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WHEREWITHAL SHALL A YOUNG
MAN CLEANSE HIS WAY? BY TAKING
HEED THERETO ACCORDING TO THY
WORD. Psalm 119:9.

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SUCH was the advice of the aged apostle Paul to the young Timothy. 1 Tim. 5:22. And never was such an exhortation so vitally necessary as it is today. These days of seemingly unparalleled laxity and immorality, when moral barriers are being broken down and restraint thrown to the winds, invest these words with a renewed and added significance.

The only effective barrier against the rising tide of evil that surges around us is the godly living and renewed testimony of the righteous. Think of the influence of bands of men and women who in such an age as this can sincerely testify of lives free from moral defilement; men and women who can truly say with Christ and alone through the power of Christ: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

Thank God, we know something of the cleansing and purifying power of the precious blood of Christ. It is to the lasting glory of Jesus Christ that there follows in His train an army of saints whose lives are chaste and pure—lives that bear the marks of true holiness.

Such a clear witness and victorious life must be ours continually. "Ye are the light of the world," Jesus said. Matt. 5:14. "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Matt. 6:23. If the church loses its holiness, what about the world? The church is only "terrible as an army with banners" when she is truly "unspotted from the world." Never was there a greater need for Christians to be in every true sense separate from the world. Having been made pure by the blood of Christ we are exhorted to keep ourselves pure, and you will notice that the onus is placed upon us. Nor does the Word of God which commands us to do this fail to give us practical instruction as to how this is to be accomplished and as to how this standard is to be maintained.

We are very definitely commanded to

RUN AWAY FROM SIN.

It isn't the man that can drive the car nearest to the edge of the precipice without damage that is the best driver. It is the man that has enough good sense to keep as far away as possible. The tribes of Israel that were always in trouble were the tribes that lived on the border.

"Flee youthful lusts," writes the apostle; and in another place, "Flee fornication." 2 Tim. 2:22; 1 Cor. 6:18. We cannot play with sin. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost. Nevertheless they have passions and appetites which, though in themselves legitimate and healthy, will, if played with, set on fire the whole course of evil desire and practice. We cannot live pure lives and entertain impure thoughts and habits, however insignificant we may deem them to be. When God said, "Flee," He knew more about human nature than we shall ever know. Joseph conquered because he fled; David sinned because he lingered. Samson fell an easy prey to the wiles of Delilah because he had sapped away the moral strength of his character by fleshly indulgence. It is the beginnings, the little things, that are all important. *It is the life lived before God in*

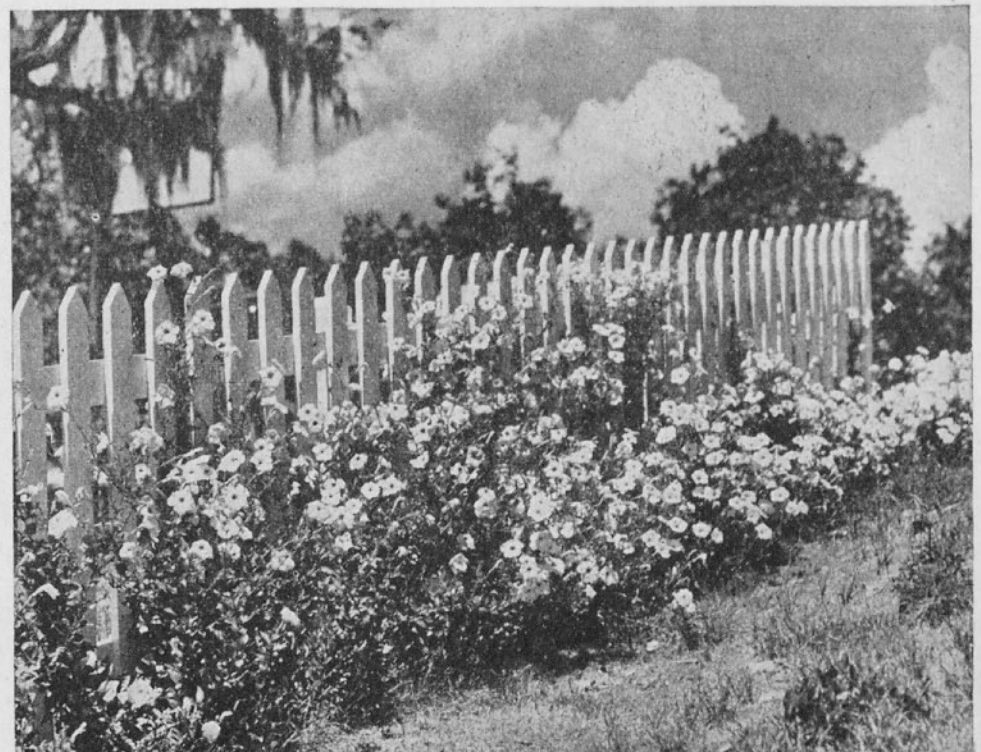
secret day by day that really matters. Let that be right and in the day of temptation you will find a reserve of strength and sustenance.

Job says, "I made a covenant with mine eyes." Job 31:1. He wasn't going to look at anything that might cause him to

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"Keep Thyself Pure"

A. J. Missen



How to Receive Healing

Louise Nankivell

THERE are many sick who have sought divine deliverance from physical ailments and have received no manifestation of healing. They have prayed for their own recovery; they have been prayed for by the pastor, or elders, by first one evangelist, then another, without securing results.

Nevertheless there is healing for *everyone*, for all who are really in earnest to be healed. The Word of God promises healing, and God would not promise to heal us if it were not His will. Settle that right at the start. You cannot expect to have faith for healing while you are doubting the will of God. The normal state of the human body is health, not sickness. Search the Word. Meet the conditions. Claim the promises. Healing is for you, despite the nature of the disease or its cause.

Now what should a person do who seemingly cannot get healed? What preparation should anyone make to receive this blessing from the Lord?

PUT SIN AWAY

In the first place, all known sin must be put away. "Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ DEPART from iniquity." 2 Tim. 2:19. "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. Sin will hinder faith from taking hold of God for healing and hinder retaining healing after healing has been granted. Sin is a disastrous thing and can be more fatal to the soul than disease to the body. Whether we are sick or well, our hearts should be cleansed from every defiling thing. "Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It shall be HEALTH to thy navel and marrow to thy bones." Prov. 3:7, 8.

OBEY GOD

Then, live in obedience to God.

"If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in His sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

One of the conditions of answered prayer is this very obedience God is asking. "And whatsoever we ask, we re-

ceive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22. "If a man love me, he WILL keep my words." John 14:23.

"My son, ATTEND TO MY WORDS; . . . For they are life unto those that find them, and HEALTH to all their FLESH." Prov. 4:20-22.

STOP WORRYING

Worry is a product of unbelief, and it is not glorifying to God. Nor does it solve any problems or cure any diseases. On the contrary, worry makes people sick, wrecks them in soul and body.



Furthermore, God has a cure for WORRY.

"Be CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; but IN EVERYTHING, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:6, 7.

Don't be anxious about anything, not even your physical condition. Pray about EVERYTHING. Leave all with Him; and God's peace beyond understanding shall possess you. Look to the Lord and begin to rejoice. Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS—in sickness as well as in health. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22.

REFUSE FEAR

In the name of Jesus Christ, REFUSE EVERY FEAR. "Be not afraid, only believe."

Fear is another product of unbelief, and it is one of the greatest enemies of mankind. Ailments come upon men which fill them with apprehension of the wildest possibilities as to what may happen. Symptoms appear which strike terror to the heart.

THIS HELPFUL ARTICLE INCLUDES AN ACCOUNT OF THE AUTHOR'S OWN MIRACULOUS HEALING WHEN CHRIST APPEARED TO HER IN A VISION OF THE NIGHT.

It is claimed that fear and some other emotions create poisons within the body, and that this conclusion has been proven by actual chemical tests. Fear is a menace to health and a positive hindrance to healing. It is demoralizing, terrorizing, paralyzing. But, it CAN be conquered. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." 1 John 4:18.

There is no greater defense against this enemy than God's all-conquering love.

BELIEVE GOD

Above all, if you want to be healed, BELIEVE GOD.

"He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Matt. 17:20.

It does not take "worlds of faith" to be healed—just faith as a *grain* of mustard seed. It is not so much the quantity of faith but the quality that counts. The grain must be one thing—all mustard seed—real, whole, entire—all faith, unmixed with doubts and fears and unbelief.

Cease struggling to believe. Look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of faith. Lift up your heart in praise regardless of how you feel. The Christ who heals will also disseminate your doubts and enable you to believe for the healing of your body.

A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Only recently I have had the opportunity of proving the healing virtue of the Lord Jesus for myself.

It was at the close of the General Council in Minneapolis (September, 1941) that I collapsed and was taken with what was reported as "labored breathing." Six weeks before this, I had collapsed so completely that I was too ill to sit up or walk, could not digest any food, was unable to eat or sleep. I had a bad burning spot in the right side of the front of my body at about the waist line. Immediately I was given the largest amount of artificial means to digest my food that could be given. Despite all that had been done to keep me on my feet, I had collapsed again and now was apparently dying.

Nothing was done for me except that shots were given in the arm to keep me quiet at night, and a nurse watched me constantly.

It did not look as though I would see the light of day, but gradually I rallied, and when it was thought safe for me to be taken on the train, I was brought back to my home in Chicago. Chronic inflammation of the gallbladder and liver disease, was the diagnosis of my illness; and when months passed by and my condition remained unchanged, I was told it would not be certain about my getting well.

