

A New Year's Resolution

I won't look back, God knows the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets;
I'll leave them all with Him who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives—and then forgets.

I won't look forward, God sees all the future—
The road that, short or long, will lead me home;
And He will face with me its every trial,
And bear with me the burdens that may come.

But I'll look up into the face
of Jesus,

For there my heart can rest,
my fears are stilled,
And there is joy, and love,
and light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every
hope fulfilled.

—Annie Johnson Flint



The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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A Sure Method for Growth in 1947

GOD sent His only Son as the world's Redeemer, and when the work of redemption was completed on Calvary the Son of God was made the Head of the church. Just before He went away, He clearly showed the little group of His followers what His plan was for them.

He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." He told them that as they believed they should do the works that He did, and greater works. They were commissioned to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; and He assured them that He would be with them all the days, even down to the consummation of the age. But, in order to do this work effectively He strictly charged them that they should not even start out until they were endued with power from on high. This power they would receive after the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them; and thus empowered they should be witnesses unto Him, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Nothing else was added to the great commission, except they were told to teach those to whom they had preached the Gospel to observe all things, whatsoever He had commanded them.

It is evident that this command was not limited to the apostles, but applied to all believers. There were, at any rate, one hundred and twenty who took the command seriously, and tarried until the day of Pentecost, when the promise of the Father was poured out upon them.

The great ingathering on the day of Pentecost was not entirely the result of Peter's preaching, but of the faithful witnessing of the whole company. This continued until they were not able to keep count of those who became believers so they just said "multitudes."

These immediate results were in and around Jerusalem, but their great Leader had said that they should go into all the world; so in order to speed up the program He permitted some sharp persecution to come to them, and as a result they were scattered abroad, and went every-

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where preaching the Word, except the apostles. It was the "laity" instead of the "clergy" who did the preaching. Later on, Peter, and then Paul and other apostles went out in obedience to the plan.

So effectively and so far did Paul go, that from Jerusalem, round about even unto Illyricum, he fully preached the Gospel. The believers under his ministry so fully caught the vision, and worked according to the plan, that during two years' stay in Ephesus all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. Every believer was a witness; so mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed. The Thessalonians held to the plan, so that from them sounded out the Word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place their faith toward God was spread abroad. This continued until "their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

Naturally, the plan for the spread of the Gospel which was proving such a tremendous success, would be very distressing to Satan. From his standpoint something *must* be done to stop, or hinder it. The first hell-born scheme which was thrown into the fight was the unauthor-

ized division of a great brotherhood of believers into classes called clergy and laity—the doctrine and deeds of the Nicolaitanes which the Lord hates.

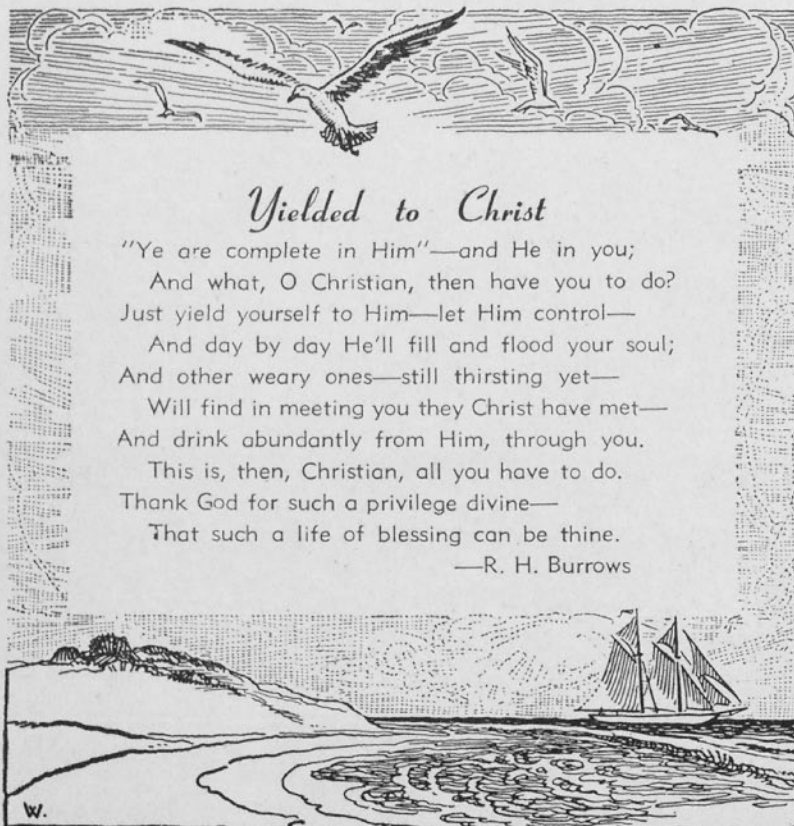
When the idea took root that the witnessing was to be done only by those "ordained" to that work, and set aside as ministers of the Gospel, the force of workers was cut down immeasurably, and the spread of the Gospel slowed up accordingly.

The second step away from the original plan was to build churches into which the world was expected to come and hear the Gospel, while the going and telling was almost strangled. This double-barrelled scheme is certainly a tribute to the intelligence and sagacity of the devil who projected it into the work of God's people. All other hindrances to the carrying out of the great commission spring directly or indirectly from these two.

The Head of the church has never changed His plan, nor authorized any one else to do so; and here and there men are awakening to the wisdom of reverting to the original plan.

The whole church is to be "fishers of men"; sowers to go forth and sow the seed; laborers in the great harvest field; witnesses unto the ends of the earth. They were told by the Psalmist that if they would go forth weeping as they sowed the seed, they would certainly return with rejoicing bringing their sheaves with them. This was not merely a promise; it was a positive declaration of the law of harvest.

"Go and tell," are the key words to the successful carrying out of the plan. We have diluted it by saying, "If you cannot go, send." The Lord never authorized any substitutes, but expects each believer to go and tell to every one within his own personal world the good news of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Those who are most zealous in this will be the most eager to help another who feels that the Lord would have him witness in lands far away. There is no separation of the one great field into "home" and "foreign" in the plan laid down (Continued on page twelve)



Yielded to Christ

"Ye are complete in Him"—and He in you;
 And what, O Christian, then have you to do?
 Just yield yourself to Him—let Him control—
 And day by day He'll fill and flood your soul;
 And other weary ones—still thirsting yet—
 Will find in meeting you they Christ have met—
 And drink abundantly from Him, through you.
 This is, then, Christian, all you have to do.
 Thank God for such a privilege divine—
 That such a life of blessing can be thine.

—R. H. Burrows

A NEW BEGINNING

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A NEW day, a new week, a new month, a new year—thus the planned economy of God operates. A new day dawns and we are unaware of what it may hold in store for us. It may be a day of ecstasy or a day of bitter disappointment but it will soon end, for it is only a day. It must come to an end and then shall come another day, a new day. So the world awaits the dawning of another day.

The mother who has kept the night-long vigil over a sick child, those who have kept the wheels of industry turning while others have slept, the enforcers of law who have kept at bay the lawless who would use the darkness of the night for a cloak, all await the dawning of another day. We greet the day with hope and anticipation, for it is a new beginning.

So it is with the new year which we are entering. Business concerns pause to review the work of the old year, and plan for a greater volume of business for the new year. Some individuals will pause for a personal inventory and, rather abashed at the condition which the inventory reveals, will determine within themselves that a personal new beginning must be made with the new year. The father determines to spend more time with his family. The young man determines to spend less for non-essentials. And thus we plan to bring a new person into the new year.

God, in His mercy, provides us with these places of pause lest we rush headlong beyond the point of remedy. Can we, however, by mere intention, change ourselves from the person which environments and habits have made? Can intention alone break the desire to do the things which we do, but of which we do not approve?

The prophet asked, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" Is there virtue in a new year? Is there a mystical power about a new year that can enable us to do better, that can bring peace to a troubled world, solve the complexities of reconversion from war to peace and unite opposing forces such as capital and labor? The answer is No. Must this new year, then, be a repetition of past failures? The answer is again No, for God has made provision for a new beginning. It is written that if any man be *in Christ* he is a new creature. 2 Cor 5:17. *In Christ* we shall find all we need for the new year and for all our days.

Zaccheus became a new man in his dealings with his fellow men when he met Christ. Saul of Tarsus, the religious bigot, became the mighty apostle Paul after his dramatic introduction to Christ on the Damascus road. The demoniac of the Gadarenes became a new man physically as well as spiritually when Christ freed him and changed him from a public nuisance to an upright citizen.

Thus the new beginning dawns for men and women who meet Christ. The day of extortion had ended for Zaccheus, for Christ changed him. Paul's change caused him to have an open mind to

Don't Wait for Tomorrow!

He was going to be all that a mortal could be
Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder or braver than he
Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he knew
Who'd be glad of a lift—and who needed it, too;
On him he would call and see what he could do
Tomorrow.

