter worldliness and open sin. A powerful incentive to holy living has been removed; for it is a fact that no specious substitutes can take the place of "godly fear."

An unforgettable incident in my own experience will illustrate the point. It was a Saturday night in Edinburgh, and I was returning home from our usual large street meeting. Staggering after me into one of the quieter streets was a sot, reeking with whisky. Evidently he had purposely followed me from the place

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of preaching in order to have a personal word. With thick voice, and bleary eyes, he said, "I'm all right, I am; I'm saved old pal. You know—'once saved always saved,' that's my belief." And then he mumbled something about "never perish." Poor, poor, fellow!

I absolutely refuse to hold or preach a doctrine that can ever give any man or woman who has sat under my ministry any ground for saying a thing like that under the same circumstances. Nay! the rather let me preach and teach wherever I go the necessity of following after that holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.—*Pentecostal Testimony*.



#### ANNE HAZELTON

 $T_{\rm from\ a\ London\ evangelist.}^{\rm HE\ story\ we\ are\ about\ to\ tell\ comes\ to\ us}$ 

Late summer twilight had claimed the narrow, gentle Thames as I walked slowly along the Embankment toward the Hall where I was to preach, says this servant of Christ. A strange reluctance had slowed my steps and I stood for a moment looking down into the water, thinking back on the centuries of history and drama its banks had witnessed.

There were times when such thoughts could thrill me, but tonight they rather increased the burden of my heart. How many of the thousands that had walked along these banks in the past had known the peace of a heart right with God, I wondered? How many in London's struggling, teeming districts had found an answer to their soul's need tonight?

I turned to go as the hour for the evening service was near, when my attention was suddenly held by the movement of a young woman who had risen from one of the benches near the water and approached the edge of the embankment purposefully. Something in her attitude struck a chill to my heart, and I started toward her.

"Pardon me," I began quietly. She started nervously and looked wildly around as though seeking to escape. She was dressed in deep mourning which emphasized the pallor and the hard beauty of her face. Her eyes, filled with depths of sorrow and knowledge of the disillusioned, startled even one who was accustomed to meeting life's derelicts every day in a mission hall in London.

"Forgive a stranger's speaking to you," I said, "but I am a minister, on my way to the Gospel Hall around the next corner. You are distressed and troubled. Would you come to the service tonight? There you might find rest from your trouble in One who is ready to be your Friend."

At my mention of the word "minister" her face fell, and she said indignantly, "No, I don't want to go to your meeting. I want mone of your religion. Leave me alone."

Earlier in the afternoon, I had had tea with some friends and, on leaving, had been presented with a perfect white rose by my hostess. Though I would not have chosen to wear a "buttonhole," I felt I should accept and wear it. Now, acting on an impulse I did not understand, I took the rose from my lapel and held it out to her. It was a strange gesture, but I dared not disobey what I felt to be the leading of the Spirit.

"Will you accept this white rose?" I asked gently. "Perhaps it will be a symbol to you, to remind you that there are friends at the Hall who want to help you if you will come."

I was not prepared for her reaction. She drew back as though I had struck her. Mixed emotions struggled in her face.

"No,—oh no," she gasped. Then, to my amazement, she reached out and grasped the rose and I saw there were tears on her face. I had to go, but I spoke again of the Hall and asked her to come.

All through the service, even when I was speaking and pleading Christ's claims, my heart was filled with an odd heaviness. Tonight, I had glimpsed, startlingly clear, a soul's desperate need and I longed, as I did so often, for the power that would *compel* men to listen to the only way of salvation and peace.

As I finished speaking and another worker took over, I saw—far back in a dim corner of the hall—the girl to whom I had spoken on the embankment. My heart lightened. She had come then. Surely God must be dealing with her. Surely His hand had led in my speaking to her. I began to pray.

The service was finished and the invitation had been extended. I saw the girl suddenly start to her feet and walk forward. She began to speak, hesitated, then went on, apparently unaware of the curious gaze of the congregation.



Deal bountifully with Thy servant, that I may live, and keep Thy Word PSALM 119:17 "I was going to end it all tonight in the river because I couldn't go on any longer in the life I've lived for five years. I was just ready to jump when that gentleman spoke to me, and asked me to come here. I rudely refused him. And then he gave me this white rose. I didn't want it at first—it was a symbol of something I had lost. And then I had to take it. It was like the rose my mother gave :ne when I left home five years ago. It was her favorite flower.

"As I took this rose tonight, I heard again her voice as she told me good-by, 'Ellen, my girl, you are leaving your mother much against her wish, to go into a sinful world and, I fear, into a sinful life. When you are far away and you see a white rose, remember that your mother's parting gift to you will be followed by prayer for the return of her child: Neither day nor night will I cease to pray that God may bring you home again, saved.'

"This pure, white rose brought me to my senses tonight. I knew I had to find the way, if it is open to me. The minister said there was One who would help me. Do you think He would accept a sinner like me?"

