



T^N every major crisis of the world's history keen prophetic observers, who loved the Lord's appearance, sought to find signs of the imminent approach of Jesus Christ from heaven.

With the advent of Fascism, students of prophecy racked their brains, haunted the libraries. searched the Scriptures, and wrote articles to prove that Mussolini was the Antichrist. When Donald Gee was continually approached with questions as to whether Mussolini was the Antichrist, I heard him plead during one of his meetings in Los Angeles, "Please give Mussolini rest for a while." We all agree today that Mussolini is out of the picture; he is dead in more than one sense of the word.

The ambitious German dictator, during the early years of this late war, forged his way ahead of Mussolini in the eyes of prophetic students. Most of the German Pentecostal leaders were convinced that Hitler was the Antichrist. When asked whether he was I usually answered, "He is too small to fill the bill as Antichrist." Hitler has also vanished from the focus of prophetic speculation. Perhaps it would be better for prophetic students to concentrate their attention on the leaders of the "Land of Rosh."

In His Olivet discourse (Matthew 24 and 25), our Lord Jesus Himself gives us an outline of the program of time. "Wars and rumors of wars" have been symptomatic of the whole present dispensation since the time when our Lord spoke these words. The difference between "wars and rumors of wars" and the phophecy that "Nation shall rise against nation" is very clear, since a great factor in the late war and one that for the Nazis was so painful was the underground resistance movement. The total mobilization of whole nations, the harnessing of practically all humanity's resources, the unlimited use of men, women, and even children in the pursuit of war, makes the expression "nation against nation" very clear and vivid. It is no more "army against army." It is indeed one whole nation against another whole nation, the utmost resources of each being employed against the other. Thus we have today a reasonable right and certainty to interpret Matt. 24:8 as applying to our very days. "All these (events) are the begin-ning of sorrows."

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake." Matt. 24:9. The pronoun "they" of necessity applies to the Gentiles, and

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especially to such powers as have dared to challenge the heavenly Father, literally saying in their rage, "Let us break their (God's and His Son's) bands asunder and cast away their cords (of authority) from us." We can easily recognize that this scripture fits no nation better than the late Fascist and Nazi regimes in Berlin and Rome, and the Bolsheviks in Moscow.

The pronoun "you" of that same verse can logically, in its primary meaning, refer only to the Jews, and is in keeping with those prophecies which predict that the Jews are designed to be hated, persecuted, and a host of them put to death, reaching the final culmination of suffering under the murderous hammer of the Antichrist. All throughout the years during the time of the end unspeakable sufferings will overtake the Jews, through which most of them will perish. Those great persecutions will be the means of making the remnant willing to return to their own land. This is being fulfilled in part before our eyes. The fierce hatred against the Jews in Europe has not been terminated by the elimination of the Nazis,



Tho' mountains from their seats are hurled,

And buried in the watery world, We will not be afraid.

"In tumults when the heathen raged And war against His people waged,

His voice dispersed their powers: Earth melted when it heard His voice.

This is our help; our souls rejoice, For Jacob's God is ours." but continues in Poland and other countries, so that the remnants of that race frantically clamor for return to their ancient country, Palestine, "fishers" and "hunters" (Jer. 16:16) being at work already to make them willing to return "en masse" to their original homeland.

When we witness the terrible catastrophies which have overtaken the Jews of Europe in our days, we must take into consideration the prophetic Word in order to interpret the events of our time correctly. The Nazis were simply used for inaugurating that which must happen to the Jews in the time of the end, as prophesied by the prophet Moses and other prophets who were but the mouthpieces of God. Who of us is not touched with utmost sadness and compassion for the Jews when reading the word spoken by the Lord through Moses:

And it shall come to pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the soul of thy feet have rest; but the Lord shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life. In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were evening! and at evening thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. Deut. 28:63-67.

That extremely tragic prophetic description of the events on the pathway of sorrow which they are to tread during the time of the end, compels a comparison when in our days we read the newspaper accounts of the suffering of multitudes of Jewish men, women, children, yea infants -untold masses, finally crumpling into a heap in the gas chambers of central and eastern Europe. We can only view it as the literal fulfillment in part of the divine prophetic description of God's judgments that are predicted to overtake the Jews during the time of the end. That period has begun in our days through the Nazis, who destroyed millions of Jews in utmost brutality and with scientific skill and speed. Scenes which I myself have witnessed in the great Lodz and Warsaw ghettos defy any adequate description and

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will long remain imprinted in my life. As we know the prophetic Word, our indignation at these tragedies is tempered with the realization that *it is but the fulfilling of God's Word*.

God's Word must be fulfilled and the Gentile nations must of necessity be the instruments of that fulfillment. However horrible these tragedies may be, yet, as the Jews occupy the center of the messages of the prophetic Word, the events of today relating to them comprise the surest indications whereby we can judge the progress of time on God's clock. That which we witness in our days is only "the beginning of sorrows" and will grow in intensity, reaching is final culmination when the Antichrist breaks his agreement with the Jews. Dan. 9:27. The hatred against the Jews will steadily increase and grip nation after nation until finally, when events and judgments will have run their course, only a remnant of that race will be left.

The Jews, who have a tremendous and decisive influence in the world even today, are a factor sufficiently important for the Antichrist to use them as stepping stones or stirrups for increasing and establishing his power over this world. When that is accomplished, he will betray their confidence and begin to seek their utter destruction. He will recognize the Jews to be the vehicle of God's management of the earth, and therefore will pour his wrath upon them.

Although God has decreed such tragic judgments upon His chosen people, He has not cast them off, nor will He permit the Jews to be annihilated. They are still *the apple of His eye*. Germany today is an example of how the Lord reacts when the apple of His eye is touched or harmed. Punishment has fallen upon the Jews' persecutors in the past, and it will overtake every guilty nation in the future as well.

God's judgments will surely be seen in the earth because of the wickedness of the so-called "Christian" nations who have forsaken God and excluded Him from their counsels. They have today eliminated the Christianity which has been the main factor in bringing about European civilization and has given the world its code of morals, education, and progress in all fields of knowledge and skill even to the threshold of the atomic age. The greatest and most ennobling agency though Christianity has assuredly proved itself to be, yet they disregard its principles, its precepts, and its inherent humanizing factors; consequently the last traces of neighborliness and respect for individual dignity have disappeared. The very skill and wisdom which they obtained by the grace of God is being used to destroy and pulverize the civilization of the centuries. Fear of evil has finally gripped the leaders



G. H. Schmidt and his two daughters, Karen and Ruth. Recently we in Springfield had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Schmidt and his daughters, who were on their way to California to take up residence at 615 Garnet, Redondo Beach, a home that has been providentially opened to them. Brother Schmidt related, in the Central Assembly, the wonderful story of God's grace vouchsafed to him in a Nazi prison. This story is told in Brother Schmidt's remarkable book "Songs in the

of the nations and their greatest worry is the bringing of atomic power under control; but as they attempt to do this without God they will not succeed. The nations have ignored and forsaken God, to whom they owe everything. They therefore are given over to those forces of destruction which will reach their culmination in the terrible judgments of the last three and one-half years of the Great Tribulation, that is assuredly near at hand.

The Word predicts the coming of perilous times when hate, deceit, betrayal, treason, unspeakable cruelty and brutality shall be rampant—not only in one or several countries, but *universally*. 2 Tim. 3:1-5. The last vestige of the code of morals is being thrown to the winds because faith in God has vanished, and the "tower of Babel spirit" is ruling the governments and masses. It is no more said today, "If God will help us," but rather, "Go to, let us build a city and a tower," let us establish peace, let us bring unity among the nations—"Let us make us a name." Old Lucifer, who rules the

Night," which can be secured from the Gospel Publishing House, price 75 cents postpaid. Sister Schmidt died during the war, and the two children were refugees from Danzig. Much prayer was made for them, and in a way that was truly miraculous they were restored to their father. It is a joy for these children to be in America and to have ample supply of food after being nearly starved to death. Brother Schmidt is open for calls from California friends.

earth today, speaks through the mouths of nations: "I will . . . I will. . . ." Isa. 14:13. Therefore the judgments of the Lord are falling today as nation rises against nation.