Much prayer was offered for my recovery. I endeavored to trust God for healing; I claimed healing; I tried to do everything I had ever told anyone else to do; and still I was not healed. From my earliest ministry, I had taken a strong stand for divine healing and had given much time and attention to anointing and praying for the sick. God had been pleased to confirm His Word through the laying on of hands in Jesus' precious name. It was quite a test to find it difficult to receive healing for myself.

When I had reached the middle of the

second year of my illness, I was still unable to eat, to sit up or walk without artificial means of digestion. At this late date I was still unable to sleep. I questioned the physician further as to why I did not get better. It was then he told me I was in the same condition as another patient he was treating who was suffering from pernicious anemia and could not last much longer. Pernicious anemia! A fatal disease!

I began to do some serious thinking. If it should be that the time of my earthly sojourn was limited, a good way to go would be praying. My internal suffering was unbearable and I felt too ill to pray. However, I made up my mind I would pray and pray no matter how much I suffered; I would "pray through" if it were the last thing I ever did.

Elijah didn't stop praying after he had prayed the first time and there was no sign of a cloud. No, he prayed "seven times," and I was going to pray "seven times," too.

I decided first of all I would take a promise from the Word of God and stand upon it. I took the words of Jesus from John 14:14, "If ye shall ask any-

thing in my name I will do it." Here was a simple promise but it covered a wide scope. "Anything"! There was the healing that I so greatly needed.

Then, I began to pray. Day after day I prayed. I repeatedly humbled myself in the presence of the Lord until the Spirit so enabled me to pray that I didn't want to do anything but pray. For weeks and weeks I prayed almost constantly despite intense suffering.

A Saturday night came. After going to bed I talked with the Savior. "Lord, all I am, all I have, my life, my health is in Your hands; I rest it all with You."

That same night, or rather in the hours of Palm Sunday morning, our Lord Jesus appeared to me in a "vision of the night." I thought I was praying. The next thing, I thought I had gone into a trance. This "going into a trance" seemed as definite a transition as though I had gone through a door, stepped from one room into another. I seemed to be saying to myself, "Why, I've gone into a trance and I've never been in a trance before," when, suddenly, He appeared. He stood before me as plainly as any person
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A Mother's Ministry

I AN MACLAREN tells about visiting an old Scotch lady who was standing in her kitchen weeping. She wiped her eyes with the corner of her apron, and when the minister asked her what was the matter she confessed, "I am so miserable and unhappy."

"Why?"

"Because I have done so little for Jesus. When I was just a wee girl the Lord spoke to my heart and I did so much want to live for him."

"Well, haven't you?" asked the minister.

"Yes, I have lived for Him, but I have done so little."

"What have you done?"

"I have washed dishes, cooked three meals a day, taken care of the children, mopped the floor, and mended clothes. That is all I have done all my life, and I wanted to do something for Jesus."

The preacher, sitting back in the armchair, looked at her and smiled. "Where are your boys?" he enquired.

"Oh, my boys! You know where Mark is. You ordained him yourself before he went to

China. There he is preaching for the Lord. Why are you asking?"

"Where is Luke?" questioned the minister.

"Luke? He went from your own church; didn't you send him out? I had a letter from him the other day." And then she became so happy and excited as she continued. "A revival has broken out on the mission station, and he said they were having a wonderful time in the service of the Lord."

"Where is Matthew?"

"He is with his brother in China. And isn't it fine that the two boys can be working together? I am so happy about that. And John came to see me the other night—he is my baby, only nineteen, but he is a great boy—and said, 'Mother, I have been praying, and tonight in my room the Lord spoke to my heart, and what do you suppose He told me? I have to go to my brother in Africa. But don't you cry Mother, the Lord told me I was to stay here and look after you until you go home to glory!'"

The minister looked at her: "And you say your life has been wasted in mopping floors, darning socks, washing dishes, and doing trivial tasks. I'd like to have your mansion when you are called home."



THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

A Ministry of Love

THE Master told the story of a certain man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his raiment, wounded him, and left him half dead. A certain priest came that way and passed by on the other side. A Levite who was passing looked at the wounded man, and he, too, passed by on the other side. Then there came along one of a class that was despised and rejected. He came right to where the wounded wayfarer was. His heart was full of compassion, tenderness, and sorrow for the one who had been overcome by the enemy. He poured in oil to bring healing to the wounds, and wine to bring life to the poor fainting pilgrim. And then he took him in his arms of love and put him upon his own beast. See him walking by the side and holding the wounded one lest he fall! He took him to an inn and ministered to him, nursing him back to life and strength. And on the morrow he took from his purse adequate compensation to the keeper of the inn and counseled him to provide all that was necessary for this poor wounded pilgrim, to stint nothing; whatever was paid out must be charged to his account and he would pay. He would give ample compensation to the innkeeper for all he would do for this poor wounded one.

MODERN PRIESTS AND LEVITES

This story is a revelation of the heart of man towards poor sinners, hurt and marred and being destroyed by the enemy of souls. The priest's attitude was: "Serves them right. They should know better. They should come and receive of my ethical instructions. Then they would live as I do, a way that is different from other men. I pay my debts. I am always in attendance at the synagogue. I perform all my duties towards God and man. I would instruct them to be like I am." Yes, a blind leader of the blind who is going into the ditch and will take others with him.

There are others like the Levite. They have plenty of censure to heap on the wounded ones. "You ought to do this. You ought to do that. You ought to do the other thing." Plenty of lashings when men do not, through weakness in the flesh, obey their words of counsel. With stinging lips and bitter tongue they stand up in the pulpits and denounce the poor defeated person in the pew. And he goes

from the service with aching heart, saying, "How can I be different?"

A SYMPATHETIC SAVIOUR

But there is One who was despised and rejected of men, who comes down to just where men are. He came down to earth. A body was prepared for Him that He might be a neighbor to the defeated men of earth. He knows the strong adversary. The adversary who overcame Adam and Eve sought to overcome Him, but he overcame that thief, that wicked one. And He has compassion for those who have been overtaken by this one who is stronger than they. He has so much compassion, so much tenderness, that He laid down His life for the sheep He loved. What does He do? Does He censure? He says, "I came not into the world to condemn the world." He came to succor. He came to help. And He comes to the poor wounded wayfarer and weeps. His heart of compassion melts as He sees the maimed and bruised condition of those defeated, stripped, and made naked.

NO CONDEMNATION

He has no words of censure, but out of His resources He pours in oil to cleanse and heal. He gives wine, the wine of consolation. Yes, He gave His own precious Blood. The red blood of the grape is but a symbol of the red blood of Calvary's Lamb. He gave it for the redemption, cleansing, and healing of poor wounded wayfarers, defeated ones,

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paralyzed ones, fainting ones; for those who are out of the way. He picks up the poor wounded pilgrim and puts him in His own place. He who knew no sin took the sinner's place. He went to the cross, the place the sinner deserved, and He gives to the sinner His own place. The sinner, receiving His righteousness, is blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places.

HIS MINISTERS

He takes these wounded ones where they shall be cared for, and puts them in charge of these who are His. He ministers to the sick one Himself personally, and then gives instructions that they who are His shall do all that is necessary for the poor wounded one, and He will repay. He will amply repay all. That is the attitude of the great Shepherd of the sheep, and He would have it to be the attitude of those who are His under-shepherds, His pastors. Not to censure, not to condemn, not to make tirades and lash from the pulpit the poor, distracted, wounded sheep in the pew, but to have deep compassion with those who are out of the way, to be tender, to weep over them, to pray all night for them if necessary, to travail until Christ be formed in them, to love them, and to be willing to lay down their lives for these wounded ones.

THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST

Those shepherds, those pastors who have charge of the inn should be very tender with the wounded ones. They should have much oil to pour into the wounds. They should have much wine to cheer their hearts and make them glad. When the Master returns they will be adequately compensated for all their merciful service to His wounded ones, to the afflicted, to the tormented, to the distracted ones, to those who have been badly bruised by the enemy. He would have His shepherds bring their hearts that they might be filled with the love of God, the compassion, the tenderness, the mercy of Him whose mercy endureth forever.

How to Receive Healing

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I have ever seen. He was dressed in a flowing white robe; and oh, how beautiful He looked, more beautiful than my words can adequately describe. He did not have a halo over His head as I have so often seen in pictures, but from around His form there emanated a strip of radiant light. The light followed in a continuous glow around the profile of His body—head, shoulders, arms, sides—appearing to be diffused from within. There was a

stately splendor about His person, and such a placid calm. I was entranced. I looked for Him to say something but He did not speak to me; neither did He move. I could not see His form all the way down, as He was standing behind a table. The table was rectangular in shape, quite large, and covered with a cloth so white, so perfect, there was not a spot upon it. There was nothing upon the table.

Suddenly Jesus vanished as quickly as He had appeared and my disappointment was overwhelming.

The next day, Monday, there was a letter in the morning mail containing a handkerchief sent by a man of God, as requested by my husband. We knew that in the early days of the church "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul, so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." Acts 19:12. There was no reason why the Lord couldn't bless such means in our time. The handkerchief was applied to me in the name of the wonderful Jesus whom I had seen in the vision only the day before.

Within three days, the change in my body was so great, so remarkable, it was unmistakable, and nothing short of miraculous. I was like another person. I went to the physician and related my story of what had happened. He said the handkerchief had nothing whatever to do with my healing but that it could be accounted for through the appearance of Christ. He told me there had been cases known to medical science where through an "apparition," as he termed it, the whole course of the human body had been changed. He would attribute my healing to an "apparition" and would write it down in the records.