Each morning he stacked up the letters he'd write
Tomorrow,
And thought of the folk he would fill with delight
Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way;
"More time I will have to give others," he'd say,
"Tomorrow."

The greatest of workers this man would have been
Tomorrow;

The world would have known him had he ever seen
Tomorrow.

But the fact is, he died and he faded from view,
And all that he left here, when living was through,
Was a mountain of things he intended to do
Tomorrow!

heavenly things rather than to be blinded by prejudice. Thus Christ grants a new beginning to those who turn to Him, declaring: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

The long life of bondage and fear is over. The sun is risen on a new day, a day of grace, a day of salvation, a day in which in Christ Jesus our Lord we have freedom from all past slaveries. For He has ushered in a day of blessing in which we are made acceptable to God through the completeness of the salvation He has provided. We are accepted "in the Beloved"—in the well beloved Son of God. In Him all the old things, all the old habits, all the old bondages, pass away; and all things become new, and we ourselves are made new in Christ. As emancipated ones, let us yield ourselves, spirit, soul and body, to the great Emancipator. And let us keep looking constantly unto Him, the author and perfecter of our faith, and we shall find "the grace of our Lord . . . exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." For the path that is yet untrodden must be walked in faith.

"Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." The day of salvation is here—but it is only a day. It will not last forever. Hasten, then; seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Begin the new year a new man or woman in Christ Jesus.

UNFIT

The preacher who leaves the sin offering out of his message is not a Christian minister; he is merely a Gentile philosopher.—Myer Pearlman.

If your soul is not agonized for the poor benighted heathen, why are you such a hypocrite as to pretend to be a Christian? Why, your profession is an insult to Jesus Christ!—Finney.



He Will Take Us Through

AT the portals of a New Year the hearts of many men are failing them for fear. But those who have taken the God of Jacob as their refuge, and who know that the Lord is an ever-present help in trouble, can say: "Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

A PRAISEFUL YEAR

No less than eighty times we read the words, "Fear not," in the Scriptures. "The prospects are as bright as the promises of God." So let us who are the sheep of His pasture look up trustfully into the face of our good Shepherd, declaring: "Every day will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever." For we have proven again and again in the years that are past, that when we have begun to sing and to praise, the Lord has set ambushments against the enemy.

BREAD FOR US

Israel was in great fear when the armies of the Philistines were encamped against them, and the giant Goliath roared out his blasphemous challenges. But there was one youth in Israel whose heart did not faint. He remembered that when he kept his father's sheep, there came both a lion and a bear to rob the flock of a lamb; but girded with the strength Jehovah had given him, he had destroyed both of these. And so he cried: "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." We need not fear, for a Greater than David is with us, and He has given His word that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Greater is He—our Lover Lord—who is in us, than all the Goliaths that are in the world, so that with Caleb and Joshua we can say: "They are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not." Num. 14:9.

NOT SOMEHOW, BUT TRIUMPHANTLY

I sat by the bed of a sister who was entering into the valley of the shadow of death. She had no fear, for she knew the

Lord was with her. Quietly she said to me: "He will take me through! He will take me through!" And He took her through triumphantly. Let us count on Him to take us through every day, every hour, and every moment of the coming year, triumphantly and praisefully. Said one to me recently: "I don't care what befalls me in the future provided I can have the right attitude in the trial." The Lord says to us, "My grace is sufficient for thee." And with this abundant grace furnished to us from the God of all grace,

GOING THROUGH



we shall be enabled to say: "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Said Elizabeth Sisson to us one time: "Trials? Tests? I welcome them all. I don't want to be a dwarf when God wants to make me a giant! The trials of our faith are much more precious than gold!"

THE LORD'S PRESENCE

He was just a raw farm boy, awkward and uneducated, who was hired in a

monastery to do all the cleaning up of pots and pans and to scrub the kitchen floor. This farm lad was given by the Spirit of God a realization that wherever he was, in his home, in the woods, or in the kitchen, God was there with him. And so he quietly talked to God, telling Him how clumsy and incapable and ignorant he was, but saying to Him in faith: "But I know that Thou wilt help me to do everything in a way that will please Thee!"

Day by day, as the kitchen lad talked to the Lord and received help from Him, he was so transformed that men began coming from every direction to learn the secret of his peace and confidence. He told them his secret, "I just count on the Lord's presence every moment. He is enough." And this simple farm lad, to whom they gave the name of Brother Lawrence, wrote the book, "The Practice of the Presence of God," a book that has been a blessing to thousands down through the centuries.

In this New Year the Lord brings His promise anew to us, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Ex. 33:14. And He will provide everything else we need. He will take us through, and we can confidently look up to Him and say, "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." Psalm 73:24 Is not that assurance enough for us to be praiseful throughout the coming year?—S.H.F.

A NEW YEAR'S COVENANT

"I am no longer my own, but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt, rank me with whom Thou wilt; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for Thee or laid aside for Thee, exalted for Thee or brought low for Thee; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal."—John Wesley.

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REVIVAL or COMMUNISM --WHICH?

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Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? Isa. 21:11.

HOW peculiarly fitting are the words of the prophet to our day and time! Our nation has passed through some dark periods, but none quite as dark as the one we are now approaching. It is to be deplored that so many people see nothing in particular to be alarmed about. "Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Matt. 16:3. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the Church is not bestirring herself to pray and to ask God to intervene. Surely we are bordering on the time referred to in 1 Thess. 5:3, "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them."

The pressing, urgent need of our nation today is revival. Our presidents for many years have laid a solemn charge upon the churches of the nation to encourage a revival such as will greatly change the attitude and tendency of its people. Mr. Hoover of the FBI has also stressed it. But the churches are so decadent and lukewarm that they are unresponsive. We stand upon the brink of conditions that can only be changed as God undertakes for us, and this means that God's true Church must push her claims for a revival of such proportions that the entire nation will feel it, and people in all walks of life will be influenced by it. Programming will not do it; mere attendance at services cannot produce it; good intentions can never take care of it. *Nothing short of deep, stirring soul travail will produce the revival we need.* Leafing the pages of history, we discover that great awakenings have come from the presence of the Lord as prayer warriors went faithfully to work, and *this today is a task for real prayer warriors.*

The enemies of Christianity are numerous, and are successfully exploiting our youth in the classrooms across our fair land. From there stems much that will lead to further evil. A generation ago Communist agents, awakening to the fact that if they were to successfully poison the springs of our national life they must do it through the rising generations, turned to the schools, and they have succeeded in large measure in placing before our children atheistic teaching and professors who make a mock of Christianity and of morality. All of us know what evils

come through sabotage, but little if anything is being done with these wicked classroom instructors who daily and hourly pursue their wicked practice of undermining the faith of our children. America now has a generation of youth whose faith in God, in the main, is shattered, while in its stead appears a reckless daring and unbelief that is most destructive. Jerry McAuley one time warned that in the twentieth century this nation would be overrun by a horde of wicked men, not from outside our nation but from within, the product of our own institutions of learning.

As one walks the streets of our great cities he is conscious of a peculiar condition prevailing among the people, especially the youth. The very desire for something, supposedly makes it right and fits them to get it by fair means or foul. There is little consciousness any more of right or wrong. The term "wrong" seems to have been erased from the average mind and heart. The fact that "everybody does it" licenses all who want to do "it" to do it. When you inform them that such a policy is wrong, the ability to grasp your meaning seems to be lacking.

This, of course, calls the home into question. No nation is stronger than its homes. Let its foundations be removed, and what can the righteous do? The parental grasp on the situation in the home apparently has been broken, and the power and authority all too frequently rests with some professor who is an agent for our Communist foes.

In New York City the Youth for Christ movement is being openly challenged by the young Communist League composed, of course, of young people who have been indoctrinated with Communist teaching.

The need of America today is homes where parents and children kneel each day around a family altar, where the parents teach the children the Word of God, and encourage them to put their whole trust in Him who died for our sins. The need of our land is for Sunday school teachers who are deeply concerned with the conversion and building up in character of all in the classes assigned to them. And also for preachers and laymen who will day and night give themselves to prayer, until God visits America and the whole world with a great awakening like that which came in response to the prayers of the saints ninety years ago. At that time



the land was filled with old-fashioned prayer meetings, and God brought about thousands of old-fashioned conversions. God is still willing to give mighty Pentecostal outpourings in response to ten-day prayer meetings.

This country is becoming like the world in the days of Noah, full of corruption and violence. It is like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, full of unspeakable vice. It is full of evil men who are seeking to destroy the very foundations of our country. And what shall the righteous do? They can get them to God and to fervent, importunate praying. Conditions were bad in 1857, but men prayed. They are bad today, but we can pray. As Hudson Taylor used to say, "The devil may hedge us round, but he can't roof us in." The devil and those that are his have their devices for the overthrow of our land, but we need not be ignorant of them.

The patriarch Job said, "He disappointeth the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise." Job 5:12. It is not too late to call upon God for His deliverance. It can come only from Him. Sincere, heart-searching prayer can yet change the situation.

