

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



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THY TESTIMONIES ALSO ARE MY DELIGHT AND MY COUNSELLORS



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## THE CHALLENGE OF "TONGUES" TODAY

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**W**HAT challenge does Pentecost offer to this present generation? It cannot but be plain for all to see, that the generation who participated in the rise of the Pentecostal Movement found something so precious that, for its sake, they were prepared to sever the tender ties of long denominational association, sacrifice the security of assured ministerial position, and endure the obloquy of participating in a "sect everywhere spoken against." There will always be a small minority who run after every new thing. There will always be rebels who delight in any movement that seems to offer freedom from lawful restraint upon rank individualism. There will always be camp followers, hopeless cranks and fanatics hanging around the fringe of any religious revival. But never forget the solid majority of sensible, steady, sanctified Christian people who comprise the heart of the matter. They have found some "wisdom" that is above rubies.

It all centers in the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many of those who shared in the early years of Pentecost honestly believed that they *had* already received that Baptism. For most of them it had consisted of a holiness experience, often recognizable quite clearly enough as a crisis in their Christian life and service, when they wholly trusted Christ as the Saviour not only from the guilt, but also from the power of sin. Others had been taught to believe that, the Spirit having come to them at conversion, there was now nothing further to expect as a blessing to be distinctly sought, and as distinctly received. Yet Pentecost brought to one and all a personal spiritual experience, a crisis, a blessing, a further step, that meant nothing less than a new beginning. The testimony of many is that, outwardly, it produced more change

in their Christian life than their conversion had.

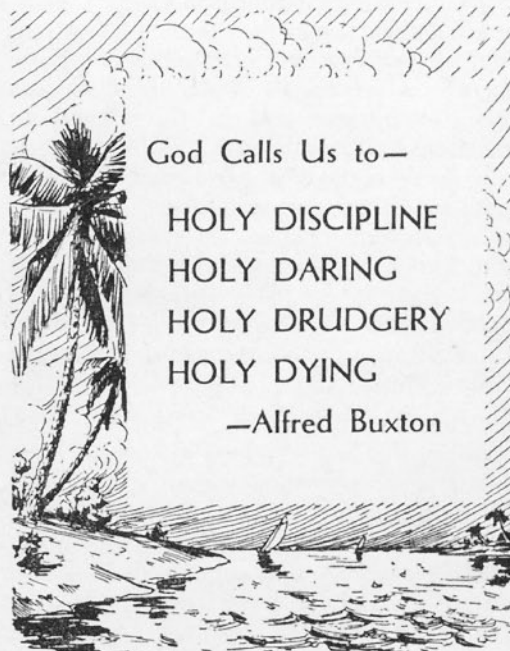
It is this reality, this definiteness, this certainty about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, that brings us to the kernel of the distinctive witness of the Pentecostal Revival. It may seem as though too much emphasis has been placed by Pentecostal people upon speaking with tongues as the Scriptural initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit; but it should be remembered and appreciated that it was insistence upon tarrying until satisfaction upon that point became manifest, that made it all so remarkably strong and real and convincing. It is only stating the simple truth that where insistence on this point has been given up, even with the kindest of motives, the force of the Pentecostal testimony has become emaciated almost beyond recognition.

Naturally the truth crystallized by insistence upon an outward immediate sign can become distorted. It is possible to misplace the emphasis, and make more of the mere sign than of the supreme fact of becoming filled with the Spirit of God. It is possible so to pervert the divine order that attempts can be made to produce a semblance of the effect before the Holy Cause has filled the waiting temple. But such inevitable risks accompanying the human side of every heaven-sent revival do not justify our forsaking the truth. And the unanswerable witness of the New Testament is that for the early Christians the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was *always* accompanied by some clear manifestation of His coming.

It was exactly that which made Pentecost so real. The Spirit was not vaguely received "by faith," through mental assent to a doctrine, with the hope that some evidence might later appear in the life. The faith that receives the Spirit is a living acceptance of the promise of the Father, that confidently lays hold of the inheritance belonging to all whom God has called, and expects nothing less than a Baptism so real that some outward manifestation is a logical necessity. "This, which ye now see and hear," said Peter, on the day of Pentecost. Nothing less than that which we can still "see and hear" is the specific testimony of the Pentecostal Revival.

It was just such a definite Baptism in the Holy Spirit that brought the thousands who first formed the Pentecostal Movement out of their existing denominations, out of worldliness, formality, lukewarmness, halfheartedness, into a worldwide spiritual fellowship that overcame all distinction of race, creed or class. In one of the first Pentecostal meetings I

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God Calls Us to—

HOLY DISCIPLINE  
HOLY DARING  
HOLY DRUDGERY  
HOLY DYING

—Alfred Buxton

# The Early Days of Pentecost

**E**ARLY in 1909 the Pentecostal revival came to Secunderabad, India. The Holy Spirit came suddenly upon the Christians as they were gathered in a prayer meeting. Conviction gripped the hearts of the saints, and prayer of contrition was like the roar of a cataract. A report of the event tells that: "The heathen outside came running from every direction, looking in at every window, and watching the novel proceeding. As the Christians, breaking through to God and coming out under the fiery baptism, lifted their rapt and ecstatic faces, the heathen went home to their villages, reporting with awe, 'The Christians have seen their God.'"

One of the first things noted in the lives of those who had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was that their countenances shone, and there was a radiance which gave evidence that "they had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13. Concerning the reality of Christ, the wife of Pastor Polman of Amsterdam, Holland, testified after having received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit: "It is a wonderful experience, and I never can understand what people fear about it. Jesus is a reality! Oh! I don't want to know anything more than that Jesus is living in me. I praise Him for that, that He is living—the Father and the Son have made their abode in my heart; and when I think of that, I am all spirit, soul and body bowed down in reverence before Him."

A missionary who for many years before the outpouring of the Latter Rain had been blessedly used of God on the foreign fields wrote to *The Upper Room*: "In seeking the Baptism I lost sight of tongues and got my eyes fixed on Jesus, then He gave me a vision. I saw myself an empty shell, and I saw Jesus come down from the cross, so, so plain! He came down and entered my body, pushing His head up into my head, His hands into my hands, His feet into my feet, taking full possession of me." No wonder that one, in an ecstasy of praise, exclaimed, "Oh! let us adore Jesus!"

"Oh! this love. Oh, such love! Oh, my heart bursts with love, love, love! Oh, this joy! Such joy. This poor tongue can never find any words to tell of this love, this joy!" exclaimed one person as he was being filled with the Spirit. Love was a marked characteristic of those who were filled with the Holy Spirit. There was love for God and for Christ, His Son; love for the saints of the world-

*It is a very easy thing to drift away from the simplicity that characterized the Pentecostal Movement in its early days, and it will do us all good to read and re-read the following extracts taken from "The Upper Room," a paper edited 36 years ago by Elmer Fisher and George Studd, pastors of the Upper Room Mission in Los Angeles, Calif.*

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wide communion; and love for sinners for whom Christ died.

Pastor Emil Humburg of Germany wrote: "The Lord is so wonderful in His church, in which He is revealing the fruits of the Spirit. Besides giving to us the oil of joy, He has poured out upon us richly the oil of love, so much so that all love each other truly, and know themselves to be united together in Jesus."

Love for the Word of God accompanied love for God Himself. "The Pentecostal people," wrote the editor of *The Upper Room*, "love the Word of God, and all of it. They are not afraid of the supernatural in it, for they have an Almighty God, and they have supernatural experiences themselves. Hallelujah!"

A little sermon on praise from the pages of *The Upper Room*, not only shows the spirit of that day, but serves well as an exhortation for us today. "Yes, praise is comely; and joyfulness in the service of the Lord is safe; yea, it is the only safe way. See what a solemn warning the Lord gave to Israel of old when He said: 'Because thou servest not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all things; therefore thou shalt serve thine enemies which the Lord shall send against thee, in hunger and in thirst, and in nakedness and in want.' Think of it; if you don't serve the Lord with joy and gladness, then you will soon be forced to serve your enemies in hunger, thirst and general want. How important a grace then is joy! It is a fruit of the Spirit; and the kingdom of God is . . . 'righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.'"

Great was the variety of opinions concerning the work which the Lord was doing, and diversified were the teachings of those among whom the work was done. Yet, in spite of differences of opinion, there was tolerance and unity of spirit. Quotations were freely made from people of different faiths. One thing bound them together: they strove to honor

the Holy Spirit. A remarkable paragraph illustrates this work of the Spirit. "A monk from South Wales (Father Ignatius' brethren) was present. In personal conversation he said that there were five of them in that convent in South Wales who were seeking Pentecost. God is certainly caring very little, it seems, whether one has this or that garb on, or belongs to this or that group of Christians. Love is melting us together. Praise God!"

But tolerance and fellowship with others did not make these Spirit-filled believers tolerant with anything that smacked of sin. Sin was hated, and was to be renounced before ever the Baptism in the Spirit could be sought. All of the revivals began with confession of sin. Brother Junk reported from Tsao-Hsien, Shantung Province in North China: "We have just gone through twelve days meeting, night and day, as it is Chinese New Year. The people came by the hundreds and we pressed the battle while we had the chance. Hallelujah! On the third day the power of God fell and swept from 200 to 300 to the floor; and oh, such a praying and crying for mercy, and such confessing of sin!"

In the revival at the Methodist Mission in Chile there was a wholesale turning from sin. They reported: "In February after a month of prayer daily by just five of us, the Lord began to work in the hearts of the people. There came first, of course, a spirit of prayer, then great conviction of sin which bore great fruit in confession, reconciliation, restitution. This continued for some months, we ourselves also received great blessing, but no Baptism. At the end of June, the Lord began manifesting His power and soon a number were baptized with the accompanying sign."

