

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

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THEY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS

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Is It Well With Thee? Is It Well With the Child?

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Scripture reading: 2 Kings 4:8-26.

Text: "Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?" Verse 26.

This man and woman described in this chapter had grown old, years beyond the time, humanly speaking, of having a child. In the old days, if a couple had been married for some time and did not have a child, people used to say that God's curse was upon them. Children were a blessing of God. At the time this story was written, it was terrible for a couple not to have a child. You can imagine how they felt. But in fulfillment of the word of Elisha, God gave them a child in their old age.

Now at the time the child was taken sick he must have been pretty well grown. I am convinced that the cause of his sickness was sunstroke. Now fathers love their children just as much as mothers do. I have seen fathers play with their children; but just as soon as a child gets to crying, they say, "Here, Mom, take him!"

You wives and mothers, I want to put this question to you that Elisha put to this woman, *Is it well with your husband? Is it well with your sons and daughters?* You know, the foundation of the home is the mother, there is no question about it. I lived in Chicago, in the same house for years. There was a big room, a tremendous study—everything we needed. My people were pretty well-to-do. I spent hours in that room every day, but for the life of me I couldn't tell you the color of the wall paper in that room, or the color of the furniture. We had a lot of furniture. We had a radio, we had a gramophone—a very costly thing

—people would come and admire it—it had been especially made. I don't remember the name of it. I don't remember the color of the carpet on the floor. I don't remember what the kitchen was like. But whenever I close my eyes, I can see the faces of my mother and my father. My mother is still alive—out there, in Chicago. Mother makes the home.

I have noticed this in folks: they want to go home for Christmas, or they want to go home for Mother's birthday. But just as soon as Mother dies, they don't care to go home any more. I have heard people say about their mother, "All that I am, I owe to my mother." They do not say that about the father. The mother is the one who molds the life of the child.

A woman will go into a store and get something—they will put the thing on her head and call it a hat, and she will come home and say, "Don't you like this hat?" and the husband will say, "What kind of Chinese monstrosity have they passed off on you now!" You can buy things like hats, but there is *one thing* you cannot purchase, a godly mother. There is one thing I cannot buy—I cannot buy a Christian wife, and I cannot buy the children a Christian mother. My wife has given us that.

When your children have forgotten every chicken and turkey you ever baked, every piece of cake you ever baked, when they have forgotten everything you gave them; Mother, if you taught them on your knees to pray, they will never forget that as long as they live.

Be assured the greatest contribution you can give to your children is not to be a good housekeeper or a good nurse or a good cook, but a *good Christian—a good child of* (Continued on Page Five)

PARENTAL DELINQUENCY



Courtesy, Chicago Daily News

In this striking cartoon our good brother, Vaughn Shoemaker, gives an indictment of American life today. What answer can the modern mother give to the question, "Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?"

Those who have compassion for the neglected children of America and desire to help in their evangelization, should write to our Sunday School Department at the Gospel Publishing House for all the help they can supply.

Man's Sevenfold Spiritual Need

J. NARVER GORTNER

PAUL, writing to the Philippians, said, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." It is one of the most precious and oft-quoted promises of God's Word. And, since God is unchangeable, it is just as true today as it was when it was written. Like practically all the promises of God, it is conditional.

The Philippian Christians had been supplying Paul's temporal need. While he was in Thessalonica they had "sent once and again unto his necessity." When he left Macedonia they were the only ones who "communicated with him as concerning giving and receiving." Paul had real gratitude in his heart. He desired to repay them. He was not able to do it, but he had a God who was able, and he did not hesitate to assure them that God would amply repay them, that He would supply all their "need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." If we get into the center of God's workers in the homeland and in the hearts, and endeavor to further the interests of the work of God by manifesting an interest in God's workers in the homeland and in the ends of the earth, God will supply all our needs, whatever our needs may be.

We are accustomed to think of the promise as a promise to supply our temporal need, but man's need is not only temporal; it is physical, mental and spiritual. And it is even more important that our spiritual need be supplied than that our temporal, physical and mental need be met. Our God will supply all the needs of His saints. Let us look at man's spiritual needs. Man's spiritual need is sevenfold. Man needs:

1. *Pardon.* He is by nature a sinner. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Nowhere is there a man who has not needed or does not need pardon. In order that pardon might be provided for guilty sinners the Lord of life and glory took upon Himself human flesh and went to the cross, paying there the price of our redemption and the penalty of our sins. And so "we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of our sins." Thank God for the fact that pardon has been provided.

2. *Purity.* It is not enough that the sinner have his sins pardoned; he must have his heart cleansed. And so David prayed, not only for forgiveness, but for a clean heart. He prayed that he might be washed and made "whiter than snow."

3. *Peace.* "Being justified by faith we have peace with God." "To be spiritually minded is life and peace." Jesus Christ came into this world not only that forgiveness and cleansing might be provided for guilty and polluted people, but that He might make "peace through the blood of His Cross." To His disciples He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you."

4. *Patience.* How we need it! There are so many things in this sinful world to perplex

and exasperate us! God is "the God of patience," and He is able to provide the patience we need. "Tribulation worketh patience," and God in supplying our need of patience lets tribulations come. James says that "the trying of your faith worketh patience, and the word rendered "trying" means "testing." It is through trials and temptations and tribulation that our faith is tested and our patience is developed. So let us thank God for the trials and testings. God is just supplying our need.

5. *Power.* We need power to bear witness. We need power to persevere. How many these days are fainting, faltering, failing! We need power to endure. It is necessary for the saints to "endure hardness," to "endure chastening," to "endure temptation," to "endure all things." How we need power that we may endure! We need power, too, that we may overcome. A great reward awaits the overcomers. The world, the flesh and the devil are arrayed against us, and we cannot overcome them in our own strength, but we can overcome them in the strength of our mighty Victor.