It was not difficult to answer her question. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever (without degree of sin) believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

She listened attentively as we gave these and other verses, then bursting into tears she dropped to her knees. She arose a new creature in Christ. Her first desire was to get home to mother.

"The years have passed," says our evangelist, "but this one snatched from the very jaws of suicidal death is still rejoicing in Christ and ever eager to witness of Christ's saving power. She will never cease to thank God for a white rose that a strange man was prompted to give her."

How important are those impulses which come to the servants of Christ whose hearts are open to the leadings of His Spirit! May God give us the hearing ear that we may have heavenly wisdom as to the direct way to the heart of the sinner who crosses our path! And may our hearts be so warm with compassion for the lost, when Satan tries to throw his wet blanket over us to keep us from obeying the inner prompting, that we shall be able, as John McNiel used to say, "to dry off the blanket."—Prophecy.

Christ is not only the messenger of the Gospel; He is Himself the message. He is not only the herald of truth; He is Himself the truth. He is not only the guide who gives direction to the ethical life; He is Himself the Way.—Heim

Rest upon God to do for you more than you can understand.—Amy Carmichael.

This same Captain of the Lord's hosts who led Joshua from victory to victory, has pledged

Himself to be active on our behalf. Remember the victory that Gideon and his small company had over the Midianites, as his valiant three hundred cried out, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judg. 8:20. Gideon and his small

company took more than a defensive attitude,

they took an offensive attitude, and put the

Midianites to flight. We too must make no

compromise with the enemy, but "slay utterly."

disposal of the weakest saints who have the

Word and the Holy Spirit. We may boldly say,

"The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear."

Heb. 13:6. We can say with David, "The Lord

is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my

buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my

The armory of heaven has not been emptied.

Infinite are the resources of the God of our

salvation. He wants valiants these days, those

who through faith in Him wax valiant in the

fight, turning to flight the armies of alien

spirits. Have you enlisted in this army of

high tower." Psalm 18:2.

The infinite resources of heaven are at the



**T** HE Lord says to those who are His, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." Isa. 54:17. The munitions factories of earth have been busy during the past few years turning out weapons, but the munitions factories of hell have also been busy. God is equal to the occasion, and He says to His children, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Eph. 6:11.

Showers of fiery darts are being fired from hell against armor and shield prepared in heaven. The believer must put on the heavenly equipment in order that the darts of hell may be rendered useless. "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6:16.

In some cases, for a moment, the fiery darts find their mark, as in the case of Job. Satan had to have special permission for a special man, but Job received special favor in the end. God has His marked men, as well as Satan. God takes special care of the one whom Satan attacks most. Satan complained about Job, "Hast not Thou made an hedge about him?" Job 1:10. God's special hedge is comprehended in the phrase "We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Isa. 26:1. It is written, "The Angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7. Wherever the devil's emissaries seek to attack the saint most, there God strengthens His defenses.

Today generals anticipate the onslaught of the enemy by concentration of troops and artillery. The Captain of our salvation knows in advance every move of the enemy. He forewarns the saint, and prepares him for the onslaught by His provision in the separate pieces of the whole armor—the sword, the breastplate, the helmet, the girdle; even the feet are prepared to trample the enemy under foot. The sword is given to execute judgment, and our Captain will uphold us and give us power "over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19.

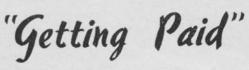
The Christian is called to wage an offensive and not merely a defensive warfare. David went after Goliath. He said to him, "Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts." I Sam. 17:45. The giant went down. His own sword severed his head. And through the same power, the power of the name of the Lord of hosts, we too can be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Rom. 8:37.

The Lord has promised that one shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight. Have you put ten thousand to flight? Two can. Christ sent them forth, two by two, and even the demons were subject to them. The hosts of darkness have to flee when the saints are armed with the name of Jesus and are trusting in the power of His blood. His word to His saints today is the same as to Joshua of old, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

Though no weapon formed against you shall prosper, the weapon He puts in your hand, the sword of the Spirit, will prosper.

John "saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war." Rev. 19:11. And with Him there are those who "are called, and chosen, and faithful." Rev. 17:14. The saints are to share with Him His victory.

When Joshua came near to Jericho, there stood a man over against him with a sword drawn in his hand. Joshua said to him, "Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?" And the word came, "Nay; but as Captain of the host of the Lord am I now come." Joshua 5:13, 14.



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WILLIAM EDWARD BIEDERWOLF

"To him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward." Prov. 11:18. (See especially 1 Corinthians 3:9, 14, combined.)

I went one time to preach in a little town in western Indiana. It was a bitterly cold day in January. Before me, about three seats from the front, sat a little old man with his wife. A glance told me that they were hard-working Germans; but I could not account for the way they kept their eyes riveted on the preacher. They never lost me for a second; and as soon as I pronounced the benediction and stepped down from the small platform, the old man fairly dragged the little woman down to the front, saying, "Come on, Katrina: here he is!"