"Repentance, confession and restitution," were the first things listed in the statement of what the Upper Room Mission taught. This seems to have been universal. The testimony of a man saved in the Upper Room tells how he made many wrongs right at his conversion, and then, when he began to tarry for the Baptism in the Spirit, God brought to his memory still another matter to be made right. When on a drunken spree he had taken \$100 from the pocket of his chum who was with him, drunk and asleep. When convicted, he asked the church to help him pray that God would help him to find the man whom he had wronged. After a time he felt impressed that the man was in Perris, Calif., and making inquiries, found that he was working on a farm some miles out. He hired a buggy and drove out and found the man in the field. There he confessed his sin and told how he had been saved by the

blood of Jesus. He then wrote a check and settled it all.

An account from China says, "We do praise God that He is working in spite of all the enemy can do. A Chinese brother, a teacher in one of the government colleges, went to his home 500 miles to make restitution! And just after coming back he got a mighty Baptism."

Much was made of the manifestation of the Spirit, nor was there any apology for what the Spirit did. There were constant references to the operation of the Spirit upon the body of the believer. It was taught that the entire being must be yielded to the Lord for Him to do with it as He pleased. One editor commented: "The manifestations in the present great outpouring of the Holy Ghost have been and still are something wonderful. All the manifestations witnessed in the great revivals of the last two hundred years seem to have reappeared and others that have not been seen before since the days of the apostles. God has visited His people and mighty signs and wonders are following."

Yet, with the teaching that the Spirit should operate upon the entire being, there was definite instruction concerning a crucified life. Alexander Boddy, of Sunderland, England, taught: "As we appropriate this death as our death and yield up even our spirit to God, so shall we be sharers of His resurrection and be controlled and permeated by God the Holy Spirit. It is because we have not recognized that all our being must be 'under the blood' or yielded to death, that when the Holy Spirit has taken possession of us, the human or natural has given way to excessive manifestations and thereby stumbled many, and, what is of more importance, hindered the deeper work of God in the whole being. So the Holy Spirit is transforming us by getting our minds turned from ourselves to Jesus."

Divine healing was closely associated with the operation of the Holy Spirit upon the body. And there were reports of notable miracles. Not once, but repeatedly, there were reports of people raised from the dead.

Prayer was conversation with the Father through the Spirit, and it was made without ceasing. Typical is one illustration: "A few weeks ago we had a truly wonderful deliverance from insanity in the case of a bright young woman of a nice Christian family. It was not accomplished by a single prayer, but it took a regular campaign of united prayer, night and day for nearly five days. Relays of workers were kept at the home to watch and pray continuously, for it was a desperate fight with the powers of darkness. But oh, how precious has been the de-

liverance and the testimony of the sister in our meetings."

It was expected that God would supply what money should be needed for the support of His work. The first mention of money in "The Upper Room" was a report: "On Sunday, May 9 (1909), at the close of the morning service in the Upper Room Mission, some of the letters from South Africa were read to the assembly. Brother Fisher then reminded us that, though we never take collections in the Upper Room (any one who wanted to send an offering to help push the needs of the Pentecostal missionaries there, could hand such offerings to our secretary for foreign missions. God laid the burden of it on His children and within a week more than \$500 was brought in."

A later issue of the paper gives an account of an unusual offering. Brother Studd wrote: "The last week in November, the Lord seemed to arrange a missionary convention for us by sending us Brother and Sister T. J. McIntosh and Brother and Sister H. McLean, and others on their way back to China. Who that was present will forget Sister McIntosh's testimony and triumphant, holy laughter as she told her experience of God's saving grace and power? Or the scene on Thanksgiving night when Brother McIntosh was speaking of China? A sister in the congregation stood up and stretching out her closed hand said, 'Brother, you must come and take this, I can hold it no longer.' This was evidently God's signal, and immediately in all parts of the hall, hands were stretched out and voices calling Brother McIntosh to come and receive their offerings which the Lord had put in their hearts to give. Yet there had been no appeal for money at all—nay, we remember Brother McIntosh had begun his testimony by singing,

'My Father is rich in houses and lands,  
He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands,'

and he did not sing it like a pauper or beggar—not a bit of it."

There were problems with the work, and the leaders recognized that there was much for them yet to learn, but they endeavored, and admonished one another to endeavor, to let the Spirit guide in the mighty work which was being done. Brother Fisher said, "If ye honor the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ will always be exalted. We must honor Him in our own individual lives. Many of the fleshly efforts that come forth through man would be avoided if we would tarry for the Holy Spirit. One place that we should honor the Holy Spirit especially is in directing the meetings. Many leaders are afraid to commit a meeting to the

Holy Spirit and trust Him fully. Others have a program all planned and a path marked out for the Spirit to work in. But we must not harness the blessed Spirit and try to make Him go our way. Some think that to commit a meeting in that way to the Spirit, would induce a state of anarchy and would permit crooked spirits to have the right of way. But not so; in the Upper Room Mission we have found that God the Holy Spirit is able to control and protect His own work. It has been beautiful to see Him bring to light hidden things that they might be rebuked, often overthrowing the work of the enemy when it would have been impossible for human wisdom to prevail.

"The duty of the leader of the meeting is to see that the channel is kept open for Jesus Christ to be exalted and the Holy Spirit to be honored. Things will come up that are hard to handle, crooked spirits will try to get in with their manifestations, even after you have committed a meeting to God. But trust Him; keep in prayer; and you will see the word of wisdom go forth, a rebuke, or exhortation, that will close the door on the enemy and show the victory won. God can use any member of the body, and often He gives the more abundant honor to the weaker members."

The matter is summarized in a statement by Brother Studd. "No one who comes much in contact with Pentecostal people and the Pentecostal movement can fail to recognize the following among other characteristic points about them:

1. They always exalt Jesus Christ and honor His precious blood.
2. They honor the Holy Spirit; they give Him room to work and expect His operations.
3. They are earnestly looking for the coming of the Lord. It is almost a watchword in their lives and in their services, 'Jesus is coming so soon.'
4. They are certainly a missionary people. They have a burning desire to spread the gospel far and near; and to this end they pray, and give, and go as only Pentecostal people can.
5. They really do trust God for money, seldom taking collections and never begging. At the call of God they get up and go to the end of the earth without a board at their back to guarantee them salary or anything else.
6. The spirit of praise, of worship and of prayer that is manifested in their private lives and in their meetings is phenomenal, to say the least.
7. Their joy and liberty in the Spirit are very marked. To those who are not too loaded down with prejudice, this is a very attractive and convincing feature of the Pentecostal experience. Who does not want to be happy and free in God?"

# Conflict and Victory

**D**ANIEL received a great revelation of things to come, but this revelation was preceded by a conflict. He tells us, "I Daniel was mourning three full weeks." Dan. 10:2. But the enemy resisted the coming of the heavenly messenger to the Lord's prophet. This withstanding of the coming forth of the word of God by the forces of darkness will give some idea of the power of the opposition of the evil one. It would seem that for twenty-one days the enemy was master. He wanted to hinder the communication to mankind not only of the good news of the coming restoration but also of his own ultimate destruction.

At this time the introduction of the decree for his destruction went forth; hence the conflict. And as we near the termination of the fulfillment of the decree, the conflict will be greater, and there will be need not merely for one Daniel but for hundreds.

Every step of our Lord Jesus Christ was watched by the enemy, who did his utmost to hinder His every movement, even through those whom He healed, so that He had to depart to other places. Mark 1:45. In another place Christ could do no more mighty works because of the unbelief of Satan-inspired hinderers around. Matt. 13:58. Another time the people desired to take Him by force and make Him a king. John 6:15. Hindrances through foes and hindrances through friends! And the enemy is still active against the working of the Son of God, against His plan, and against His people.

But the Spirit of God is available and the promise of Christ is, "He will show you things to come." John 16:13. No power of the enemy will prevent the revelation of things to come. The Spirit of God will speak to the saints through the Word, and will make real the truths written therein concerning coming disasters. And He will make real the truth concerning the future joys of the children of God. He will ever bring to the forefront the certainty of the soon coming of the Son of God.

When the earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the deep, the Spirit of God brooded over the chaos prior to the bringing in of the divine order and beauty. So today the Spirit is brooding over the chaos, disorder, and disruption, and out of it all will bring forth the divine order. There will come forth the manifestation of Christ, the firstfruit from the dead, and those that are Christ's at His coming. And through

Christ and His first fruits there will come forth divine light and harmony in this world, after the darkness has been dispelled and dealt with.

In the meantime a season of tribulation is coming on the earth; darkness will be stirred up, and the caldron of wrath, iniquity, and wickedness will be seething. Chaos will have reached its zenith; and the Spirit, brooding over the darkness, will again cause light to spring forth and will bring in the glorious dawn of the Millennium on earth. But before then the pressure from above will cause that great caldron of darkness, that seethingpot of iniquity, to be intensified in its fervor, because the heavens will be emptied of Satan and his hosts, who will be pressed down into the seething pot. The Book of Revelation shows the judgments that are at hand, the masses killed, the destruction of the enemy leaders, and the chaining of the devil for a thousand years.

Daniel's prayer of intercession was the first link in the chain of events that culminated in the final overthrow of the prince of Persia. Daniel's conflicts in prayer were real. The conflicts in the last days will not be less than what Daniel went through. In the nature of things, they will be much worse, because the wrath of the enemy is greater, seeing that his time is short. But his final overthrow is certain.

It is written, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in

the faith." 1 Peter 5:8, 9. It is written again, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7. We are further bidden, "Consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood." Heb. 12:3, 4. Be ready to resist unto blood.

Daniel testified, "My comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength." Dan. 10:8. There will have to be a resisting unto blood. But it is written, "As soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Isa. 66:8. There has been no travail sufficient to bring forth what God wants brought forth. The enemy must not be a match for the saints of God. The Spirit has been poured out and will be poured out more abundantly, that there may be overcomers in prayer, contending and wrestling and prevailing, so that victory over the enemy may be attained.