I believe that America is today faced with two alternatives—Revival or Communism. It is for us to choose which it shall be. If we choose Revival there is a price to be paid in prayer and travail, but it is small compared with the price Communism will exact from us should it win.

WORLDLINESS

The Revelation tells us that in the last days men will be, above all things, world-lovers and God-haters. A famous editor of *The New York Herald*, Mr. J. G. Bennett, was once seated in a railway car with Judge Black. "It is the business of a journalist," said the editor, "to find out what the public thinks, feels, and wants, and to give it to them." "Then, Sir," thundered back the Judge, "if you had lived in the days of our Saviour, like Pontius Pilate you would have delivered Him over to be crucified." To please God is to offend the world: to please the world is to offend God. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God."

Trusting God

in the Daily Walk

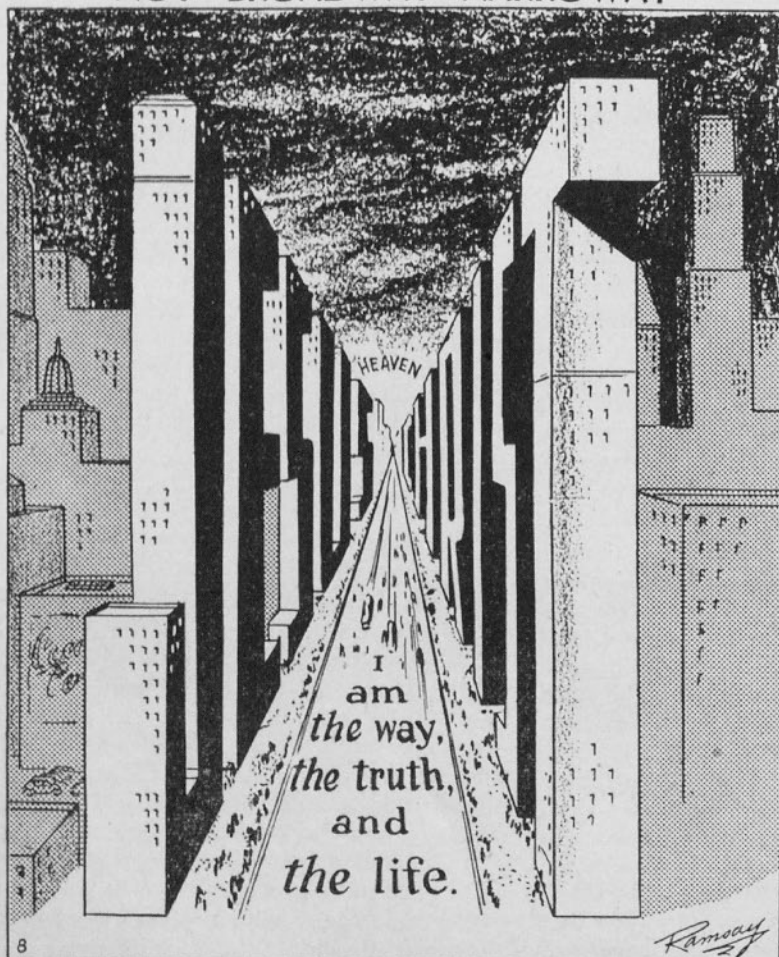
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on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour

IN Psalm 31:15 we read, "My times are in Thy hand." These are words spoken as the result of confidence. The times of all of us are in the hand of God, but many of us seem not to know it. Belshazzar, ruler in Babylon, may have thought otherwise when he prepared his drunken orgy and desecrated the vessels of the temple of the Lord. He was rudely awakened by the handwriting on the wall which told him that his kingdom was departed from him and his end had come. In that night was Belshazzar slain and his kingdom taken over by the Medes.

Cyrus, a ruler of Persia, was named more than a hundred years before his birth by the prophet Isaiah who told that he would be a friend of Israel. I quote from Isaiah 45:1-4. "Thus saith the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden. . . . For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel Mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name." Little did Cyrus know that it was the hand of God upon him when the Lord stirred up his spirit to encourage those who would return to Jerusalem and "build the house of the Lord." Ezra 1:1-4. Everyone of us is in the hand of divine sovereignty, for "in Him we live and move and have our being."

The Psalmist saw himself in the hand of God, not as a subject

NOT BROADWAY—NARROWAY



of creation, but as an object of grace and fellowship. He recognized in it a divine purpose for his life. "My times." The daily walk, the joys and sorrows and even life or death, all were committed to God in confidence that God had for him a plan and would guide him in the way he should go.

Some profess themselves fatalists. They say, "What is to be will be." But the Christian says, "God is my Father. I will trust in Him and He will lead me safely, for He has promised, 'I will guide thee with My counsel and afterward receive thee to glory.'" We are saved by faith, and we live by faith. We love God because we trust Him, and we trust Him because we love Him.

Friend, your times are in the hand of God. You have your life to live and your time to die. That is not all. After death comes the judgment. You may fight against God, but He will overcome. You may even fight death, but death will bring you low. Then comes eternity. Then will God's hand be seen in its sovereign power either for woe or for blessing.

Put your life into the hand of God. Let Him mould your character and determine your future.

THE BITTER MADE SWEET

A Watch Night Message by
BEN HARDIN

TONIGHT I want to speak on another New Year's Eve, when the Lord said to the children of Israel through Moses, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you."

They were to leave Egyptian bondage and start a new calendar. God told them to take a bunch of hyssop and sprinkle the door-posts with the blood of a lamb so as to have protection from the death-angel. Darkness and death were on the outside; but inside the houses which were sprinkled with the blood, what a different scene! There was the lamb roasted with bitter herbs, on which they were to feast. This was for physical strength as they went forth into the unknown wilderness. They did not know what was before them. To them it was a new beginning, a new day, a new year. They partook of the lamb roasted with bitter herbs and stepped out in the strength God gave.

You and I do not know what is before us this coming year, but I am confident there is divine strength for the journey. Christ the Lord will lead us and feed us with Bread that comes down from heaven. But do not think that you will get through the year without bitter experiences. The children of Israel had no sooner crossed the Red Sea than they came to the bitter waters of Marah.

If you are a child of God you will weep over a lost world. You will weep as God lays the pressure of lost souls upon you. You will weep because of misunderstandings, because of bitter disappointments. You will have days of blessing, days of joy, but you will also know what it is to have days of sorrow, heartache and distress. But there is a compensation for the bitter experience. When the Israelites tasted of the bitter waters of Marah and cried to Moses, he cast a tree into the bitter waters and they were sweetened.

I want to assure you that every bitter experience God calls upon us to go through is sweetened by the cross of Calvary, by Him who Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree. Jesus Christ takes the bitter drafts of suffering and gives to us the sweet. He "took our infirmities and bore our diseases. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed."

What a wonderful New Year's Day this would be if we realized that Jesus had taken all the bitterness out of our lives,

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR REVIVAL

January 5 to 12, 1947

A call has gone forth to all Evangelical churches the world over to unite, during the first full week of the new year, in prayer for world-wide revival. In last week's *Evangel* some practical suggestions were given as to how such prayer meetings may be conducted.

We are persuaded that every assembly in which the saints give themselves to earnest prayer at this time will soon see a reviving of God's mighty working in their midst, for God answers prayer. There were revivals in Finney's ministry because there was a Father Nash, interceding on his behalf and crying for souls. Finney could always tell, by the results in his meetings, whether Father Nash was praying or not. There were revivals in Moody's ministry because believing prayer was made for him continually. Oftentimes Moody would write to Chicago when he was about to launch a new campaign, and the students would spend a day in fasting and prayer for that campaign, sometimes praying all night. Every revival in the church's history has been born in prayer, and never was a Holy Ghost revival more sorely needed than it is today.

Let us take time for prayer. Let us *make* time for prayer. Nothing else is so important that it cannot be put aside, in order that we may engage in the all-important ministry of praying souls into the kingdom of God.

leaving only the sweetness that comes from a surrendered will! The tree which Moses threw into the water made the bitter waters sweet, and the cross does take the bitterness out of the waters of suffering. Your problems are laid on Jesus—those financial difficulties, those distresses and perplexities, those hardships that you will face during the coming year. Every bitter experience that will confront you, Jesus will go through with you.

Now we have a clean slate; the new year lies before us. Let us not worry about the past with its failures and omissions, but let the blood of Christ cover our shortcomings. Let us eat our Lamb, and with our staff in our hand, our shoes upon our feet, our loins girt about with truth, let us get ready for the march, for Jesus is coming. By the grace of God we will step into the new year with a greater purpose than ever to be true and a greater faith in Him to keep us true. Let us rejoice that we have a beautiful new year before us with its glorious possibilities of service for our God, knowing that Jesus will sweeten every trial and give grace and strength for the journey.

A Family Altar in Every Home in 1947

That there should be family worship in every home Christian people everywhere will readily agree.