6. *Protection.* How manifold are the dangers by which we are surrounded! Some are seen and some are unseen. Elisha was in Dothan. The Syrian soldiers came during the night and surrounded the city. The prophet's servant looked out in the morning and saw them. They had come for Elisha. The servant knew it, and he was frightened. He said, "What shall we do?" He thought it was necessary to do something. How inclined we are in time of danger to think that we just have to do something to help ourselves! There was nothing that could be done. Elisha knew that his times

were in the Lord's hands. He prayed that the young man's eyes might be opened, and his prayer was answered. When the eyes of the young man were opened he saw that the mountains round about Elisha were full of horses and chariots of fire. God had provided protection for His prophet. The God of Elisha lives today, and is as interested in us as He was in him. "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

7. *Preservation.* Having been saved and cleansed, and having been afforded peace and patience and power and protection, we need to be preserved. And, thank God, our God is able to preserve us, and He is willing. If we overcome until death, or which is better unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be preserved for ever. There will be no danger of our falling after that. We shall rejoice before Him in the realms of glory for ever.

Some years ago several German princes were boasting of their possessions. One boasted of his vineyards, another of his hunting grounds, another of his mines. Abelard of Wurtemberg was present, and he said, "I have no vineyards to boast of, no hunting grounds, no mines, but I can boast of the faith my subjects have in me and of the confidence I have in them. If I were to find myself out anywhere in my realm alone, out on a lonely road or out in the forest, and I were to meet one of my subjects, I could ask him to lie down upon the ground, and I could pillow my head upon his bosom and fall asleep, without any apprehension of injury."

Blessed be God, I can boast of something even greater. Anywhere, at any time, I can rest my head on the lap of divine providence, I can pillow it upon the beating breast of my lover Lord, conscious of the fact that my times are in His hands and that all is well and will be well. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Toodles--A True Story

WE were camping under God's big tent, hung at night with thousands of gay little lanterns; where there were fine old trees and singing birds.

There I met Toodles Fisher—a clever, homely little dog with ragged curly hair. He hated cats and chased the chipmunks but these faults were overbalanced by a loving heart.

Every morning some of us walked the two miles to the post office. How Toodles did enjoy this trip; but as he kept the dust flying in front of us, we decided against his company. When solemnly told he could not go, he would lie down as if resigned to his fate; but before we had covered half a mile, ahead of us would appear the dusty runaway. He had come by some path known only to him and the chipmunks; and of course, he was deaf to our calls until it was too late to send him back.

When we waded in the pond, Toodles was the happiest in the bunch; and when he saw us getting in position for the camera he was "Toodles on the spot."

Now all the folks at Maple Camp were

Christians. After breakfast we gathered in the big tent while Mother Fisher read from the Bible and asked God to keep us good and true through the new day. Toodles never failed to sit quietly on his box during this service as he had done in the city home.

One morning we were all so interested in a long trip we had planned that prayers were neglected. In great haste we rushed about, for we must get an early start. At last, with lunch baskets and fish poles, we were on our way, but soon some one exclaimed, "Wherever is Toodles?" Long and loudly we called but in vain.

We could not leave him alone for a whole day, so back we turned, and—would you believe it?—there sat Toodles on his box quietly waiting for prayers.

Accepting the lesson from the dear little dog, we took our places in the tent.

Toodles had reminded us that we must never allow our interest in work or play to crowd out our worship of God.—Mrs. Mary R. Selbeck in the *Christian Witness*.

A Story With a Setting

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THE great sun like a tired man has just dipped slowly behind the hills, a huge red ball of fire. The fascinating tropical darkness is not slow to come into her own, but quickly and completely takes into her embrace the whole native village as a mother would her long lost child.

The men have just come in from their hunting, trapping, and journeys, their fatigue lightened or exaggerated according to the measure of their success. The women whose work seems never to be finished have just exchanged the labor of the fields for that of the kitchen. Even the children have subsided into a hungry quietness after a long day chasing monkeys and birds from the gardens. All eyes instinctively wander across to the cook pots from which they know will come their next lease of life.

This is only the quiet before the storm, for as soon as the natives have got outside of those big loaves of corn mush and savory stew they will be well primed to talk, shout, laugh, sing, dance, and drum as though they had not a care in the world. The African's heaven upon earth is the evening around the camp fire, when everybody talks and nobody listens, when all entertain and no one merely looks on.

The church drum has just beaten out her regular and inviting call, "Come and worship. Come and worship." The pastor and his flock are all equally working natives, only eating in proportion as they work, so they have not seen each other since their daybreak service, when leaving outside the Church their hoes, axes, guns, and spears they had opened the day with prayer and praise. Now the work is over, and they have leisure to sing, pray, and preach to their heart's content.

God is very real and precious to them. Did not God save the Pastor's life miraculously by awakening him at night after a double dream that showed him exactly where the poison was secreted among his prepared corn in the kitchen, when the local chief and witchdoctor were determined to get rid of him? Did not God mightily intervene on their behalf when the drunken dancers from many villages gathered alongside their newly built church to sing, drum, and dance maliciously all the week end so as to spoil their opening services? Yes, the drunken and bragging leader, as he made his debut and oration on the first night, dropped dead like a poleaxed bull, crying out as he fell, "God has struck me," so that all the dancers silently scattered to their own villages in great awe. The result was, opening services of unusual success.

This is only the setting, so now we will get on with the story. In this very village the Christians had almost finished their evening service when a great wail of despair and death went up from the other end of the village. This was quickly followed by a bellowing youth shouting outside the church for Lazalasa, a Christian boy, to come out quickly as his brother's wife was dying. Lazalasa was soon there but got a terrible shock when he saw his sister-

in-law laid there unconscious and bleeding to death, for the blood had soaked through the pile of papyrus mats, was dripping from the rack bed and running across the beaten earth floor. Racing back to the Church, he begged the pastor and elders to go along and pray for his brother's dying wife, as she was not a Christian yet, so could not afford to die.

Eleza, the pastor, and two elders gladly went along and there found a demented husband hanging on to his unconscious wife and crying wildly. They begged him to quiet down so that they could pray for the stricken woman, who had suffered for a long time. The distracted husband drove them away, saying that there was no God of love, and he didn't want prayers, but his wife from the dead. Feeling that the case was naturally hopeless they left Lazalasa to pray quietly in the hut while they returned to the church to pray through to God for the woman.