Daniel's prayers not only brought forth Gabriel and Michael, but they also brought forth One who from His description we can tell was none other than the Son of God. And so, God's people when praying will not only cause the enemy to be overcome, but will bring forth the One who is the Son of man and the Son of God.

Seventy years had been determined for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah, but Daniel's prayer was the necessary factor in the fulfillment. When Peter tells us the things to come, he says: "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God." 2 Peter 3:11, 12, margin. Some will doubtless fail in this high calling, but some will go through in spite of physical suffering and mental anguish. Paul knew what this conflict was when he wrote, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places." Eph. 6:12, margin. And so he exhorts us, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Eph. 6:13-18. Why? "That ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

This standing and withstanding in the evil day will call for and bring forth the divine strength and resources which are only attained by those who dare to stand. He bids us, "Stand therefore." If needs be, stand alone until divine help comes. It may be twenty-one days, or twenty-one weeks, or twenty-one months; but help will come, and with the help will come victory.

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# Bountiful Provision for All

**G**REAT multitudes were following Christ, and He, considerate of their physical needs, put the question to Philip: "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" John 6:5.

It was a tremendous problem to Philip. He estimated that it would require two hundred pennyworth of bread—for poor fishermen that was a fabulous sum—and even then everyone in the multitude would have only a little.

What a limited comprehension Philip had—and all of us have, for that matter—of the infinite resources of the One with whom he was speaking. Had not the Lord supplied sufficient manna to feed all the hundreds of thousands of Israel, not for a day, not for a week, not for a month, but throughout the whole forty years of their wilderness wanderings?

But Jesus was not perturbed. "He Himself knew what He would do." He knew the will of the Father, for He lived in such close intimacy with the Father that the very words He spoke came from the Father, and His very act was the result of the indwelling and power of the Father.

The Master bountifully supplied all the needs of the multitude. He did not supply "that every one of them may take a little," as Philip suggested; but the five thousand men, and those of their families that accompanied them, were "filled." And there were twelve baskets that remained over and above.

It is said of the seed of Abraham that they "limited the Holy One of Israel." Psalm 78:41. And we have all been guilty of a similar sin. Like Philip, our minds run on the lines of our limited natural resources, and we do not realize all that can be received, just for the asking, from our bountiful God.

But our lovable Christ knows what He will do. And if we will take the place of John (in His bosom), or of Mary (at His feet) He will reveal to us what He will do.

Long after Jesus had gone to glory, John continued in intimate fellowship with Him and with the Father, so that he declared: "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3. On the isle of Patmos there was revealed to him what the Son of God will do. To him was given a revelation of the Son of God bringing judgment on all that is evil, and bringing in an era of blessedness and plenty and eternal peace, an era when there shall be no more death, no more sorrow, no more crying, no more pain.

Such intimacy as John had, as Mary

had, is for all of those who seek to be often and long in the presence of our Lover Lord. Through the Spirit "He will shew you things to come." John 16:13.—S. H. F.

## The Great Removal

Ambassadors are removed before heaven's war against earth begins. The Church is God's ambassador, bearing His message of grace and peace. *The Church* then (I mean always the ready of the Church) must be removed before the war of God begins. Those left are discredited, and they keep not the Church's original standing. *The removal of the hinderers* is the rapture of God's ambassadors, because the day of grace is over, and the day of judgment set in. The Holy Spirit and the ready of the Church depart together, for nearly the same reasons.

The saints' removal precedes the judgments on the ungodly. So Enoch was taken away before the Flood, and Lot before the fire fell on the cities of the plain. The Kenites remove before vengeance falls on the Amalekites. The worshipers of Jehovah are separated from the Baalites, before the sword exterminates them. 2 Kings 10. Moses calls away the men of Israel from the company and tabernacle of Dathan, before the earth opens up and swallows up the rebels. Num. 16:21, 26.—Robert Govett.

## Faithful Stewards

It is startling to see in Luke 16:11 that the committal to us of the stewardship of the highest, the true, the heavenly riches, depends upon our faithfulness in handling the earthly possessions. May this not be one reason why there is so little practical outcome from so much of our teaching? May it not be that God is withholding from many the fullest outcome of the power of the Holy Spirit because they have not yet learned the elementary truth concerning stewardship of "that which is least"? Are we crying to God for *power* in some extraordinary degree, and all the time God is waiting to see how we are dealing with what He has already given us? If we are failing to buy up our present opportunities, can He expect us to do anything but squander the heavenly riches if He entrusted them to us—"who will commit to your trust the true riches"? Only at the judgment seat shall we know what we have missed through failing to be faithful up to present light and measure of power.

## "Cherith"

"Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith." 1 Kings 17:3.

God's servants must be taught the value of the hidden life. The man who is to take a high place before his fellows must take a low place before his God. We must not be surprised if sometimes our Father says: "There, child, thou hast had enough of this hurry, and publicity, and excitement; get thee hence, and hide thyself by the brook—hide thyself in the Cherith of the sick chamber, or in the Cherith of bereavement, or in some solitude from which the crowds have ebbed away." Happy is he who can reply, "This, Thy will, is also mine; I flee unto Thee to hide me. Hide me in the secret of Thy Tabernacle, and beneath the covert of Thy wings."

Every saintly soul that would wield great power with men must win it in some hidden Cherith. Our Lord found His Cherith at Nazareth, and in the wilderness of Judea, amid the olives of Bethany, and the solitude of Gadara. None of us, therefore, can dispense with some Cherith where the sounds of human voices are exchanged for the waters of quietness which are fed from the Throne; and where we may taste the sweets and imbibe the power of a life hidden with Christ.—F. B. Meyer.

## What Is Faith?

Faith is the eye by which we look to Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the hand with which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Saviour's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. And even then we may believe, when we are without the smallest portion of comfort; for our faith is founded not upon feelings, but upon the promises of God.

Faith is the foot by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.—George Mueller.

## Hot or Cold?

I was at Hot Springs where they have the best mineral bath waters in the country. The caretaker said they couldn't handle the water when it was hot, and when it was cold the property they wished to discover wasn't there; and that is true of the Christian. When you are hot the world cannot analyze, when cold, the thing they look for is gone.—L. C. H.

# The Fine Linen: Of What Does It Consist?

J. Narver Gortner

**A**ND I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of many thunders, saying, Hallelujah; for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

So we read in Rev. 19:6-8, R. V. The marriage of the Lamb is still future; it will not take place until after the rapture, and the rapture will not occur until the church age shall have come to a close, "until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in." Rom. 11:25. It appears from the prophetic record in Revelation that it will take place just before the second stage of the second advent, the very next thing on the divine calendar being the descent of the Lord, accompanied by the armies of heaven, or in other words, "the glorious appearing" made mention of in Titus 1:13.

Just what the marriage of the Lamb will be, and just what the marriage supper will consist of, we are not told. There has been much speculation concerning the matter, some of it profitable, and some of little profit. We can know definitely only what is recorded in the Word, and if we fail to keep within the boundaries of Scripture we are likely to go astray. We can be almost certain that it will be more blessed and glorious than anything we have conceived of, that it will exceed our fondest dreams, for God "is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," and we have the best reasons for believing that no joyous occasion here upon earth has ever been half so joyous as that occasion will be, and that no feast ever spread here is worthy to be compared with the future marriage supper that will be served in the glory after the marriage shall have been solemnized. Just what it will be we shall know then, if we are so fortunate as to be numbered among the bridehood saints, or among those who shall be present to witness the ceremony and to partake of the feast. Mark what we read in the verse following the text quoted at the head of this article, "And he saith unto

me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

The subject of this article is the attire of the bride. There can be no marriage without a bridegroom, neither can there be a marriage without a bride. The festivities can be dispensed with, the wedding supper and the honeymoon trip omitted, but there must be a bridegroom and a bride. We know, of course, that the Lord Jesus will be the Bridegroom at the wedding in the skies. As to whether the whole church will constitute the bride, or just a part of the church, a select company who will have fitted themselves through the provisions of divine grace to be united to their Lord in this very vital union, is a question concerning which writers have differed.

But, while we may differ among ourselves concerning *this* matter, there can be no difference of views as to what the "fine linen" in which the bride will "array herself" will be, for we are definitely told (and here we are outside of the realm of speculation) that "the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

The word rendered "righteous acts," *dikaionata* is, in the Authorized Version, rendered, "righteousness." Some therefore, noting this fact, have been puzzled in view of the statement of Scripture that "there is none righteous, no, not one," and that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." If these statements are true, and of course they are, how can the fine linen which will adorn the bride be "the righteousness of the saints"? Some have said that the meaning is that the righteousness of Him who is "made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification," in other words, the righteousness of the Lord Jesus, is both imputed and imparted unto the saints, and that the imputation and impartation is of such a character that the saints, becoming partakers of the divine nature, become partakers of the divine righteousness which is a part of that nature, so that it can be truthfully said that the Lord's righteousness is theirs. All of which is very interesting, and perhaps true. But that is not the meaning of the text here.

The word that is here rendered "righteousness" in the Authorized Version, and "righteous acts" in the Revised Version, is plural rather than singular, as the re-

vised rendering implies. Moulton, Roth-erham, Young, and Worrell all render it as the Revised Version does. In the *Centenary Translation* it is rendered "righteous deeds"; by Weymouth, "righteous actions"; and by Moffatt, "righteous conduct." Goodspeed renders it, "upright deeds," and the translation of Robert Weekes agrees with that of Dr. Montgomery, or the *Centenary Translation*.

All who get into heaven will get in through the merit of the Lord Jesus, who was "made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." He it is who, having died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He now occupies a place at the right hand of the Father, and "is able to save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." But will all who get into heaven be attired as the bride will be attired? The penitent thief got into heaven. We shall see him when we get there, and we shall recognize in him a marvelous trophy of divine grace, laid hold of in almost the last moments of his life, and snatched as a brand from the burning. But will he be a bridehood saint? If the "fine linen" wherewith the bride is to be attired is "the righteous acts of the saints," in what did his "righteous acts" consist?