Every Christian home will have the delightful practice of united prayer at the beginning of each meal—"giving thanks" or "saying grace."

Every Christian family will go to church each Sunday, and how beautiful it is to see the entire family seated together in God's house.

In every Christian home the parents will teach the little children to kneel down and develop the habit of private prayer and Bible reading at the beginning of each new day.

His Eyes Upon the Year

The land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. Deut. 11: 11, 12.

TODAY we stand upon the verge of the unknown. There lies before us the new year and we are going forth to possess it. Who can tell what we shall find? What new experiences, what changes shall come, what new needs shall arise? But here is the cheering, comforting, gladdening message from our heavenly Father, "The Lord thy God careth for it." "His eyes are upon it always to the ending of the year."

All our supply is to come from the Lord. Here are springs that shall never dry; here are fountains and streams that shall never be cut off. Here, anxious one, is the gracious pledge of the heavenly Father. If He be the Source of our mercies they can never fail us. No heat, no drought can parch that river, "the

There will be times when father or mother and son or daughter will "talk over" the meaning of life, personal problems, life plans, and spiritual aspirations, ending their chats with prayer together.

All these are various phases of family worship, and each is good and essential—but none can take the place of the old-fashioned "family altar," that time of family worship in the home each day. Let us have all these other phases of family worship—but let us also have the daily custom of gathering around the Word of the Lord as a family, there to listen as father or mother reads a portion of Scripture aloud, and as the children recite verses from memory, then to join voices in the singing of gospel choruses or a spiritual song, and pray together.

Years ago this message came to God's people: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them . . . when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:6, 7. God is holding parents responsible for the spiritual instruction of their children. Let all fathers and mothers assume their sacred responsibility and determine that, by God's grace, they will gather their family about the "family altar" every day in 1947.

He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wise for a moment, but a fool forever.—Tillotson.

streams whereof make glad the city of God."

The land is a land of hills and valleys. It is not all smooth nor all downhill. If life were all one dead level the dull sameness would oppress us; we want the hills and the valleys. The hills collect the rain for a hundred fruitful valleys. Ah! so it is with us! It is the hill difficulty that drives us to the throne of grace and brings down the shower of blessing; the hills, the bleak hills of life that we wonder at and perhaps grumble at, bring down the showers. How many have perished in the desert, buried under its golden sands, who would have lived and thrived in the hill-country; how many would have been killed by the frost, blighted with winds, swept desolate of tree and fruit, but for the hill—stern, hard, rugged, so steep to climb. God's hills are a gracious protection for His people against their foes!

We cannot tell what loss and sorrow and trial are doing. Trust only. The Father comes near to take our hand and lead us on our way today. It shall be a good, a blessed New Year!



Our Missionary Advance in

Victory Is Ours

Fred Leonard

"The victory is ours, thank God! He made it ours by our Lord Jesus Christ. Well then, my beloved brothers, hold your ground, immovable; abound in work for the Lord at all times, for you may be sure that in the Lord your labor is never thrown away." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (Moffatt).

OUT of a block of over 1100 decrees to be passed by the National Senate, the Religious Decree, which was designated to curtail if not to stop the Evangelical work in Argentina, was thrown out as unconstitutional. Praise the Lord for this victory which He has given in answer to prayer!

The Lord has also been blessing us with a revival in La Riestra. Numbers have been saved and several have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On August 12 we celebrated the anniversary of founding the work there, a day of real victory and fellowship. That night the little chapel was packed and overflowing out into the street.

Ever since our arrival in Argentina we have been praying for a moving of the Holy Spirit in true Pentecostal fashion. Sunday morning, October 13, we witnessed the answer. The brethren in the 25 de Mayo area have been asking for a conference for some time, as they are possessed of an intense hunger for more teaching. Consequently on Friday, October 11, the 25 de Mayo church was set in order, a church board elected, and the day closed with a rousing sermon on the Spirit-filled life.

Saturday we conducted classes of instruction in Sunday School work, church government, tithing, personal work, and evangelism. A sectional board was elected to oversee the work of that area and to assist in the opening of new works. In the evening an evangelistic service was conducted by the young people at Plaza Espana,

followed by a preaching service in the church.

Sunday morning we conducted a model Sunday School with classes for all ages. Then, after listening to a brief message from each of the Correspondence Bible School students present, one deacon and four young men who are now actively engaged in the ministry were set apart for God's service by the laying on of hands by the brethren. Just as the Shekinah Glory descended when the Tabernacle was dedicated, so the chapel in 25 de Mayo was filled with the glory of the Lord on this day. Truly God's approval was apparent to all.

Many had never before witnessed such a demonstration of God's power. Several who loved the Lord, yet were not sure just what their particular ministry should be, testified later that now there was no doubt. This visitation was constantly referred to as **un milagro** (a miracle), and our prayer is that Argentina may see many more such miracles.

As we commemorated the Lord's Supper on Sunday afternoon, and as we were ministered to in sermon and song, the mantle of His power continued to rest heavily upon

the conference. At the night service, souls came forward and gave their hearts to Christ during a refreshing altar service.

Afterward, no one cared to leave, preferring rather to remain in the house of God and sing praises to His Name. But as midnight was approaching, the pastor reminded the people that we and several other workers would be taking the train at 4:15 a.m., and therefore had but a couple remaining hours for sleep. So the farewell embraces and **Dios le bendiga's** (God bless you's) were exchanged and the dear ones reluctantly parted, their cups still running over.

We are highly pleased with the Argentine believers. They are intelligent, consecrated, and spiritually minded. If they see a thing is Scriptural, there is no further question. They were in perfect accord in all their deliberations, took notes on every session, and drank up all the teaching they could get.

The theme of this conference was, "God glorified in the church by Christ Jesus." Eph. 3:21. The various speakers brought out, "God glorified in the Church: through prayer, through His Word, in tithing, in a life of holiness, in a Spirit-filled life, in the Sunday School, in the young people, in church ministrations, etc." The messages were Scriptural, clear cut, and to the point. This victorious conference excelled our highest expectations, for which we thank God.

We believe these workers are worth everything we put into them. Their one aim seems to be to glorify God and to see the salvation of souls. Believe with us for the continued moving of God in our midst as we endeavor to assist these dear ones in the raising up and strengthening of an indigenous Argentine church.

Prayer for the New Year

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.



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Latin American Countries



Recent Revival Outpourings!

Walter E. Erickson

PERU has had a few small outpourings, but never any great revival. The first outpouring of the Spirit which Peru ever witnessed fell here in Caraz in 1928. From here it swept to Huaraz, Lima, Callao, and other centers. However, after the first outpourings, we went through a period of dearth and spiritual leanness.

But as we have prayed and looked to the Lord in these past days, He brought to our minds that wonderful promise in Joel 2:23-25, in which He promises to restore the years that the locust, the cankerworm, the caterpillar, and the palmerworm have eaten.

In the past few days the Lord has been pleased to visit us with wonderful heavenly blessings, and eighteen have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twelve of these received here in Caraz, just a few days before the Convention. Since the fire was already falling, about thirty of our people went to the Convention, which was held from August 9 to 12, in Huaraz this year, with great expectation and a spirit of intercessory prayer. The Lord blessed from the very first day, and graciously baptized six more.

secretary of San Antonio de Copan, a Christian, introduced to me a well-dressed, and attractive-looking gentleman. The introduction was: "This is Senor Rodolfo Valdivieso, secretary of Florida. He is a believer." I must admit that I was incredulous, for although courteous and eloquent, the said gentleman was intoxicated.

However, God was working in his life. When we began to hold services in Florida, Rodolfo attended every service, borrowing the gasoline light from the municipal building to light our services. At every altar call he went forward, asking that we pray for him. Later he asked for baptism. But, as is too often the case in Latin America, he was living in companionate marriage. Now, although he wanted to straighten up his life, the woman refused to marry him, choosing rather to make life as miserable for him as she could. Since several children were also involved, the only recourse was to pray that God would work.

Some months later we held a service in his home, and one of those who accepted the Lord as their Savior was Rodolfo's wife. He was almost beside himself with joy. A few weeks later they were legally married, and received water baptism.

Then came the annual fiesta of Florida—supposed to be religious, but the principal attractions are liquor, gambling, dancing, and all that goes with such things. Never in many years had Rodolfo passed a fiesta without drinking heavily for days. But this fiesta came and went, yet Rodolfo did not drink. Rather, he would do what was to be done in his office, then attend the special meetings we were having six miles from there. The one-time professed "believer" now possessed a changed life!

Now Senor Rodolfo is a deacon in the church, has a good testimony, and "pinch hits" when the pastor is away—doing a real good job of it too! Certainly he is not ashamed of the gospel, for he testifies to everyone with whom he comes in contact.

While seated in a hotel in San Pedro Sula, a well-to-do *hacendero* (rancher) stated to me, "Only the gospel as you preach it can change the lives and hearts of man. I have known Colonel Valdivieso for a long time, and he was the worst drunkard that I have ever known. I drink, but still work, while for weeks he would not go to his office. Now he has changed completely, for I know his life well." The mayor of Florida summed it up in a few words, "Rodolfo is very much born again!"