Perhaps some who read this account will question why the healing was so long delayed. Could not the Lord have performed the miraculous at the start? We pray, and if the answer does not come immediately, we think God is not going to answer prayer. Jesus delayed the healing of Lazarus, but through the delay He manifested the power of God in a greater way. God's delays are not necessarily denials. These very delays which cause us to feel God has not heard, often serve to bring us into closer, sweeter, fuller communion with our precious Lord, and result in greater spiritual blessing.

It was when I began to pray desperately and continuously that new and glorious experiences were to be mine. The Lord permitted me to have revelations in the night. The burden of my praying was for healing, but the revelations concerned a

subject at that time remote from my thinking; namely, revival. I sensed the Spirit of the Lord was trying to direct my attention to world needs, the spiritual welfare of multitudes far greater than my own great physical need. However, the prayer period culminated in the vision and the touch of the miracle-working Christ.

The appearance of Christ was so real and vivid, that for weeks and weeks I thought I saw Him again and again, and at the very thought I wept over and over again as a person broken-hearted. He did not speak to me in the vision, but as I gazed upon Him, He looked at me, and there was something in that look at once both compassionate and penetrating, which left me broken in spirit.

The joy and radiance of heart at my deliverance were exceeding blessed, but they did not surpass the spiritual uplift of this experience which has been unspeakably precious to my soul.

Dear sick and suffering friend, let me encourage you not to lose heart. Cast yourself upon the mercy of God. Believe His Word and hold on. No matter how long you have been sick or how terrible your disease, remember God has mysterious ways of working His wonders to perform. Keep trusting. Your disease shall become as naught in the presence of your great, all-powerful, unchanging Lord.

Peace Through Christ Alone

Two hundred years ago, the Highlands of Scotland were in a state of lawless discontent. During those stormy times a Gaelic evangelist was laboring in the gospel by the shores of Loch Rannoch. His name was Dugald Buchanan.

There was so great interest awakened in divine things in those distant glens that the schoolhouse where Buchanan preached could not contain all who came to hear the Word of God. On one occasion he had to preach to two clans who were at bitter feud with one another—so bitter that they could not trust themselves to come together without blows, even to hear the gospel. Yet both wanted to hear the preacher, who stood on a rock in the middle of the stream—the Gaur Water—those deadly enemies facing each other from either bank. It is said that Dugald Buchanan "preached so lovingly and so powerfully that the people rushed into the stream and embraced one another, and from that day forward a truce of God has existed between the two peoples." *And this is in very truth the only kind of peace-pact that is NOT a scrap of paper.*

Mother's Trust

*BENEATH the blood-stained lintel
I, with my children, stand;
A messenger of evil
Is passing through the land.
There is no other refuge
From the destroyer's face,
Beneath the blood-stained lintel
Shall be our hiding place.*

*The Lamb of God has suffered,
Our sins and griefs He bore;
By faith the blood is sprinkled
Above our dwelling's door.
The foe who seeks to enter
Doth fear that sacred sign,
Tonight the blood-stained lintel
Shall shelter me and mine.*

*My Savior, for my dear ones
I claim Thy promise true;
The Lamb is "for the household"—
The children's Savior, too.
On earth the little children
Once felt Thy touch divine;
Beneath the blood-stained lintel,
Thy blessing give to mine.*

*O Thou who gave them, guard them—
Those wayward little feet—
The wilderness before them,
The ills of life to meet.
My mother-love is helpless,
I trust them to Thy care;
Beneath the blood-stained lintel
Oh, keep them ever there.*

*The faith I rest upon Thee
Thou wilt not disappoint;
With wisdom, Lord, to train them,
My shrinking heart anoint.
So with my children, Father,
I then will see Thy face;
I plead the blood-stained lintel
Thy covenant of grace.*

*Oh, wonderful Redeemer,
Who suffered for our sake,
When o'er the guilty nations
The judgment storm shall break,
With joy, from that safe shelter
May we then meet Thine eye—
Beneath the blood-stained lintel—
My children, Lord, and I.*



The Purpose of the Ascension

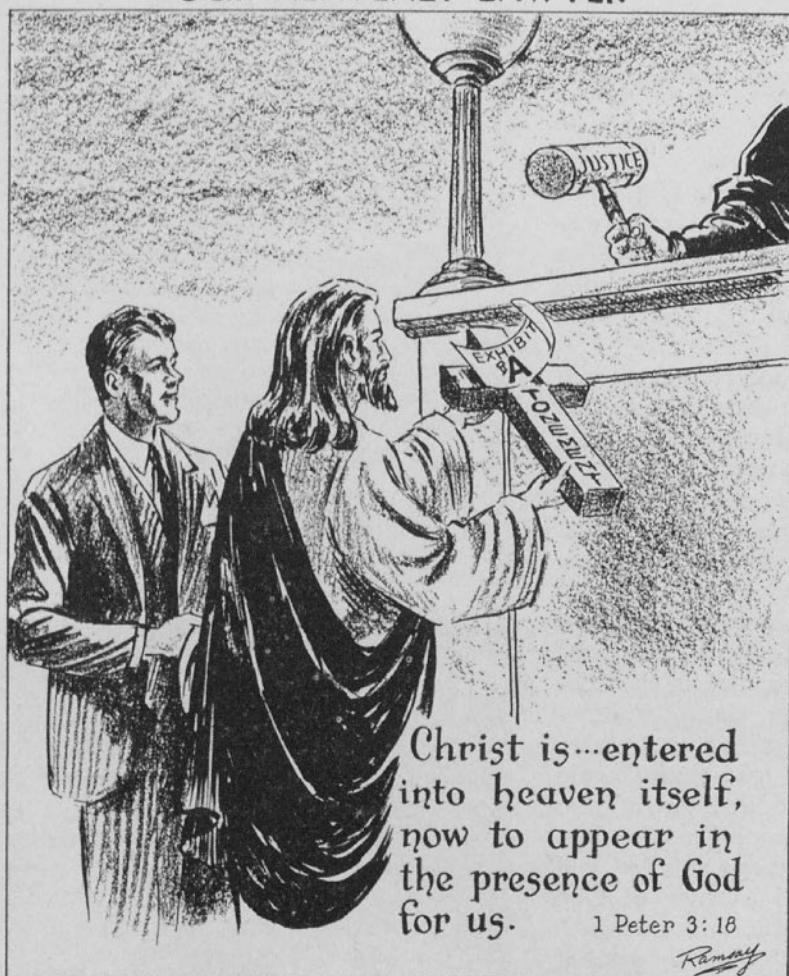
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AFTER His resurrection Jesus continued with His disciples during forty days "speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God," and emphasizing that they should wait for the promise of the Father, the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Then, leading them out as far as to Bethany, He lifted up His hands and blessed them. "And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

Now our Lord Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father as our great High Priest. "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

God was offended at the sins of men. Then Jesus "gave

OUR HEAVENLY LAWYER



Christ is...entered
into heaven itself,
now to appear in
the presence of God
for us.

1 Peter 3:18

Ramsey

Himself a ransom for us," exchanging places with us. He took our place as sinners and died in our stead, that we might take His place in righteousness and live forever. The type of the priesthood of Christ is found in the Old Testament where the high priest made atonement, taking the blood of the sacrifice into the holiest part of the tabernacle where he sprinkled it before the mercy seat. In like manner Christ has gone into the sanctuary on high, there to sprinkle the benefits of His shed blood, thus making the throne of God a throne of grace.

Seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high, Jesus is our Go-between or Peacemaker. John in his epistle wrote, "These things I write unto you, that ye sin not." God wishes us to live without sinning. But He knows the weakness of man, so He has provided that "If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and He is the propitiation (or peace offering) for our sins."

Having been tempted in all points like as we are, having suffered want, fatigue, and sorrows, and having made peace by the blood of His cross, Jesus is able to present our needs before the Father as we are not. He feels for us and intercedes for us, ever reminding the Father of the atonement that He made for us.

Let Jesus be your Lawyer. Believe He died to save. Trust His atonement and His intercession. Remember the promise, "Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out." Make Him your Saviour and High Priest now.

The Official Board

Gayle F. Lewis

A FREQUENT cause of unrest in an Assembly is the lack of proper understanding of the relationship of the Official Board of the church to the pastor and congregation. Many times honest and sincere people have asked me to explain the position, responsibility, limitations, and qualifications of an Official Board. Let us study this subject together for a few minutes.

From the beginning of time, God has provided a spiritual leadership for His people. In the early economy of God on earth, He made the eldest son of every house a family priest who was responsible to God for the religious instruction of his family. In the days of Moses, God took the priesthood from the eldest sons and shut it up in the family of Aaron, making Aaron and his sons the priests of Israel. In the founding of Christianity, our Lord set aside the Aaronic priesthood and instituted in its place a new type of spiritual leadership or ministry, and made full provision for its perpetuation in the Church. This ministry is clearly set forth by Paul in Eph. 4:11-12. "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Individuals thus called, divinely equipped, and anointed of God to instruct and lead His people, are placed in an office which carries great responsibility before God, and for which God demands respect. God is no respecter of persons but He does demand respect for the offices He has ordained. Heb. 13:17 commands, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as

they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Men called of God to fill these offices must give an account not only of themselves and their ministry, but of those to whom they minister as well.

The thought of a secondary group of men to serve with the spiritual leadership of the church is also as old as the Bible. When God placed Aaron in the priestly office, He provided assistance for Aaron and his sons in their brethren of the tribe of Levi. In the New Testament, provision was made for the appointment of deacons who were to carry certain responsibilities in the church and to assist the apostles. The fulfillment of this thought of God finds expression today in our Board of Deacons, or the Official Board of the church.