And there have been others who have been saved at the eleventh hour, blessedly saved, brought into the fold through the saving grace of the Lord Jesus just before death, and who have therefore gone into the presence of their Saviour without any "righteous acts" to their credit, unless indeed their confession of their sins, their repentance, and their acceptance of Jesus Christ by faith, are to be classed as "righteous acts." Such acts as these, however, can hardly be reckoned as constituting any part of the "fine linen" out of which the garb of the bride will be woven.

The 45th Psalm is of great interest in connection with a study of the heavenly nuptials. The bride is undoubtedly the one who is spoken of as "the King's daughter," in verse thirteen, and in the following verse we read, "She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework." Such raiment, as has been repeatedly pointed out, requires for its making, much time and painstaking effort.

In 1874 David Livingstone was buried in Westminster Abbey. A great concourse assembled to do him honor. The spacious auditorium was crowded to capacity, and many hundreds were unable to gain admittance. An old man, unkempt, meanly clad, was observed weeping. Someone asked him why he wept. He replied, "Davie and I were born in the same town. We played together when

we were boys; we attended the same day school, and the same Sunday School. He went one way, and I went another way. Now he is being honored, and they say his spirit has gone to be with Christ, and is safe forever, and I suppose it is so. There is nothing ahead of me but a drunkard's death, a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell." It may be that somebody told him that there was still hope, and that, if he would repent and receive Christ as his Saviour, Christ would receive him. If somebody told him that, and he turned to God at that late hour, is it at all likely that he will be privileged to occupy such a place in the glory throughout eternity as David Livingstone will occupy? Is it likely that he will have a place among the bridehood saints? What time did he have left for "righteous acts," for the weaving of his "raiment of needlework"?

In 2 Cor. 5:10 we read that, "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (the writer is not speaking of the judgment of the wicked, but of the saints: the judgment of our works), "that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." Someone has rendered the passage thus, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive for the adornment of his immortal body in accordance with that which he hath done in his mortal body, whether it be good or bad." That, of course, is an interpretation rather than a translation. But may it not be a correct interpretation? Does it not clearly express the meaning of the inspired writer? It undoubtedly sets forth the same truth that is set forth in Rev. 19:8.

The fine linen, then, with which the bride will be garbed at the wedding when she shall be joined unto her Lord in the bonds of heavenly wedlock, will be composed of her "righteousnesses" or "righteous acts."

Paul represents himself as striving "to get to know Him" (evidently in a more intimate way than he yet knew Him), "and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, becoming conformed unto His death, if by any means I may advance to the earlier resurrection which is from among the dead; not that I have already received, or have already reached perfection, but I am pressing on, if I may even lay hold of that for which also I have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I, as to myself, reckon that I have not yet laid hold; one thing, however, the things behind forgetting, and unto the things before eagerly reaching out, with the goal in view, I press on, for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:10-14, Rotherham.

There can be no question, I think, as to whether Paul will be numbered among the bridegroom saints. He will undoubtedly have a part in that "earlier resurrection," and all who have been like him in their striving after God's best, and are like him now in this respect, will be numbered among them too.

We are not saved through works. No. But let us not forget that "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10. And let us not lose sight of the fact that the bride, when the time for the celebration of the heavenly nuptials shall have come, will be attired in "fine linen, radiantly pure," and that "the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints."

### The Challenge of "Tongues" Today

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attended myself I saw a millionaire sharing his hymn book with the kitchenmaid. "The Comforter has come," we sang; and we shouted and we sobbed—for the sheer joy of it!

Personal participation in Pentecost became the one consuming passion of those who filled the waiting-meetings. Hunger was so intense that it could become almost unbearable to some who, for reasons known only to God and themselves, sometimes tarried for weeks, or even months. Yet the very ardor of their hunger and thirst after God only blessed them the more. The waiting times became periods of tremendous heart searching, of deep sanctification, of wooing by the Spirit to entire surrender. In spite of many blessed hours thus spent waiting in the presence of God there was no acceptance of a fulfillment until they, too, had spoken with tongues and magnified God in that unique Pentecostal manner. Out of such spiritual travail were born those qualified to lead others into similar blessing, and meet every storm of criticism and later discouragement through human failure. Theirs is the calm assurance of those who *know* that their own Baptism in the Spirit assuredly was received from none other than the glorified Christ Himself.

No coming generation can ever enter into that which Pentecost stands for unless it presses into a similar appropriation of a deep and real personal Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Mere membership in a Pentecostal church can carry with it little solid conviction: it may be a matter of family sentiment, or attraction to bright meetings, or affection for a preacher. Mere mental consent to Pentecostal doctrines will never be enough. Neither will a shallow experience that leaves uncer-

tainty and lingering doubt regarding what purported to be "receiving the Baptism." Rest assured that when you have been baptized in the Spirit by Christ, you *know it*. The future of the Pentecostal testimony is inextricably interwoven with individual Christians continuing to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost. Efficient organization, fine buildings, attractive preaching and singing, a whole lot of human drive, will *never* be enough to produce more than just one more denomination scarcely different from all the rest. Neither will it produce individual Christians distinguished by the sure marks of an inspiring fire within their souls. We must have *Pentecost*, or else we perish.

Have you received this Baptism? *Will* you receive it? If not, you will never become an integral part of the true Pentecostal Revival, even though you are a member of one of its local churches. You will never be in a position really to appreciate its distinctive power and beauty, for that cannot but be reserved for those who share its central reality. You will never possess the power truly to forward its testimony, for that power consists of the sum total of the witness manifested through those who have participated in a personal Pentecost.

*With* that personal Pentecost your deep heart loyalty will never falter, even though you meet cruel disappointment along the way. Your individual call to work and witness may lead you anywhere, but you will know where your true fellowship is found. Even if you backslide and grow cold, which God forbid, you will always know deep within your heart that there was an hour when God in Christ touched you and made you feel something of the glory of heaven. You can never be the same again. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit, in the very nature of the case, makes an indelible impression upon those who receive it. Thank God, the fullness can abide! May He keep the Holy Flame forever burning upon the altar of our hearts.

### A Testimony

"That old lady," said a newly-converted man, pointing to an aged saint of God sitting in her pew, "did more to make me turn to God than any preacher's sermon. For years I have seen her pass my home each Wednesday evening on her way to the church prayer meeting. I always knew where she was going. Sometimes I felt downright uncomfortable just seeing her walk slowly by. Such faithfulness, I reasoned, proved that there is something in religion after all. *Now* I know there is. I thank God for her faithfulness."

# The PASSING and the PERMANENT

## INVEST NOW FOR ETERNITY

A. B. Simpson says that the "widow's mite" at compound interest would now amount to: \$150,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.

## GERMANY'S SUPER CANNON

The world has reason to shudder at the super weapons that have been found in Germany. These include a superheavy 32-inch gun which fired a five-ton shell, a rocket-firing gun, and ammunition with a 94-mile range.

## WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN!

Had the European war lasted only six months longer, the Germans would have been using a 24-pound uranium disintegration bomb having the force of a one-ton V-2 warhead. In other words, this sensational new bomb which already had been developed was 80 times as destructive as the most advanced explosives yet employed!

## T. B. IN INDIA

*World Dominion* says that India's 'flying bomb' is tuberculosis. Someone dies of it every minute; 1,500 every day; 500,000 every year—mostly youth. Half the babies of India are given opium while their mothers are at work. The gospel of Christ is the only power that can free India from her greatest enemies, Satan and sin.

## HELP FOR HOLLAND

The Presbyterian Church, which is sending relief to Europe, received the following cable from Holland dated June 25:

"Twelve Protestant ministers died in captivity, nine leaving young children. Fifty ministers lost everything; sixty churches destroyed, forty seriously damaged. Twenty parsonages destroyed, fifty seriously damaged. Sixty congregations evacuated, thirty parishes inundated. Wooden churches required. Belgium damage not yet assessed. Churches greatly encouraged by promised help, and planning vigorous future."

## BIGGER FAMILIES

If Protestants had larger families the proportion of Roman Catholics to the total U. S. population would not be increasing as it is. The Catholic Church knows this and is urging her people to raise more children. The Catholic Family Life Conference at Washington, D. C. discussed this matter a few weeks ago. They urged Catholics to talk up the idea of government allowances for children. In Canada, where nearly half the population is claimed to be Catholic, there is now an outright government allowance for each dependent child, and they would like to have the same in the U. S. They believe they can build up the kingdom of God by natural birth. The Bible says it takes a further birth—a spiritual birth—and not just family ties or church membership. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

## JEWISH CRIMINALS

Some would tell us that the U. S. is overrun with Jews, and that they are a criminal element. The truth is that only 34 out of 1,000 Americans are Jewish, and the proportion of Jewish criminals is only half as high as that of Gentiles. Jews constitute 3.43% of our country's population, but only 1.74% of the prison population, according to *Prophecy Monthly*. These facts should stump the Jew-baiters.

## JEWISH FORTUNES

According to Gustav Myers' *History of the Great American Fortunes*, Jews play a trivial role. The amassed wealth of all the Jewish millionaires in the country would scarcely equal the two-billion-dollar fortune of only one Gentile—Henry Ford. Jewish influence is predominant in only two smaller branches of American industry—the garment trades and the movies—both of which were pioneered by Jews. This is contrary to what the anti-Semites would have us believe.

## A SHORTAGE OF PASTORS

There are more than 200 pastorless Baptist churches in Tennessee. If all the Tennessee chaplains should return to Tennessee pulpits they could not supply one-quarter of the needs. If all the students in Southern Baptist seminaries should return to Tennessee there still would be a considerable shortage. An appeal is being made for more young Baptists who will consecrate their lives to the ministry. Thank God, that is one shortage that does not exist in our Pentecostal ranks. We have an abundance of young people who have heard the call and answered "Yes"—but there is always room for more in the whitened harvest field.