They continued in prayer until three o'clock in the morning, when they all received the assurance that the woman would live. Acting on this assurance they returned to the hut to tell the husband that his wife would not die but surely live in spite of her still bleeding and being unconscious. This time the husband seemed convinced as he passionately replied: "I will be God's slave for ever if He will only give me back my wife." At this, the woman opened her eyes, so quietly and deliberately and said: "Here and now I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as my Lord and Savior." Before she relapsed into unconsciousness again, she asked that in case of her death she should be buried as a Christian, and in any case that all the heathen charms and medicine should be thrown out of the house.

At this crucial moment some heathen relatives turned up with a new witch doctor from a distant village and told the man to chase out the Christians and leave the case in their capable hands. The husband, looking first at all the heathen stuff they had brought and then at the hut already full of their impotent idols, charms and filth, suddenly stiffened in rage and drove them out of the house, declaring that he was going to trust the God in whom his wife now believed.

The three Christians continued to pray with the woman until the break of day, when the bleeding ceased and she regained consciousness again. At sunrise the woman sat up and told her husband in detail of the terrible spiritual contention that she had witnessed as it had gone on all the night for her soul and body, and that she was now perfectly healed and happily saved, only because of the prevailing prayers of the three Christians.

The news of her healing spread like wildfire and soon a wondering crowd gathered. This was the husband's opportunity, so with arms lifted up in surrender, he loudly cried out three times to the people: "This God who has miraculously given me back my wife I gladly yield to, and accept Him as my Lord and Savior."

The happy woman showed the extent of her healing by collecting together all the heathen stuff in the house and then with a hoe dug up lots of charms that they had dearly paid the witch doctor to compound and secretly bury at the doors and cross roads to arrest malicious spirits. Then handing the axe to the Pastor she begged him to chop down all the spirit houses, that they had recently revived in the hopes of appeasing the ancestral spirits. The whole filthy lot made a great bonfire as the man and his wife with the Christians sang a happy doxology on the one side and the awed, heathen stood silent and spellbound on the other side.

Now these two precious souls are going on happily and well with God, and have since passed through the waters of baptism.—*Redemption Tidings.*

Separated to God

JOHN was put in prison on the isle of Patmos, separated from men but not separated from his God. In that place of separation there came a new anointing of the Spirit, that his eyes might be anointed to see wondrous things in the heavens, and his ears specially anointed to hear.

Did John know what was the best message to send to the churches? No. He did not fully know the conditions, but he was brought into deep fellowship with the Lord who did know, into the most intimate communion with Him whose eyes are as a flame of fire, and who saw everything that was wrong in the churches.

And so John, with ears and eyes anointed, was able to send the needed message to the saints, a message from his Lord who saw where they had lost out, who saw those who were failing in their first love, who heard the boasting of those who said they were rich and increased with goods, and had need of nothing.

And John was able to pass on the message of love and mercy to those who lacked. The Master was willing to give them that which they needed, to anoint their blinded eyes with heavenly eyesalve, give them garments of righteousness to clothe their nakedness, and the true riches of heaven in place of the filthy lucre of earth.

And if we will come into the place of absolute separation with our Lord, He can give us anointed ears and anointed eyes to see and to hear what the Spirit has to say to His people in this last dark hour. As we spend much time waiting on our Lord, He will give us strength—strength to stand the things He will show us, and strength to speak the message that He gives.

Let us look to our Lord for a fulness of the Spirit hitherto unknown to us, and He will make our ministry profitable as He made the ministry of John profitable.

A Call to Praise

It is recorded in the Word that men became unthankful—unthankful to God for His mercies, for His providences, for His revelations. Rom. 1:21.

God gave His best gift, His only begotten Son. Were men grateful? No. "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11. Heaven's best Gift was rejected and cast out of the city to die as a malefactor. The Jews preferred a thieving malefactor to a benevolent Savior.

Ingratitude leads to rejection. You see a man fall into sin and fall from grace, and you may blame various things. But have you ever looked into the matter of how far he came short in thanking God for mercies, for favors, for protection; and how far short he came in failing to recognize God in His providence, in His bounty, in His lovingkindness?

Ingratitude hurts the heart of God and it reacts on the heart of the individual. Christ questioned, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Luke 17:17. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a Samaritan. Oh, the pathos, the sorrow hidden beneath the words of Christ! Nine cured of an incurable disease, healed of a loathsome sickness, their flesh made whole by Christ; but their hearts were hardened by their ingratitude!

The nine were restored to perfect health, and they forgot the One who gave the health. Each one would have paid an earthly physician all he possessed for his healing, but not one of them returned to utter a word of thanks, save the Samaritan, the despised and looked down upon. One in ten was thankful, a terrible proportion! and we believe the proportion is worse today.

Christ said to Simon, "Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest Me no water for My feet: but she hath washed My feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest Me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss My feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed My feet with ointment." Luke 7:44-46. Her gratitude was expressed in act.

Can we show gratitude today? Yes, in word and in deed. It is written, "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." Psalm 50:23. The highest form of service is praise ascending from lowly lips to the height of glory.

The book of Psalms finishes with these words: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." There are only two requirements to bring about the glorification of God. One is breath and the other is using that breath to praise God.

In the 148th Psalm, the Psalmist calls on the sun and moon, the stars of light, the heaven of heavens, and the waters above the heavens, to praise the name of the Lord; for at His command they were created. Psalm 148:3-5. But the Psalmist goes on—from the inanimate to the animate, and calls upon young men and maidens, old men and children, to

praise the name of the Lord; for His name alone is excellent! The free-will, voluntary offering of praise, springing up from a sense of gratitude, is a delight to Him whose joy it is to inhabit the praises of Israel.

"Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me." The occupation of heaven transferred to earth, and earth thereby made a miniature heaven. The praise of heaven is a spontaneous praise, a perfect praise, a natural praise, a praise expected, and a praise that could not be otherwise from beings who have never experienced sin. But the praise of those who dwell on earth is more acceptable, because it comes from a realm that is under the rule of the prince of the power of the air, of Satan, the archenemy of God. Praise that is voluntary, coming from grateful hearts, is greatly appreciated by our God.