The old man took my hand and put it in the hand of his wife. Then with his own he held them both; and the little, old-fashioned woman's eyes were filled with tears even before the old man said, "Katrina, this is the man! This is the man who saved our Jacob!" Then, looking up at me, he said with trembling lips, "This is the father and mother of Jacob Dexter!"

Jacob Dexter had been a corporal of Company 1 of the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry; and down in Cuba it had been my privilege to lead him to Christ. A little later the deadly smallpox came into our regiment. Soon four of the boys had been called into the quarantine tent to do battle for their lives, and a nurse was needed. In spite of the grave danger, Jacob

#### PAPER RATIONED

We regret that owing to strict Government paper regulations, the *Evangel* has to be reduced to eight pages this week and next. Dexter, in the spirit of his new-found Savior, volunteered to go. I can see him yet as he stepped in, and as the folds of the tent closed behind him. He nursed his companions through, one after another; but he sacrificed his own heroic life. We took a coffin to the tent, and amid the music of the waves and the moaning of the palms, while the bugle sounded taps, we carried his body down to its quiet resting place.

On that bitter winter morning a year later, that humble German couple had driven fourteen miles through cold and storm that they might look upon the face of the man who had led their boy to Christ!

I have had it said of me by the unbeliever that I am "getting paid" for my work. I am indeed "getting paid," and the salary is big. Think you not that as I stood there while the old man's lips trembled and I felt the hot tears of that humble-hearted, grateful mother falling on my hand, I was being paid? Yes, I am "getting paid." Nothing pays like leading someone to Christ.

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Many who opposed, became convinced that this work was of the Lord, and turned earmest seekers. There was a certain ordained, Church of England young man who attended a few times, and criticized all the "unnecessary" excitement. He had a fifteen-day leave which he spent in Palestine, and then returned to Cairo one Sunday morning. From the station he came straight to Mrs. Ross' home and asked if he could spend the day.

The rest of the family went to the Salvation Army hostel for the morning service. When they returned they heard the sound of earnest praver from the living room. Mrs. Ross opened the door a bit and could hardly believe her eyes and cars. There was this young man down on his knees praying most earnestly for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Others were helping him in prayer. He prayed most of that day, many times being prostrate on the floor. Praises from the Church of England Prayerbook were rolling out of his mouth. He did not receive that day. I had to leave Cairo at that time, but I am sure the Lord must have met him.

The Lord has called many of these boys to service, some in the foreign field and some in the homeland. There are those who have calls to China, to India, to Africa, to Palestine. A young man, who stated that he had been given a new stomach, has been given a call to slum work in England.

A goodly portion of those who come are American boys from Payne Field outside of Cairo. They turn up with shining faces and hearty Amens and Hallelujahs. Among them I might mention Douglas Henderson, who has a call to China, Harold Bienz, and many others. Douglas Henderson is a young man like the rest, but he has a very fraternal concern for all the boys, and really fills the place of a father in Israel. Jack Dean, an orderly in the hospital, has a wonderful testimony. Thirty of these boys are taking correspondence Bible courses.

There is a close alliance between Mrs. Ross and the missionaries in Jerusalem, and when they have leave they come up to Palestine, to the missionaries in Jerusalem, and have times of precious fellowship together. Many of them have received the Baptism in Jerusalem or in Ramallah in the home of Lydia Christiansen, a Danish Pentecostal missionary, to whom the Lord has given a special ministry in praying for those who are seeking the Baptism.

These boys are fearless in their testimony of what the Lord has done for them, and everywhere they go they witness to the missionaries of other denominations. As a result, a number have become very hungry for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One of these, a Danish Lutheran missionary from Beyrout, followed the Lord in water baptism in the chapel in Jerusalem and immediately afterwards received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Others are hungry.

Another missionary, the headmaster of the Church of Scotland School in Alexandria, became interested in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit through the testimony of some of the soldiers who had received at Mrs. Ross' in Cairo. He decided to go and investigate for himself. He went, decided that this was of the Lord, sought and received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. When he returned to Alexandria, he opened tarrying meetings for the soldiers, and many were gloriously filled. He is now pastoring a Pentecostal assembly in Scotland.

Another lad, in the R.A.F., witnessed to the men, and a certain young officer became very interested; and these two went out into a bomb trench somewhere in the desert to seek the Lord. The Lord wonderfully met this young man and filled him. His ministry was a blessing to us in Jerusalem, as he was instructor there for awhile.

The Lord united Alec Monroe and Minta Miller and has given them a call, together with Mrs. Ross, to future work in the Middle East.

The nations are calling millions of young men to serve their country. God is also calling for volunteers for missionary service in these Middle East countries, which are terribly in need of the gospel. Pray for these young men that have been called. Pray that God will call many more. Pray that the Lord may create a mighty hunger in the hearts of these missionaries who have the witness. Pray for a revival in our part of the world. And pray that God will enable us to have a radio ministry in the Middle East in days to come.