## A GREATER TRAGEDY

A tragic paragraph is quoted by *Revelation* from a private letter that passed between a general and a colonel in the army, concerning the death of another general:

"General Blank was ordered back to Washington on emergency leave to see his only boy who was wounded in the Southwest Pacific. Lieutenant Blank had both his eyes shot out, one arm and one leg lost. When General Blank entered his room at Walter Reed Hospital the shock of seeing his boy's condition caused a heart attack. General Blank died immediately. He was buried the first part of the week with most of our gang as pallbearers."

If such a shock can come to the heart of a father when he sees his son a physical wreck through causes which are beyond his parental control, what will be the shock to those parents who see the spiritual wreck of their children when they, the parents, are responsible for the wreck by their failure to chastise, their failure to set the right example, their failure to pray for them—in short, by their failure to lead them to Christ? For that is a yet greater tragedy, and one far more common than the tragedies of this terrible war.

## GOD'S CARE FOR HIS OWN

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1944, there was a terrible train wreck near Ogden, Utah, in which fifty persons lost their lives—most of them servicemen. First Class Seaman Grant, U.S.N.R., was supposed to be on that train. He received orders to take a detail of eight men from the Great Lakes Station to San Francisco, via Chicago, and so he boarded the ill-fated train. But Grant was a child of God, the subject of many prayers and one who himself prayed—and God was taking care of him. Because the train was overcrowded, an officer ordered the detail off the train to take a later one, which left Chicago Friday evening. In due time they passed the wreck and saw what they had been spared from. This is only one of many stories that can be told of God's faithfulness to look after His children in this war. Keep praying for your servicemen.

## SILLY, SINFUL WOMEN

Elise Robinson, in her column, "Listen, World!" writes of "Rogue Women," and says they "are the deadliest peril on the home front. Walk down Main Street at dusk, peer into the cocktail bars. . . . Not just the traditional camp followers that Caesar knew. Just as often they are 'respectable' wives, coy and corseted matrons, restless war brides, excited schoolgirls—rogue women on the loose, using war chaos and confusion as an opportunity to grasp forbidden adventure, regardless of the cost. Wars have always smashed conventions, but never have 'nice' women so helped in the smashing."

Do these "rogue women" not fit right into the picture of the last days as painted by the apostle in 2 Tim. 3:6? The apostle wrote about "silly women laden with sins," and of men "led away with divers lusts" who "creep into houses" by night and "lead them captive." Only today the women do not stay in their houses but walk the streets or hang around taprooms where they can be picked up more easily!

## UNRESTRAINED CHILDREN

Garry Cleveland Myers, Ph.D., special feature writer and child expert, says:

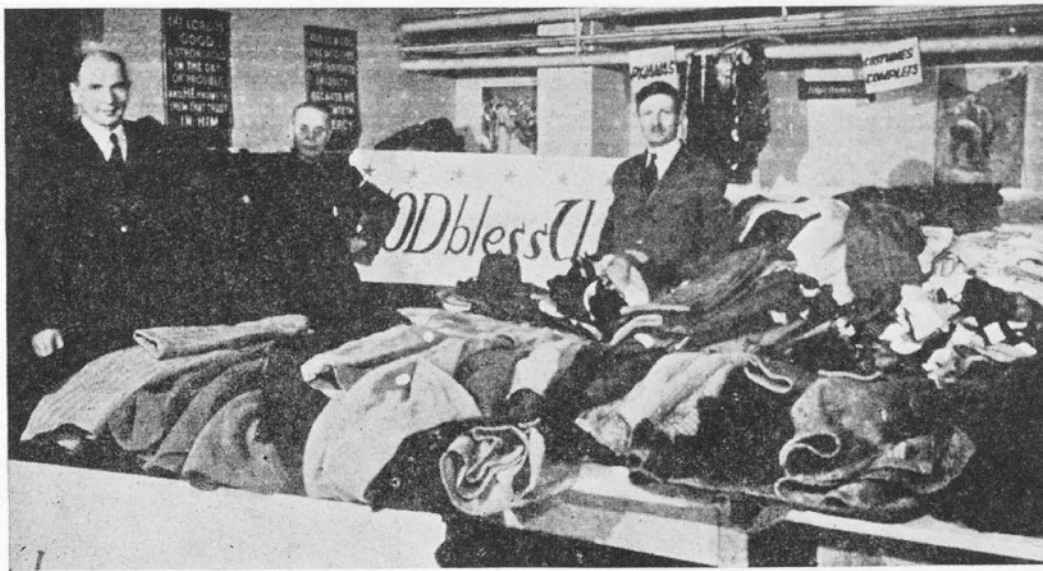
"The war with all its attendant factors has been an immediate stimulant toward youthful wrongdoing, but certainly not the chief cause. We were swinging upward in juvenile delinquency and crime long before Pearl Harbor." The chief cause, he says, is that parents have failed to restrain their children. "Youngsters from ten to sixteen, flocking into our growing army of juvenile delinquents, are of the unrestrained, unspanked generation."

He continues: "The parents of nearly all such delinquents were told (by modern educators) that inhibitions are bad for the child, that restraints of the child at any age will dangerously warp his personality, and that spanking is taboo.

"A few wise mothers using their own common sense are teaching their little children the meaning of 'no' in a family atmosphere of love and understanding. In such mothers is the hope of America."

God sent judgment upon the house of Eli "because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not." What will modern parents and educators answer to God for their failure to restrain the children of today?





## Clothing for Distressed Believers in Europe

The above picture was taken in Brussels, Belgium, following the arrival of the first shipment of clothing from the War Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals. It shows the goods being sorted for distribution by the Belgian Gospel Mission. This shipment clothed over two thousand Christians and prospective Christians. A second shipment has now reached Belgium and a third is on its way, bringing to 41,000 pounds the present total of relief sent by the Commission to Belgium.

Another picture was taken of the shipment of shoes that was sent, which were displayed on a long table. It was too blurred for reproduction, however. On the back of the picture the Director of the Mission had written: "We are sorry this picture is blurred but the photographer got too excited at seeing so much wealth in one place." Who had ever thought of our shoes as "wealth"? It goes to show how great the need is in Belgium, and how greatly this relief is appreciated there. Notice the sign in the picture, which says, "God bless U. S. A."

Eleven thousand pounds of relief are on the high seas bound for Norway, and 18,000 pounds more are only waiting notice of shipping space to be on the way to France. Doors to Greece seem to be opening as well.

There is great need in Holland, too. According to an American chaplain who investigated the situation, the clothing sent through the American Red Cross has been distributed by members of the Catholic Church. As a result, the Protestant people were neglected. The purpose of the War Relief Commission is to get relief to the Protestants and to have it distributed in such a way that it will open a channel for the gospel message and lead to the salvation of many. Please pray that such a channel of distribution may be opened soon in Holland.

The Director of the Commission writes: "Your fine people are giving wonderful help in New York and from all over the field—the best of any of our constituent bodies." We do praise the Lord for the measure of help He has enabled our Pentecostal people to render.

One of our Assemblies of God army chaplains, Marvin C. Nelson, visited the headquarters of the Belgian Gospel Mission in Brussels a few weeks ago and talked with the leader. He learned that there is a great need for underclothing, stockings, and shoes among the 70,000 or more Protestant believers in Belgium. The people have very little except what they are wearing. If you have good articles of clothing, clean as serviceable, and would like to give them to this worthy cause, you may send them by freight, express or parcel post to the address below. Mention that you belong to the Assemblies of God.

War Relief Commission, N. A. E.  
536 West 46th Street  
New York 19, New York

## Mail Call on Iwo Jima

It was two days after D-Day on Iwo Jima. In the midst of that bloody battle was Pfc Lewis Van B. Like every other GI, Lewis was fighting a battle for life. He didn't know what moment an enemy shell might blast him into eternity, but he was fighting to preserve human freedom.

Then came mail call, bringing a letter from the Servicemen's Department. "... I sure was glad to receive that letter," he writes, "and to learn that I wasn't alone but that all of you people back home were praying for us boys over here. I was just at a place where only God could save my life, and I can say He did."

"I am not much of a letter writer but I'm truly thankful that the people are thinking of us boys—we all need prayer."

Somebody asked if it was worth while for the Servicemen's Department to write these thousands of letters to fellows all over the

THE MOVIES  
THE Editorial Council of the *Religious Press* recently made and published an analysis of one hundred and thirty-three feature motion pictures released between January and the middle of May.

The analysis revealed the fact that twenty-six plots or episodes were built on illicit love; twenty-five plots or main episodes on seduction; two on rape; one on incest; twenty-five characters were practicing, planning, or attempting adultery; three leading and many other characters were presented as prostitutes, while thirty-five other major scenes and situations were anti-moral in character.

In the one hundred and thirty-three pictures were found thirty-two murders, five suicides, seventeen gangsters or crooks in leading roles and twenty-seven leading roles filled by criminals other than gangsters.

Facing these startling facts, it is not surprising that we have a crime wave that threatens to engulf the whole civilized world. Certainly civilization, let alone Christianity, cannot survive so long as over seventy million people, twenty-eight million of the seventy being under twenty years of age, attend the picture shows in this country every week.

It is at these places that most of them receive their first knowledge of their sexual impulses, which, of course, are presented in a bestial manner. They see it on the screen, then they go and practice it. Crime begins with the movies.

The Christian who attends the movies is helping send the so-called "Stars" of Hollywood to hell.

Prayer meetings and movies just do not go together. No Christian who wins souls attends movies. Spirit-filled believers do not go.

It is always dangerous to tread on the enemy's territory. Those who do so soon lose their testimony, and their interest in the things of God.—Daniel Strong.

world, since the letters may go astray. It is true that not all will be delivered safely, but for every letter lost or returned, at least a hundred more find their destination and help bring servicemen closer to God. Many arrive just when they are needed most, as was the case of Pfc Van B.

Worth while? Ask the servicemen. These letters have proved to be worth a thousand times their cost to the fellows who have been recipients of God's grace as a result.