The position of the Levites in their relationship to the priests of the Old Testament, and of the deacons in their relationship to the apostles, or pastors of the New Testament, is purely that of "helpers." This position or relationship is clearly seen in a careful consideration of Numbers 3:5-9. Here God definitely told Moses to take the tribe of Levi from among the children of Israel and to present them unto Aaron the priest, that they might minister to him, to keep his charge, and the charge of the congregation, and to do the service of the tabernacle. They were given to Aaron. They stood in an intermediate position between Aaron and the congregation, to keep the charge of both. In Numbers 8 the Levites were taken from among the congregation, and given by the congregation to the Lord in the place of the first born who belong to Him. After their cleansing and consecration, God gave them as a gift to Aaron, that they might do the service of the congregation of Israel in the tabernacle. In Numbers 1 we see something of their duties. They were given the care of the tabernacle, to take it down, to carry it on the march, and to set it up again. They encamped around about it when Israel rested. We are further told in 1 Chron. 23:28-32 that their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God. They were to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at evening. They were to offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the Lord in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts; and to keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of God.

While the Levites were given to God by the congregation, and God in turn gave them to the priesthood to assist in the service of the tabernacle, they did not dare, under penalty of death, to intrude into the priestly office. In Numbers 18 God draws a clear line of separation between the two offices. God told Aaron that though his brethren, the Levites, had been given to him as a gift to assist him, he was to keep his priest's office which had been given to him as a service of gift and because of the anointing. The Levites

Help Needed Now

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SUNDAY, MAY 26

has been set aside as a day of remembrance of the faithful ministries of these warriors of the cross, and on that day all our assemblies can unite in the taking of a special offering to be sent to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. Be sure to state plainly that the offering is for the purpose of assisting our aged ministers.

were to carry the holy things of God when Israel was on the march, yet they were forbidden, under penalty of death, to enter into the tabernacle, or look upon the holy things until Aaron and his sons had first entered in and covered them. Thus we see that while there were responsibilities and privileges, there were definite limitations upon these men.

In the New Testament, the position or relationship of the deacons to the minister is the same. In Acts 6:1-4 we read, "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom,

whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Now let us note the relationship here. The apostles, as are the evangelists and pastors, were called and ordained of God. The deacons were chosen by the people to assist the apostles in the service of the church. The distinction in ministry seems to be found in the two expressions, "serving tables," and "prayer and ministry of the Word." Prayer and ministry of the Word has ever been the special function of the ministry; and while "serving tables," or "the outward business of the house of God" (Neh. 11:16), is important, it is not right that an over abundance of "serving tables" and looking after temporal things should hinder the higher calling of the ministry. Thus, deacons are given by God to the ministry and the congregation, as servants or helpers. They did the service of the apostles—the work appointed to them to do.

The fact that the seal of God's approval rested upon this arrangement is attested by the fact that not only was the situation met (Acts 6:1), but "The Word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith." Acts 6:7. The office became a permanent factor in the church. Paul recognized it in his epistle to the church in Philippi (Phil. 1:1); and in writing to Timothy, Paul declared that "they that have used the office of deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

The distinction between the office of deacon and the office of elder, bishop, or overseer as the word may be translated, is further emphasized in 1 Timothy 3, in which chapter the first seven verses deal with the qualifications and duties of the elders, and verses eight through thirteen deal with deacons. Confusion has arisen at times because some Official Boards have been under the impression that the term "elder" applied to them and that they were, therefore, the overseers of the church. A careful examination of the term in this and other passages, however, will indicate clearly that it properly applies to the ministry. It is true that there appears to have been a plurality of elders in the New Testament Church (e.g., Acts 20:27, where it is indicated that there were several elders of the Ephesian church). This may be explained by the fact that while the entire church in a city such as Ephesus was considered as one unit, the people did not customarily gather in one great congregation for worship, but met in homes and various meeting places throughout the city, so that

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OUR MISSIONARY ADVANCE

A Day in the Dominican Bible School

Verne Warner

GOOD morning! Come with us, and we will show you through "El Instituto Biblico" of the Dominican Republic. We missionaries consider our Bible Institute the hope of our work in this country. We are bending all efforts toward sending out prepared and consecrated young men to carry the good news to their own people.

Although it is but six o'clock in the morning, the students are in the classroom for morning prayer and devotion. There is Pedro, who comes from a part of the country that is still undeveloped. No road leads directly to his little village, but one must climb the precipitous trail, over fallen trees and through dense tropical jungle growth, while a vanguard of screaming parrots fly overhead. However, Pedro has been absorbed into this body of consecrated, happy youth just as easily as Jose, who is a tailor by profession and lives in the modern capital of Ciudad Trujillo.

Don't you like our thatch-roofed, nature-air-conditioned dining room? You will note that the menu is a little different from ours. Here is definite proof that everybody in the world doesn't eat wheaties for breakfast. These boys will tell you they prefer a boiled cooking banana, a piece of "bread of water," and a cup of chocolate for their breakfast.

Those two boys sitting across from us who have such radiant smiles are brothers. Miguel, a carpenter, worked for a large sugar "central" before coming to school. The brother, who is a barber, cuts the students' hair as a part of his duty. Those two boys who look so preoccupied have a reason—you see, this is their week to wash the dishes. Since human nature reacts the same in all parts of the world, these boys are not very jubilant over the task that awaits them.

Now the bell is calling us to chapel and morning classes. What do we study? The boys are taught doctrine, Old and New Testament, church history, personal work, and other subjects directly related to the Bible and the ministry. Also, they are taught etiquette, penmanship, music, and grammar.

Examinations are naturally a source of much dread and excitement. However, sometimes we enjoy a good hearty laugh even during examinations. For example, when asked where personal work was not needed, one boy wrote, "In the cemetery where the dead people are." Later he said, "I'm sorry, but that statement is not correct for I testified once in a cemetery to the relatives of a dead man."

Noon prayers will close the day of studies. Although you may not understand the language, you will feel the power of united heaven-touching prayer.

Perhaps you would like to go with us this evening for a street meeting? The last time the students were targets for rocks, clods, and fruit peelings. Brother Paul Pugh was hit on the head by a large clod, but suffered no lasting

effects from it. None of the students were hurt, and they returned shouting the victory. These young men, saved from idolatry, count it all joy to suffer for the opportunity of presenting a living Christ to their fellow countrymen.

Now that you have spent a day with our Bible School students, we are sure that you can realize the significance of our statement, that they are the hope of our work in this republic. At present we have more churches and open doors than we have workers. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."



Three West Indian Conferences

H. C. Ball

IT was my privilege to attend the annual conventions of Cuba, Santo Domingo, and Puerto Rico during the month of January, this year.

The Cuban convention was held in the city of Cienfuegos, where the Stokes family have faithfully labored for the Lord and built up a very fine assembly. Two years previous I had been in the convention held in Habana. The growth of the work in Cuba that this convention revealed was heartening indeed. Brother Hugh P. Jeter, the District Superintendent, expressed it eloquently when he said: "Our previous conventions have seemed like fellowship rallies, but this seems like a real convention." The two Chinese, one Mexican, five Puerto Ricans, seventeen Cubans, and eighteen North American workers in attendance, also made of the convention an international gathering.

The reports showed that during 1945, fifty had been baptized in the Spirit, and fourteen new stations had been opened. Some truly wonderful healings had taken place, and a few of those healed were present in the convention.

God's blessing rested on the gathering from the first night. There was a spirit of harmony, unity, and divine love that augurs well for the future.

The next West Indian convention was held in the little city of El Seybo, in eastern Santo Domingo. The local assembly in El Seybo is small, and the people of the little city were wholly unprepared for the avalanche of delegates and visitors that suddenly descended upon them. After traveling all day—and having a little tire trouble, we arrived around 9:30 p.m. to find the service going full blast, with over two hundred persons in the little hall, and fully this number standing in the street.

Brothers Mock, Pugh, Warner, and myself



● Church and congregation at Humacao, Puerto Rico.

IN THE WEST INDIES

were housed in what was called a "hotel," just across the street from the hall. Prayer and singing started at the hall every morning around five o'clock and continued all day until past midnight.

Every afternoon just before service, the visitors divided into several large groups, walking the street and singing hymns. The groups would stop at strategic places to preach and testify concerning the truths of the gospel.

One evening a group stopped only a short distance from the priest's home. One young lady, whose testimony is outstanding, stressed in her message that Christians are new creatures. She happened to mention that they would no longer smoke tobacco. The priest, himself a user of tobacco, took offense, went to the police, and complained that the Catholic church had been insulted, which is contrary to the laws of the land.

Two policemen came to our service and took the girl to the police station. Through strategy, Brothers Warner and Pugh managed to enter the station, but they found the girl was well able to hold her own. She was preaching to the Canadian priest a message such as he had never heard before. When the girl got through, Brothers Warner and Pugh gave him more of the gospel truths, first in Spanish and then in English. The chief of police was convinced that the priest was in error, and finally the priest left in a rage.

The third convention was held in the little eastern city of Fajardo, Puerto Rico, where a large theatre building had been rented for this purpose. The mayor of the city sent a letter of welcome to the delegates—one day over two thousand persons were in attendance. The city loaned the large Market House as a dining hall.

More than sixty persons gave their hearts to the Lord during the convention. Seven men were licensed to preach, seven received full ordination, and seven elders laid their hands upon those receiving ordination. These "sevens" had not been prearranged, but were a mere coincidence.

Our Assemblies of God movement is numerically in the lead of all denominations in Puerto Rico. The Pentecostal fire is not dying out, it is burning like an irresistible prairie fire. Conversions, healings, Baptisms in the Spirit, and wonders are continually being manifested all over the island. Praise the Lord!



Hugh Jeter, Havana, Cuba.—There have been many miraculous healings recently. One was that of a newborn infant. The father was

● Left to right: Enrique Rodriguez, Louie W. Stokes, H. C. Ball, Hugh Jeter.