The spirit of the Antichrist is indeed ruling and inspiring the counsels of the nations. The responsible leaders of mankind carry out what some of them, in all honesty, may have planned in improving conditions. Some of them may have honest aims but Satan, the god of this world, rules and dictates by means of hidden forces under his direct control In this time of "the beginning of sorrows" we know by the Word of God that Satan is actuating the very thoughts of the really responsible men. They are great strategists, keen tacticians, and propagandists of almost superhuman ability, because they are being directly inspired by powerful evil spirits, and are at work preparing the way for the Antichrist. The masses of mankind in our days are handled so artfully that they think and speak as they are motivated by evil leaders. As a master

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Overflowing Jullness

TN Eph. 5:17 we read, "Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." The will of God is many sided. But here is one specific statement concerning God's will for us: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." It is not God's will for us that we should be drunken with intoxicating liquor, for He is altogether out of sympathy with the riotous self-indulgence, the hilarious song, the coarse shouting, the ungodly reveling, the noisy laughter, and all the things that accompany drunkenness with wine; but it is His will that as the drunkard is filled with intoxicating liquor, so the saint should be continually filled and refilled with the Spirit of God.

Take stock of what is customary with worldly men. They sit down and drink, and they drink more, and then they drink still more; and as a result they sing and shout; frequently after this there is uproar and fighting.

That is not God's will, but God wants the opposite; not the excess of the earthly, but the fullness of the heavenly. And so He instructs us not to be drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but to drink deeply of the Holy Spirit. He would have us sit down with the deliberate intention of drinking, and drinking fully of the Spirit, knowing that it is God's will that we should be filled with the Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ has said to us, "If any man thirst. let him come unto Me, and drink." John 7:37. He spoke of the Spirit. The blood that He shed on Calvary has paid for all that you can take.

Wine bibbers have an actual, physical, conscious infilling. They deliberately drink, and the wine works. God wants a deliberate taking of His Spirit, a conscious drinking. or it may be the unconscious taking by faith—the faith that obtains and then the Holy Spirit will work within. How does He work? He will not manifest Himself in loud, worldly songs, but in "speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." You can have just as happy a time as the worldling, and happier, but it will be *unto the Lord*, as you sing and make melody in your heart to Him.

Have you not seen it? Who can sing like Spirit-filled people? There is the coming forth of melodious songs, heavenly songs of a heavenly choir, unto the Lord! An infilling of the Spirit does not always result as many Christians think it ought to. There are varied manifestations of the Spirit. On the one hand, there are marvelous signs and wonders done, and boldness of speech. There is also the singing of psalms and melodious heart songs unto the Lord. There is an indwelling of the Spirit for *service*. There is likewise an infilling of the Spirit for *devotion*. Christ declared, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24. The Lord does not want us to be woefully ignorant of the manifold operations of the Holy Spirit, and one of these manifold operations is seen in true spiritual worship.

An infilling of the Spirit does not necessitate three thousand souls being saved every time as on the day of Pentecost. If so, where would the building up of the converts come in? True, there is joy in heaven over one sinner converted. But God also delights to joy over His people. The angels have joy as they see sinners converted, and the Lord also has joy as He hears the joyous songs of praise sung in the Spirit.

And so it is clearly set forth that it is the will of God that we should be filled with the Spirit, that we should be exuberated with the Spirit for a special purpose. For making a noise? For shouting? Yes, though not as drunken people who shout with wine; but we are bidden to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and we are told, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion." Isa. 12:6. The Lord delights in the heartfelt melody arising from those who are filled with the Spirit.

Then we are told of another result of the Spirit's infilling: we shall be "giving

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But there is another important phase of the will of God that results from the Spirit's infilling: "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Eph. 5:21. No saint can be so under the power of the Spirit that he is above correction, that he is above submission. We need the control and supervision of the Holy Spirit. If the Holy Spirit wants to reveal something to another, He will restrain His operation on the first, so that the second may give forth.

No individual who is speaking has a monopoly of the Spirit. The one who refuses to submit is in danger of losing what he has if he does not submit. You cannot monopolize the Spirit any more than you can monopolize the wind. The sooner we learn that it is just as impossible to control the Holy Spirit as it is to control the wind, the better for us, for the assembly, and for the whole church of God.

It is written, "Ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5. But you need to be filled with the Spirit in order to have the needed grace to be ever submitting yourselves one to another. Christ submitted to be bound and to be crucified. He ever submitted to His Father's will. Do not be above your Lord.

ASHAMED TO DIE

Dr. Stuart Holden, of London, tells a striking story of a young man who was dying and whom he had the joy of leading to the Saviour. He had lived, not viciously, not riotously, but just carelessly, for the things of the world. Knowing that he had but a day or two to live, Dr. Holden said to him, "My friend, you are quite certain that Christ has saved you?" He never forgot the answer the dying young man gave him. "Oh, yes," he said, "my soul is saved but my life is lost. I am not afraid to die but I confess that I am ashamed to die."

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WORLD CONFORMITY

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B^E NOT conformed to this world." Rom. 12:2. You are by no means to act on the same principles, nor from the same motives, nor pursue your object in the same manner as the world does, either in the pursuits of business or in fashions.

CONFORMITY IN BUSINESS

The first reason why we are not to be conformed to this world in business is, that the principle of the world is that of supreme selfishness.

The whole system recognizes only the love of self. Go through all the ranks of business men, from the man who sells candy on the sidewalk to the greatest wholesale merchant or importer in the United States, and you will find that one maxim runs through the whole, to "buy as cheap as you can, and sell as dear as you can; to look out for number one, and do always, as far as the rules of honesty will allow, all that will advance your own interests, let what will become of the interest of others."

It is no more certain that any infidel, or any profligate wretch, will go to hell, than that all such professing Christians will go there, who conform to the world. They have double guilt. They are sworn before God to a different course, and when they pursue the business principles of the world, they show that they are perjured wretches.

Show me a young convert, while his heart is warm, and the love of God glows out from his lips. What does he care for the world? Call up his attention to it, point him to its riches, its pleasures, or its honors, and try to engage him in their pursuit, and he loathes the thought. But let him now go into business and do business on the principles of the world one year, and you no longer find the love of God glowing in his heart; his religion has become the religion of conscience, dry, meager, uninfluential—anything but the glowing love of God, moving him to acts of benevolence.

This conformity to the world in business is one of the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of the conversion of sinners.

What do wicked men think, when they see professing Christians, with such professions on their lips, and pretending to believe what the Bible teaches, and yet driving after the world, as eager as anybody, making the best bargains and dealing as hard as the most worldly? What do they think? I can tell you what they say. They say: "I do not see but these Christians do just as the rest of us do; they act on the same principles, look out as sharp for number one, drive as hard bargains, and get as high interest as anybody."

If professing Christians act on the same principles with worldly men, as the Lord liveth, they shall have the same reward. They are set down in God's book of remembrance as black hypocrites, pretending to be the friends of God while they love the world. For whose loveth the world is the enemy of God.

CONFORMITY IN FASHIONS

Why are Christians required not to follow the fashions of the world?

Because it is directly at war with the spirit of the gospel, and is minding earthly things. What is minding earthly things, if it is not to follow the fashions of the world, that like a tide are continually setting to and fro, and fluctuating in their forms, and keeping the world continually changing?

You often see professors of religion go to the extreme of fashion. Nothing will satisfy them that is not in the height of fashion. And a Christian female dressmaker who is conscientiously opposed to the following of fashions, cannot get her bread. She cannot get employment even among professing Christian ladies, unless she follows the fashions in all their countless changes. God knows it is so, and they must give up their business if their conscience will not permit them to follow the changes of fashion.

All this waste of money and time and thought, all this feeding and cherishing of vanity and the love of applause, the church sets her seal to, when she conforms to the world.

Nay, further, another reason is that by following the fashions of the world, professing Christians show that they do in fact love the world.

They show it by their conduct, just as the ungodly show it by the same conduct. As they act alike they give evidence that they are actuated by one principle, the love of fashion.

Conforming to the world in fashion, you show that you do not hold yourself accountable to God for the manner in which you lay out money.

GOD'S BEST

God has His best things for the few Who dare to stand the test; God has His second choice for those Who will not have His best. It is not always open ill

That risks the promised rest; The better often is the foe That keeps us from His best.

Some seek the highest choice, But, when by trials pressed They shrink, they yield, they shun the cross And so they lose God's best.

Give me, O Lord, Thy highest choice. Let others take the rest; Their good things have no charm for me, I want Thy very best.

-A. B. Simpson

You practically disown your stewardship of the money that is in your possession. By laying out money to gratify your own vanity and lust, you take off the keen edge of that truth, which ought to cut that sinner in two who is living to himself.

Now suppose a person loved God, and the souls of men, and the kingdom of Christ, does he need an express prohibition from God to prevent him from spending his money and his life in following the fashion? No, indeed, he will rather need a positive injunction to take what is needful for his own comfort and the support of his own life.