During the past few weeks we have been flooded with a tremendous increase in letters from servicemen everywhere, many of them asking the way of salvation. The Servicemen's Department needs your prayers and your gifts that this ministry may be carried on to the greatest effect for the kingdom of God, and our servicemen need your prayers for God's hand of preservation and guidance to be upon them.

REVEILLE

Servicemen's Department, Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri



## Our Missionary Advance in Jamaica

Cyril C. Huckerby

IT was back in 1942! God had been blessing the work in Jamaica in a special way. Hugh P. Jeter, our missionary superintendent in Cuba, had visited Jamaica and wrote the following words for the Pentecostal Evangel: "The great throng of people melted by the glorious presence of the Lord! Some were weeping; some were rejoicing—all were worshipping. It happened one year ago when I was asked by the Missions Department to visit the Island of Jamaica. As the precious times of refreshing drew to a close, three assemblies were received into the fellowship of the Assemblies of God!"

That was in 1942. God has wondrously blessed the work since that time, and it has grown even beyond what we had asked for. In 1942 there were those three assemblies. In 1943 there were six. By 1944 there were 13 assemblies! Thus far in 1945 we already have 22! What wondrous things the Lord hath wrought!

In 1944, after a severe drought, a devastating hurricane swept through the island. Estates were wiped out in one hour! Homes were blown away, trees destroyed, rivers and valleys flooded with water. Many lives were lost, cattle and other stock was destroyed; whole districts were smothered by landslides, and hamlets were flooded by the angry rivers. The people roamed the countryside—homeless, helpless, and hungry. Many of our own Pentecostal brethren were in great distress. Some had only the foundations of their little homes left. Many gathered under the trees with their children, shivering in the cold night, wet and hungry.

Word was cabled to our brethren in America, asking for help. Thank God, it came immediately. Many responded to Brother Perkin's appeal in the Evangel for the Jamaica Disaster Fund. Before Government aid, or any other agent, could bring help to these distressed people, money was received from our headquarters in America with which we could help in the emergency. It was touching to see the joy of the homeless ones as they were told that their brethren, in far away America, had heard of their need, and had sent help for them. Many wept for joy! Not only did this kindly act bring happiness to many hearts, but it greatly strengthened their faith.

The brethren here believe the Lord as their divine Healer, and because of their faith, they ARE healed! A few weeks ago a worker visited the Alms House, where she prayed for

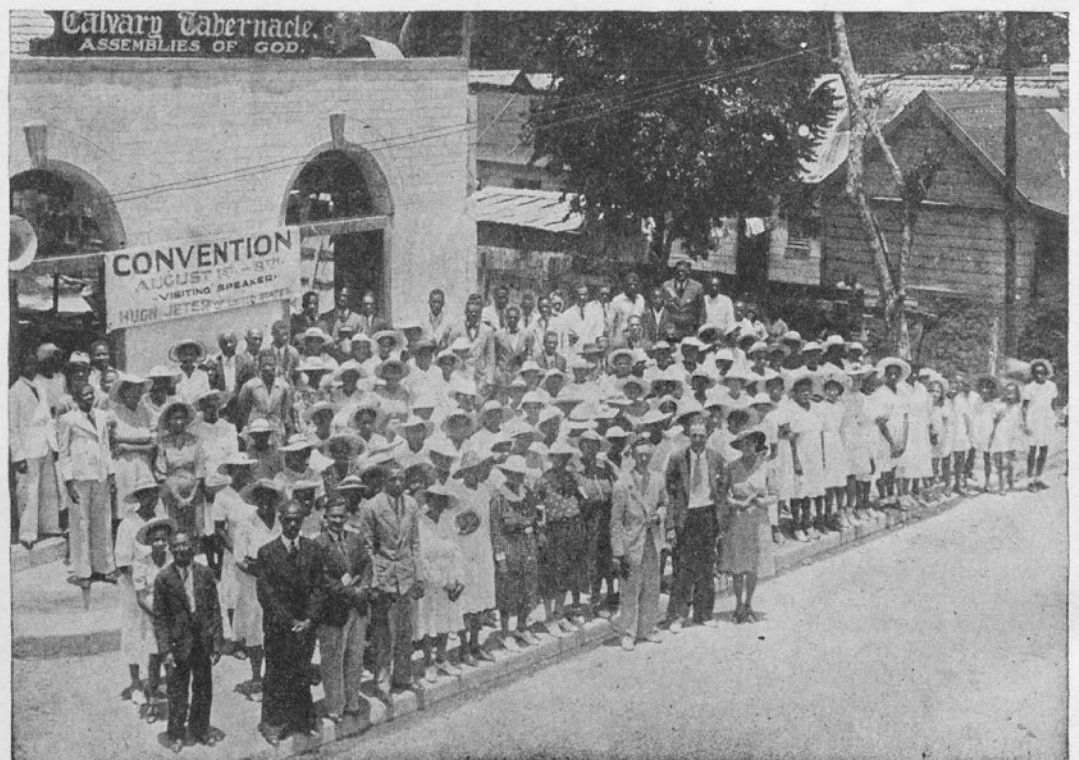
a crippled woman who had been an inmate for many months. As she thus was praying, God gave her faith to pray for the woman's healing. The cripple sat up! Later in the day she left the institution for her daughter's home—healed!

One of our Christian believers was dying. She had been ill for a long time and had lost faith for healing. She had been prayed for so many times, and yet she grew worse. Her family took her to a "doctor" up, a dark mountain trail. She took the "wizard's" medicines, but failed to improve. She went from doctor to doctor, until 13 of them had robbed her of her home and everything she had. She was penniless and now lay REALLY dying. The church prayed! With feeble lips she had sent a message to the brethren—"Pray for me!" Late into the night the Christians interceded, and God answered Prayer! The following day she sat up in bed, and that very evening the Lord delivered her of a terrible growth that had been inwardly eating her life away. How she loves to give her testi-

mony in the tabernacle in Spanish Town!

In 1943, when there were only six assemblies in our fellowship, Brother Jeter wrote of the great need for a Bible School for Jamaica. Now, with our fellowship extended to 22 assemblies, the need is far greater than it was then. Jamaica needs a Bible School to train the consecrated workers that the Lord has given us. Jamaica needs an added missionary couple for that school. Jamaica is more or less centralized in the West Indies. Bermuda, to the north, needs missionaries. British Honduras to the west, between Mexico and Guatemala, needs missionaries. Haiti to the east, with its population of 3,000,000, the Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, St. Vincent, Antigua, British Guiana—all need witnesses.

Spirit-filled native workers, called of God and equipped with the Word, is the only solution for this need. Pray that we may soon have a Bible School in which to train and prepare these workers for the tremendous task that lies just ahead!



● Scene of the first Assemblies of God Convention in Spanish Town, Jamaica. Hugh Jeter standing in front with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Huckerby.

# Puerto Rican Convention

Louis C. Otero

The 24th Annual Convention was held in Mayaguez this year, one of the largest cities of Puerto Rico. The ministers, pastors, delegates and visitors from various parts of the island began coming early in the morning of the day before the date announced as the opening of the convention. Faces radiant with joy saluted one another with the favorite Christian greeting, "El Señor le bendiga!"—May the Lord bless you! During the early hours of that preceding night, a welcoming service was held and several souls came to the Lord as a result. So the blessings of God descended even before the official opening.

From the very beginning the entire atmosphere of the convention was pervaded by the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord! Every day was filled with glory from above. Every business session was guided by the Spirit, and wave after wave of blessing rolled over the evening services. Each evangelistic sermon, as it was preached under divine anointing, hit the mark and brought precious souls to the altar for salvation.

On Thursday night, the students of the Bible School presented a wonderful program, which

encouraged many to assist with the work of the school and stirred others to a decision to attend the school, in order to prepare their lives for the ministry.

Friday was the day set apart for the election of officers for the Puerto Rico District Council. Pedro J. Alvarado, a real man of God, was elected superintendent. We are thankful to the Lord that every one of the other officials receiving election are men of deep piety.

Regardless of the war conditions throughout the world, this past year has witnessed a great increase in the work of the Lord in this island. God works in the hour of calamity. We now have 93 organized assemblies in Puerto Rico, with more than a hundred preaching points. Our membership totals 9,385 with a Sunday School enrollment of 8,534. During the past year there were 1,004 believers baptized in the Holy Ghost! Several new assemblies were established during the year and a religious paper is now being published monthly with a subscription list of 5,000.

We constantly praise the Lord for the wonderful spirit of evangelism that now is manifest throughout the entire island. Please keep praying for us!

# Things You Want to Know

John F. Hall, French West Africa

Do you have Sunday School classes in Africa? is a question that is often asked by those who know by experience, as we do, the inestimable value of the Sunday School. The answer is "Yes!" We cannot possibly put into practice all the features of the Sunday School program in America with its beautiful literature and elaborate card systems, but we do make use of original "Little Jetts" drawings. Scripture verses in Mossi are placed under the drawings and they are run off on the Hektograph. These are distributed to the children, who repeat the memory verse in unison a score of times; then just the girls say it, and then the boys. Finally, individuals try to say it all alone. In this manner, they are memorizing verses Sunday after Sunday from the precious Word of God.

The Bible story is told in detail by either the missionary or a native worker. Then individuals are called by name and asked a question. Anyone who is unable to answer, comes up before the class and sits on the lion skin until he can give the correct answer,

after which he resumes his place on a grass mat with the others. Sometimes the lion's skin is full and we explain the answer carefully; after repeating it together in unison, they all resume their places.

Singing is a delight to these children of Africa. When it is an American gospel song, they are sometimes on and sometimes off the tune—mostly off! But when it is one of their own Mossi tune, there is perfect rhythm and clapping of hands.