● A portion of those attending the Cuban Conference.

an unbeliever who had forbidden his wife to even have a Bible. When she told him of some healings he was very incredulous and said he would have to see in order to believe. She told him he should be careful for the Lord might afflict one of them or their unborn child. He defiantly replied, "Well, let it come."

They forgot the conversation, but the Lord had taken note of it. Soon afterwards their baby girl was born. To their horror they discovered that the child's legs, instead of bending backward at the knees came forward, with the little feet against her face. When they would straighten the child's limbs out to a normal position and then turn them loose, the little feet would go up against the face again as if with springs. There was also a projection back of each knee which seemed to be a bone sticking out.

The father was desperate and thought of taking his own life. Several sisters from the church went over to visit the mother and found the terrible condition. After examining the child, the sisters called everyone to prayer. They covered the child while they prayed. Then, when they had finished praying and uncovered it, they found that the Lord had heard their cry. The baby was every whit whole! Praise

God! The father gave his heart to the Lord, and both he and his wife are going on with the Lord.

Not long ago I had the privilege of dedicating this child to the Lord and it is a perfectly normal, healthy baby. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men!"



News Flashes

Henry Dahlberg having completed his studies in Bible School in Canada is now on tour among the churches in preparation for his return to Ivory Coast, Africa.

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J. N. Lewis and wife have arrived home on furlough from India this month.

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Pauline Smith and Adeline Wichman have returned to the Gold Coast in April.

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Sydney Bryant arrived home on furlough from South India on April 12.

Keep Thyself Pure

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stumble. That was not a sign of weakness but a sign of strength. What we see has an enormous effect on our inner lives. Thus we cannot be pure and allow our eyes to behold that which is evil. Some magazines and literature must definitely be barred from a Christian home.

"Neither be partaker of other men's sins," says the apostle. 1 Tim. 5:22. There is a tendency even among Christians to rake in the mire of other men's iniquities. The sins of some poor fallen brother are discussed and recounted in all their sordid details until the minds of all concerned are stained and polluted. The tongue is a fruitful source of evil. It "defileth the whole body" and "is set on fire of hell." James 3:6. If we purposed to limit our conversation to that which is edifying and which becometh saints we should better guard ourselves from those who seek to turn "the grace of our God into lasciviousness." Jude 4. Nothing is more soul-destroying than scandal and gossip. Again the Scriptures set the standard. "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Eph. 4:29. "Fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." Eph. 5:3, 4.

The utter folly of evil companionship cannot too often be emphasized. The Christians that make havoc of their lives and thereby suffer untold remorse and sometimes shipwreck of faith through unequal yokes in companionship, business partnership, courtship and marriage, are legion. The Word of God could not be more explicit. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Come out from among them and be ye separate." 2 Cor. 6:14-18. What could be more definite? And yet young Christians still let their affections go out to worldlings and expect God to answer their prayers when they pray for the other party to get saved. Experience has shown only too often that even when one party has professed conversion for the sake of the other, in the vast majority of cases it has only been a profession, and after marriage the hollowness of such a decision of convenience soon has been revealed.

Laziness and idleness provide the right setting for spiritual degeneracy and spiritual poverty, so we have to flee these also. The man who is in bed when he ought to be up and doing is perhaps too sluggardly

to realize the perils of his slothfulness but they are very real perils nevertheless. The old maxim, "Satan always finds some work for idle hands to do," has its foundation in hard fact. A blank mind is next door to a polluted one. The people in the assembly who are the least spiritual are the people with the most time to spare.

The second step in maintaining purity is to deliberately

HARNESS THE THOUGHT LIFE.

The first sin in Eden's garden began with looking at what God had forbidden and lusting for what God had prohibited, and that is a true pattern of every sin which has followed. Sin finds its origin in lust. It begins in the thought life. Jesus fully recognized this and illustrated it in His teaching on adultery. Matt. 5:27, 28. "The thought of foolishness is sin." Prov. 24:9. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. Pure thoughts will result in pure lives. If, on the other hand, we allow our thoughts to stray and wander unchecked in the contemplation of evil, sooner or later that sin which is hidden and locked in the heart will find expression in an outburst of evil. Sin is the effect of which lust is the cause. "When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin." James 1:15.

There is every difference between temptation and sin. It is Satan's business to bring evil suggestions to the mind. While we are in the body we shall never be free from temptation. But it is our business as Christians to allow thoughts of evil no lodging place. We cannot stop the birds alighting on our heads but we can stop them making nests in our hair. Hence we are exhorted: "Gird up the loins of your minds." 1 Peter 1:13. We are to cast down imaginations, "bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Cor. 10:5. " whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Phil. 4:8.

The third necessity is that we pay attention to

THE MEANS OF GRACE.

It is amazing how much backsliding is directly due to prayerlessness. How Christians can expect to live holy lives without prayer when they face such hosts of spiritual wickedness is a constant source of wonder even to God Himself. The disciples failed in Gethsemane because they failed to "watch and pray" before the temptation came. Mark 14:38. Jesus faced that motley rabble with dig-

nity and composure because He had already won the victory on His knees. A day begun with prayer is a day already prepared for victory.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" asks the Psalmist; and with a note of glad assurance he supplies his own answer, "By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word." What a cleansing agency is the Word of God. Who dares to fight against principalities and powers without the Sword of the Spirit? In what other book can we find ourselves mirrored with such precise accuracy? Where can we find such counsels and consolations as are contained in the Scriptures? The prayerful reading and study of God's Word will supply us with all the help we so badly need in order to live clean lives.

Again the value of fellowship cannot be overstated. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," the Scriptures say, "but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." The more we see iniquity abounding the more we must make every possible sacrifice for the sake of the fellowship of the saints. Spiritual fellowship and mutual exhortation have a tremendous effect upon the lives of every one of us. So does the lack of them.

Finally we are reminded of the salutary effects of

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE.

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." This clearly implies a present-day experience. Past blessing is no safeguard. Having received the Spirit and having been filled with the Spirit we are commanded to walk in the Spirit. Day by day living in the atmosphere of the Holy Ghost—this is the most blessed experience of all. Let us live to please God and we shall find our lives unconsciously bearing the image of Him whom we serve.

The Official Board

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a number of ministering elders or pastors would be necessary.

Adam Clark outlines the duties of the deacons in the early church as follows: "They assisted the elders or ministers in the service of the church; they assisted in the administration of the Lord's supper (that is, they handed the elements to the people, but never consecrated the elements). They received the offerings, kept order in the congregation, looked after other temporal affairs as requested by the minister. However, they never intruded into the minister's office. The public ministry of Philip and Stephen cannot be

traced in any way as a manifestation of their office, or official position as deacons, but rather as a manifestation of 'spiritual gift' or 'endowment' apart from their office."

The qualifications for deaconship are found in 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and Acts 6. They are to be *grave* (which means 'dignified in conduct'), *not doubletongued* (not speaking one thing to one person and something else to another), *not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience*. Let them be *proved and found blameless*, or above reproach. *They are to be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well*. This point deserves special emphasis in view of frequent question and misunderstanding. Moffat translates this passage: "Having been married but once." It can not be too strongly stated from a Scriptural standpoint that in every case where either husband or wife have a former companion living, they are absolutely disqualified for service in the office of deacon. Paul continues, *Even so must their wives be grave* (dignified), *not slanderers* (back-biters—talebearers), *sober* (of sound mind and self-control), *faithful in all things* (absolutely trustworthy). The outstanding difference in the qualifications for the deaconship and qualifications for the bishopric is to be found in the fact that while the deacon was to hold "the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience," the bishop was to be "apt to teach."

The Biblical position and qualifications of deacons remain unchanged today. The duties of deacons, or an Official Board, however, are varied depending upon the requirements and constitutional provisions of the local church. But under every circumstance, the Board should remember that they are only to keep the charge of the congregation and the pastor; they have been given by the congregation to the pastor to assist him in every way they can, that he may have an unencumbered ministry; they are not to intrude into his office as shepherd and leader of the church, but to be content to be 'helpers' as God has ordained.

And what of the attitude of the pastor? He should remember that his Board has been given to him as a gift from the congregation and from God, to assist him

in the service of the church. With fullest confidence, appreciation, and co-operation, they should work together. The church in which proper relationships exist will be a power for God as was the early church, and able to cope with every situation that might arise. God has given to us perfect balance in His Word; may we seek to keep it today.

Radio Log Changes

The following changes have been made in the "SERMONS IN SONG" Radio Log since its last publication.

STATIONS ADDED

KVMV, Twin Falls, Idaho, 2:30 p.m. Sunday
WTOL, 1230 k.c., Toledo, Ohio, 8:00 a.m. Sun.
ZNS, Nassau, Bahamas, 7:45 a.m. Sunday

STATIONS CANCELED

WOL, Washington, D. C.
WMC, Memphis, Tennessee

TIME CHANGES

KRIS, Corpus Christi, Texas, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Sunday
KFBI, Wichita, Kansas, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sunday
KMAC, San Antonio, Texas, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Sunday
KWFC, Hot Springs, Arkansas, from 2:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday
KGHI, Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday
WREN, Lawrence, Kansas, from 2:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday

CALL LETTERS

WHTD, Hartford, Connecticut, changed to WONS.

STATION LOCATION

KATE, Albert Lea, Minnesota, changed to Austin, Minnesota.
CMKW, Habana, Cuba, changed to Santiago, Cuba.

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Have you sent in your Application for Membership in our "SERMONS IN SONG" Fellowship? DON'T DELAY! DO IT TODAY! Send your application and offerings to Assemblies of God Radio Hour, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.