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Supplementing what Miss Swarztrauber has stated, comes a word from a missionary, J. A. Watts, of Es Salt, Transjordania:

"When we found ourselves released from our post in Es Salt, we immediately closed up our house, made our way to Jerusalem, and began negotiations for a passage home. We were delayed there in Jerusalem for more than a month (very providentially) where the Lord worked most beautifully.

"About two days after we arrived, Allister Sheddon, an RAF sergeant, received his Baptism. He was rather a new convert, but he became at once a power in the meetings. A few davs later a young American airman came along. On Sunday afternoon he became convicted that the Baptism was his blood-bought inheritance. After a few minutes of seeking he received.

"The next day a Scotch lay preacher in the British army came along to spend some time in seeking. On Friday he had one of the most wonderful baptisms I have ever seen. He was lost with the Lord all day Friday, Friday night and all day Saturday.

"When he returned to his unit his chaplain saw such a change in him that he came along to seek. He didn't have time to lay down everything and put God first at that time, so he had to wait a little. However, one of the boys, John Kirk by name, and a lad that a Baptist lad had led to the Lord came along. His Baptism so impressed the chaplain that he laid down everything and began to seek. Now he has his portion, too, and the effect has been terrific in that fighting unit. Many of the lads are now seeking the same blessing."

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Miss Swarztrauber makes special mention of Tech. Sergeant Douglas M. Henderson, who is an active worker among the servicemen. The following are extracts from some of his letters :

"I received Mr. Frodsham's book, 'With Signs Following,' and it has already passed into the hands of the new ones interested in Pentecost. I received great benefit by reading it. Truly the early days of Pentecost were stirring ones. My heart longs for a deeper walk with my Lord and Savior, and I know that if I am true to what He has given me, He will lead me deeper. I have placed my hand in His, and we walk together, we commune together, and fellowship together.

"The last thousand tracts you sent are well on the way to men round about. It doesn't take long if you make daily contacts. I find

that it blesses my soul to talk to at least one soul a day. Sometimes we have to go out of our way, but if we let God lead us, there is always someone to whom He would have us talk

"When I first came on the field, it seemed as if I were the only one who stood out for the things of Pentecost, and preached that it was for today; but now, there are about six who come regularly to the mission."

In a later letter, Sergeant Henderson writes: "The Americans are really coming through at the mission. At present we have ten saved-andfilled lads, of our own forces within the area, as well as five who are saved and are seeking the infilling of the Holy Spirit. I am enclosing six cards which the boys have filled out, expressing their desire to be placed on your mailing list. Sergeant Sytsma comes from the Methodist church; he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with us at Jerusalem while on leave at Miss Radford's. Corporal Bienz, my coworker, has been saved and filled since May: he comes from the Episcopalian church. Corporal Janzen is saved and seeking his Baptism; he is from the Apostolic church. Corporal Singleton came to us saved and filled and is really a splendid preacher. Private Hall was saved six weeks ago, and filled a month later; he comes from the Baptist-church. Private Van Horn was saved a short time ago, before he joined us, but was filled with the Holy Spirit just a month after his first attendance at the mission.

"I am enclosing a money order for ten dollars to be applied to the Servicemen's Department." \*

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As we pray in this country, God will work among our servicemen the world over. A mother sends us the following letter:

#### "Dear Mother:

"It has at last been given to me to be numbered among God's chosen people. The wisdom of the ages was visited upon me in such a manner as to leave no question in my mind regarding my duty and destiny. An honest and conscious desire to have Jesus in my heart, proved to be my key to the kingdom.

"It, perhaps, is typical of me that I was alone at the time-not at an altar, nor among God's people. As you know, I have always had to reason things out for myself, taking nothing for granted. That is probably why so many years have elapsed without my knowing Him.

"Last night was a typically warm and beautiful night here on the desert. The moon was shining most brilliantly. I had been thinking of God all day, and filled with these thoughts, I lay down on the lawn near the barracks to pray. The results were rather discouraging, and I finally reached the point where I was wondering whether the chaplain could help me to find Jesus. At that moment, He touched my soul! After a while I got up and wallsed away toward the desert, in order to be with Him without being disturbed. Out there, with the starlit sky for my altar, I prostrated myself, and was filled with the Holy Spirit. It was wonderful. I would not have exchanged my place of worship for the most elaborate temple on earth. Please pray that I may know more of Him.

> "With Love, "Harold."



# Christ Among The Lepers

J UST 20 miles from the border of Nepal, in North India, is located the Leper Home of Uska Bazar. A few short years ago, this spot was nothing but a tract of fields, like all the surrounding country. Various grains had been planted and it was nearing the harvest time, when the property was purchased. Throughout the villages, scattered in this district of 2,000,000 souls, the news soon spread that the Sahib was going to open a home for the lepers! Already the poor, suffering outcasts were coming to inquire if these things were so. Before a single building was erected, some came who were determined to stay, and took up their dwelling beneath the trees. Life is simple in India and a few vessels in which to cook the food and a blanket to roll up in at night, sufficed for the time being. The ministry to the lepers had begun!