It is written, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that

is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Heb. 13:15. *Through Christ* and by the power of the Holy Ghost, we are enabled to render acceptable praise, praise that will be perfected by Him who was perfect, and yet was made sin, in order that sinners might be perfect and like unto the One who saved them.

In order to render constant thanksgiving, we need to be constantly refilled with the Holy Spirit. The inspired Apostle says, "*Be filled with the Spirit*"; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:18-20. We are further told, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18.

The Father accepts the weakest, the most halting praise when it is presented in the name of His Son Jesus Christ.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100: 4, 5.

The Overflowing Stream

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SOMETIMES the streams of God's grace overflow their banks. God has His usual way of working, but He reserves the right to surprise us by going beyond His promises and our expectations. This is well illustrated in the Scripture from first to last. Think of His mercies to Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Gideon, Ruth, Samuel, Saul, David, Mordecai, Daniel, and the other Old Testament worthies.

What a surprise it must have been to the paralytic borne of four, when Jesus said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee!" Mark 2:5. He came for healing, but needed forgiveness more than healing, and without asking either, received both. Imagine the amazement of the woman who had "a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself," when Jesus saw her and called her to Him and said, "Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity." And He laid His hands on her: and immediately she was made straight. Luke 13:11-13. She had asked nothing, and so far as we know expected nothing.

Zacchaeus had a joyful surprise when Jesus stopped under the sycamore tree and called him by name, inviting Himself to his house for dinner, and then said, "This day is salvation come to this house." Luke 19:1-10. Peter's deliverance from prison and death was too much for him to believe, and altogether too much for the praying church assembled at young John Mark's home to pray for him. Acts 12:1-17. Who will say that the hundred and twenty at Pentecost (Acts 2), those at the household of Cornelius (Acts 10), and the twelve at Ephesus (Acts 19), did not receive more than they were expecting?

Very often in our meetings the Lord has gone far beyond the faith of any of us in saving the

lost, healing the afflicted, and baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit. People have come to ask the Lord to heal some acute malady, and the Lord for good measure has thrown in the healing of defective eyes or ears, or relieved of some other ailment that was not in mind at all. Some have come for healing and have been both saved and healed; some have come for salvation and have been healed in the bargain, without ever asking it. Some have come for healing, and in addition have received a wonderful Baptism in the Spirit. Some have sought the fullness of God in the Baptism, and have been healed as well. Some have gone into the water to be buried with Christ, and have been healed at the same time. Some have been preparing to come forward for prayer and anointing for healing, and have been healed before they could get to us.

Ten years ago the writer was conducting a few services in the First M. E. Church in Enid, Oklahoma, and in three services one day anointed about three hundred for healing. A sister, who had for many years been a great sufferer from rheumatism, was sitting on her air cushion—without which she was not able to sit long—watching cripples hobble forward on crutches and canes and walk and leap without them, but seeing no chance for herself to get into the line for anointing—felt a warm glow start at the top of her head and gradually go down through her whole body, and her rheumatism was gone! A joyful surprise! She still lives in Enid and is ready to testify. Those of us who were up in front knew nothing of this till later, and she was not expecting it.

In a number of instances Jesus has appeared unexpectedly in a vision, and spoken to the

sufferers, or touched them and healed them. In the same way, you may find instances of healing recorded in books published by those who do not believe that divine healing is for our times. One remarkable instance of this kind is found in the story of Dr. Shelton who was a missionary of the Christian Church, or Church of Christ in China and Tibet. The book was written by his wife and is entitled "Sunshine and Shadow on the Tibetan Border." On pages 80 and 81 you will find the story of "The Man with a Broken Head." In brief it is as follows:

A stone fell on the head of a Tibetan man and broke his head. The chief summoned Dr. Shelton to treat him. The doctor refused for fear he might die and the natives would kill or drive out the missionaries. But the chief assured Dr. Shelton that they would be protected. When Dr. Shelton examined the man and saw his head was actually broken he would have refused to treat him, but it was too late to back out. The doctor took twelve pieces of bone out of the patient's head, bandaged him and went home and said, "The man will be dead in the morning. I did the best I could for him, but I don't see how he can possibly live." When the doctor found him alive the next morning he was astonished. Returning to his home he said, "Well, I did the best I could, but by all the knowledge of medicine I possess, that man should have been dead this morning. THE LORD HAS HEALED HIM." "There was no other explanation of it," says the author.

The man went to his home a hundred miles away HEALED, and later his parents came back to thank the doctor. The author adds, "They did not know that the foreign doctor had had little to do with that; but as they never had heard the name of Jesus they could only think it was the foreigner."

The stream of God's mercy had overflowed its banks, for no one there knew how to comply with the conditions laid down for healing. His mercy superabounds in all other directions. Is not this what Paul had in mind when he wrote Ephesians 3:20, 21? Read it in your version and then in Weymouth's which follows:

"Now to Him, who in the exercise of His power that is at work within us, is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts—to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, world without end! Amen."

IS IT WELL WITH THEE? IS IT WELL WITH THE CHILD?

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God who knows the Bible and knows the way of Christ and the church.

I have a friend in Texas; in fact, he is more than a friend. This man is president of a bank. Years ago he got sick, and the doctors said he needed a rest. The bank president and trustees gave him leave with pay. The president owned a home in Maine, out near a lake, and this man took his wife and little daughter Doris there. They had a wonderful time, it was such a delightful place.

Towards the end of the summer, this man and his little girl decided to take just one more trip on the lake. They got their fishing tackle and basket and started out. When they got five or six miles from the shore—it must have been about ten o'clock—they let out their lines to

fish, and then just sat there, and dozed a little bit, and caught a fish or two.

The man was reading. It got toward evening, about four or five o'clock—he was engrossed in something—and all of a sudden there was a splash in the water, and then another one, and then another! The man looked up, and in the sky was a thick, heavy cloud. The whitecaps were beginning to dance upon the waters of the lake. It was beginning to blow. He had not noticed that the wind was rising. A storm was coming up. He pulled up his anchor, pulled in the lines.