What does the gaudy ribbon and those ornaments upon your dress say to everyone who meets you? It makes the impression that you wish to be thought pretty. Take care! You might just as well write on your clothes: "No truth in religion." It says, "Give me dress, give me fashion, give me flattery and I am happy." The world understands this testimony as you walk down the streets. You are living epistles "known and read of all men. Only let Christians act consistently, and heaven will rejoice and hell will groan at their influence. But, oh, let them fill their ears with ornaments and their fingers with rings-let them put jewels on their hats, and clasps upon their arms, and heaven puts on the robes of mourning, and hell holds a jubilee.

Christian parents are bound to refrain from putting oranments on the dress of their children as much as on their own clothing. Those who indulge their children in superfluous ornaments commit the double sin of doing wrong themselves, and teaching their children to do what God has positively forbidden.

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The STRUGGLE and TRIUMPH of FAITH

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P UT thou my tears into Thy bottle," were the words of David to the Lord, recorded in the fifty-sixth Psalm, when he was persecuted by King Saul and fled to the Philistine city of Gath. See his position as he felt it to be. "Man would swallow me up." "They be many that fight against me." "Every day they wrest my words." "They mark my steps when they wait for my soul." David was passing through a serious struggle.

These words, "Put my tears into Thy bottle," have deep significance. It was a custom in ancient times to gather the tears of the bereaved into small bottles or vials, then to pour them on the grave of the departed, showing the sorrow that was felt by the loss. When David says, "Put my tears into Thy bottle," he as much as says, "Lay them up that they may be sprinkled over me when I am gone, thus letting others know how deeply my heart has been wrung with sorrow." David was ready to give up. Death was all he could look to with any thought of consolation.

In the midst of it all he wanted to trust in God, and he prayed for the help which the Lord alone could give. Hear his words. "Be merciful unto me, O God." "In God I have put my trust." "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee." "Thou tellest my wanderings." Here are expressions of a great struggle between fear and faith.

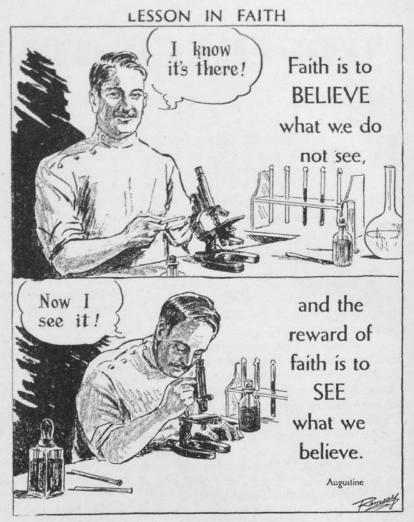
Though the conflict be hard, faith will prevail. We are glad to learn that David came out triumphantly in the end. We hear him say, "When I cry unto Thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know for God is for me." "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."

Why have we brought to your attention these experiences of David? Because most of us have to travel over similar roads. Life is a rough journey. Unkindnesses abound, fears arise, doubts assail. But God lives above them all, and if He brought David through in victory He will bring us through also as we put our trust in Him. Tears may wet our cheeks, but the time is coming when "God shall wipe away all tears" from our eyes. And now, while we walk life's pilgrim pathway, the Lord is with us to comfort and to help.

Look up in the struggle. Ask the Savior to help you. God heard the cry of Joseph when he was cast into the pit. He heard the cry of Job when he passed through the furnace of affliction. Their sorrows proved to be for their good. Out of them they became better and stronger men. Jesus also wept, but now He is glorified. God bless you with the comfort of the Holy Ghost as you put your trust in Him.

CHEAP CROSSES

A missionary told how he preached the gospel upon the streets of Mexico. Never a day passed that he was not stoned. He told how that upon the religious feast days and festivals, peddlers would go about the streets selling crucifixes and miniature crosses and as they passed up and down the city streets their cry would be: "Cheap cross! Cheap cross! Who'll buy a cheap cross?" With a voice of searching conviction he asked, "Is your cross a cheap cross? What has it cost you to be a Christian?" Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."—Gospel Herald.



Yet Seven Days!

ZELMA ARGUE

Yet seven days and I will cause it to rain upon the earth.... Every living substance that I have made will I destroy.... Behold I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh. Gen. 7:4 and 6:17

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. Jonah 3:4 Warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear. prepared....Heb. 11:7.

Yet (others) repented not. Rev. 9:20

T HE entire story unfolded in the Word of God moves surely, steadily towards a climax. Never for a moment is God unmindful of what lies ahead. Let us not forget. It is a climax both imminent and sure. God knows the time, the year, the month, the day, the hour.

"Yet seven days . . ." was God's word to Noah. "Yet forty days . . ." was the word given to Jonah. "Warned of God of things not seen as yet" Noah prepared and was saved. His generation was lost. "Yet they repented not."

Never let us be falsely lulled to slumber and sleep. Never let us lose the sense of suspense and of watching. Never let us become ensnared into losing our perspective.

Like the ticking of a clock, I seem to hear that little word "yet" over and over again. How irrevocably it is ticking off the interval. History is being made.

With Noah, the warning continued one hundred and twenty years. Eventually it was down to ten years, then five years, then one year, then one month. Finally only seven days of grace were left. Noah still appeared an oddity to his scoffing generation.

Then God said, "Yet seven days." Eventually that also was gone. God foretold it, and God brought it to pass. "I, even I, will bring rain."

All flesh had become corrupt before God. "All flesh had corrupted His way upon the earth." Therefore the divine sentence, "The end of all flesh is come be-fore Me." Gen. 6:12-13.

The allotted days passed. Prophecy had become history. "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl and of cattle, and of beast . . . all in whose nostrils was the breath of life . . . died." Gen. 7:21, 22.

When Jonah proclaimed, "Yet forty days . . ." Nineveh repented, from the highest to the lowest, and in that instance judgment was averted. But there is coming a time that Christ said would be like the days of Noah when judgment would not be averted. "Yet they repented not," is the reading of the account. Rev. 9:20, 21. Then follows an itemizing of four tribulation sins that today are prevalent, till the cup seems overflowingmurders, fortune-telling (sorceries), impurity (fornication), and thefts.

Then one hundred and twenty years of Noah's warning eventually dwindled until only seven days were left. Likewise many years of warning to our generation are now history. God alone knows what time still is left.

In Rev. 9:15 we read, "And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of the men." The year, the month, the day, the hour, is held in the counsels of God. Praying about this scripture recently, for a fleeting glimpse I was permitted to see a vision of when "the cities of the nations fell." I seemed to see the smoke of their burning rising in spiral shape toward heaven. "In one hour so great riches is come to nought." The future flood will be a flood of fire, possibly of split atomic energy. "The elements shall melt with fervent heat," as Peter tells us. 2 Peter 3:10.

The possibilities wrapped up in the use of atomic bombs, or splitting the atom, appear so closely related to the prophecy, "The heavens and the earth, which are now . . . reserved unto fire," that even the careless pause.

Famine stalks great areas of the earth's surface. The black horse of famine, the pale horse of death are straining at their leashes, awaiting the command to ride forth.

A general sense of impending events is found in unexpected quarters. Our Jewish groceryman asked me, the other day, "Is that the Bible?" I took it from under my

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RECENTLY an aged minister who has received help from the Aged Ministers' Benevolent Fund told of his gratitude. He said he did not know what his wife and he would have done without it. He is only one of many who are deeply grateful for the help received through the gifts of loving brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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arm and showed him familiar portions as Psalms which he quickly termed, "The Book of David" and Daniel. He quickly switched the conversation to atomic bombs, and how great steel girders melt like water. "It may be two years," was his voluntary conjecture. Someone told me he was amazed to see in a recent Catholic periodical an article on signs of the times indicating Christ's return. There is a sense of warning. God does warn, and not in one circle alone.

"Tick, tock!" cries the clock, marking off the rapidly dwindling moments of time.

Be vigilant! Be watchful! Be prayerful!

Strengthen the things that remain, redeeming the time because the days are evil.

Being warned of God of things not seen as yet, Noah thoroughly accepted the warning and was prepared. Nineveh accepted the warning. May we fully be warned, too.

"Save yourselves from this untoward generation," is the cry of the Spirit. For yet a little space for repentance, a very short space indeed, remains.