One day in the beginning of the work, a poor, emaciated man was brought on a cart by some relatives and literally "dumped" at our doors. Having paid the cartman a few pice, THEIR responsibility had ended; WE might now care for the dying leper if we wished! There he was, lying on the ground before us, too weak to even sit up! His body was wasted away. Great gaping, leprous ulcers told of the terrible suffering which he was enduring. Here was a body which certainly needed care and a soul to be sought and won for eternity. Love was the key that opened his heart! Food, comfort, daily cleansing and bandaging of the wounds worked wonders. One day to our utter joy, the great, dark eyes looked into our own and he said, "I want to be a Christian! I want to be baptized!" Upon being asked what had brought about the decision, he replied, "When I saw how you could take a poor leper and care for him with such tenderness, I felt I wanted such a religion of love!" But a short time later it was our joy to see him take Christian baptism. His body also began to respond to the care given, and before long he was walking about the compound and eventually made trips back to his village to tell what the Lord had done for him.

Heathen men and women, one after another, have come to us and found the Savior,

#### Mrs. Harry T. Waggoner

so that today a precious company of these redeemed ones gather each morning in the chapel to worship Him and to listen to the Word of God. From time to time there is a joyous occasion when across the plowed fields a group of missionaries, orphans, and those of the lepers who are sufficiently able bodied to make the journey, wend their way to the river for a baptismal service. On one such occasion a dear fellow, with not a single toe or finger left, turned somersaults on the bank out of sheer joy as he left the baptismal waters. A strange way to express the joy of one's heart? Perhaps, but we are sure that our Father understood and was glad. At any rate, we do know how this soul has gone on with God and stands today as one of the faithful followers of Christ, witnessing to others and singing His praises.

There have been gracious seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The



 Ragunath as he was brought on a cart by relatives.

Indian people who turn readily to spiritual things, love to gather for prayer. One evening we heard the sound of many voices raised in praise and petition. We soon discovered that it was coming from the girl's quarters. How we rejoiced to see those brown faces turned heavenward and the brown hands extended high! God had taken possession and a short time later poured out His Spirit until one after another was filled. Eight of our girls are in the Bible School in Hardoi this year.

And now we turn to the future. What shall we ask and expect from Him concerning the millions who are still without the gospel? On his eighty-fifth birthday, Caleb declared his strength to be the same as when Moses had sent him out. This strength, he said, was for war. There was yet much to be accomplished and many enemies to be overcome. In what might be termed audacity of faith, he cried out, "Now therefore, give me this mountain . . . !" Caleb became possessor of that which he asked. Shall this not be our challenge on behalf of the yet unreached in India's vast empire?

#### HOME FROM CHINA

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Victor G. Plymire will be happy to know that Brother Plymire has returned from the Tibetan Border for a time of furlough. They may now be contacted by addressing them in care of the Missions Department, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

#### MISSIONARY INFANT-RY!

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Mock of the Dominican Republic announce the birth of a son, Paul William, on January 17. He is starting out life on a large scale, having weighed 11 lbs. at birth!

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Woolever of Purulia, India announce the birth of a daughter, Lillian Lavon, on November 11. May the Lord bless these new arrivals and make them to be missionaries in the footsteps of their parents, if He tarries.

Send all contributions to Noel Perkin, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

#### AFTER READING REVEILLE

The following is a letter just received from the western front by the Servicemen's Department. We are deeply grateful to God for this soldier's transformation and acceptance of the saving blood of Christ through the power of the Word-the Word that was brought to him by REVEILLE.

"Dear Friend:

"I am glad to say that I received the REVEILLE. I am one of a ten-man gun crew. We are usually out by ourselves and we really enjoyed reading REVEILLE.

"I have done quite a bit of gambling, but after reading the Number 11 issue of the REVEILLE, I am going to be a changed man. I had prayed and thought that I lived for God, but after reading the paper, I found out how wrong I was. Reading your paper has really made a changed man out of me. My mother and father have talked to me many times, but I didn't believe them, but now I see my mistake and I am going to be a child of God for the rest of my days. I would like for you to write to my people and tell them and send them a paper for me. I am sure they will be happy to hear from you. Some Christian friends of mine would also like to hear from you. Enclosed are their addresses.

"They have been praying for me ever since I have left the States and came to combat. Since I came to combat, it has made me see the light. I am sure that the light will never go out as long as I live. I have a safe feeling since I accepted Christ, for I know that He is with me everywhere that I go. Well, may the Lord be with us forever.

Your fellow Christian Pfc. G. L. D.'

Surely it is worth any price to bring such experience of salvation to men who by their sacrifice are giving us security. REVEILLE has proven thousands of times over to be a powerful means to this end. Your co-operation and support in its truly great evangelistic mission are very sincerely appreciated.

And when you pray . . . remember REVEILLE!