KENTUCKY CHILDREN'S HOME

God has been good to us and is prospering our work. Since last September we have accepted fourteen little ones into the Home and two more will be received tomorrow. Four have left the home—one by death, one by adoption, and two have been claimed by their parents.

Many applications are being received from Pentecostal families, desiring to adopt or care for a child. At present the children can only be adopted through the Child Welfare Agency,

but we are trying to arrange through the County and State agencies so that either adoptions or some manner of release may be had whereby the children may be placed in good Pentecostal homes, since, if this can be done, we will be able to care for many more unfortunate little ones than otherwise we could.

Up to the present I have had only one helper and with so many infants to care for, plus all the washing, cooking, etc., we are kept very busy; but every day has been a day of joy.—Mrs. Maxine Hartshorn, Carlisle, Kentucky.

IN ONE CHICAGO CHURCH

Pastor S. Paul Carlyss, Beulah Temple, Chicago, Ill., writes: "We have been giving out 175 copies of the *Pentecostal Evangel* each week, but in our Sunday School meeting last Friday we agreed to order 100 more. One day I thought I would order 25 copies of the *Pentecostal Evangel*. Well, there was never a paper left after 25 people had come to church. I ordered 50 with the same result. Then the Sunday School teachers took it up, and decided they would get 125 and pay for them. People called me Sunday mornings and asked if I would get a paper for them, as they could not find one in the evening; hence 175 were ordered, and now it will be 275 per week. It speaks well for the paper, does it not? May God use the paper in a mighty way."

Among the Assemblies

FORT MYERS, FLA.—We are praising God for the wonderful meeting just closed with Thomas Waldrom, of Clewiston, as the evangelist. God surely did bless. Each night the church was filled. Twenty-three were saved, 9 were filled with the Spirit, and 12 united with the church. Our church is only 14 months old, and we have about 200 in Sunday School. We thank God that we are out of debt.—Dewey Harmon, Pastor, Palmona Park Assembly.

LENNOX, CALIF.—Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Perryman recently concluded a 5-week campaign in the Good News Tabernacle. The Spirit of God was manifested in great power, and we had the greatest outpouring of the Spirit that we have had for sometime in that district. Many were saved, several were reclaimed and baptized with the Holy Spirit, and many sick were healed. God is continuing to move in this growing congregation and several have been saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit since the evangelists left us. Brother and Sister Perryman are surely called of God and left our church as true evangelists should, with the best wishes of all our people and the hope that they would come again in the near future.—R. J. M. Barr, Pastor and Founder.

For inspiration, fellowship and revival, come to

C. A. REVELLE REUNION, Springfield, Mo., June 11-16

For further information write: Reveille Reunion, 336 W. Pacific, Springfield, Missouri

EXETER, CALIF.—I am happy to report a good revival with Evangelist Charles Pepper of Visalia. The meeting ran for 3 weeks. There was conviction in the meeting every night. Five were converted and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance went from 112 to 161.—Johnnie Smith, Pastor.

DANVILLE, ARK.—We have just closed a soul-winning campaign here with Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kemp, evangelists. Eight responded to the scriptural messages of Brother Kemp and were born again. Every department of the church received new life as the refreshing showers of the latter rain fell abundantly. Several experienced a miraculous healing touch in their body. Our Sunday attendance broke all previous records. Brother Kemp's Sunday School messages were very inspiring. Everyone attending the revival enjoyed the wonderful music and singing. Sister Kemp manifested her interest in the children by having special services for them each evening.—Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Reddin, Pastors.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Showers of blessing have been falling at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 24th and Grand Streets. During a 4-week meeting which just closed, around 60 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Quite a number were saved, and it seems that everybody received a refilling. Backsliders were reclaimed and shouts of praise ascended to God in every service. There was not a night during the meeting that was not a definite victory. The Divine Healing service every Friday night was especially blessed of God. It was a glorious sight as literally dozens were under the power of God after being prayed for. We baptized 22 in water, with more to follow. Twenty-nine united with the church. W. S. Barham was the evangelist, and he endeared himself to the hearts of our people by his inspiring messages from the Word of God. Truly he can be called a Bible preacher. His untiring work at the altar was a refreshing sight.—S. Vandermerwe, Pastor.

DOVER, ARK.—After much prayer and waiting on God, we felt it was God's appointed time to open a work here. We had our first service in Brother Lewis' home, December 9, 1945. We were invited to the M. E. church for two services. Then we rented a nice store building and began. We organized a Sunday School with 23 on the roll. We now have 50. The Lord has supplied our every need. We began our first revival March 10 with Evangelist U. L. Grey of South New Hope. The revival lasted two weeks, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit was upon each service. People were stirred. Large crowds came each night, and would sit spellbound as this 19-year-old evangelist expounded the Word of God. Nineteen were saved at the old-fashioned altar. We established our church roll with 22 members. We have bought a nice lot in the main part of the town.—Mrs. Connie Vann and Mrs. Beulah Eubanks, Pastors.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—We have closed the first quarter of 1946 with most gratifying results. Since the first of the year the precious Holy Spirit has been moving through consecrated, yielded, surrendered lives in a spirit

of fasting and intercession. The old barriers have been broken down and mountains have melted to molehills. The body of Christ marches on to victory. Matt. 16:17-19. Three have received the Holy Ghost Baptism recently, several have been refilled and reclaimed, and sinners have been gloriously saved and delivered from habits, the dominion of sin gone.

At the end of the quarter, March 31, 12 were received into the Christ's Ambassadors fellowship, 16 followed the Lord in water baptism, 161 attended Sunday School, 24 united with the local church, and several joined the Hi-C.A. Brigade. The presence of the Holy Spirit is witnessed in each service, including the Hi-C.A., the C. A., S. S., and worship services.—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor, Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle.

FORREST CITY, ARK.—We are praising God for sending us Evangelists Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek of Memphis, Tenn., for a 3-week revival. This was one of the best revivals our church has ever experienced. The anointing of God rested upon Sister Fisher as she preached the Word from night to night. Many testified to having been blessed and deepened in God. Sister Cheek gave flannelgraph illustrated messages and ministered the Word of God in this unique fashion under the unction of God's Spirit, and her ministry was a blessing to both young people and adults. God touched and healed many who came to be prayed for. Our Sunday School attendance more than doubled, and we had good crowds at every service. Our entire church was strengthened and many received a new vision. One night's service was devoted to Foreign Missions, and God moved upon the hearts of both young and old to give and to go. Many of our young people dedicated their lives to God for foreign service.—W. L. Rodgers, Pastor.

HOOD RIVER, ORE.—On March 10, Evangelist Walter H. Smith of Oakland, Calif., came to us for a 5-week meeting, and the blessed Holy Spirit began to move in a special way. Many came to the altar for salvation, many from out of town. A man and his wife were saved one night and he received the Holy Spirit Baptism. In all, 13 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4, and quite a few testified to a renewing of the presence of Christ in their souls. The healings were many and amazing. It is impossible to tell of the many glowing and rejoicing testimonies of healing. A man, hardly able to work, suffering from pains in back and leg, has been completely healed for three weeks now. A woman came in, her hip was healed, and she received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Another woman who had suffered for months, due to an injury, was completely healed. Christ is indeed alive, and still heals the sick. The Sunday School attendance is the largest ever, for the past three Sundays over 160 average.—O. D. Channer, Pastor.

MILLVILLE, FLA.—In December, 1942, Brother and Sister H. D. Ferrell came here as pastors. At the time of their arrival the Sunday School attendance was averaging 135 and had reached a high mark of 271 reported present. During the past five quarters the Sunday School

attendance has averaged 290 and has reached a reported high mark of 509. On the final day of Brother and Sister Ferrell's ministry here, there were 439 reported. The attendance at the church services grew in proportion, and there was a good increase in membership.

During their ministry the church was able to build a new church and Sunday School building, valued at approximately \$25,000.00. The building contains facilities for an attendance of approximately 500.

At the final service a number of the leading citizens of the city were present and expressed their regret at the resignation of Brother and Sister Ferrell, as well as their appreciation of the splendid work done by them. Not only did they pastor the church but for approximately four years they conducted the "Bread of Life" broadcast over the local radio station, at times conducting as many as six programs a week. Many throughout the West Florida District reported being blessed as a result of this work. Brother and Sister Ferrell have resigned the pastorate, as Brother Ferrell plans, subject to the will of God, to go to New Zealand and possibly Australia a little later to conduct evangelistic meetings.—Mrs. Valeria Minshew, Secretary.

(Near) DEL PASO HEIGHTS, CALIF.—Faith Tabernacle of North Sacramento has been blessed both financially and spiritually in the past 18 months under the able leadership of our pastor, S. F. Hutchinson. The church membership has practically doubled. God is in our midst.

The original location of the church was on Auburn Boulevard, about five miles from North Sacramento. We bought a lot on Rio Lindo Boulevard and Alamos Avenue, and moved the church building to this lot. We have had the blessings of the Lord in our midst ever since this move. We have an addition of four Sunday School rooms and restrooms, which were dedicated on December 10, 1945, R. J. Thurmond officiating.

Our Sunday School under the able leadership of Superintendent Lee Miller, has grown from an attendance of 79 a year ago to 173 at the present time. Our goal is 200. We are starting a fund for a Sunday School bus. Our C. A. group has grown from 10 a year ago to 40. The Lord is blessing in our midst, many times taking control so that we have no message. Our C.A.'s are being stirred to a realization of the soon coming of the Lord. We have an active Women's Missionary Corps which has been organized a little over a year. We have bought and paid for a bedroom suite for the parsonage, sent several sacks of clothing for China Relief, and helped needy families in many instances. We have purchased a house and lot next to the church and are remodeling it for a parsonage.—Margaret Catledge, Church Reporter.