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS November, 1946

Alabama	967.98	Nevada	206.13
Arizona	1,210.38	New Hampshire	90.43
Arkansas	3,836.36	New Jersey	4,122.65
California	35,012.95	New Mexico	826.98
Colorado	2,572.99	New York	5,461.12
Connecticut	785.64	North Carolina	467.15
Delaware	687.77	North Dakota	2,274.76
District of Columbia	1,245.00	Ohio	10,281.95
Florida	1,996.59	Oklahoma	6,172.03
Georgia	961.92	Oregon	5,689.17
German Branch	1,110.39	Pennsylvania	11,473.54
Hungarian Branch	100.00	Polish Branch	30.00
Idaho	1,080.66	Rhode Island	131.17
Illinois	6,849.75	South Carolina	253.70
Indiana	3,068.37	South Dakota	1,058.22
Iowa	2,169.16	Tennessee	591.39
Kansas	5,020.64	Texas	9,113.67
Kentucky	490.19	Ukrainian Branch	208.29
Louisiana	387.18	Utah	27.07
Maine	117.96	Vermont	43.00
Maryland	839.51	Virginia	1,465.45
Massachusetts	452.61	Washington	13,645.23
Michigan	7,454.52	West Virginia	277.88
Minnesota	5,977.98	Wisconsin	5,181.42
Mississippi	241.28	Wyoming	416.22
Missouri	6,148.11	Alaska	98.66
Montana	1,500.90	Canada	337.01
Nebraska	2,615.79	Foreign	173.67
		Legacies	101.90
		Miscellaneous	12,839.44

Amount Reported	187,961.88
District Fund	9,588.65
Office Expense Fund	2,820.68
Literature Expense Fund	439.97
Given Direct to Missionaries	19,654.71
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	155,457.87
Amount Received for Home Missions	19,001.48

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1946

Congo	\$ 3,495.95	Argentina	1,900.91
Dahomey	466.77	Bolivia	1,275.37
Egypt	5,074.86	Brazil	5,668.39
Gold Coast	3,136.53	Chile	4,757.34
Ivory Coast	7,493.75	Colombia	1,503.60
Liberia	6,982.85	Peru	4,572.60
Nigeria	4,141.20	Venezuela	1,634.07
Nyasaland	686.33	British West Indies	1,815.51
Sierra Leone	1,038.68	Fiji Islands	539.27
Tanganyika	538.00	Hawaiian Islands	697.50
Transvaal	1,746.60	Japan	1,610.50
China	27,010.61	Netherlands East Indies	2,754.32
Ceylon	2,459.00	Philippine Islands	2,273.00
India	23,455.66	Retired Missionaries	1,243.06
Europe	5,618.84	Non-Council Missionaries	7,345.13
Palestine and Near East	2,134.18	Miscellaneous	10,929.73
West Indies	13,601.69	Fields	
Mexican Work	972.25		
Central America	6,354.72		

Charged from Reserve Funds	\$166,928.77
Total Receipts for November	\$155,457.87

Sixteen of those who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in this new outpouring have been women and girls; mostly girls from twelve to eighteen or nineteen. Some of our girls go into the prayer room and pray for hours night after night. On nights when we have no services in the church, they have been meeting in the homes of some of the believers and praying, frequently until the wee hours of the morning. If we keep ourselves broken before the Lord so that He can use us, He will send a real Holy Ghost revival.



Very Much Born Again

Perry Dymond

SHORTLY after my arrival in Honduras, six years ago last July, the municipal

HAPPY NEW YEAR

OUR HOME FRONTIERS

Great Need for the Gospel Among Russian-Speaking People

JOHN W. SEREGOW

Secretary of the Russian Branch of the Assemblies of God

The Russian Branch, with the assistance of the Home Missions Department, is endeavoring to reach the Russian-speaking people of the United States with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In New York City, alone, there are hundreds of thousands of Russian-born people. In Los Angeles there are 28,000 Russians, and similar numbers in Detroit, Boston and San Francisco—a total of well over a million Russians in our American cities.

THE MOLOKANS

The Molokans comprise a part of the Russian-born population of Los Angeles. It was probably in the eighteenth century that the Molokans, of Central Russia, began to acquire their distinctive character by failing to conform to the state church. Of course, this brought on very severe persecution, the imprisonment of many, and eventual exile of the entire body into wild southern Caucasus. More recently a considerable number of them emigrated to this country, and the majority settled in and around Los Angeles. Besides the considerable number of smaller Molokan churches in Los Angeles, there is the "Big Church," with a membership of seven hundred families.

Undoubtedly, many of the early Molokans were devout Christians, truly saved, Spirit-filled, and manifesting the gifts of the Holy Spirit. However, they were led far astray by some blasphemous, inconsistent, but very influential leaders, chief of whom appears to be Maxim Gavrilovich Rudometkin.

Rudometkin claimed to be "King of the Spirits," "Son of the Woman Clothed in the Sun," "Third Person of the Trinity," "The Head and Leader of New Israel," and claimed to exist before Adam, Abraham, and the holy prophets, whom he supposedly corrected. He was active during the middle of the last century, and his writings have been canonized by the Molokans.

Many of the customs of these Molokans are strange. They pray for the dead, observe Jewish feast days, reject water baptism and the breaking of bread, are conscientious objectors to all military service, and religiously abstain from eating pork.

Of course, what these people need is the pure, unadulterated gospel of Christ, which alone can deliver them from hopeless bondage to useless customs and traditions very similar to those against which their forefathers originally rebelled.

"SPIRITUAL JUMPERS"

After our Sunday evening service, I went to a Molokan funeral service, accompanied by Fred, our church janitor. The Molokan church is located on broad Lorena Street. In

bold letters chiseled over the imposing entrance was the legend: "Christian Molokan Church of the Spiritual Jumpers." This was my first visit, and Fred had warned me not to take the front seat, as the front seats were seats of honor, to be occupied only by their prophets, and the most spiritual people of the church. Accordingly, we took seats very near the door.

Although the hour was late, and the service had been continuing most of the day, the hall was still full of people. The men sat on one side of the hall, dressed in long, beautiful shirts which came over their trousers, with a sash around their waist. Many of the men had long beards. On the other side of the hall, facing the men, were the women. They wore long, white dresses, beautifully embroidered, and shawls on their heads. In one corner of the room, with a small group of mournful relatives around it, stood the coffin with the body of the deceased.

The song they were singing in their native Russian, reminded me of our own "Take the whole world, but give me Jesus." Even some of the words were similar, except for references

to the deceased, that he was gone, never to return, incorporated in the song. Mournfully they sang. Then the tempo began to quicken and the volume to rise. Soon the congregation was on its feet, singing with new fervor. Now some of the "prophets" began jumping. On the other side, some of the women, ecstatic expressions on their faces, hands half uplifted, also began to jump. Others of the congregation joined the jumpers. Benches were quickly moved aside, and the singing and jumping proceeded rhythmically in unison—jump, jump, jump.

Gradually the singing and jumping subsided in vigor and the congregation was seated again. A friend of the deceased addressed the meeting, extolling his virtues and expressing confidence that he had gained a better life.

As the congregation resumed its mournful singing, a bearded fellow entered the door, gently leading an elderly woman by the arm, past us and on to the center of the gathering. At once the congregation went into vigorous action. The singing was very fervent; "prophets," "prophetesses" and "elders" were jumping energetically and, to my amazement, the elderly woman was also jumping. Turning to Fred, I asked who the elderly woman was, and he informed me that she was the widow of the deceased. When the singing and jumping again subsided Fred and I went home.

We cherish your prayers for us and the work as we labor among the Molokans and other sects who speak the Russian language.

Note: The Home Missions Department is assisting financially to the fullest extent of our funds to spread the gospel among the foreign-speaking people of the United States. We shall greatly appreciate contributions for this great need. These should be sent to Fred Vogler, Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

Winning Souls With the Gospel of John

O. B. WERNER

WHILE I was driving along the street one day, a high school lad beckoned for a ride. As he climbed into the car beside me, he apologized for having to ask for a ride by saying, "My legs are tired for some reason, and I appreciate this ride."

"If your legs are tired and you can't walk very well, how do you expect to get to heaven?" was my first statement to him.

The lad smiled and said, "I guess I'll have to get busy and earn some money and buy me a bus ticket."

"Which bus goes there? If you can find it, there will be a lot of folks who will be interested." His face sobered as he replied, "There is none, but I really want to get there someday anyway."

"That is interesting. Let me ask you if you believe the Bible, for it says, 'Ye must be born again' if you want to get there."

"Certainly, I believe the Bible. I have already studied two years preparing for the Catholic priesthood, but they have not told me that I need to be born again. Where is that found in the Bible?"