### IT PAYS TO PRAY

Nelson E. Hinman

At the sinking of the U.S.S. Lexington, a Dallas, Texas, boy who was a nonswimmer in abandoning ship had gone over on the wrong side. He went over where the flowing tide pinned him against the side of the ship. As the tide held him there and the ship rolled back and forth in the water, he was in great danger. The tide was carrying him from the after end of the ship toward the forward end. There were great holes in the side of the ship where the torpedoes had exploded, and this lad was in danger of being swept into one of these holes and was rapidly getting back into the pall of smoke that hung over the Lexington as she burned. The explosions were causing such concussions in the water that he was in further danger. Though he yelled as loud as he could for help, he could not attract the attention of the sailors on other ships that were busy rescuing men from the water.

In his distress he remembered a Sunday School text where David said, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Psalm 34:6. Instead of waiting for help, he began to cry to God as loudly as he could. And even as he was calling on God, he became aware that he had attracted the attention of men on a destroyer lying off a little way from the Lexington. A life line was fired in his direction, he grasped the line and was towed to safety.

His sister testified that she and her mother were praying one night, heavily burdened for the boy. Months later as news of the sinking of the Lexington broke and the boy returned home and compared notes with his mother and sister, they found that the mother and sister were actually on their knees at their bedside when that boy was in the water. God had heard and answered prayer. It pays to pray.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR JANUARY 1945

Congo	4,207.38
Egypt	4,207.38
Gold Coast	
	5,767.55
Liberia and Sierra Leone	3,036.50
Nigeria And Sterra Leone	8,019.60
Nigeria	1,369.50
	503.42
Transvaal	2,237.25
China	8,100.31
India and Ceylon	19,430.30
Palestine and Near East	4,223.06
West Indies	23,917.97
Mexican Work	1,054.17
Central America	5,058.82
Argentina	2,025.50
Brazil	3,000.95
Chile	1,962.76
Colombia	939.65
Paraguay	131.50
Peru	2,964.50
Venezuela	2,596.09
Fiji Islands	1,345.00
Hawaii	162.00
European Works	536.00
British West Indies	1,327.70
Non-Council Missionaries	2,047.24
Miscellaneous Fields	
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Total Disbursements	114 342 67
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Total Receipts for January	113.883.03
Miscellaneous Fields Retired Missionaries Total Disbursements Charged from Disignated account	1,920.33 971.62 114,342.67 1,728.95 112,613.72 1,269.31

### 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 13 days before that date.

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HARVEY, ILL.—March 6—; R. L. Bartlett, Evangelist.—W. J. Sawyers, Pastor.
GILLETTE, WYO.—March 18—; A. A. Allen, Lamar, Colo., Evangelist.—Earl Harper, Pastor.
GRESHAM, ORE.—Feb. 20—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—G. A. Bullock, Pastor.
MATTOON, ILL.—Feb. 25—; H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., Evangelist.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.
DILLSBURG, PA.—Full Gospel Church; Feb. 25, for 2 weeks or longer; Russell B. Pottorff of Mercersburg, Evangelist.—J. H. Beamer, Pastor.
NASHVILLE, TENN.—11th and Boscoble Sts., March 4—; Evangelist and Mrs. D. Leroy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.—J. B. McIntosh, Pastor.
MERIDEN, CONN.—103 Colony St. Feb. 27—March 11; Mr. and Mrs. Don Kauffman, Evangelists. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—Glen F. Emberson, Pastor.
BOYNTON, OKLA,—Dedication of New Church,

SON, Pastor. BOYNTON, OKLA.—Dedication of New Church, March 16. Services 10:00, 2:00, and 7:45, with L. H. Arnold in charge. Basket lunch.—M. T. Hoskins, Host

Pastor. DANVILLE, ILL.—428 N. Walnut St.; March 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Delbert and Beatrice Bucher, Springfield, Mo., Evangelists and Musicians. Broad-cast Sundays 1:30 p. m., direct from auditorium, Station WDAN, 1490 kilos.—George W. Clark, Pastor. SEATTLE, WASH.—Hollywood Temple, Feb. 25—; Wallace G. Ross, Evangelist. Henry H. Ness is pas-tor.—By Evangelist.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.-1701 Niles St., Feb. 26-March 7; L. R. Keys, special speaker.-C. D. Spencer, Pastor.

Pastor. LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — Missionary Convention, First Assembly of God, 4401 W. 14th St., March 3-4. H. B. Garlock, Field Secretary for Africa, and Glenn Horst, Missionary from China, speakers.—Robert C.

Horst, Missionary from China, "peaced believes, Pastor,"
 EKIE, PA. – Fellowship Meeting, Northwestern Pennsylvania Section of the Eastern District, 1612
 Sassatras St., March 5, Services 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. Ministers' meeting 1:30. R. M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo., speaker. – E. Samuelson, Secretary.

speaker.-E. Samuelson, Secretary. SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT COUNCIL The annual District Council of the South Dakota District will convene at Aberdeen, S. Dak., April 11-13. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker; Glenn Horst, special missonary speaker. For further information and reservations, write P. T. Emmett, District Su-perintendent, P. O. Box I, Aberdeen, S. Dak. BIRMINGHAM, ALA.- Ministers and Sunday School Workers' Bible Seminar, First Assembly of God, 4735 N. Second Ave., March 7-9, Two important subjects will be studied: Personal Evangelism, and Ages and Dispensations. Classes 9:00 a. m.-12:00 noon, 2:00-5:00 and 7:30-9:30 p. m. All ministers and Sunday School teachers in this section urged to be present.-Andrew T. Hickman, Chairman of Con-ference Course Committee, 301 S. Second Ave., Clan-ton, Ala.