The man began to row for shore as hard as he could. He said to the girl, "Can you see the shore?" She said, "No, Dad. Why, are you lost?" "A little." He said, "Don't cry. We can stay here all night if we want to." He knew they couldn't, he knew they would drown, but he did not want to frighten her. He kept on rowing. All of a sudden Doris said, "Daddy, I see a light over your shoulder! Mama said if we stayed out after dark, she would put a

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light in the upstairs window." He said, "Keep your eye on that light." She kept saying, "A little to the right. Straight ahead." And he kept on rowing.

After a while he got where he and the child could climb up the bank. He walked back to the house, pushed the door open with his knee—he had the child in his arms. He carried the child in, put her in the mother's arms. The little girl spoke up and said, "You didn't have to worry about us, Mama; we steered by your light."

When I heard that man tell that story, I thought how many boys and girls, men and women, there are in hell who steered by their mother's light. I wonder how many boys and girls there are in heaven who steered by mother's light. I wonder how many boys and girls from Springfield are in hell now, or will be in hell at the end from steering by your light. And I wonder how many men and women, boys and girls, there will be in heaven because they steered by your light.

Then the second question: "Is it well with you, husband and father?" How many of you men—honestly now—this is the question—how many of you men remember your courting days? My wife has a bunch of letters in a drawer—and sometimes she takes out one of those letters and reads it to me. I can make her the happiest woman in the world, or I can make her life a torment, a hell on earth. I remember this, and I try to be kind. I remember when our boy came in 1937. I was on the go all the time.

I came home for a month or two. She took me to see the baby. I said, "He's asleep." She said, "Wake him up." I turned the bed lamp so the light shone on the wall over his head, and shook him. All at once he opened his little eyes. I put my finger in front of him until his eyes focused on it, and then he grabbed hold of my finger! I dropped down on my knees and pressed my face against the bed, and said: "Lord, if Thou ever hast made a man, make me one now!"

I would want to die the death of a cur dog before I did anything to make that boy ashamed

of his daddy! I want him to be able to stick out his chest until the buttons pop off! I surely do! I remember when he was a little fellow, two years old. He is older now, seven. When he was two they asked him, "What does daddy do?" "He preaches." "How does he preach?" And that boy started to show them.

I cannot give my boy what my dad gave me. But I tell you what I can give my boy—I can give him a Christian dad.

Listen, Daddy; the greatest contribution you can make to your wife is to have a family altar, to give your wife a Christian husband. The greatest contribution you can make to your children is not to educate them, not to give them money, not insurance, not property, not an automobile—but a Christian dad, a Christian testimony.

Now there is just one thing more—here it is. How can we keep the circle unbroken—with the mother, father, son and daughter? There is just one way. Not by home, furniture, education; not by presents, not by anything in this world—but by, in, and because of the blessed Lord Jesus Christ. By accepting Him as our personal Savior, by enthroning Him as the Lord and Master of our lives, by serving Him the best we know how, and letting Him use our testimony in our homes and everywhere else.

I am going to have a peculiar altar call this morning. I don't want you to make a move or take a stand unless your heart is behind it.

Let us all stand. I want you to listen very carefully to this invitation. As they start singing, I want every wife and every mother in this crowd—every wife and mother who is willing to say to Jesus, "Lord, the best I know how, if You will help me, I am going to give my husband a Christian wife and my children a Christian mother; I am going to do my best to give them a Christian home,"—if you wives and mothers are willing to say that, I want you to come down these aisles and form a row all around the walls of this church.

Now I want you husbands and fathers in this crowd—if your wife is here, I want you to find her. I want you to put your arms around her and kiss her in church. If you haven't done it for a long while, it will do you good. Tell her you love her, tell her you pray for her. Tell her you will do your best to give her a Christian husband, your children a Christian daddy, and make her home a Christian home. Will you come, Daddy? will you come, Father? If your wife is not here, stand here at the front by yourself.

Now I want the sons and daughters in this congregation—if your dad is here, if your mother is here, I want you to go to them, put your arms around them and hug them, and tell them you love them. Tell them you will do your best to give them a Christian son or daughter, you are going to help them establish an altar in the home and get right with God. If your father and mother are not here, come and stand in front. Will you come?

There are lots of you who do not have a family altar in your home. You say this morning, "I want to build one." You are going home, and you are going to sit down at your dinner table, and you are going to take your Bible, and you are going to read the 34th Psalm, and start your family altar with that Psalm; and then you are going to lift your voice in prayer. You are going to have family worship from now on.

CONVENTION IN CUBA

Hugh Jeter

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the Assemblies of God in Cuba was held in Palma Soriano from the 8th to the 12th of January and it was unanimously acclaimed to be the best one yet. Night after night the spacious new church in Palma was crowded to capacity, with many standing in the doors and at the windows. We were greatly privileged to have with us Brother and Sister Harvey McAlister, whose messages and prayers were an inspiration and a help to all.

From the very first night the Lord manifested His presence and power, filling a sister with the Holy Spirit, who had sought for many years. Another one received the baptism the following day in the early morning service. Altogether eight believers received this glorious blessing. It was remarkable that these who received were quite a representative group. The first was from the neighboring town of Xavier, one was from Santiago de Cuba, three were from Palma Soriano, two from Cienfuegos, and one from Havana. The one from Havana was Warren Yee, the Chinese worker for whom we have been praying so definitely that the Lord would bless with the Pentecostal experience. His son, Pedro Yee, who is also a worker, seemed to be very close to the fulness. Pray for him! This experience has made a real transformation in our Brother Yee, as well as in the lives of the others who have been thus blessed.

A number of souls sought the Lord for salvation during these special meetings and all of us were built up and encouraged in the faith. The power of the Lord was also manifested in a special way in the healing services and many received a very definite touch in their bodies from the Lord.

A very sweet spirit of harmony and unity prevailed throughout the entire convention. Every one of the officials was elected on the nominating ballot. They are: Hugh P. Jeter, Superintendent; L. W. Stokes, Assistant Superintendent; Kenneth McIntyre, Secretary; Victoria Schott, Vice-Secretary and Treasurer; Enrique Rodriguez, Cuban delegate; Einar Peterson, Counsellor for Oriente, Cuba.