UNION CITY, TENN.—In October, 1942, after 18 months of successful evangelistic ministry, we took up pastoral work in this city. We found that our predecessors had done a very commendable work through the years, and immediately souls were being saved and reclaimed in the regular services. After reorganization and visitation work the Sunday School at-

tendance began to climb, later being helped greatly by the adoption of the 6-point record system and the addition of two Sunday School rooms.

Our first revival was divinely ordered and greatly favored of the Lord under the direction of Doreen Justus, at which time many were saved and filled. This was followed by a revival and V.B.S. under the direction of Evangelists Bessie Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek of Memphis, and there was another outpouring of the Spirit. Other evangelists who helped us make our three years and five months so glorious and profitable were: T. B. Lawhon of Kentucky, Glen Kelly and Mrs. Kelly from Missouri, C. C. Robinson of Waxahachie, Texas, Johnnie Robinson from Waxahachie, Charles Hurst of Stone-wall, Miss., Nolan Rayburn of Oklahoma, and Hazel Murphy of Hornbeak, Tenn. Many were saved and an unusually large number were filled with the Spirit. Many were added to the church, and approximately \$2,000 was deposited in the local bank for building operations. The church missionary offerings increased, including regular gifts to "Sermons in Song" through the District Headquarters office. We have resigned the pastorate, and are re-entering evangelistic work.—Evangelists G. L. and Lela Fern Smith McKinney, % John E. Smith, Route 2, Siloam Springs, Ark.

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.

VIVIAN, LA.—May 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. W. F. Harding, Houston, Texas.—L. P. Thomas, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—May 15—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—Donald Weston, Pastor.

CLINTON, OKLA.—May 15—; G. W. Koontz, Evangelist.—E. L. Saxelid, Pastor.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—50 Lupine St., May 21—June 2; Paul B. Franklin of California, Evangelist.—Paul R. Buchwalter, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO.—North Howard and York Sts., May 14—June 2; Arthur S. Arnold, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelist.—Flem Van Meter, Pastor.

MARTINEZ, CALIF.—Meeting in progress; Virgil and Edythe Warnes, Artist Evangelists.—Otto Schmidt, Pastor.

PALESTINE, TEXAS.—Meeting in progress; William A. Ward, Washington, D. C., Evangelist.—Tom Potts, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—3142 N. Racine Ave., May 19—June 2; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—C. C. Burnett, Pastor.

NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO.—808 E. 21st, May 5—; Roy Davis, Nowata, Okla., Evangelist.—E. L. Slavens, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—2115 Garland; May 14, for 2 weeks or longer; John H. Bostrom, Pasadena, Calif., Evangelist.—Wiley G. Hinecker, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—15th and Van Brunt; May 5, for 2 weeks or more; John W. Plattenburg, Evangelist.—O. J. Phillips, Pastor.

POCAHONTAS, ILL.—May 5, for 2 weeks or longer; Mrs. P. T. Huffman, Flat River, Mo., Evangelist.—Billy O. Hall, Pastor.

LAFAYETTE, IND.—May 12, for 2 weeks or longer; Lydia Paino of Indianapolis, Evangelist.—Carl Isaac, Pastor.

FRANKFORT, KY.—342 Holmes St., May 19—June 2, or longer; Paul W. Fenton, Wolf Point, Mont., Evangelist.—J. W. Hocker, Pastor.

QUINCY, MASS.—Washington St. at Elm, May 12—26; Paul B. Franklin of California, Evangelist.—Eldon Vincent, Pastor.

NEWARK, N. J.—Youth Evangelistic Campaign, Bethel Pentecostal Church, May 14—26; Paul E. Kauffman, Evangelist.—Milton T. Wells, Pastor.

FARGO, N. Dak.—403 Seventh Ave. N.; May 7, for 2 weeks or longer; Bertil Forsgren of Sweden, Evangelist.—Milton Barfoot, Pastor.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.—Meeting in progress; Jean Benefiel, Detroit, Mich., Evangelist.—Frank McAllister, Pastor.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA.—Central Assembly of God, 9th and Court Sts., May 5—; Skondeen Family, Evangelists.—Gerald F. Houk, Pastor.

SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, May 5—19; Grant Wacker, Evangelist.—Arthur Berg, Pastor.

NORTHFIELD, MINN.—Revival and Youth Crusade in progress; W. G. Kaufman, Tacoma, Wash., Evangelist.—Ole S. Kvistad, Pastor.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—598 Thirty-first St.; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. D. LeRoy Sanders, Jefferson City, Mo.—C. F. Ferguson, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Greater Philadelphia Area C. A. Rally, Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., May 18; Arthur Vespa, of Central City, speaker.—Anthony A. Marinacci, Chairman.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Assembly of God, Campbell at Calhoun; meeting in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Norville, Corpus Christi, Texas, Evangelists.—Thomas F. Zimmerman, Pastor.

MARION, ILL.—Down State C. A. Rally, 505 E. Marion St., May 30. Ralph Harris, National C. A. Secretary, guest speaker, will fly the "Speed the Light" plane to Marion for the occasion.—D. A. Edwards, C. A. Representative.

DALLAS, TEXAS.—Third Annual Anniversary and Home Coming, Victory Assembly of God, 823 W. 9th St., St., May 19. Three services with special speakers. Fellowship meeting at 2:00 p.m. service.—H. Donald Skelton, Pastor.

C. A. RALLY

Second Annual Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District C. A. Rally, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., May 30. Services 10:30, 2:00 and 6:30 in the Lincoln Field House. Wesley R. Steelberg, National C. A. Director, speaker.—Peter Hamelink, District Chairman.

LATIN-AMERICAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Commencement, Latin-American Bible Institute, Ysleta, Texas, night, May 13. Noel Perkin, speaker. Program in Spanish. Public invited.—Kenzy Savage, Superintendent.

EDENTON, N. C.—Sectional Fellowship Meeting, First and Bond Sts., May 20. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:30. E. W. Welford, Newport News, Va., speaker afternoon and night. D. B. Lawrence, host pastor.—D. Ward Loughlin, Sectional Presbyter.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Commencement Exercises, Central Bible Institute, May 26—27. Baccalaureate service, May 26, 2:15 p.m.; Gayle F. Lewis, speaker. Commencement, May 27, 7:00 p.m. Services in auditorium seating 3,000. Plan to attend.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Missionary Convention, Bethel Full Gospel Church, May 19—26. Services each evening; afternoon services Tuesday through Friday. Missionaries participating: H. C. Ball, Field Secretary, Latin-American work; Jessie Wengler, who was in Japan during the war; and Fred Burke, of Africa.—Chas. R. Shuss, Pastor.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Spring C. A. Convention, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 915 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., May 29—31. B. E. Mahan, host pastor. Day speakers: Harry M. Strickland, Obie L. Harrup, and Arthur H. Graves. Evening speaker, Ellsworth Kalas. Election of officers.—Paul R. Ridings, Potomac District C. A. President.

C. B. I. ALUMNI MEETING

The annual banquet of the Central Bible Institute Alumni Association will be held Saturday evening, May 25. The business meeting will be Monday morning May 27, at 10:30 o'clock. Alumni desiring rooms for Commencement time, write J. Bashford Bishop, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo., informing him of the time of your arrival.

LAKEVIEW GOSPEL CAMP

TROUTBURG, N. Y. (30 miles N.W. of Rochester), Lakeview Gospel Camp of New York-New Jersey District, Summer Program: Ministers' Institute, June 24—28. Practical and spiritual instruction. Teachers: N. Nicoloff, Dean; T. R. Brubaker, D. H. McDowell, and Miss E. T. Sisco. Fee \$10.00.

Boys' and Girls' Camp, July 8—18. C. W. Denton, Director. Assistants: N. Farrington and Miss W. Currie. Fee \$7.00.

Fifteenth Annual Camp Meeting, August 3—18. Bible Teachers: Robert W. Cummings and H. C. McKinney. Virgil R. Jackson, evening speaker. Great Missionary Rally, Aug. 4. Camp Junior Bible School for young people 12 to 20.

Lakeview Youth Conference, Aug. 26—Sept. 2, conducted by Robert LeMon. Ralph Harris main speaker. Fee \$16.00.

For further information write F. D. Drake, Camp Secretary, 688 Tonawanda St., Buffalo 7, N. Y.

GREEN LANE, PA.—Eastern District C. A. Rally, Maranatha Park, May 30. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shuss, speakers. Services: 10:30, 2:30 and 7:00.—A. D. Skymer, District C. A. President.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—West Side Gospel Tabernacle (formerly the Woodworth-Etter Tabernacle) burned at a loss of over \$12,000 on March 22. Special meetings, Redman's Hall, 1802 W. Morris St.; May 12, for 2 weeks; Christian Hild, Youth-for-Christ Evangelist, speaker.—Thomas Paino, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES
Oklahoma Sectional Sunday School Conferences: Hominy, May 9—10; Mooreland, May 27—28; Hugo, May 30—31. Conferences beginning on Monday will convene for the first session at 7:30 p.m., with four sessions on Tuesday. Those beginning on Thursday, first session 7:30 p.m., and continuing through Friday night.—Sunday School Department.

MINNESOTA S. S. CONVENTIONS

Minnesota Sunday School Conventions: Detroit, Detroit Lakes Tabernacle, May 14—15; Thief River Falls, May 15, 17. The foregoing conventions begin at 7:30 p.m. the first day, then 3 services the next day.