World Conformity

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You tempt the church to follow the fashions. Where the principal members, the elders and leaders in the church, and their wives and families, are worldly in appearance, they drag the whole church along with them, and every one apes them as far as they can, down to the lowest servant. Only let a rich Christian lady come out to the house of God in full fashion, and the whole church are set agog to follow as far as they can, and it is a chance if they do not run in debt to do it.

"Is it best for Christians to be singular?" Certainly; Christians are bound to be singular. They are called to be a peculiar people, that is, a singular people,

essentially different from the rest of mankind. To maintain that we are not to be singular, is the same as to maintain that we are to be conformed to the world. "Be not singular," means, "be like the world." This is the direct opposite of the command in the Bible.

But the question now regards fashion, in dress, equipage, and so on. And here I will confess that I was formerly myself in error. I believed, and I taught, that the best way for Christians to pursue was to dress so as not to be noticed, to follow the fashions and changes so as not to appear singular, and that nobody would be led to think of their being different from others in these particulars. But I have seen my error, and now wonder greatly at my former blindness. It is your duty to dress so plain as to show to the world that you place no sort of reliance in the things of fashion, and set no value at all on them, but despise and neglect them altogether. But unless you are singular, unless you separate yourselves from the fashions of the world, you show plainly that you do value them. There is no way in which you can bear a proper testimony by your lives against the fashions of the world, but by dressing plain. I do not mean that you should study singularity, but that you should consult convenience and economy even though it may be singular.

"But if we dress plain, the attention of people will be taken with it," some will say.

The reason of it is this, so few do it that it is a novelty, and everybody stares when they see a professing Christian so strict as to disregard the fashions. Let them all do it, and the only thing you show by it is that you are a Christian, and do not wish to be confounded with the ungodly. Would it not tell on the pride of the world, if all the Christians in it were united in bearing a practical testimony against its vain show?

"What is the standard of dress? I do not see the use of all your preaching, and

laying down rules about plain dress, unless you give us a standard," you ask. This is a nighty stumbling block to many. But to my mind the matter is extremely simple. The whole can be comprised in two simple rules. One is: Be sure, in all your equipage, and dress, and furniture, to show that you have no fellowship with the designs and principles of those who are aiming to set off themselves, and to gain the applause of men. The other is: Let economy be first consulted, and then convenience. Follow Christian economy; that is, save all you can for Christ's service; and then, let things be as convenient as Christian economy will admit.

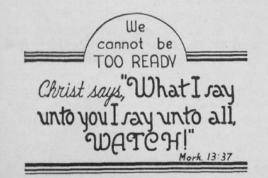
"We may be proud of a plain dress as well as of a fashionable dress," some will argue. So may any good thing be abused. But that is no reason why it should not be used, if it can be shown to be good. I put it back to the objector: Is that any reason why a Christian female, who tears God and loves the souls of men, should neglect the means which may make an impression that she is separated from the world, and pour contempt on the fashions of the ungodly, in which they are dancing their way to hell?

You profess that you want to have sinners converted. But what avails it, if they sink right back again into conformity with the world?

Oh, if I had strength of body to go through the churches again, instead of preaching to convert sinners, I would preach to bring up the churches to the gospel standard of holy living. Of what use is it to convert sinners, and make them feel that there is something in religion, and when they go to trade with you, or meet you in the street, have you contradict it all, and tell them, by your conformity to the world, that there is nothing in it?

Now, do you believe that God commands you not to be conformed to the world? Do you believe it? And dare you obey it, let people say what they will about you? Dare you now separate yourselves from the world, and never again copy its practices, and never again be whiffled here and there by its fashions?

Will you obey God? Will you break off from the world now, and enter into covenant with God, and declare that you



will dare to be singular enough to be separate from the world, and from this time set your faces as a flint to obey God, let the word say what they will? Dare you do it? Will you do it?

Where Are We in Prophecy?

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pianist's fingers rule the keyboard, so are the forces of evil influencing mankind today.

It is vain for us to try to check the tide of wickedness by entering into controversy with the representatives of today's world forces of corruption. Neither does it pay to draw the "sword" to check evil, as Peter did. At the most we would only succeed in chopping off or closing someone's ears; we cannot divert the trend of development of immorality, lawlessness, and licentiousness, for it is the beginning of the great hour of darkness. Some religious leaders of today actually think they have gained enough influence in the world to wedge themselves into high politics; and if not that, then at least to have their political say in their country's affairs. But they are only spilling ink and wasting energy. Satan laughs at them because he knows that this is "his hour." We cannot hope to improve the corrupt world. Our Lord spoke wise words when He asked His followers: "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8. That question rings through the ages, and in His own prophetic Word God gives the clear answer. Apart from those individuals who have been rescued out of the circles of the present evil world, there will be only apostasy, corruption, wickedness, and bold defiance of everything that is good and noble filling the earth in the time of the end.

So let us not waste time trying to reform and temporize with the world, but let us work for the salvation of individual souls, holding with our Lord Jesus when He says: "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4. Our blessed Master gives us the best plan of action for the point of time which we have reached, when He says: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. And further: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

What happens when we look up and lift up our heads? Our heads and eyes are then in such a position that we cannot look around us on earth but we see only what is above us. We are only to look

In Matt. 25:6 we are warned: "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him." A similar warning is given in Heb. 13:13: "Go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." That does not look like a promise for us to gain influence in the world. No, a real child of God can never become popular or tolerable in this world, nor can he expect to be honored and to have his word received in the counsels of the ungodly. So let us not spend time meddling in the affairs of the world, but let us bear His reproach. We cannot improve the morals of wicked humanity, but we can prepare ourselves to win individual souls.

The only task left for us to perform in this world is to snatch a few more repentant souls out of the burning, and get them ready that together with them we may meet our heavenly Bridegroom; for "Behold, He cometh" very soon!

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye *look* for such things, be *diligent* that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless." 2 Peter 3:11, 14.

Making It Stick

THE Korean not only memorizes Scripture; he puts it into practice. One day there came into one of the mission stations a sturdy Christian from the north. After the usual greetings, he was asked the purpose of his visit. His reply was: "I have been memorizing some verses in the Bible and have come to recite them to you."

He lived a hundred miles away and had walked all that distance, traveling four nights—a long stroll—to recite some verses of Scripture to his pastor, but he was listened to as he recited in Korean, without a verbal error, the entire Sermon on the Mount. He was told that if he simply memorized it it would be a feat of memory and nothing more; he must practice its teachings.

His face lighted up with a smile as he promptly replied: "That is the way I learned it. I tried to memorize it, but it wouldn't stick, so I hit on this plan. I would memorize a verse, and then find a heathen neighbor of mine and practice the verse on him. Then I found it would stick."—James S. Gale.

The full truth of God's Word can really only be established by a consideration of the whole Scripture, not of an isolated portion.

THE PASSING THE PERMANENT

TRANS-POLAR FLIGHT

History was made when the B-29 named *Dreamboat* flew nonstop from the Hawaiian Islands to Cairo, Egypt, over the North Pole. The flight bodes great good if peace prevails but bodes ill indeed in the event of war.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

A new order issued by Gen. Omar Bradley, veteran administrator, authorizes all 150-bed hospitals for veterans to have one full-time chaplam. Previously only hospitals of 500 beds or more had full-time chaplains.

THE PALESTINE PROBLEM

On September 26, in a statement made in recognition of the Jewish New Year, President Trumen called on Great Britain to open the doors of Palestine immediately to unrestricted Jewish immigration. The appeal greatly embarrassed the British Government which at that time was in the midst of conferences with Arab and Jewish leaders trying to appease them both. We who know the place given to the Jews in the Word of God cannot help being startled as we see the Palestine issue given such prominence in the news of the day. It never has taken on such proportions before. Surely it is a sign that the coming of the Lord is drawing near.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA

There are many differences between America and Russia. America is far ahead in the fields of science, industry, education, etc., but Russia is doing her best to catch up. There is one difference, however, that is far more important, and in this matter Russia is making no effort to follow America's example. In America there are fifteen million boys and girls attending Sunday schools. In Russia there is not a single Sunday school. In our Sunday schools lie our greatest hope for the future. If our boys and girls grow up to trust in God, and believe the Bible, they need not fear what may face them in the future. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12.

OCCUPATION COSTS

Taxpayers of the U. S. are spending two billion dollars a year to occupy Germany, Italy, Austria, and Japan, and to feed the impoverished peoples, reports the U. S. News. Compare this vast sum with the paltry missionary expenditures of the Church in carrying out the command of Christ, "Occupy till I come." What tremendous results could be accomplished by God's occupation armies if there could be a combined missionary budget of two billion dollars a year! Yet Roger Babson has calculated that such a budget would be available if all the church people in America were to tithe. He estimated that the church people of America have a total income of forty billion dollars. If all were faithful to give a tithe to the churches they would have about four billion dollars a year, and at least half of this could be spent on foreign missions. Great things can be accomplished when each one does his part.