We feel that the future of the Mossi church depends upon grounding these youngsters in "the faith once for all delivered to the saints." Their knowledge of the Word will be a blessing to them through the years and will be a "Sword" in their hands to meet the onslaughts of both pagan, Moslem, and Catholic. Many of these children have learned to read well and already have their New Testaments. How happy we are that the first edition of the Mossi New Testament will soon appear from the American Bible Society—5,000 copies for the 2,000,000 members of this great tribe!

# Missionaries Return From Africa

We are happy to announce the safe arrival in the United States of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Brown of Ivory Coast, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Landrus of Liberia, and Gail P. Winters of the Belgian Congo. May the Lord richly bless them and give them rest for their bodies during this time of furlough.

## FOREIGN-SPEAKING GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES

"The stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself." Lev. 19:34.

Foreign-born groups in the United States number eight and one half million and their children swell the number to over twenty-seven million. Other minority groups include over four million Jews, thirteen million Negroes, and three hundred and sixty thousand Indians. A total of about forty-five millions.

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All workers among these people who desire our fellowship and co-operation, please contact the superintendent of your group as listed.

All individuals of these language groups who would like to receive Full Gospel ministry in your native tongue, please write to the superintendent of your group. He will put you in touch with the nearest assembly of your nationality.

In addition to the above there are hundreds of thousands of Italian, French, Chinese, Japanese and many other foreign-born people now resident in our land. It is the desire of the Home Missions Department of the Assemblies of God to provide Pentecostal ministry to these strangers who now live among us. If there are any among these groups who desire such ministry or who would like to assist in getting the Full Gospel to them, please write to the Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

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

## Among the Assemblies

**NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.**—We just closed a 2-week meeting conducted by Evangelist Lee Krupnick. Two were filled with the Holy Spirit and about 4 were reclaimed.—E. L. Slavens, Pastor.

**SAUSALITO, CALIF.**—The Sausalito Assembly recently held a 2-week meeting with Evangelist Roy Whitt. Several souls were saved and the church was filled on Sunday nights.—Duke Kelly, Pastor.

**PRESCOTT, ARK.**—The assembly just closed a 2-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. A. C. McGaugh of El Dorado. Sixteen were saved, and 7 received the Baptism. Saints and sinners were greatly stirred.—C. N. Fincher, Pastor.

**SEBASTOPOL, CALIF.**—After seventeen months in evangelistic work in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and Northren California, we have accepted the call to pastor the church here. We have found a fine group of people to work with, and appreciate the good work the former pastor, E. R. Stewart, did. Ministers passing this way will find a welcome here.—J. L. Jeffrey, Pastor, 441 High St.

**ATLANTA, MICH.**—The Full Gospel Church recently enjoyed an old-time, 4-week revival in which 40 young people were definitely saved, and eight persons received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. A. R. Vanderploeg, Civilian Chaplain, of Ohio was the evangelist. Eighteen followed the Lord in water baptism, Sunday, July 1.—Harold Speer, Pastor.

**SEAGOVILLE, TEXAS**—In a recent 3-week revival, 12 were saved, mostly young folk, and 3 were reclaimed. One of the three reclaimed, a fine young man, feels called to the ministry. We thank God for the calling forth of these young people. Due to the increase God has given us, we are putting up a new building. God has blessed us with funds as we needed them, leaving us free of debt.—L. M. Degges, Pastor, Evangelistic Tabernacle.

**INDIANAPOLIS, IND.**—Clyde Bailey of Alton, Ill., recently conducted a revival at the Riverside Tabernacle in Indianapolis that proved to be a real blessing to the church. Both pastor and people were helped and inspired by his old-time preaching of Pentecostal truth. We praise God for the old-fashioned, sound gospel preaching. There was not a night but what God met us in a most precious way in our altar services.—Herman R. Rose, Pastor.

**TOPEKA, KANSAS**—June was the closing date of a good 3-week revival with Arthur M. Otteson of Minneapolis, Minn., as evangelist. His ministry in word and song was enjoyed very much. The meeting was well attended and each service closed with a good old-

fashioned altar service, in which the blessing of the Lord was manifest. One received the Baptism and a number were saved.—Claude J. Utley, Pastor.

**LONDON, KY.**—Recently we had a series of special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Harvey McAlister as speakers. The heaven-sent, inspirational, and instructive messages were a blessing to everyone.—Lyman A. Jollay, Pastor.

**BELLEVILLE, ILL.**—A 3-week revival was conducted here by Evangelist Bernice Vandermerwe of Granite City. Six were definitely saved, and three reclaimed, one of whom was a soldier at Scott Field. The other two who were reclaimed were also refilled with the Spirit. Nine persons received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in the last two weeks, and the church was revived and edified. The revival spirit continues in our regular services.—T. M. Kimberlin, Pastor.

**PASADENA, MD.**—We have just closed a successful revival with Brother and Sister I. J. Bolton of Lakeland, Fla. Surely the old-fashioned power of Pentecost was present. Some 35 souls sought salvation, and 12 were gloriously filled with the Holy Spirit. People who had never been in Pentecostal meetings were saved and filled with the Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance went up to 155. We praise God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.—J. Vernon Cardiff, Pastor.

**FT. WORTH, TEXAS**—We have greatly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Randall Ball in a 2-week meeting. Every department of the church was revived. Six

persons were gloriously saved, and 10 were filled with the Spirit. Others are continuing to receive new and greater experiences from God. The Lord confirmed His word with several marvelous healings and other outstanding manifestations of power. The growth of our church, numerically as well as spiritually, during this revival, is the result of days of fasting and prayer.—B. Owen Oslin, Pastor, Hemphill Heights Assembly.

**ORANGE, TEXAS**—During the past year we have bought and paid for a parsonage, also have bought lots for a church and have put up a fine building, with a lovely educational department. We do not owe a great deal on the building. We have just closed a Teacher Training class with Brother Moore, of Southwestern Bible Institute, as teacher. Twenty-four received certificates on three books each. The Sunday School attendance has been from 150 to 160. There have been very few Sundays when we have not had some people at the altar seeking salvation and the Baptism.—R. L. Davis, Pastor.

**FAYETTEVILLE, TENN.**—We have just closed an unusual revival with Evangelist Charles Hurst. The church enjoyed the best spiritual move, as well as the best crowds in its history. Fourteen people were saved, one received the Holy Spirit Baptism, and 11 were baptized in water. As the baptismal service ended the Spirit of the Lord came down, and people from several denominations praised God with uplifted hands. Many felt the need of making restitution; one man who had been saved, went to another part of the State and made wrongs right that had been committed twenty years ago.—Leslie Tomlin, Pastor.

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VANPORT CITY, ORE.—Ortha Jones and family, from Oklahoma, conducted a revival for us. About 10 were at the altar for salvation, and 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. One of these was a Baptist preacher. In this town there is one of the largest defense housing projects in the country. Many people from various States in the Union have come and gone. At least 100 have been saved or reclaimed in the last two years. We praise God for the sweet spirit of unity.—F. J. Huntley, Pastor, Route 4, Box 862, Portland, Ore.

BOYNTON, OKLA.—Since coming here we have made a lot of improvements. The Lord has blessed us with a new building, air conditioned, 60x30 and covered with asbestos shingles, having 4 Sunday School rooms. We value our new building at about four thousand dollars, and it is clear of indebtedness. We came here July 16, 1944, and went to our new building November 14, 1944, when we began a revival with Ed. Bice as the evangelist. The Sunday School attendance was about 33 and it has since been as high as 130. Many have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and 11 have been baptized in water.—M. T. Hoskins, Pastor.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The twelfth annual Georgia District Council was held at the Ponce de Leon Avenue Assembly, Atlanta, June 5-7. A large number were present at this convention. District Superintendent Ralph Byrd presided. J. R. Flower was the guest speaker. His timely messages on Practical Holiness were a great contribution to the success of the meeting.

R. C. (Keetah) Jones was elected District Superintendent, and E. A. Crawford of Macon was elected Assistant District Superintendent. W. W. Hurston was re-elected District Secretary-Treasurer.—W. W. Hurston, Secretary-Treasurer.

MOUNT AYR, IOWA—The Lord laid this place on my heart over a year ago; I sought His face much, and found it His will to purchase a building and remodel it into a church. With the help of the West Central District, and through the untiring efforts of the neighboring assemblies and their pastors, God provided every need and we now have a lovely church with parsonage in the back.


An offering of \$243.02 was received, almost enough to complete payment for remodeling the building. Merle J. White of Creston, Presbyter of this District, presided over all the services. The dedicatory message was delivered by Chas. E. Long at 8:00 p.m. Climaxing the day of blessing, two souls came to Christ.—Zelma C. Shaw, Pastor.

ADA, OKLA.—We accepted the call to the church here five years ago and it has been a pleasure to work with this fine congregation. In spite of war-time conditions, the church has progressed and it is moving forward with a good spirit prevailing. Through the faithful efforts of our people and of the evangelists that have come our way, many souls have been saved and filled with the Spirit. Some wonderful healings have also been wrought. A new Sunday School edifice, including a nice C. A. chapel, has been erected. A new

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oak floor has been laid in the church and we have purchased beautiful oak pews to be installed in a few weeks. We are resigning the work here to re-enter evangelistic work.—Pastor and Mrs. Floyd L. Poag, Box 1056, Ada, Okla.

WEST FLORIDA S. S. CONVENTION

The West Florida District Semiannual Sunday School Convention was held at the District Tabernacle, Marianna, Florida, under the skilled leadership of our District Sunday School representative, C. L. Rigby, and the National Sunday School representative from Springfield, Wm. E. Kirschke. We had a wonderful day. Many of our District brethren were present. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful ministry of Brother Kirschke; his use of the flannel-board was a great inspiration to all. In the morning he spoke on "The Golden Age of the Sunday School," in the afternoon on "Building a Christ-honoring Sunday School," and in the evening on "The Teacher with a Shepherd Heart." On one occasion the Holy Spirit came down in a mighty way, and everyone received great encouragement.—J. C. Braddock, District S. S. Secretary.

JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS—Evangelist Marjorie Lee of Detroit, Mich., was with us June 10-27. At least 6 were saved, 3 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, one of them being the pastor's wife, and several received a precious healing touch. It was an old-fashioned Pentecostal meeting. Sister Lee's sweet singing, strong gospel preaching, and

wise, untiring altar work, backed by a fine personality, must have much of the credit for this precious work of God's grace. Many soldiers attended. One who sings and preaches received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit while in an old farm house after the meetings closed. The following Sunday was the best yet for our work here. Strong evangelists, wishing to work among soldiers, will find a welcome with us; it is hard to get proper help.—E. F. Hofer, Pastor-Evangelist, The Evangelistic Center Assembly, 121 W. Tenth St.

MOODY TEXAS—Since our coming here two years ago, God has given us a nice congregation, also a parsonage of 4 rooms and bath, all paid for. And now He has given us a nice, new rock church, 30x50 feet, which is the marvel of the town, because people thought it could not be done. We had a 2-week meeting in June with Evangelist and Mrs. Turner Harris of Carthage. God blessed. Then two weeks in July, Evangelist and Mrs. Joe King of Dallas. The people were stirred and we had new people every night. God is still blessing.

A few months ago we started preaching every Friday night in Clifton, Texas. God blessed, and now they have a woman pastor, Maurine Short. Up until then, they had not had a service in six months, and the people had given up hope of getting a church. But now they have taken new courage, and God is going to reward their efforts.—W. A. Edwards, Pastor.

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DALLAS, TEXAS—We recently closed a revival at Faith Tabernacle, conducted by Zelma Argue. The Lord met with us from the beginning. The daily prayer meetings were especially blessed of God. The theme of this revival was for the Pentecostal power to be manifested as at the beginning of this movement. The evangelist surely did contend for the old-time Pentecostal power and God manifested Himself in a very definite way. Some were saved and some were baptized with the Holy Spirit. The church was greatly revived and much lasting good was accomplished.

One of the unique things about this revival was that we never knew how a service would run. Much prayer was going up and we trusted the Holy Spirit to lead each service. Anointed handkerchiefs were sent to a number who were afflicted in mind and body. Those attending the revival, who had various afflictions, were anointed and prayed for, and God gave some very definite answers to prayer.

We are grateful to the many visiting ministers and lay members, from different churches, who attended this revival.—D. D. Lewis, Pastor.

FLORENCE, ARIZ.—In May, 1943, we were led to establish a church here. There were no Pentecostal meetings, no Sunday night services, no revivals. The State prison and a large downtown camp with hospital are located here. We rented a large downtown store building, secured piano and seats, and began Sunday School and church services on

June 6. Many souls have been saved, reclaimed, and filled with the Spirit. George Hayes, the Warrens, Thomas Semans and party, Marvin Johnson and others have held revivals for us.

In August, 1944, the Lord sent a remarkable visitation of the Spirit in answer to intercessory prayer. The church was stirred, and for twelve nights the altar was filled with earnest seekers, praying, weeping, travailing, shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues. Thirteen received the Baptism in two weeks, several young people were called to preach, and some received gifts of the Spirit.

The Lord blessed financially and funds were raised to secure a prominent building site, and erect a 30 by 66 foot church, of cement blocks, with basement and space for Sunday School rooms. The indebtedness is about \$1200, including a loan of \$750 from Headquarters and also a \$100 donation from them and the District. We give God all the praise.

We have resigned from the pastorate and prison work, and after a brief rest shall be busy pioneering again in another new field.—A. O. and Mrs. Reynolds.

## 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.

MERIDIAN, IDAHO—Broadway and West Second St.; July 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Wayne Fagerstrom, Evangelist.—W. A. Buck, Pastor.

KENNETT, MO.—Tent revival; Aug. 5, for a month or longer; Fred Lohmann and Party of St. Louis, Evangelists.—E. L. Hance, Pastor.

WILSON, OKLA.—August 12, for 2 weeks or longer; Morris and Pauline Lefkowitz, Jewish Evangelists. Neighboring assemblies invited to attend.—R. M. Catlett, Pastor.

BEAUMONT, TEXAS—First Assembly of God, Aug. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. Raymond Campbell.—B. L. Greene, Pastor.

MADISONVILLE, KY.—Tent revival; Aug. 12, for 3 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. Shaffer of London.—T. G. Skoog, Pastor.

WORTHINGTON, MINN.—1518 Miller St., Aug. 26—Sept. 9; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Lloyd Christiansen, Pastor.

CONCORD, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler, Evangelists.—T. S. Gapen, Pastor.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—July 31—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.—L. H. Rogers, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—Westside Assembly, 115 N. W. 14th Ave., Aug. 19—Sept. 2; E. Wm. Anderson Evangelistic Party. Phone We. 6533.—Wm. F. Hageman, Pastor.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Tent Meeting Downtown Evangelistic Center, Cranston and Pearl Sts., August 5-19; Christian Hild, Fargo, N. Dak., Evangelist.—"Eddie" Anderson, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—East Austin Assembly, revival in progress, L. Wayne Pitts and Bob McCutchen, Evangelists. E. M. Putnam is pastor.—By Evangelists.

CANTON, OKLA.—Fellowship Meeting, Midway Church, August 14. All-day service and basket dinner. Milt. Shuck, morning speaker; James Williams, afternoon speaker. Park Reed is pastor.—W. C. Cowder, Sectional Secretary.

### CONNECTICUT YOUTH RALLY

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Youth Rally, Gospel Tabernacle, Orange and Edward Sts., Sept. 3. C. A. Rally, 3 p.m.; Evangelistic Mass Rally, 7 p.m. William Kautz, host pastor.—Mrs. C. Jensen, Church Secretary.

### SOUTHERN IDAHO CONFERENCES

Southern Idaho District Sectional Conferences, with Wm. E. Kirschke as main speaker, will be held as follows: American Falls, August 6-7; Twin Falls, August 8-9; Caldwell, August 10-11; Payette, August 13-14.—Robert M. Argue, District Secretary, 1252 E. Lander St., Pocatello, Idaho.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCE

Third annual Central District Youth Conference, Camp Grounds, Big Prairie, Ohio, August 7-17. Howard Osgood, Night Speaker and Teacher. Other teachers: G. F. Lewis, Mrs. A. Newton Chase, and E. E. Bond. Recreational Director, Roscoe Russell. Superintendent of Women, Mrs. Estella Maffett. Dean of Men, Joseph Dunets. Missionary Speaker, Roy Davidson. Last year a number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire cost is only \$18.00.—C. E. Hartshorn, Secretary-Treasurer, 117 Glenwood Heights, Mansfield, Ohio.

### CAMP MEETINGS

DECATUR, TEXAS—Camp Meeting, July 29—; Olive Burns, Blytheville, Ark., main speaker. Plenty of cabins; bring your camping equipment.—Roy Averitt, Pastor, Box 333, Boyd, Texas.

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NEBRASKA CAMP MEETING

Nebraska District Camp Meeting, Lexington, Nebr., August 10-19; Arthur S. Arnold, speaker. For information write M. F. Brandt, Superintendent, 601 N. 28th, Lincoln, Nebr.

MADERA, CALIF.—Central California Camp Meeting, Aug. 26—Sept. 9. H. J. Ketner, morning Bible teacher; Thomas B. Don Carlos, evening speaker. For information and reservations write T. E. Woods, 700 Sierra St., Madera, Calif.

FT WORTH, TEXAS—Camp Meeting, under large tent, 307 W. Exchange Ave. Dates and speakers: Aug. 12-26, George Hayes of Houston; Aug. 26-Sept. 9, Willa Short, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Sept 9-23, C. C. Helvey, Kansas City, Kansas.—Jacob Filbert, Pastor, by Thaya Hunter, Church Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMP MEETING

Rocky Mountain District Camp Meeting at the District Camp Grounds, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., Aug. 9-19. Ralph M. Riggs, morning speaker; A. N. Trotter, evening speaker. Missionary Day, S. S. Conference, and C. A. Rally during Camp. Junior Camp, for children, in tent near the big tabernacle.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

ARIZONA CAMP MEETING

7th annual Arizona Camp Meeting, Prescott, Ariz., August 21-29. William E. Long, special speaker. Camp situated one mile high among the pines, in the center of Arizona's scenic beauty. For information write L. H. Hauff, District Superintendent, 1925 E. Duranga St., Phoenix, Ariz.

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WESTERN NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

TROUTBERG, N. Y.—The Lakeview Gospel Camp Meeting, on newly purchased camp property, 30 miles N. W. of Rochester, N. Y., on Lake Ontario, August 4-19. Special Speakers: Wesley R. Steelberg, Evening Speaker; A. G. Ward, Morning Bible Teacher; J. M. Reinhardt, Youth Evangelist. Fellowship Day, Aug. 8. C. A. Rally, Aug 11, 7:45 p. m. For accommodations and information write J. Heinrich, Secretary, 629 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.—Frederick D. Drake.

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

BRISTOL, VA.—Appalachian District Camp Meeting, in large rock-veneer tabernacle in Pentecostal Park, one mile from heart of city on Abingdon Highway, August 3-12. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, evening speaker. M. L. Grable, Head of Sunday School Department, will be with us August 9-11. H. C. Ball, Secretary to Latin-America, Missionary speaker. Young People's and Children's services daily. For reservations and further information write A. L. Chadwick, Pastor, Box 414, Bristol, Virginia.

KANSAS DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Kansas District Camp Meeting, Aug. 9-19, at Camp Grounds, 5 miles west of Alton, 3 miles east of Woodston. T. J. Jones, Bible Teacher; U. S. Grant, Camp Evangelist; Ralph Hillegas, S. S. Secretary and C. A. leader, in charge of week-day afternoon services. Erna Greisen Hughes in charge of children's services. Tents and cots for rent on grounds. Dining hall under camp management. For information write Paul C. Samuelson, 1512 S. Main St., Wichita 11, Kansas.

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