"That is in the Gospel of John. You will extend me the courtesy of showing it to you, won't you?" With his assent we turned to the third chapter of John. We read:

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:1-7.

He said, "It certainly does say that, but how can one be born again?"

We turned to chapter one and began to read,
(Continued on page thirteen)

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

DIAMONDS FROM PALESTINE

Palestine exported close to \$25,000,000 in cut and polished diamonds during 1945, practically doubling her 1944 record. The Holy Land has become one of the largest diamond-cutting centers of the world, states *S. S. Times*.

PALESTINE'S BIRTH RATE

The Jewish birth rate in Palestine has increased astonishingly during the past two years. Official estimates place the 1945-46 figures at thirty or more births per 1,000 population. Surely God has placed within His ancient people the will to survive. It is still true of them today as it was in Egypt, "The more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew." Ex. 1:12.

NOT AMONG THE NATIONS

The Bible says that the Jews "shall not be reckoned among the nations." Num. 23:9. One is struck at the way in which this prophecy is so literally fulfilled, in spite of the fact that the Jewish question is so prominent today. At the United Nations Conference the flags of 54 nations were displayed, seven of which were more or less Arabic, but no Jewish ensign was there.

A HEALTH CENTER

The London *Christian Herald* predicts that a great health center will be built up soon around the Dead Sea in Palestine. "This famous stretch of inland water is charged with 25% salts which possess wonderful healing properties and are radio active. The air contains 6% more oxygen than anywhere in the world. The soil around the Dead Sea is extremely fertile. It is said that seeds of radishes sprout through the soil after being planted for 24 hours. An orange grown near this sea weighed 1 3/4 pounds and was 15 inches in diameter."

IS THIS THE "FALLING AWAY"?

From Toronto, Canada, comes a press report stating that a "steady decline in Sunday school attendance for twenty years has been accompanied by a 351% increase in major crime." Comments *The Prairie Overcomer*: "The history of Britain and America may be read in Romans 1. God help us on such an incline when we have no brakes!"

WOMEN ALCOHOLICS

According to *Cosmopolitan*, more and more American women are becoming afflicted with alcoholism. In 1944 the Yale Plan Clinics reported the proportion of men to women among their patients was five to one. Last year, Dr. D. B. Rothman of the Chicago Municipal Court stated that one-third of the city's alcoholics were women. The FBI reports that five times as many women in this country were arrested for drunkenness in 1944 as in 1932. If it is true that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," what kind of world can we expect if the hand that rocks the cradle is ruled by liquor?

PURGED WITH HYSOP

Under the heading, "Ancients Knew of It," the *Detroit News* carries the following dispatch from Edinburgh: "Believe it or not, says a Glasgow, Scotland, commentator, but penicillin was first mentioned 3,000 years ago when the 51st Psalm was written. 'Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,' cried the Psalmist. Scientists know now that penicillin grows on hyssop and gives it healing power—effectively used in Bible times in the rite of purification after touching a corpse or a leper."

IN U.S.-OCCUPIED EUROPE

The Saturday Evening Post remarks that alcohol and firearms make a dangerous mixture, and our soldiers have killed enough innocent people in Europe to convince foreigners that our Chicago gangster films are not exaggerated. "It is a sad story, and it certainly isn't helping us to face the present totalitarian menace, but we ought to remember that most of those boys didn't drink before they went into the army," reminds *The Voice*, "and they wouldn't have begun after they went into the army if the weight of suggestion and influence had been against it."

THE NEED OF THE HOUR

A heaven-sent prayer-brought revival of Holy Ghost power is the greatest need of the hour. Oh, for a mighty moving of hearts such as there was in Finney's day. *The Prairie Overcomer* reminds us of the great revival that God sent to Rochester, N. Y., through Charles Finney. In speaking of that revival in which he had been converted, the district attorney of Rochester said to Mr. Finney, years afterward: "I have been examining the records of the criminal courts, and I find this striking fact, that whereas our city has increased threefold since that revival, there are not one-third as many prosecutions for crime as there had been up to that time. This is the wonderful influence that that revival had upon the community."

BIBLES FOR GERMANY

Plans are being laid for the printing of one million German Bibles in Germany, using material supplied almost completely by the American Bible Society. The cost of the material is over \$275,000,000 or about 25 cents each. Needed for the huge task will be 550 tons of Bible paper, 75,000 yards of cloth and cover paper, 66 tons of binder's board, 16 tons of printer's ink, 55,000 sheets of gold foil, 13,000,000 yards of stitching thread, 15 tons of paste down paper, 14,000 yards of stitching gauze, 14 tons of glue and paste, and 44,000 yards of head bands. It is a great undertaking, but when carried through it may mean more to the reconstruction of Germany than anything else this country has done. The Bibles are especially needed by young men between the ages of 18 and 30 who have been demobilized, and are trying without success to find jobs, with no chance of entering a university. The Word of Truth is the textbook they need the most.

DIRECT ACTION FROM ABOVE

Dr. John R. Mott returned recently from an extensive tour of war-shattered Europe, deeply impressed by what he saw, and convinced that this is "the most dangerous era the world has ever known."

"Never has there been anything quite like this," he reported. "Many groups of thoughtful and serious people across the breadth of the world are trying to take stock of our world situation, asking the question, 'Where are we heading?'"

"When I think of human tragedy, as I saw it and felt it, of the Christian ideals sacrificed as they have been, the thought comes to me that God is preparing the way for some immense direct action. Who knows through what conduits and channels He will make His power felt? I believe we are on the threshold of something far greater and more portentous than the world has ever known."

When the world's night was darkest, when Israel's hope had ebbed to the lowest point, God took direct action by giving His only begotten Son to mankind. God's next move will be to send His Son back to catch away His people and pour His wrath upon a wicked world. That is the direct action God will take—and it must come soon. We are indeed "on the threshold of something far greater and more portentous than the world has ever known."

CONVERSIONS IN HOLLAND

From *The Life of Faith* (London) we quote a report from Holland concerning meetings conducted recently by a Youth for Christ team composed of young Americans of Dutch descent: "The biggest halls cannot hold the young people, who come in such crowds. In Rotterdam 2,500 filled a big hall, and thousands were waiting outside. At 9:30 p.m. a second meeting started, and this is what happens night after night. They hear an entirely new message from what they hear in the churches (except Baptist and Free Evangelical churches). It is just that Jesus is able to save from sin, and give full salvation to any who will accept. . . . Hundreds came forward every night, and at Rotterdam it was estimated that as many as a thousand came out."

BROKEN HOMES

Most broken homes are childless homes, and are found in the city. The report of the Federal Security Agency for 1945 reveals that only 8% of couples with children separated, but 71% of childless marriages ended in the divorce courts. And, on the average, couples who lived in the city split up twice as much as those who lived in the country. This would indicate that unselfishness and tolerance would prevent divorces—but in so many cases these qualities necessary for a successful marriage are missing because Christ is not known.

DRINKING DRIVERS

Half of the highway accidents could be eliminated if drivers could be kept from drinking liquor. Frank Kreml of Evanston, one of the nation's leading authorities on automobile traffic accidents, made a four-year survey covering hundreds of cases, and published his findings in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. He said, "One half of the drivers involved in accidents which injured or killed someone 'had been drinking.'"

AMBASSADORS ADVANCE

Wesley R. Steelberg
National C. A. Director

Why Youth Work?

Because the church of tomorrow, the missionaries, ministers, and workers of the future will come from the youth of today. The young people of our Pentecostal fellowship stand on the threshold of life gazing into the future with eager expectation. The testimony of their fathers has challenged them to perpetuate the faith, fervency and vision of Pentecost. It is the purpose of the Christ's Ambassadors Department to utilize every means in assisting the precious young people of our fellowship to make this aspiration a reality. To this end every phase of our Christ's Ambassadors program has been directed.

Why a Youth Column?

We should like very much to acquaint our Evangel readers with some of the objectives and accomplishments of the C. A.'s that you may not only rejoice with us in victories won, but pray for us in our contemplated projects. The activities of the Christ's Ambassadors are fully reported in our youth paper, the C. A. Herald, but in order to reach our full constituency, we shall use this column from time to time to keep you informed of God's blessings on our young people.

Youth Enlistment for Service

The "All-for-Christ Crusade" is the project upon which our attention is focused at the present hour. This far-reaching effort is calculated to promote missionary evangelism on a scale hitherto unknown. The plan is to enlist the services of consecrated young people who may not feel called or qualified for full-time ministry, but who nevertheless have a deep and fervent desire to serve the Lord with every talent they may possess. Those who volunteer for the "All-for-Christ Crusade" will dedicate themselves to the world missionary cause. Some may be asked to go to certain communities where a District home missions project is being started. They will obtain employment in such a community and assist the full-time worker in establishing an assembly. Their tithes and offerings will provide financial support. Their presence in the service will be an encouragement to the minister. In addition they can give invaluable assistance by teaching Sunday School classes, conducting children's services, distributing tracts, and house-to-house visitation.