JEWS IN BERLIN

It is reported that out of 350,000 Jews who lived in Berlin before the war, only 12,000 survived, and these mostly because they were married to Gentiles.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Some C. O.'s are conscientious in their use of money, as well as in the matter of taking up arms. Out of the \$5.00 each receives monthly, C. O.'s in Mennonite-administered CPS Camps have since December 1 donated an average of 17% for relief of war sufferers, *Religious News Service* reports.

GOD'S ATOMIC BOMBS

The science page of Cavalcade, a London news magazine, recently described a natural phenomenon which occurred one June morning in the year of 1908. The calamity was described as one "like the wrath of God," which fell on Siberia-an ear-shattering explosion heard over a radius of 600 miles. Northern lights were seen as far south as the Black Sea and Central Asia. Earthquake shocks were registered in Siberia, London and Tokyo. Earthquake shocks and the tidal waves, and the showing of the northern lights far south, were also characteristics of the dropping of atomic bombs. Could it be that the great Siberian meteorite of 1908 was a natural atomic bomb composed of radium or some other radio-active element? Possibly so. Of one thing we are sure-God has a stockpile of atomic bombs vastly more powerful than man has invented, and one day He will use them in pouring just judgment upon a Christ-rejecting world.

MISSIONARY RECRUITS

A lengthy article in Christian Life and Times tells of the difficulty most missionary societies are encountering in getting suitable volunteers for the foreign fields. A list of about twenty societies is given; not one is suffering from lack of funds, but all of them are pleading for workers. They are in need of missionaries on whom to spend their money! In our General Council work the situation is reversed. There is no lack of volunteers-scores of fine, consecrated Pentecostal young people have offered themselves for missionary service, and have been approved-but there are not sufficient funds to send them out. Our missionary advance, therefore, has nearly come to a standstill. The funds coming in are only enough for our present force, with scarcely any surplus for sending out additional missionaries. May God lay this need heavily upon the hearts of our people so that our missionary offerings will increase more rapidly. Surely, if young people are willing to go to the foreign field, there are enough lovers of the Lord with a burden for lost souls to stand behind these recruits and make it possible, through regular and generous offerings, for them to go to the foreign fields, where the need for missionaries is so great.

IGNORING ONE BIG CAUSE

According to columnist H. I. Phillips, in the Philadelphia *Daily News*, a conference is being held in Washington this month to deal with juvenile delinquency. Attorney General Tom Clark has called 500 delegates from 48 states to come and "pool their forces to meet squarely this grave problem." Says Mr. Phillips: "We will bet right now that within a stone's throw of the conference hall there will be at least six movie theaters instructing the kiddies in the fine art of murder, gunplay, and general lawlessness. In technicolor!"

Yes, these delegates usually overlook the main causes of wrong behavior, one of which is the theater—and probably they will overlook the only cure, as well, which is the gospel of Christ and the New Birth.

GANDHI'S IMAGE

Mohandas Gandhi has written an article condemning the installation of an image of himself in a new temple named for him The image was dedicated in accord with orthodox Hindu rites in one of the villages of north India. Alliance Weekly states that spinning and recitation of passages from the Gita form part of the ritual, and that villagers are daily streaming into the temple to pay their respects and worship to the Mahatma's image. Gandhi. in his protest, calls the whole thing a gross form of idolatry. But who is to blame for it? Some years ago a missionary asked Gandhi, "Why do you accept worship from these people?" referring to the many Hindus who visited his home, many of whom looked upon him as a god. "I did not ask them to do so," was the reply. "No," answered the missionary, "but you accept it without protest." The erection of the image in the temple is but a logical sequence of his attitude through the years. It is also an illustration of how some of the innumerable gods of India originated.

TWO WORLDS

During the war Wendell Willkie wrote a book, entitled One World, which showed why the world ought to be united; but Harper's have recently published a new book, entitled Two Worlds, which gives a better description of the international situation as it exists today. The question as to whether there will be one world or two seems to have been officially decided Says World Events: "There will be two worlds-one, Anglo-American; the other, Soviet. One is capitalist; the other, socialist. One is Western; the other, Eastern. One stands for the preservation of the economic, political and social practices and institutions which have dominated Western life since the French Revolution of 1789. The other stands for practices and institutions which have become economically and politically significant since the Russian Revolution of 1917."

Two worlds are depicted in Daniel 11—the kingdom of the north and the kingdom of the south. "And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed." Dan. 11:27. Is it possible that "the king of the north" will prove to be Soviet Russia, and that "the king of the south" will be a great leader arising from among the Anglo-American nations playing the role of Antichrist?



Missionary Advance

Junnar Boys' Orphanage

Ted Vassar

UNNAR Boys' Orphanage, located sixty miles southeast of Bombay, India, was started by Jessie Ferguson, a Pentecostal missionary from Australia. Sister Ferguson has had the sole responsibility of this orphanage for some time and she has done an outstanding work. When she was lying at death's door, the little boys gathered around her bed and prayed, "Oh, Lord, if Mamma dies, who will care for us?" Praise God, Sister Ferguson did not die. However, she is physically unable to carry this great work any longer; so she has turned it over to the General Council of the Assemblies of God. Sister Vassar and I have been requested to supervise this work and we are due to sail for India in December.

Knowing the seriousness of this step and our constant need of God, we sincerely ask for prayer warriors to stand with us for God's guidance and blessing all along the way. We also need those who are able to help financially in this great undertaking for God. Six dollars each month will support one orphan. At present there are fifty-six on the orphanage compound. Others are wanting to come, but lack of finances make it impossible to take them in.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

September, 1946

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Alabama 773.08	Nevada 169.69
Arizona 909.49	New Hamshire 59.91
Arkansas 2,234.13	New Jersey 2,179.32 New Mexico 736.60
California 31,601.33	New Mexico
	New York 4,792.98
Colorado 2,106.88	North Carolina 113.97
Connecticut	North Dakota 2,134.32
Delaware	Ohio 8.438.78
District of	Oklahoma
Columbia 1,345.00	Oregon
Florida 1,582.38	Pennsylvania 5,131.77
Georgia	Polish Branch 48.10
German Branch 1,625.58	Rhode Island 181.56
Hungarian Branch 1,151.46	South Carolina 56.68
Idaho 1,598.94	South Dakota 1,734.21
Illinois	Tennessee
Indiana 2,733 18	Texas
Iowa	Ukrainian Branch 47.21
Kansas 4,870.75	Utah 18.20
Kentucky	Vermont 25.00
Louisiana 432.85	Virginia 1,073.61
Maine 558.49	Washington 14,121.85
Maryland 693.62	West Virginia 764.91
Massachusetts 440 72	Wisconsin 2,795.02
Michigan 4,908.81	Wyoming 287.13
Minnesota	Alaska 89.56
Mississippi	Canada
Missouri 11,118.60	Foreign 34.73 Legacies 250.83
Montana 1,424.34	Legacies
Nebraska 1,929.19	Miscellaneous 12,404.03
Total Amount Reported	168,136.8
Total Amount Reported District Fund	8.431.26
Office Expense Fund	2 342 14

Literature Expense Fund ______ Given Direct to Missionaries . 237.84 29.467.71 138,669.16

Amount Received for Foreign Missions Amount Received for Home Missions

Our boys will be faithfully taught and trained in the Christian faith, some will become preachers, those whom God does not call into the ministry will be trained to work and faithfully support those who are giving their lives in the work of God. In this manner we shall be training an entire army for God.

Note: Inasmuch as the Junnar work is a new responsibility for the Assemblies of God and will require about \$300.00 per month to maintain, we shall appreciate any help sent in for the "Junnar orphanage."-Missionary Secretary.

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INDIA'S NINETY AND NINE

There are millions of girls in sad despair, Under India's blazing sun;

- But here in a home of light and peace,
- Sits a mother with only one-An only daughter, bright and fair
- Loved and happy and sheltered from care.

- Then a voice softly whispered, "Thy daughter send
- To relieve this childhood woe," But the mother made answer, "This of mine
 - Shall never to India go-

My only daughter must have my care; Others must answer to India's prayer."