Brother and Sister McAlister were able to visit a number of our works before returning to the States and had a most helpful ministry. In Cienfuegos, four received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit the on Sunday that they were there. Here in Havana the power of the Lord was remarkably demonstrated in the healing services and one sister in the congregation received the Baptism while we were praying for the sick on the platform.

While the work here presents many difficult problems, we are encouraged to go forward in the name of the Lord. During



● Missionaries and workers attending the 6th annual convention in Palma Soriano, Oriente, Cuba, January, 1945.

Seated, left to right: Mrs. A. H. Bauer, Amy Ausherman, Panchita Rodriguez, Kathryn Long, Ellen Esler, Harvey McAlister, Mrs. Harvey McAlister, Hilda Reffke, Lula Ashmore, Victoria Schott, Rachel Peterson, Rebeca Ortiz, Mrs. D. Beltran.

Standing, left to right: A. H. Bauer, Martha McIntyre, Gertrude Jeter, Hugh P. Jeter, Rafael Era, Onelio Caraya, Clarence Ollson, Pedro Yee, John Jackson, M. Diaz Beltran, Luis Ortiz.

Back row, left to right: Miguel Matute, Olallo Caballero, Kenneth McIntyre, Luis Santiago, Warren Yee, Einar Peterson.

the year 1944 we have opened two new works on the island and have also received into our fellowship three other Pentecostal works in the Province of Camaguey. In January, 1942, the Assemblies of God had only eight small works in the whole of the Island of Cuba, the largest of these being the Havana Assembly with 43 members. Now, three years later, we have 23 works, although many are still quite small. Then we were working in only two Provinces; now we are working in five and there is a Pentecostal work in the sixth with whom we have good fellowship. Do join with us in prayer that very soon this glorious Full Gospel will completely cover this large and needy island.

SEWING MACHINE NEEDED

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stokes, who are now returning to Cuba, are much in need of an electric portable sewing machine. Anyone who would be willing to sell his for the work on the mission field, please notify the Missions Department, 336 West Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

SAILS FOR CEYLON

In view of the urgent need for somebody to release Brother Philip J. Shabaz, who has been temporarily in charge of the work in Colombo, John H. Burgess sailed for Ceylon just before Christmas, trusting that his wife and little son may join him later. Brother Burgess' address will be: Keswick Missionary Home, Colpetty, Colombo, Ceylon.

NEWS FROM GREECE

Further interesting news concerning Harry D. Mamalis in Greece has just been received. Mr. and Mrs. John Watts, who have recently returned to the United States on furlough from Palestine, writes: "Since our return, we have received a letter from our good friend, Finlay Graham, who was such a wonderful blessing to everyone in Palestine and Transjordan. Finlay is a navigator with the R.A.F. and has been moved on to Greece. He writes of a meeting there which he attended: '... after the meeting I made myself known as a fellow believer. When one of the men heard me say "Praise the Lord!" he told me that he is a Pentecostal missionary! Imagine my joy! This dear brother almost threw his arms around me for joy. His name is Harry Mamalis, a Greek by birth, and he attended Bible School with Saul Benjamin and Myer Pearlman. How he rejoiced to know that I had met some of his friends in Palestine! During these years of war, this brother has had a hard time. He has been without news from America since the invasion of Greece by the Germans. He has been imprisoned for his testimony, yet he has the victory—1 John 5:4!'"

Let us continue to hold on to God for the welfare of Brother Mamalis, that he might be made a mighty blessing to the needy people of Greece. Those wishing to know more about Finlay Graham will find his testimony in the article, "It's Happening in Jerusalem!" in the last Missionary Challenge for 1944.

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

A GODLY MOTIVE

L. E. Maxwell, the principal of the Prairie Bible Institute of Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, writes of the vision God has given him for his work:

In *Time* of December 11th there appears an interesting account of how the United Fruit Company has established a tuition-free Agricultural School in Honduras at a cost of \$750,000, with an annual running expense of \$150,000. "The school's purpose is to turn promising country boys into efficient, up-to-date dirt farmers who will take the gospel of modern agriculture back to their native villages. At the end of the three-year course, the students get no degree, but they know how to farm." Note that this school has been founded with a single purpose. Most of the students "come from poor Central American families of Indian blood." The aim is to see that these students know how to farm. The United Fruit Company is determined that these young men shall go back to transform the ignorant native settlements into agricultural communities.

The head of the United Fruit Company says: "If we give them degrees, they will go into politics. We want them to stay on the farm." The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. Herein let us learn a lesson. Why should we seek to be standardized and recognized? We have one aim and one purpose. We do not want our young people to take up with worldly occupation and preoccupations. We do not care to have them pursue worldly professions. "If we give them degrees, they will go into nursing, school teaching, commerce and various professions. We want them to stick to missions."

Are there not already scores of schools, yes Christian schools (at least by profession) which claim to prepare young people for all these worthy walks of life? But we want no detracting influence. God help us to keep single-eyed and pursuing this one thing. If a worldly business firm knows that to give these Latin Americans a degree will sidetrack them away from agriculture to politics, then we may be sure that to encourage the least worldly ambition will detract from the high and holy calling of missions. Was it Spurgeon who said, "Son, if God calls you to be a missionary, don't shrivel up to be a king"?

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.

ELWOOD, KANSAS—March 18—April 1; LeRoy G. Comstock, Omaha, Nebr., Evangelist. Great Easter Rally, April 1.—James W. Nicholson, Pastor.

WAYNE, MICH.—5403 S. Wayne Road, March 25-April 15; Jean Benefiel, Evangelist.—E. A. Manley, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—24th and Grand Ave., March 18—April 1; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Stephen Vandermerwe, Pastor.

BELEN, N. MEX.—March 4, for 2 weeks or longer; John Smith, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—R. H. Marshall, Pastor.

CRICHTON, ALA.—119 Mobile St., March 15—25; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist.—Clyde C. Goree, Pastor.