We solicit your prayers for this project, for we feel it opens the door of service to hundreds and even thousands of young people who, while occupied in secular employment of every form, may find a place of definite service in the Master's vineyard.

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A SURE METHOD FOR GROWTH IN 1947

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by the Lord. The church as a body is to witness unto Him until the last man, woman and child on the face of the earth has heard the Gospel to such an extent that he can intelligently accept it if he will.

Now, what have we done? I speak of the whole body of professed believers. We have built churches as expensive as we could afford, and, oh, so often, far beyond what we could afford, so that the burden of debt has so obscured our vision that we could see nothing but the great task of getting out from under the load, and the field white unto the harvest is ignored. We have called, or "hired," the best man we could get to preach; we have our singers to attract, and our ushers all prepared to conduct the fish into the net, the sheaves into the storehouse, when they come to hear the Gospel so eloquently preached. But, oh, so pitifully few of them ever come to be caught, or harvested!

We preach and sing and pray, and wonder why sinners do not come and hear the Gospel. The believers are instructed and edified, but the sinners do not come. It is not uncommon for a preacher to preach his best to win sinners and discover that there is not a sinner within the sound of his voice. If the church with its present program expects to reach the whole world with the Gospel, it is doomed to the most colossal failure ever suffered by man, because it is not the original plan. There is not a command from Genesis to Revelation to sinners to come and hear the Gospel; but there are many for the believers to go and tell.

As I have gone from church to church teaching and emphasizing the Word along this line, and the members of the church have begun to obey their Lord, and go from house to house and witness unto Him; and to carry this witnessing into their business, social, and industrial contacts, I have found that God begins to bless in two ways.

First, those who would never come and hear the gospel, regardless of the attractive bait used to lure them in, get the gospel first hand, and in a way that says directly to them, "Thou art the man." Many times they break down and repent and believe just because somebody cares for their souls. Mothers sometimes weep when they learn that some one is interested enough in their children's spiritual welfare to come and talk with them, and take them all to Sunday School where they can be more fully taught the way of life.

Multitudes are rushing on to eternity, and the church doesn't seem to care whether or not they go to hell. Sometimes they dimly wonder why the sinner fish are so foolish as not to come and be caught; why the sheaves will not come in from the field and be harvested in our beautiful storehouses which we have made so attractive—to us; why the dead simply refuse to come to life. We piously sigh, and say, What more can we do? God help us to wake up and obey our Lord, and go after them!

The other great benefit is, that those who really become fishers of men are marvelously blest and built up in their own spiritual lives. Those whose hearts are ruled by a passion to win souls are never found among the critics and

fault-finders. As they get a clearer vision of the field and its need, they gladly bend every energy, and make every sacrifice possible to gather in more and more of the lost and minister to the sick and dying.

It is most pronounced, the way they come back after their first effort in the line of obedience to the original plan, with radiant faces and the thrill of victory in their souls. They have had a taste of the joy of witnessing, and they never can be the same again. We find them, almost without exception, ready and eager for the next opportunity to go.

Churches that have been a reproach and byword, because of internal dissension and strife, become bee hives of industry in the interest of the kingdom of God, and have no time nor inclination to make trouble.

The pastor then can come into his own divinely-appointed ministry; not as a hired substitute to do all the witnessing for the congregation, but as an overseer of the flock to train them in the blessed work of witnessing. It is as reasonable for the church to expect victory when the pastor does all the witnessing, as for an army to have victory when the general does all the shooting.

The pastor's chief work is made so clear in Eph. 4:11, 12, R.V. The Lord "gave some to be apostles, and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, UNTO the work of ministering, UNTO the building up of the body of Christ."

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are all alike called to the work of perfecting the saints, as Weymouth puts it, "In order fully to equip his people for the work of serving." Conybeare and Howson translate it, "For the perfecting of God's people in their appointed service."

What a harvest would be gathered when a divinely-called evangelist would go into a place where the pastor had trained the saints for this work, and he could lead them in one grand, intensive campaign to gather into the fold those who had been led to God, or made hungry for God, by the consistent witnessing of the saints.

Among the Koreans one can not get recognition as a Christian, much less become a member of the church, until he has definitely led some one to Christ.

Once every year more than three thousand members of his church walked in a line past Charles H. Spurgeon and gave him their hands in a solemn covenant that they would give themselves to the work of taking Christ to the lost.

This is the PLAN THAT WORKS; indeed, it is the only plan that works, and it always works because God is in it.

WHERE TO SEND CLOTHING

A letter from Frank D. Lombar, Executive Director of the War Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, states: "Many gifts of both cash and clothing are still coming in from your Assembly of God people, and we are truly grateful for your continued interest and help in this Christian ministry."

Mr. Lombar especially asks that no clothing be sent to their Philadelphia office, but that all should be addressed to their warehouse, 536 West 46th St., New York 19, N. Y. Dona-

tions of money can be sent to their office at 2124 Lincoln Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa., but they have no facilities for warehousing and repacking in Philadelphia. Mr. Lombar writes:

"The Lord is continuing to bless the work in a most gracious way and we are told of instances where men and women have been brought to a saving knowledge of Christ through this practical expression of Christianity. We do thank you and your people for your generous help and fine co-operation."

A PAPER FOR PREACHERS

The Assemblies of God in Great Britain are publishing a small but excellent monthly paper for ministers. It is entitled: *Study Hour*. A dollar bill will bring this paper to you for a year. Address Assemblies of God Evangelistic Society, 87 South Hill Park, Hampstead, N. W. 3, London, England.

UNUSUAL CO-OPERATION

In a letter to the Sunday School Department, D. Ward Loughlin of Route 3, Windsor, N. C., writes, "We have better than a 75% return from our Council Sunday Schools reporting on the 1945-46 Checkups. We are endeavoring to make it 100%."

Not only in North Carolina but in quite a number of other states, the Sunday Schools have reported almost 100%. How about your District? A beautiful Poster Award is awaiting each school reporting. Information thus gained is very valuable to the local school, and to the District Office, as well as to the Sunday School Department at Springfield. Write now asking for your 1945-46 Checkup Form. Address—Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

HEALED WHEN DYING

After two and a half years of frequently recurring sick spells, on June 19, 1946, I became violently ill. The doctor said it was a bursted appendix, but my age, pulse, temperature, and a blood pressure of 210 made an operation out of the question. They gave me sulfa drugs and packed me in ice. After a week a turn for the worse had come, bodily organs had ceased to function. They could not find a vein into which to make an injection; but after a shot in the arm I sank into a coma, and it was believed I had reached the end. I had not prayed to live, neither had I asked for prayer. Nevertheless many were praying for me. When I regained consciousness it was daylight and I knew I was healed, although I was extremely weak. There were no lumps or ridges on my abdomen and no soreness. I said, "I am all right." The doctor came and found my pulse, blood pressure, and temperature normal. The Great Physician had done His work. I was up the following day and now (December) I am normal only that I have much flesh to regain.

I do not know why I was healed when I did not ask for it. The night of my healing my husband spent the night reading his Bible and praying. At two a. m. he was reading John 11, and received the assurance that I would live. Then he went to bed and to sleep, and the Lord took over for my wonderful healing.—Mrs. Lucy Murphy, 320 South Merango Avenue, Alhambra, California.

WINNING SOULS WITH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

"Do you know who the 'Word' is?"

"Well, I have been taught that refers to our Lord Jesus Christ, but I could never see how He could be born of the virgin Mary if He was God, neither can I understand verse three which says, 'All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.'"

"In verse fourteen of this chapter you will find the answer for that. It states, 'And the Word (the Lord Jesus Christ) was made flesh, and dwelt among us.' It means that Christ who was God became clothed with human flesh. This was the way He chose to come into the world so people could see Him (John 1:18) and also so He could die for sinners as the Lamb of God." John 1:29.

"But how can I be born again?" he continued eagerly.

"Here is God's answer to your question: 'But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.'" John 1:12, 13.

"It says here, 'As many as received Him.' How do you receive Him?" the lad inquired.

"If I came to your home and you invited me in, we could have fellowship together, couldn't we?"

"Yes," he assented.

"The Lord Jesus wants to come into your heart and have fellowship with you. He is saying, 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.'" Rev. 3:20.

"Will you now bow your head and ask the Lord Jesus to come into your heart?"

Tears were in the lad's eyes as he bowed reverently and said, "Dear Jesus, I believe that You are my God and that You died for me. Come into my heart that I may be born again. Receive me as I am, a sinner. Amen." He took the gospel of John with him.

Several weeks after this I had the joy of bringing another lad about the same age to a decision to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord. After we had prayed and thanked God for his salvation, this lad told me that his brother had come a few weeks before with a Gospel of John and had tried to tell him from the Gospel of John how to be saved. In checking the names of these lads I found that the former was the one referred to in the experience given above.