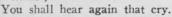
- And all through the hot plains thundered loud.
- From the darkened millions rose

A weird, wild wail to the gates of heaven, The voices of India's woes;

And the white-robed echoed in mournful song.

"Lord of Sabaoth, how long? Oh, how long?"

Oh, mothers who sing in the gospel-glad homes.





Harry Mamalis, Athens, Greece.-A few days ago I returned from a blessed trip to some villages of Thebes, where God is working and saving souls. Some people of 70 to 85 years of age are receiving the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God is working in Macedonia, also, in a wonderful way, and doors are open for new stations. There is a great hunger for the Word of God in the hearts of the orthodox people, too, but they are not allowed to come to our meetings. Let us pray much for this field.

Our God is working here, but the enemy is working too. We are again meeting opposition and oppression by the authorities. Last Sunday morning (May 12) as I was preaching in our meeting, two detectives came and took some of us to the police station. They examined us, kept our names, and then let us go.

Much prayer is needed for this country that God may break down the chains and give us freedom to preach the Word to the hungry. We are trying to get permission from the authorities for church services in our new stations, because without permission no meetings are allowed. Please pray that these permissions may be given to us.

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There can be no effective service without a corresponding cost.-Benjamin Johnson.

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God has called us for "such a time as this." This is a time of harvest. Harvest doesn't wait. Harvest cannot reap itself .- Selected.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR

September, 1946

Congo 3,561.79	Argentina 1,791.15
Dahomey 137.00	Bolivia
Egypt	Brazil
Gold Coast 2,278.51	Chile 2,185.73
Ivory Coast 5,548.24	Colombia
Liberia 4,646.08	Peru
Nigeria	Venezuela 1,367.89
Nyasaland 772.43	British West
Sierra Leone 828.93	Indies
Tanganyika 6,185.66	Fiji Islands
Transvaal	Hawaiian Islands 1,619.50
China 14,367.96	Netherlands
Ceylon 1,124.46	East Indies 857.07
India	Philippine Islands 575.12
Europe 5,198.65	Retired Mission-
Palestine and	Retired Mission- aries 948.96
Near East 4,780.37	Non-Council Mis-
West Indies 8,090.60	sionaries
Mexican Work 2.933.25	Miscellaneous
Central America	Fields 2,114.89
Central America	TIC/45
Total Disbursements	\$139,771.96
Charged from Designated	Accounts 1,102.80
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Total receipts for Septe	mber 138,669.16



ANSWERING THE CALL

"Whom shall I send?"

Sarah Johnston South China

Robert McClay, Bihar, India .-- Just before Easter we had two special meetings a day in our outstation here. The presence of the Lord was so manifested, and one sister re-

ceived a very precious baptism in the Holy Spirit. She spoke in tongues for hours. Then went around to a number of the people and told them of sin in their hearts which was hindering God from blessing. She prayed in tongues, sometimes weeping bitterly. She



J. Edgar Barrick North India

preached in tongues and then in Hindustani, pleading with souls to yield to the Lord. At other times she would just worship God and laugh in the Spirit. She was rather noisy, but we did not try to control her. We just sat back, praising the Lord and rejoicing to see Him baptize our dear Indian sister in the same way as He did us.

The Lord has given her a passion for souls and she is a real blessing in the work here. The poor soul does not know how to read nor write, but she is doing her best to learn with the help of one of the women. We can hear her as she reads aloud. I have an illustrated Bible story book in Hindi and she is making good use of it. I think she knows about all of the stories. She takes it along to the villages, gives a little talk and her own testimony as to what the Lord has done for her. She talks to everyone. Do pray for her.

The other day as we were going to the vil-



Mollie Baird

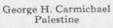
North India

when I first talked with her she realized that she was not in the place God wanted her to be and she used to go off to a little nook across the fields and pray. God put such a hunger in her heart for spiritual things that when the special meetings began she was in just the place to receive.

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"Here am I; send me!"



Elsie Bridgman North India

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Constance S. Eady, South India .- Truly the work in Huzzar, our baby station, is thrilling. A few days ago a thief broke off the head and the hands of the Hindu god in a

Mrs. Carmichael Palestine

certain temple.



Mrs. Paul Derr Tanganyika, Africa

Paul K. Derr Tanganyika, Africa

some of our workers-came up to the church saying, "I am not going to worship idols any longer; they can do nothing." Before longhe had given his heart to the Lord and is now being prepared for water baptism.

At Villivalkam the son of a man named Ratnam heard the gospel in an open-air meeting and believed. He was so eager to learn more, and asked Evangelist Devasagayam if he might be baptized in water. When Ratnam, his father, knew of this he was furious and said he would kill his son. But within a week of this threat the father died suddenly. This incident has caused much talk among the people and very many are coming to listen to the gospel.

In this same place there is a Hindu woman who for ten years has had a terrible cough. She had been to hospitals and had tried witch doctors, but like the woman of old she was "nothing bettered." Whenever she touched cold water she began to cough, and the

cough had affected her heart. She was told the way of salvation and of the Lord's power and willingness to heal all diseases. One day when a tarrying meeting was in progress she came into the church and began confessing her sins, and the Lord saved and healed her. She is still going on with the Lord, another trophy of His Grace.



Mrs. John Perdue South China



Mrs. Edgar Barrick

North India

Howard B. Hawkes North India

Mrs. Howard Hawkes North India

Mrs. B. Bard

North China



B. T. Bard North China

These missionaries sailed recently to carry the message of the Cross to foreign lands. They will appreciate your prayers.

Send contributions to Noel Perkin, Secretary, Foreign Missions Dept., 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.





OUR HOME FRONTIERS

OUR JEWISH WORKERS SAY:

One of our missionaries was talking recently with a Jewish man concerning Jesus, the Messiah; and the Jew, who had lived all his life in this country, broke down and cried, confessing that this was the first time anyone had ever told him about Christianity in its reality!

This is not an isolated case, but everywhere we go we find the Jewish people ignorant concerning the fundamentals of true Christianity. The responsibility has been laid upon us to preach to these neglected people the precious gospel of Jesus Christ.

An elderly Jewish couple were sitting on their porch when we approached them to talk about the gospel. They were very kind, and listened patiently. God blessed as we spoke to them, and I read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah to them. When I asked them to whom this chapter referred, this Jewish man said to his wife, "You know, Jesus might be our Messiah after all." There are many who will believe if the message is presented to them in love.

We would like to remind our friends that offerings are needed to carry on our work of winning the Jews.

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OFFERINGS

We are sure that many contributions to missionary work have an interesting story behind them, but we don't always know the story. Occasionally, however, something is mentioned which gives us an insight into the heart motive which prompted the giving, and many times the extreme sacrifice which has made the offering possible.

A few weeks ago two glass jars were brought into our office, one filled to the top with pennies, the other filled with neatly stacked half-dollars, on top of which were folded several dollar bills. It was not the donor of the gift who brought the jars to us, for he is unable to walk except with assistance, and then with great difficulty. In a humble, small home our brother lives alone. ALONE? No! Our brother would tell you that he is never alone, for there lives in that room with him his dearest friend—the One who will never leave him alone. Anyone passing by the little house most any time of day would agree that our brother is not alone, for hour after hour his voice is heard in earnest prayer.

Several pastors of our churches here in Springheld remember with great appreciation the gits which this saint of God has sent to to them in the form of the first fruits from his garden, when he was able to crawl on his hands and knees to his back yard where he planted and hoed his garden. It was his great delight to send the first of his produce to one of the pastors.

Here in the Home Missions Department we opened the jars and counted those pennies, which were saved in a spirit of love, and those halfdollars that had been stacked one by one in that jar in consecration, and the currency which had been placed on top of the pile with the most extreme sacrifice. Our hearts were deeply moved as we counted out nearly fifty-five dollars! It was designated for the work among the Jews.

When we saw our brother at church, we shook his hand and thanked him for his sacrifice offering. His face radiated the utmost sincere joy as he brushed aside our remarks of gratitude to tell us that the praise belongs to God. It was He who had enabled him to save the money piece by piece over a long period of time. In fact, it is only the Lord who gives him anything he has, for this child of God depends entirely upon his heavenly Father to meet his needs; and with a heartfelt grip of the hand, our brother testified that God had been good to provide for him, and he was so happy to have a little to give for His work.

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One Women's Missionary Council sent in a nice offering which, they said, was in honor of the birthday of one of their members. She had requested the missionary offering in the place of gifts for herself. A couple recently sent us an offering of \$50.00 on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary to be used for home missionary work.