GOOSE CREEK, TEXAS—Trinity Tabernacle, March 11—April 1; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernest V. Berquist, Akron, Ohio.—J. O. Savell, Pastor.

MADERA, CALIF.—Riverside Drive and North D Sts.; meeting in progress; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—Thomas E. Woods, Pastor.

HANNIBAL, MO.—Meeting in progress; Lummer Music Makers, Evangelists.—Glenn Renick, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—Fellowship Meeting, Sections 3 and 4, March 12. Services 2:30, 6:30 and 7:30. H. E. Hardt, Falling Waters, W. Va., night speaker.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.

BROOTEN, MINN.—Feb. 27—March 11; Bayard and Genevieve Carlson of Sauk Centre, Evangelists.—M. L. Gunion, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Bible Conference and Special Evangelistic Services, 1250 Bellevue Ave., March 4—25; A. G. Ward and C. Morse Ward, special speakers.—Louis F. Turnbull, Pastor.

MISSOULA, MONT.—Pentecostal Assembly of God; March 4, for 3 weeks or longer; Max and Mae Johnson, Russell, Kansas, Evangelists.—Currell Muirhead, Pastor.

MORGAN HILL, CALIF.—Full Gospel Church, Feb. 25—March 11; F. T. and Olive Alford, Evangelists.—Elmer Stump, Pastor.

MOOSIC, PA.—Meeting in progress; C. S. Tubby of Canada, Evangelist.—Fleming S. Van Meter, Pastor.

FLINT, MICH.—2215 Lewis St., March 4—18; Hattie Hammond, Evangelist.—M. A. Jolley, Pastor.

OTTAWA, KANSAS—Northeast Kansas Fellowship Meeting, March 9. P. D. Pittman, Sectional Presbyter, morning speaker; J. Fredrick Sharp, Kansas City, Kansas, afternoon speaker. Sectional Christ for Youth rally, 7:30 p. m.—Fred Greve, Sectional Secretary.

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 Conference Course Committee, 301 S. Second Ave., Clanton, Ala.

CAMDEN, N. J.—New York-New Jersey District Prayer Conference, Calvary Tabernacle, 570 Walnut St., March 14-16. Services 9:30, 2:30, and 7:45. Wesley R. Steelberg and other able speakers will minister. Predominant note will be Prayer; we urge our brethren, especially of this section, to rally to seek the Lord. For accommodations write Kenneth M. Haystead, local pastor, 115 Harvard Ave., Collingswood, N. J.—Chas. R. Shuss, Prayer Conference Leader.

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 Kaufman 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, Moreland, April 23-25. Northwest Section, 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.

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 missionary speaker. For further information and reservations, write P. T. Emmett, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 1, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

SECTIONAL CONVENTION
Spring Sectional Convention, New Mexico District Council: Northeast Section Clovis, March 8-9. Convention opens 10:00 a. m., first day. Fellowship Meeting night preceding opening day. Paul W. Harrington will be accompanying the District Superintendent, and will speak nightly. All churches send delegates. For further information write H. M. Fulfer, P. O. Box 353, Mountainair, N. Mex.

TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS
By permission of the ODT, we are announcing conventions for March. The following conventions begin at 7:30 p. m., first day; then 10:30, 2:00 and 7:30, second day: Valley Section, Donna, March 6-7. San Antonio Section, Government Hill Church, San Antonio, March 8-9. San Angelo Section, Abilene, March 22-23. Greenville Section, Greenville, March 27-28. Paris Section, Texarkana, March 29-30.

The following conventions begin at 10:30 a. m., first day, with three services daily: 10:30, 2:00, and 7:30: Tyler Section, First Assembly, Tyler, March 13-14. Lufkin Section, Nacogdoches, March 15-16. Wichita Falls Section, 5th and Broad Church, Wichita Falls, March 20-21.

All ministers urged to be present for renewal of their fellowship with the Texas District. Those desiring to apply for ordination, license, or exhorter's license must meet the Committee of their home Section.

For information write District Superintendent F. D. Davis or District Secretary C. P. Robison, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 66, Pawnee, Ill.—L. L. Ferguson.

WANTED—Young man to play piano for meetings in new field beginning April 1. May need his services all summer. Write N. H. Rhodes, Box 526, Greenville, Miss.

NEW ADDRESS—2409 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill. "I have accepted the pastorate of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 24th and Grand Ave."—Stephen Vandermerwe.

This Is It

That's one of the thousands of things a fellow thinks when he's about to die. Perhaps it's when the ship is sinking, or the plane is crashing, or the enemy is charging, or a shell is whistling down . . . "Well, this is it!" he thinks, and then . . .

It isn't a pleasant thing to talk about, but it's happening thousands of times every day in this war. *Maybe* he wakes up again, crippled or blinded, helpless, or maybe he never wakes up—in *this* life. But he does wake up *somewhere!* Where depends upon his personal relationship to Jesus Christ—and *that* depends upon what we do to make that relationship right.

Think about it for a minute. Unless we make it our business to tell him, unless we stir ourselves to see that the message of salvation reaches him, he may *never* hear it.

We're not trying to tell you that every serviceman is waiting with open arms to receive the Gospel. Some of them are hard and cold and bitter. Many, however, are hungry to know God, and they're ready to listen to His Word. The Servicemen's Department is organized and equipped to give it to them—vast numbers of them—clearly, forcefully, personally, and *immediately*. Through what has already been done, countless fighting men have come to the hour when . . . "This is it"—and then have seen Jesus face to face.

Will you help do more?

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NEGROES IN SERVICE

There are approximately 750,000 colored soldiers in the armed forces of the United States, declares *The Watchman-Examiner*, and half of them are serving overseas in combat areas.

RUSSIAN CHURCHES OPEN

More than 200 Orthodox churches have been opened in Russia during the past year, according to a statement by acting Patriarch Alexei. In addition, many war-wrecked churches have been restored and reopened.

"DRUNKARDS' COSTLY CURSE"

Under the above heading, *Time* stated that the majority of those committed to jail in New York State last year were drunkards—5,946 out of 8,889 people booked, or 67 per cent. Cost of their board and keep—\$845,000.