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BRIDGEPORT, CONN. - New England District Prayer Conference, United Pentecostal Church, 285 Wilmot Ave., March 6-8. Services 9:30, 2:30, and 7:30. Frederick Drake, former prayer leader of the Eastern District, main speaker; other brethren will minister also. J. Robert Ashcroft of Hartford and Paul Kauftman of Stamford will conduct musical program. All ministers staying over from fellowship meeting on Monday or expecting to stay over night during conference, kindly make reservations as early as possible. For reservations write M. Q. Spencer, Connecticut Section Prayer Leader, 61 Bunnell St., Bridgeport, Conn.
OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS Oklahoma Sectional Councils: Southwest Section, Altus, March 12-14. North Central Section, Chandler, March 19-21. Southeast Section, Idabel, April 9-11. East Central Section, Okmulgee, April 16-18. Panhandle Section, May 14-16. Northeast Section, Vinita, May 21-23.

Clinton, May 14-16. Northeast Section, Vinita, May 21-23.
Those desiring license or exhorters' papers, meet the board at any of the above Sectional Councils. Licensed ministers and exhorters are supposed to secure renewal blank at the Sectional Council for renewal of papers for the coming fiscal year.
First service, Monday, 7:30 p. m., in charge of C. A. President. Morning service 10:00, afternoon 2:00.
Wednesday afternoon licensing service. For other information write V. H. Ray, District Secretary, or F. C. Cornell, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City, Okla.
OAKLAND, CALIF.-E. 14th St. and Seminary Ave., Feb. 28-; Russell Rexroat, Evangelist.-V. Ernest Shores, Pastor.
MEMPHIS, TENN.-960 S. Third St.; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Leroy Sanders.-James E. Hamill, Pastor.
FT. WAYNE, IND.-2329 Winter St., Feb. 27-March 12; Evangelist and Mrs. R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass.-W. F. Duncan, Pastor.
ENID, OKLA.-Sunday School Conference and Fellowship Meeting, Gospel Tabernacle, March 5-6. J. E. Wilson and J. S. Murrell in change. Carl D. Holleman is pastor.-W. C. Crowder, Sectional Secretary. SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT.-Elim Pentecostal Tabernacle; date changed to March 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Mae Eleanor Frey, Evangelist.-A. S. O'Brine, Pastor.

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John Bostrom of Pasadena, Evangenst. - R. A. War-son, Pastor. LAWRENCE, KANSAS-March 4-18; Arthur M. Otteson, Minneapolis, Minn., Evangelist-Paul D. Pittman, Pastor. MUNCIE, IND.-915 E. Memorial Drive; March 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.--Roy H. Wead, Pastor.

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#### JEWS IN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Nearly 1,000 Jewish children are attending Christian schools and colleges in Jerusalem.

#### MURDER FACTORIES

Evidence of the existence of German "murder factories" at Lublin, Poland, and elsewhere for the extermination of Jews and persons hostile to Hitler is now on file in the State Department, says Adolf A. Berle, Assistant Secretary of State.

#### NATIONAL TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

A new and inclusive organization called the National Temperance Movement is being organized so that the fifty dry organizations now operating within the U. S. may unite their efforts to find a Christian solution of the liquor problem.

#### DAILY BIBLE READING

An interesting survey was made recently, which found that 6 Americans in every 10 have read the Bible at some time during the past year. One person in every 10 claims to read the Bible daily. Women are more constant Bible readers than men, and farmers read God's Word more regularly than city folk.

#### CRIME AND CHURCH ATTENDANCE

"Church attendance is a vital factor in the nation's crime prevention program," says J. Edgar Hoover. "While serving as director of the F. B. I. during the past twenty years, I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the church-going people are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation. Church attendance and crime appear to be like oil and water-they do not mix.'

#### SUFFERING IN HOLLAND

The people of three Protestant lands still suffer the pains of Nazi bondage-Denmark, Norway, and the most of Holland. Don't forget to pray for them. The Netherlands Prime Minister has written: "By unsurpassed trials of murder, robbery, arson, and destruction, the enemy threatens the people of the Netherlands with a terrible fate. Famine is imminent. May I appeal for special prayer to the Almighty, imploring His aid and succor in the present plight of many millions of Dutch."

#### PEACE PRIZE UNCLAIMED

The Nobel Peace Prize, unawarded since 1938, will go unawarded for 1944. For six years it has been unclaimed while war has swept the earth. No man has been able to find a peaceful solution to the world's problems. Christ has the answer-"peace through the blood of His cross," whereby the Father desires to "reconcile all things unto Himself." Col. 1:20. But the world rejects that peace plan, and as long as men refuse to be reconciled to God they cannot be reconciled to each other. Only by new birth can men become children of God and thus brothers one of another. World brotherhood is possible in no other way.