A short time **ago** an offering came in with the notation that it had been given by friends and loved ones in place of flowers for a funeral. This had been the request of the departed one.

Others who have sent flowers to a funeral, have given the same amount for missions, remembering our duty to give the message of eternal life to those who yet are living.

A great work remains to be done, and the time is growing shorter. As funds are increased, we can place more workers on the field, and reach a larger number of souls before the coming of the Lord Jesus. Every offering is appreciated, but we are especially grateful for contributions to our general home missions fund, from which we may give assistance in missionary work where we see the need to be the greatest. All offerings for home missionary work should be sent to Fred Vogler, Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

A TRUE STORY

The Murderer and the Scholar

I SHALL never forget the time during the Russian revolution when I traveled with my friend Mr. T—. We were sent by the president of the Council to a certain town to settle the affairs of the community. When our task was done we began a campaign there, and from the very first day great blessing rested upon the meetings.

One night when the hall was packed, the headmaster of a high-class boys' school attended, sitting right in the front row. He looked around with a cynical smile, and we could see he was not at home in our midst, for the audience was a mixed one—there were peasants, working men, Bolsheviks, and scholars.

After I had finished my address a dirty, gloomy-looking man who had listened with his eyes wide open, arose and said, "Look at my face, how black it is. But my soul is still blacker. For eighteen years I was in Siberia, in fetters. From my childhood I was a thief and a murderer. Under the Soviet government I was set free. I returned home and became a communist, and I soon was given a high position. In my new place I liked to put people to death, and I had the power to do so. More people have been killed by my command than are in this hall."

He fell prostrate on the floor, weeping. I asked him if he knew Jesus Christ; and he answered, "No." Then he said, "I never read of Him, but by chance I came in here and heard you speak of Him for the first time. I repent of all I have done. Can such a man as I be forgiven?"

Could it be possible that God could pardon such a sinner as that, and give him a new chance, one who had killed so many innocent people and had committed so many crimes? Oh, the boundless love of the Saviour for sinners! The Bible says, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." This man received forgiveness, and the peace of God which passes all understanding. Afterwards he arose with a shining face. He felt he was not worthy of the honor of sitting on the front row with others, so he sat down on the floor, saying, "I am not worthy to sit with the others." But I asked him to take his seat there again.

The headmaster listened and became restless. At last he arose in a fury, stamped his foot and cried out, "What strange things must I hear from these uneducated people!" Then he left the hall, but his wife remained in her seat. I was greatly relieved when he left, for he had disturbed me. He had stared at me incessantly. and seemed to reason about every word.

In about fifteen minutes he came back with a handkerchief in his hand; he was sweating with anxiety. Slowly he came to the platform and said, "Dear pastor, but what is to be done in my case?" I said, "You, a learned man, ought to know the way to heaven." But he answered, "That is just what I do not know. I am an atheist!" I replied, "The way is very simple —acknowledge and confess your sins. Humble yourself before God as this murderer has done. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from every sin, and there is no other way."

"That is easier said than done," he answered. "You scorn the murderer but think that an educated man has a better past. For twenty-five years I have been a teacher in a Petersburg October 26, 1946

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college; I scarcely escaped death and fled to this place to save my life. I must confess that for fifty years I have been denying God. Every year more than a thousand students sat at my feet. Again and again I tried to show them that there is no Creator, no God, neither beaven nor hell. That is awful! Since the Revolution I have met many of my former students who took part in the cruelties. That is the fruit of my seed. Thus I have killed

many more than this murderer has killed. This man by my side was a single murderer, but I a thousandfold one. His conversion stops his former life, but I cannot repair anything. Though God may forgive me, my deeds continue working and bringing forth crime and horror. For such a one as I there is no help."

Wearily he bowed his head, his cheeks wet with tears, and he hid his face in his hands. I read to him those wonderful words of invita-

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tion and love to the lost, which came from the lips of the Saviour: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Then he arose, turned to the audience, and said, "The Russia of today is our work. We atheists are guilty of the great misery. We killed the conscience in the souls of men, and now they are ruling in a most awful way. Pray for me; I will humble myself before God and I believe He will hear you."

The whole assembly broke out in tears; apparently they all remembered his past life. I shall never forget that meeting, as many cried to God for the old headmaster. Then he himself began to pray, "O God, if You are, reveal Yourself to me. If You have mercy on me, let me know it today and forgive my sins!"

His words made a deep impression on all those who were present. The night seemed too short for all those who came to the altar and wanted to have their past life put right. The Holy Spirit was working mightily. How refreshing were the testimonies and praises of the newly converted. When we rose and sang the hymn, "Nothing cleanseth us from sin, but the precious blood of Jesus," the headmaster embraced the murderer, and both wept for joy.

The next day I was invited to dinner at the home of the headmaster. The old couple, like children at Christmas, rejoiced in the wonderful salvation of Jesus Christ. When it was time for the evening meeting he whispered to me, "Will you please go with my wife? I have to do something else." While we were singing the first hymn he entered the hall, and with him was the class of his oldest pupils. Seven boys and girls who loved and honored him much, were saved that night. It was wonderful to see how eager he was to testify for Jesus and to lead others to Him. He tried to repair the wrong he had done during the years when he had been an atheist, and he had a wonderful opportunity in the school.

For two weeks Brother T-- and I worked in this place. Adulterers, thieves, and murderers wept their way to the Cross. Nothing is impossible with God .- Translated from the German by M. Gensichen.

Among the Assemblies

FT. WORTH, TEXAS-The third annual Camp Meeting of the North Side Assembly, Jacob Filbert, Pastor, proved a great blessing. The marvelous truths brought in the morning and evening services by A. N. Trotter of Muskogee, Okla., and the Spirit-filled singing of Paul and Betty Wells of Taft, Calif., will linger in the lives of the great number who attended these services .- Thaya Hunter, Secretary.

CLARENDON, TEXAS-A 3-week revival was conducted here recently by Evangelist and Mrs. Floyd Garver of Arkansas. Five were reclaimed and the power of God was with us every night. The Christian people were all renewed in spirit by Brother Garver's good Bible messages. We are still praising God for permitting these evangelists to come our way, and also for their good singing .- Mrs. Pearl Gibson, Sunday School Secretary.





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MODESTO, CALIF.—The last two weeks of August the church enjoyed a wonderful revival conducted by Brother and Sister Philip Tiger and daughter, Louise, of Long Beach. Ten children, all under C. A. age, were saved and 3 were filled with the Holy Spirit. At the close of the meeting 5 were baptized. Our church received a wonderful blessing and our Sunday School record was broken.—Mrs. Faye Adkins, Sunday School Secretary.

WASHBURN, MO.—The O. K. Assembly of God recently conducted special meetings with Brother and Sister Warren Gilchrist as the evangelists. Each night we were privileged to hear a God-anointed message. We also enjoyed special music by Brother and Sister Tilford. The church was greatly blessed. Four were saved or reclaimed, 6 were baptized with the Holy Spirit, and there were answers to prayer for healing. Thank God, revival days are not over.—I'erry Hickman, Pastor.

WILLS POINT, TEXAS—We recently closed a 2-week revival conducted by Evangelist Roy Sapp. God blessed, and we enjoyed the good word ministered.

While visiting friends at Goose Creek in August, our son, Paul Richard Perkins, 12 years of age, conducted a one-week youth revival at Mt. Belview Assembly. The church was blessed and some 5 or 6 young people were reclaimed.—E. L. Perkins, Pastor, Box 464, Wills Point, Texas. BILOXI, MISS.—We accepted the pastorate of the Central Assembly here in June, Brother A. L. Wolfe, the former pastor, having received a call to the assembly in Knoxville, Tenn. God had blessed their ministry here. They had just completed a fine educational building with a large C. A. room and ten Sunday School rooms, all paid for.

We recently conducted a meeting with Olen Brown of Tulsa, Okla., as our evangelist. Twelve were saved, 2 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 8 were added to the assembly. Our Sunday School has made an increase of 20 per cent since June. The whole church is encouraged in the Lord.—J. R. Harris, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—The Brightmoor Tabernacle recently closed a 2-week Missionary Convention with Evangelist and Mrs. Lester Sumrall. Our building, seating over 700, was filled night after night, and each Sunday night we turned away many. The meeting created great interest throughout the city. Brother Sumrall captivated his audiences with his gripping messages on the great missionary need around the world; each night he took the people to a needy field and sent the message straight home to their hearts.

Even though we stressed missions, many came forward for salvation. There was a mighty moving toward God the closing Sunday night eleven made decisions for Christ. The church was greatly blessed and missionary interest is at a new height.—Bond P. Bowman, Pastor.