FORTY MILLION DRINKERS

According to Doctors Haggard and Jellinck of Yale, there are forty million Americans drinking today, and when the boys come home there will be five million more. In 1939 the expenditure for alcoholic drink was \$26 per person; by 1943 it had jumped to \$46, and conditions are growing steadily worse.

MORE CANS FOR BEER

"Now with Government authorization for use of metal, the cans are rolling down the beer lines," says *National Voice*. "In Milwaukee they're rolling at the rate of 600 cans a minute—864,000 a day." The report also describes a new type of can, lighter and shorter, that is being used in overseas shipments of beer. During one recent month a total of 49,343,000 of these were sent from this country to overseas bases, to give our young men a taste for liquor.

WITCHCRAFT IN RUMANIA

It is reported that black magic, pagan rituals, and an old woman soothsayer were part of the inspiration behind Antonescu's reign of terror in Rumania. A certain Mme. Goga, a practitioner of black magic, is said to have influenced him to commit many of his cruelties against the Jews and Christians. If the truth were known, we might be amazed to find how much of the suffering in this war was inspired by conscious contact with the evil spirit world.

THE GETTYSBURG PHRASE

The famous phrase uttered by Lincoln at Gettysburg—"government of the people, by the people, for the people"—was not original with him. It appeared much earlier in the preface to Wycliffe's Bible, which said, "This Bible is translated and shall make possible a government of people, by the people, for people." How true it is that real democracy is found only in those lands where the common people know the Bible. Through the Bible alone do we learn of the dignity of human life and the inalienable rights of every individual.

A PREDICTION

Just before he left Turkey for the last time, the Nazi ambassador (von Papen) said, "The Allies will eventually fight one another. When they do, it will be in the Middle East." Will his prediction come true? Not until Germany is defeated, perhaps, but after the war is won it may be another story—and when trouble comes it may well be in and around Palestine.

CHRISTIANS IN GERMANY

Dr. Benes, President of the exiled Czechoslovakian Government, reports that there are still 11,000,000 German Christians "who do not bow the knee to Hitler." The final solution of Europe's problems will be found only in "a new application of the gospel when Christ, the Bible, and the Christian Church are recognized as supreme, in place of *Der Fuehrer*, *Mein Kampf*, and *Das Reich*."

THE BARBED WIRE CHURCH

The head of the Protestant Churches in France says there has been a great spiritual movement in the prison camps both in France and in Germany. "The Barbed Wire Church," he calls it. "There have been miracles of conversion, and many young prisoners have sent word to Paris of their determination to become pastors—men who formerly were free-thinkers, agnostics, and anti-Christians."

PRAYER AT THE CAPITOL

It is said that prayer means very little on Capitol Hill. There is a chaplain who prays at the opening of each legislative session but very few Congressmen show up until the prayer is ended, and a resolution has been presented calling for a prayer meeting of a full session of Congress to ask God's divine guidance. One hopeful sign is the fact that certain senators, representatives, businessmen, and at least one columnist in Washington have formed the habit of meeting weekly for breakfast and fifteen minutes of spiritual devotions. Let us pray that this "breakfast group" movement may spread. If ever God's help was needed at the Capitol, it is today.

CHAPLAIN J. K. McCONCHIE

One of the 26 Assembly of God ministers serving in the U. S. Army is Chaplain James Kenneth McConchie, Captain.

A recent citation accompanied by the award of a bronze star, reads: "For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Peleliu Island, Palau Group. When a Company suffered numerous casualties from the explosion of a heavy enemy land mine, Chaplain McConchie, battalion chaplain, immediately proceeded to the scene. Despite the constant menace of enemy fire, he labored unceasingly to evacuate the wounded and restore confidence to the shaken men. By his zealous concern for the physical welfare of the men and his calm and sincere spiritual guidance, Chaplain McConchie won the unreserved admiration of all members of his battalion."

NEW DIVORCE RECORD

The city of Reno, Nevada, set a new divorce mark in 1944, having 7,076 actions filed. The previous record was 5,884 in 1943.

HALF A MILLION MURDERS

If present trends continue, says J. Edgar Hoover, during the normal lifetime of the average American 436,475 murders will be committed in this country, 88,000,000 larcenies, burglaries, auto thefts, and aggravated assaults will be perpetrated.

100,000 CHRISTIAN JEWS

According to the Home Missions Council of North America, about 100,000 Jews are members of Christian churches in the U. S. and Canada. The Committee on the Christian Approach to the Jews reports that there are about 145 Jewish ministers serving in Protestant churches.

GARDEN OF THE PROPHETS

Preparatory work has begun on the Garden of the Prophets and Sages, comprising almost sixty acres of land in the Judean hills west of Jerusalem. This unique garden will contain all the flowers, plants, shrubs and foliage mentioned in the Scriptures, the Talmud, and Jewish literature. The bulbs and saplings to be planted have been gathered from every part of Palestine where they have flourished for thousands of years.

THE INDESTRUCTIBLE JEW

"There is one way in which Hitler can succeed in exterminating the Jews, and only one," says H. M. Mael. "He must first be able to destroy the sun, moon, and stars before he can annihilate the Jew. For it is written, 'Thus saith the Lord, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night . . . if those ordinances depart from before me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.' Jer. 31:35, 36."

EMPTY CHURCHES

All over America, especially in rural areas, there are empty churches standing as monuments to a spiritual revival which once swept the district but which has long since passed away. It is reported that the Presbyterian Church has 1,500 churches without pastors. Other denominations are suffering from similar shortages. The situation presents a challenging opportunity to the young people of our assemblies to step into the gap and seek God for a new revival of His working in thousands of needy communities.

COMMENDED BY HENRY FORD

Davis Martin, one of our Assembly of God brethren employed by the Ford Motor Company, was called in recently for a personal interview with Henry Ford, who commended him for the good work he was doing in holding gospel services among the workers in the Dearborn plant. Mr. Ford said that if Brother Martin desired to speak to the employees of other Ford plants he had permission to do so, and the great industrialist even offered to pay his expenses in visiting the various plants. Brother Martin would like us to pray that God will have His way.