Hibbing, May 10, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Bemidji, May 13, 7:30 p.m.—Sunday School Department.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Kansas Sunday School Conventions: Osborne, May 10; Oberlin, May 13; Dodge City, 700 Avenue D, May 15; Pratt, 6th and Hamilton, May 17; Wichita, Lincoln and S. Main, May 20; Chanute, 517 W. Chestnut, May 22; Baxter Springs, May 24. Ralph W. Hillegas and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kirschke, speakers.—Sunday School Department.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Eastern District Council will convene at the First Pentecostal Church, Epworth and Pearson Sts., New Castle, Pa., June 4—6; Noel Perkin, Missionary Secretary, principal speaker. For accommodations write Pastor James Menzie, 408 Epworth St., New Castle, Pa.—F. F. Reidenbach, District Secretary, 614 Locust St., Wrightsville, Pa.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Louisiana District Camp Meeting will be held at the First Assembly of God, 69th and Henderson Sts., Shreveport, La., May 13—19. J. O. Savell, Goose Creek, Texas, night speaker. A Ministers' Institute will be conducted May 14—16; G. F. Lewis, director. Rooms furnished as far as possible, but no meals. For further information write S. A. Rice, Pastor, Box 33, Cedar Grove Station, Shreveport, La.—L. O. Waldon, District Secretary.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Annual Spring Bible Conference, Bethel Tabernacle, 1421 25th Ave., May 21—26. E. C. Erickson, Duluth, Minn., special speaker; Einar Waermo, Swedish tenor, in charge of music. L. R. Keys will speak each afternoon on "After Pentecost—what?" Morning services in nature of round table discussion. A different brother will speak each morning. Over-all theme for conference, "The Renewing of the Holy Ghost." Bed and breakfast provided for those coming from a distance. Please inform Pastor R. H. Moon, 1527 54th Ave., Oakland 1, Calif.

OKLAHOMA SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Oklahoma Sectional Councils: Northwest Section, Fairview, May 13—15; Elmer T. Watkins, Pastor. Northeast Section, Claremore, May 20—22; C. O. Haymaker, Pastor.

First service, C. A. Rally, 7:30 Monday night; T. C. Burkett, District C. A. President, in charge. Meetings: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. Last service, Licensing service, Wednesday afternoon. Election of Presbyter, and S. S. and C. A. Representatives, Wednesday afternoon.

All those desiring license or exhorter's permit, meet the members of the District Board at these Sectional Councils. Licensed Ministers and Exhorters, get your renewal blank at one of these Sectional Councils.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer, P. O. Box 1341, Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—278 Grant St., Salem, N. J. "I have accepted the pastorate here."—A. D. Skymer.

NEW ADDRESS—Box 665, Bartlesville, Okla. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—F. D. Wall.

WANTED—Used Bibles, Testaments, Christian books, and tracts, for free distribution.—H. M. Fowler, Midway Route, Finley, Tenn.

WANTED—Portable Organ, in good condition. Notify The Christ's Ambassadors, Full Gospel Tabernacle, 316 King St., Alexandria, Va., immediately.—Laura Gill Lester, Secretary.

WANTED—Sound-moving picture machine for gospel work among Indian, Mexican, and white youth in Arizona. Write S. A. Brown, 2220 E. Van Buren, Phoenix, Ariz.

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BACK IN THE WILDERNESS

Because they failed to enter into their spiritual 'land of promise' through Christ, the Jews find themselves wandering aimlessly in a wilderness of confusion as to religious beliefs. "I've got to re-Judaize the Jews," says Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. "Of the 15 million Jews in the world today, no two have the same faith."

PREPARING FOR FUTURE WARS

Never have the Big Three pressed preparations for war in time of peace as they are doing today, according to the *U. S. News*. "Besides continuing to pay the costs of the last war, it is probable that these big powers, in normal peacetime years, will be spending the equivalent of twenty billion dollars a year on preparation for another possible conflict in the future."

NO MENTION OF HEAVEN OR HELL

The Religious Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation says he has read over 6,000 sermons and addresses, and only one of them contained a vital word on immortality. Mention of heaven or hell is sadly lacking in American sermons as well. Is it any wonder the churches have lost their power with the masses?

MISSIONS AMONG THE INDIANS

The House of Representatives, through its Committee to Investigate Indian Affairs and Conditions, has reproached the nation for its long, long neglect of our Indians, and has invited the Church to intensify its work among them. The Committee frankly acknowledges that moral conditions are not likely to improve except through a strong program of religious work.

"RETURN TO THE CAVES"

Said Emil Rieve, Vice-president of the C.I.O., in a recent speech: "The atomic bomb has changed the whole character of our foreign relations, and it must be apparent to all that we cannot permit another war unless we are prepared to return to the caves of our remote ancestors." A return to the caves is exactly what the Bible foretells, but even caves will fail to save men from God's age-end judgments. Read Revelation 6:15-17.

AN ULTRAMICRO-BALANCE

In making the atomic bomb the scientists had to develop special instruments to deal with material in exceedingly small amounts. They therefore made an ultramicro-balance which could weigh amounts as small as a microgram with an accuracy of three-hundredths of a microgram. For purposes of comparison, Dr. Seaborg said a ten-cent piece weighs about 2,500,000 micrograms. Does this baffle your imagination? If so, read what God can do. "He looketh to the ends of the earth, and seeth under the whole heaven; to make the weight for the winds." Job 28:25. God can measure the weight of the wind. That's something man still can't do! Haven't we a wonderful God?

ARMY CHAPELS FOR SALE

The War Department has offered to sell surplus Army chapels to civilians for use as houses of worship. The chapels will be advertised locally, and any who are interested in purchasing them should apply to the disposal agency having charge of the specifically advertised chapel. For further information, write the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, War Department, Washington, D. C.

THE COST AND CURE OF CRIME

According to J. Edgar Hoover, we are spending five times as much on crime as on education, and nearly seventy times as much as the combined budgets of all churches and religious organizations in America. "Each year that crime continues," he says, "it will cost every man, woman and child in the U. S. approximately \$110." He added: "Religious stimulation, prayer and adherence to the commandments of God are to me the outstanding 'musts' of the post-war era."

DRAWING POWER

Says the *St. Louis Star-Times*: "There's a saxophone tooting in one Anglican church, a preacher reading murder thrillers concocted from the Bible in another, and films are being shown in the halls of a dozen other British churches," in an unsuccessful effort to draw the crowds—while London's Albert Hall is being packed out by a young evangelist's "back to the gospel" meetings. By means of gospel songs and Bible preaching he is lifting up Him who said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:32.

FOR BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS

The Rockefeller Foundation has granted over \$100,000 for the establishment of an Institute of Human Relations where psychiatrists will seek a solution to the problems of industrial relations, family strife, and other social ills. Psychiatrists are able to help some people but they have not yet found a better basis for human relations than that spoken by Jesus when psychiatry was still unknown: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

MILITARY DELINQUENCY

Damages totaling about ten million dollars have been paid to irate and outraged Europeans who have filed claims against American soldiers, according to the *Saturday Evening Post*. Yankee depredations range from horseplay to rape, from pilfering to murder. Liquor is blamed for most of the trouble. The need of the gospel among the men in our occupation armies is very great. That is why our Servicemen's Department is asking for offerings for REVEILLE at the present time. The Department wants to publish one more issue of this gospel paper for the benefit of the servicemen who are still overseas.

JUDGMENT FROM GOD

In announcing the grim facts of the world food shortage, the British Minister of Food made it clear that the main cause is "a series of droughts" which has reduced harvests in grain-bearing countries as far apart as Australia and South Africa, Argentina and North Africa—plus the failure of the monsoons in India, and other disasters due to adverse weather. Surely it is the hand of God knocking once more on the conscience of mankind. He has granted victory to the United Nations; but there is little acknowledgment of His grace, little submission to His revealed will. Is He not calling the nations to repentance and confession of their dependence upon Him?

CHRISTLIKE LOVE

Christian unselfishness makes a great impression on this selfish world. *Pathfinder* magazine devotes a full page to tell how a Pennsylvania farmer belonging to the Dunkers (Church of the Brethren) has sold everything he had to pay off his debts and has volunteered to go overseas for two years to help European farmers with their crop problems. The church will give \$60 a month to support his wife and three small children while he is gone. Farmer Earhart himself, however, will get no pay except his expenses—but he will have the satisfaction of having done what he could to help others; and, incidentally, such kindness may open the door for an effective gospel witness.

GOD'S WORD IN IRAN

A missionary in Iran was traveling near the border of Baluchistan and heard there was a Christian chieftain in a nearby town. This man, he was told, had openly professed his faith in Jesus Christ before his Moslem friends, and urged them to read the Bible. Upon visiting the chieftain, the missionary found that the man had never heard the gospel preached, nor talked with anyone, but had read the Bible and as a result believed on Christ. Seven years before he had been baptized by a missionary visiting the district.

"But where did you get the Bible?" the missionary asked. "From you," was the startling reply. In 1921, when a young man, the chieftain had purchased the Book from that same missionary, and God through His Word had changed his life.

ON SCRAPS OF PAPER

When Pastor de Pury of Lyon was imprisoned because of his part in the French resistance movement, he decided to follow the example of John Bunyan. While Bunyan was in prison he wrote his immortal *Pilgrim's Progress*, and Pastor de Pury decided to write a commentary on the First Epistle of Peter. But the Nazis would not allow him to have either pencil, pen or paper. What could he do?

He began saving scraps of paper that were passed to him by fellow prisoners, and some he got from outside. One day he won a great victory: he secured a piece of pencil! Secretly he began to write. The months passed. When release came, he brought out a little box filled with the most incredible little bits of paper: pieces of wrapping, cigarette papers, and other scraps. On them he had written his comments. The commentary has now been published in a much better form.