FT. WORTH, TEXAS-The Helvey Evangelistic Party just closed a meeting at the Riverside Assembly. Night after night sinners attended the services, and real conviction was present in every meeting, which brought several to the altar seeking salvation. Each service was accompanied with a revival atmosphere, and the church was greatly benefited in every way. Good crowds attended and the numbers increased as many in the community were stirred. Under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, C. C. Helvey preached soul-stirring messages which held the attention of the people from the youngest to the oldest, and brought lasting results in the lives of all who heard. The splendid singing of his children, Wilbur, Tilson, Juanita, and Clyde, blended into every service to complete the spiritual touch. This is the second meeting they have conducted for us, and they are scheduled to return at a future date .--Elbert R. Wilkinson, Pastor.

AUGUSTA, GA. and CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—After establishing and pastoring the First Assembly of God in Augusta, Ga., for $9\frac{1}{2}$ years, we have resigned to take up new work in other fields. We are very thankful for what God did for us there. We first erected a small tabernacle, but later built a beautiful brick church with almost every convenience. This property is valued at \$25,000; there is a small indebtedness.

We should also like to thank the people and the many good evangelists we have had through the years, who had a great part in making this work possible.

We are taking up our new work in Chattanooga, Tenn. This fine city does not have an Assembly of God, and we should like to have the names and addresses of your friends, loved ones, or anyone who is interested in establishing an assembly in Chattanooga.—Pastor and Mrs. C. Milford Hicks, 2412 Oak St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

BEREAN CAMP MEETING

The third annual Berean Camp Meeting came to a close on September 2, amidst copious showers of blessing. This camp is sponsored by the Berean Alliance of the Berean Bible Institute, San Diego, Calif., and services were held in a large tabernacle on the campus.

Evangelist Martin Luther Davidson, of Houston, Texas, was the camp speaker. This was his second year at the camp, and his forceful ministry of the Word attracted not only the Pentecostal people but people of all faiths and outsiders with no religious profession.

In spite of the fact that the dormitory at the school was not large enough to house all those desiring to attend the meeting, the tabernacle was filled from night to night. As the blessing of the Lord continued in such a mighty manner, the crowds continued to grow until all available seating space was utilized and scores of people had to stand outside the building. The camp lasted 23 days and not a service passed but what souls were saved or baptized with the Holy Spirit. The Divine Healing services were most outstanding and the hearts of all who attended were refreshed.

The camp was singularly blessed in having the ministry of several returned missionaries. As the audience listened to the stories of our



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brethren in prison camps and in dangers unknown at home, the missionary vision of all was renewed and broadened. This meeting has been the most outstanding of all the three camps .-J. O. Dowell, President, Berean Alliance, P. O. Box 799, La Jolla, Calif.

Coming Meetings

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FITTSTOWN, OKLA.-November 3-; Claude Collins, Columbus, Ga., Evangelist.-Rees Brunson, Pastor.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH-Oct. 27-Nov. 10; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Evangelists.-Guy Heath, Pastor.

MONROE, LA.-Doolie Addition, Nov. 1-; R. E. Gilliam, Little Rock, Ark., Evangelist.-C. E. Antley, Pastor.

MUNTROSE. COLO.-217 N. Cascade; Oct. 27, for A weeks; C. F. Ferguson, Oakland, Calif., Evangelist. -Herman M. Gibbons, Pastor. ALTOONA, PA.-5th Ave. and 6th St., Nov. 3-24; Evangelist and Mrs. R. L. Bartlett.-John R. Hardt, Pastor. Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.-916 W. 24th St., Oct. 27-Nov. 10; M. T. Murillo, Evangelist, preaching in Spanish.-Nef Solis, Pastor. OGALLALA, NEBR.-Meeting in progress; Ben-nie Harris, Fort Morgan, Colo., Evangelist.-B.R. Harris Pastor

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GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.-Fourth at Grand Ave, Oct. 30-Nov. 17; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Krupnick, Evangelists.-Ralph Hutchinson, Pastor.
ORANGE, CALIF.-Orange and Maple Sts., Oct. 13-27; Evangelist and Mrs. J. Philip Johnson, Tulsa, Okla.-Fred D. Stading. Pastor.
FT. WORTH. TEXAS-Hemphill Heights Assembly; revival in progress; L. Wayne Pitts of New Mexico, Evangelist.-Alton Parker, Pastor.
BIG SPRING, TEXAS-West Fourth and Lan-caster Sts., Oct. 26-Nov. 10; Elta Staats Pope, of Texarkana, Evangelist.-E. R. Winter, Pastor.

DANVILLE, ILL.-Oct. 27-Nov. 10; Fred Numrick of Springfield, Evangelist.-James E. Hyllberg, Pastor.

of Springheld, Evangelist.—James E. Hyllberg, Pastor. PAYETTE, IDAHO—November 3—; Max and May Johnson, Evangelists.—H. D. Robeson, Pastor. THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.—Municipal Audi-torium. Oct. 20—; The Cantelon Musical Messengers. —G. Raymond Carlson, Pastor. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—1441 Ellis St., Oct. 27—Nov. 3; Christian Hild, special speaker.—Leland R. Keys, Pastor.

SLEEPY EYE, MINN.-Oct. 22-Nov. 3; N. R. ickerson, Pawhuska, Okla., Evangelist.-J. H. SLEED, Paw Dickerson, Pastor,

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MARTINSBURG, W. VA .- 501 Virginia Ave., Oct.



13-27; M. W. Richards, Long Branch, N. J., Evangelist.-H. M. Strickland, Pastor.
FT. WORTH, TEXAS-City-wide Fellowship Meeting, Polytechnic Assembly of God, 2420 Vaughn Blvd, Oct. 20, 2:30 p.m. F. D. Davis, District Superintendent, special speaker.-W. F. Mercer, Sectional Secretary. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES
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NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT AND C. A. CONVENTION

CONVENTION Our Fall Convention will be held in Williston, N. Dak., October 21-24; R. R. Wiley, Host Pastor. Frank J. Linquist of Minneapolis, Minn., special evening speaker. Opening rally, Monday evening. Tuesday, the 22nd, Christ's Ambassadors Convention, when they will conduct their business sessions. Write Brother Wiley concerning reservations. The District Credentials Committee will be present.-Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Indiana District Ministers' Institute, First Assembly of God, 123 Jefferson Ave., Evansville, Ind., Nov. 4-6. First service Monday, 7:30 p.m., then 3 services daily. General Superintendent E. S. Williams, morning and

General Superintendent E. S. Williams, morning and evening speaker. Those who have not yet met the Credentials Com-mittee are urged to attend and meet the Committee at this time. Accommodations in charge of Pastor Paul Evans, and some rooms are available for those in pioneer churches and for those who otherwise would not be able to attend. For reservations, write Paul Evans, 119 Jefferson Ave., Evansville, Ind.-Glenn M. Horst, District Secretary.

KANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

KANSAS DISTRICT COUNCIL The Kansas District Council will convene at Salina, Kansas, November 4-7. Monday night, Fellowship Meeting. Raiph M. Riggs special speaker at Council meeting. Services at the First Assembly of God located just across from the new post office. For reservations write Fred Prather, 639 Gypsum St., Salina, Kansas,-Paul C. Samuelson, District Secre-tary-Treasurer.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL The annual session of the South Florida District Council will convene in the Mayhall (City) Auditorium, Lakeland, Fla., October 28-31. J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. L. C. Honderick, National S. S. Representative, will be present. First service Monday, 2:30 p.m. in charge of C.A's. Busi-ness session of Council opens Tuesday, 9 a.m. Cre-dentials Committee will meet Monday, 1:30 p.m. For further information write District Office, Route 4, Box 700, Lakela.id, Fla.-J. W. Collins, District Sec-retary. retary

TEXAS FALL BIBLE CONFERENCES

TEXAS FALL BIBLE CONFERENCES San Antonio Section, Seguin, Oct. 22-23; first service 7:30 p.m., 3 services daily. Corpus Christi, Oct. 24-25; first service 10:30 a.m., 3 services daily. Green-ville Section, McKinney, Oct. 29-30. Paris Section, Mount Pleasant, Oct. 31-Nov. 1; first service 10:30 a.m., 3 services daily. We shall have one full period in each conference for ministers and their companions, so be sure to be with us, and pray that each meeting will have the divine approval. For further information write Texas District Council Office, 1200 Sycamore, Waxahachie, Texas.

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