## PASSING the PERMANENT

#### MONTY'S TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAINS

Field Marshal Montgomery says that his chaplains mean as much to him as his artillery in winning this war.

#### TEN THOUSAND CHAPLAINS

As of Dec. 7, 1944, there were 9,821 chaplains in the armed services-7,445 in the Army and 2,376 in the Navy and Marine Corps. By this time the number is over 10,000. If every chaplain were a faithful preacher of the gospel, what a harvest of souls there might bebut the percentage of faithful preachers is probably no greater in the chaplaincy than in civilian life.

#### PALESTINE ECONOMIC BUREAU

On Jan. 1, 1945, a new bureau was opened in New York by the Zionist Organization of America to carry out the "expanded program for American Jewish participation in the economic development of Jewish Palestine." Known as the Palestine Economic Bureau, it will provide reliable information to those who want to invest in Palestine. By all indications, great things will be done in Palestine during the postwar period.

#### LIQUOR'S "PATRIOTISM"

The American Business Men's Research Foundation of Chicago produces many fine cartoons that show up the liquor business in its proper light. In one a big beer baron is boasting that "one year's taxes paid (collected) by the liquor industry could buy twenty battleships." A poor wise man replies, "Yes, and the money the people spend on liquor could buy eighty battleships-and everybody but you would be better off !"

#### FAMILY DEVOTIONS

An article by O. K. Armstrong, a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, tells how family prayers are conducted in his home each day. Appearing in Reader's Digest, it should be read by many people. Let us hope it will inspire many parents to follow his example. Mr. Armstrong says that when guests are in the home they are invited to take part. One guest, a criminal-court judge, remarked after devotions, "If all families had prayers I wouldn't have much to do."

#### LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES

The whole world of free men is rejoicing over the liberation of so many captives in the Philippines. Let us hope that during the long days of confinement some at least have thought seriously regarding eternity and will now live different lives. A great change came over many who were interned in France. Some who had never darkened the door of a church for twenty, thirty, even forty years attended gospel services in order to have something to do, and quite a number were saved. In one camp two young men, neither of them yet twenty-one, yielded to God and heard a clear call to serve on the mission field, and today they thank God for ever letting them be in a concentration camp!

#### March 3, 1945

#### HOW TO PUNISH HITLER

It is reported that in Columbus, Ohio, a high school essay contest on "What to Do With Hitler After the War" was won by a 16-year-old Negro girl, whose thesis was that the most fitting retribution would be to put him in a black skin and require him to live out the rest of his life in America!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL DECLINE

At the present rate of loss, the Sunday School will be extinct in thirty years, predicts Philip . M. Widenhouse of Washington, D. C. A leader in the capital's Federation of Churches, he says that more than half of the country's population is crowded into 137 metropolitan areas, and that many quit attending Sunday school and church when they moved to the big cities. Only one tenth of the people of Washington, D. C. are enrolled in Sunday School. Since 1940 the population has increased one third but Sunday School enrollment has decreased one tenth, and conditions in Washington are typical of all 137 "big-city" areas.

The decline did not start in 1940. According to Watchman Examiner, from 1916 to 1940 there was a decline of one eighth in Sunday school enrollment. The decline has been much more serious, however, during the past four years. It is time to seek the Lord, till He rain righteousness upon us and revive our Sunday Schools.

#### VENEREAL DISEASES

Did you know that 1 in every 42 people in America has syphilis? And gonorrhea is estimated to occur 3 to 5 times more frequently than syphilis!

Authorities are growing concerned, and rightly so, for syphilis kills more than 30,000 American babies before birth every year, and annually afflicts 34,000 more who are born with the disease.

An average of 18,000 deaths from syphilis, all forms, is reported in the United States annually. At least 9 per cent of all new admissions to mental hospitals in the United States are due to syphilis, while gonorrhea has crippled thousands of persons and is still a common cause of sterility in both men and women.

How do people get venereal diseases? The government booklet Meet Your Enemy, from which the above statistics are taken, states that "syphilis is passed from one person to another through intimate contact, chiefly during sexual intercourse. Although it may also be acquired by contact with syphilitic sores on the mouth or other parts of the body, its transmission by means other than intercourse is rare. . . . Gonorrhea also is spread chiefly through sexual intercourse."

Some are diseased from birth, but in most cases it is acquired through sin. Another authority (Dr. Nels Nelson, Deputy State Health Officer for Maryland, and Associate in Venereal Diseases at Johns Hopkins) says that 95 per cent of acquired syphilis is contacted through sexual contact, and most of the other 5 per cent through kissing.

It is time young people were warned by knowing the truth about this matter. "They that sow to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption," the Bible warns, and the land is full of suffering sufficient to show the folly of thinking that anyone can break God's laws and escape the penalty.