If you wish to be a successful soul winner, buy some Gospels of John. Circle with a red lead pencil several verses that tell the sinner what the Lord Jesus has done for him; and after you have read the Word together, be bold in asking him to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord. Carry a Gospel of John with you at all times so that you will be ready at an instant's notice to tell a person how to come to Christ. Verses we have found effective are John 1:1, 3, 14, 29; 3:1-7, 16, 17, 18, 36; 5:24; 14:6; 20:31.—*Christian Victory*.

DISTRIBUTING EVANGELS

It is customary to ask people to deposit two cents for each paper they take out of the Evangel box, but in the Grace Assembly of God, Oklahoma City, the members do not have to bother about this. They get the paper "free," and the way it is done is explained in the following letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the church, Norman W. Upjohn:

Dear Brethren:

I thought you might be interested in knowing something we have learned in dealing with our people about the Evangel and the bundle roll plan.

When we asked the people to drop two cents in the box each week as they took a paper, we came up short of the total annual cost of our Evangel. So we decided to ask our people for one dollar each, at the close of each year, to pay for the year ahead. In this way we get all that we need to pay for our papers. I believe, too, that more of the papers are being read this way. A number are paying two dollars per year so that free copies may be furnished to others who might be blessed by the paper.

The Evangel is excellent reading and will bless the assembly that will keep it before the people.

This is a valuable and practical suggestion, and we would be happy to enter an order for a bundle of Evangel for your assembly for the coming year. The cost is only \$1.00 per year (outside U. S. A., \$1.50) on orders for less than 25 copies per week. On orders for 25 or more copies, accompanied by cash, the price is slightly less; \$23.40 will pay for a bundle of 25 copies each week for a whole year (outside U. S. A., \$29.90).

An Evangel box is offered free to those ordering a bundle of 10 or more copies per week for a whole year, payable in advance.

Now is a good time to present the matter to your church, and make up your order. Address your letter and Money Order to the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.

Among the Assemblies

CONCORDIA, KANSAS—A 3-week meeting was conducted by Evangelist Eugene C. Bishop of Springfield, Mo. Seven found Christ as their Savior. The whole church was stirred, and many people came to hear the full gospel for the first time. Harry M. Myers is the pastor.

HARRISON, ARK.—Word comes to us of a very successful and stirring week of Sunday School revival under the ministry of D. B. Ballard, National Sunday School worker. Pastor Basil Edwards writes: "God met with us in each service in a precious way and we feel that this effort will produce untold results for God's glory in time to come." Brother Ballard can be reached through the Sunday School Department.

HENDERSON, TEXAS—About 12 were saved or reclaimed and 2 were baptized with the Holy Spirit in a recent revival with Evangelist V. E. Wilson of Oklahoma City, Okla. The most outstanding service was the last Sunday morning meeting, when 5 came to the altar during the song service and were saved, and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. There was no preaching as the Spirit of God took charge. M. L. Fauss is pastor.

Full Gospel Books

THIS PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL, by Stanley H. Frodsham. This thirty-two page book consists of the opening chapters of the book "With Signs Following," the story of the Pentecostal revival in the twentieth century. **Price 10c each.**

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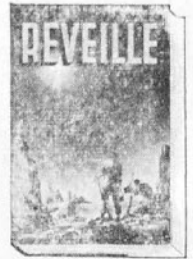
WATER BAPTISM AND THE TRINITY, by J. Narver Gortner, Donald Gee and Hy Pickering. The chapter headings of this sixty-four-page book are Baptism and Salvation, Christian Baptism, The Importance of Water Baptism, The Apostolic Formula, The Three in One. **Price 25c each.**



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GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Springfield, Missouri

DEL NORTE, COLO.—Special meetings were conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Raymond Gregory. A few were at the altar for salvation and the saints were edified. Paul Perry is pastor.

GREENVILLE, ILL.—Evangelist C. Anna Briney recently held a 3-week meeting in the church where Woodrow W. Gillespie is pastor. Many were at the altar, one whole family being saved.

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS—Thirteen were saved and 2 received the Baptism in a 2-week meeting at the church where Mrs. Lora Willis is pastor. Evangelist and Mrs. Gerald Council were in charge of the meetings.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Pastor Robert C. Sellers of the Central Assembly reports a very successful revival with Wm. F. McPherson of Oklahoma City as the evangelist. The largest crowds since the new church was built were in attendance, and there was a real moving of the Spirit throughout the meeting.

LONDON, KY.—The congregation of the Gospel Tabernacle enjoyed a 10-day revival with Evangelist J. E. Robinson of Zion, Ill. Not only did those who attended the meetings receive spiritual refreshing, but one soul was reclaimed and one was filled with the Holy Spirit. The pastor is Lyman A. Jolley.

TWO HARBORS, MINN.—Pastor Robert M. Abbott writes: "Evangelist Ethel Hooke and her co-worker, Joyce Spurrell, of Nova Scotia, proved a real blessing to our assembly. Through Sister Hooke's anointed ministry, God performed some miraculous things in reviving our people and preparing the church for future victories." Sister Hooke is C. A. President of the Maritime District.

RODEO, CALIF.—Pastor and Mrs. C. H. Midgley, of the United Christian Fellowship Church, write: "We had a wonderful meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Lionel W. Suter. Brother Suter's messages were the kind you could listen to and feel the presence of the Lord. Our Sunday School attendance tripled in the 3 weeks they were with us. It is a thrill to work with a man who is close to God."

CANYONVILLE, ORE.—A. M. Shaffer, President of Canyonville Bible Academy, states that they have had an old-time Pentecostal revival among the students. The meetings, conducted by Evangelist R. T. Ridener, continued only one week, but during that time 20 or more were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Many others were re-filled and dedicated their lives for Christian service. C.B.A., "The Christian High School," is experiencing one of the best years in its history, with an enrollment of 125.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Evangelist Evelyn M. Olson accepted the leadership of Ebenezer Tabernacle, 415 53rd St., August 1. Steady progress has been made in every department of the church. Paul Tornquist, Church Secretary, tells of a splendid 3-week revival with Evangelist Lillian E. Holm of Tacoma, Wash. Good steady crowds attended the services, and many new members were added to the church. In every service there were outsiders and unsaved folk present, and several were saved. Many were drawn closer to the Lord.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—A glorious 3-week meeting was conducted at the First Assembly of God, by Evangelist and Mrs. Vaun Kemp of Russellville, Ark. A number of unsaved and backslidden people prayed through to a knowledge of sins forgiven. Brother Kemp's inspiring Sunday School talks, using flannel board and visual aid equipment, helped bring the Sunday School attendance back to record. Sister Kemp's talks to the children, and her singing and musical numbers proved a blessing. The pastor is W. M. Dunn.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Gladys Pearson and Margaret Plunkett were the evangelists at the Central Assembly of God, where G. W. Hardcastle is pastor. The saints met in large numbers daily, at 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and prayed for from two to four hours. A large number of folk were saved or reclaimed and approximately 25 were filled with the Spirit. Chaplain James Pearson, a brother of Gladys Pearson, preached several times during the last week of the meetings. The church was greatly revived, and the Sunday School attendance reached 368 the last Sunday. The crowds were very large each night.

MONAHANS, TEXAS—Pastor R. B. Ring writes: "A 2-week revival was conducted here by Roy F. George of Raton, N. Mex. Fourteen were saved and many were drawn closer to the Lord. We accepted the pastorate here about 3 months

ago. The Lord began to bless, and souls are being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. All Council ministers are invited to visit us when passing this way."

LAKELAND, FLA.—Revival services were conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Waldron Jr. of Clewiston. Pastor Douglas J. Friesen states: "Real old-fashioned gospel messages were preached each night under a mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. Thirty minutes before each service, Sister Waldron had special services for the children, using flannelgraph illustrations. These were very impressive and effective. A number of folk were saved and some were baptized with the Holy Ghost." A new Sunday School record was set, with 202 present. Students from Southeastern Bible Institute proved to be a great blessing, as they assisted with the altar work. Seven young people were baptized in water.

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.

ABBEVILLE, ALA.—Jan. 5—19; Carl C. Haas of Hartford, Evangelist.—Etta L. McCaskill, Pastor.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Central Ave., between 7th and 8th Sts., Dec. 29—Jan. 12; Gay G. Benson, Evangelist.—Andrew Rahner, Pastor.

EL CERRITO, CALIF.—1318 San Pablo Ave., Dec. 29—Jan. 12; George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—Leonard H. Rogers, Pastor.

PHILLIPSBURG, KANSAS—Jan. 5—19; The Edwards Evangelaries of Wichita.—Charles M. Dale, Pastor.

TRENTON, MO.—Jan. 12—; Edna Jacks and Margaret Mills, Evangelists.—W. Glen McClure, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—E. Fourth Ave. and Grant St., Jan. 1—; Frank, Gladys, and Dorothy Lummer, Evangelists.—R. A. McClure, Pastor.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—22nd and Franklin Sts., Dec. 31—Jan. 12; C. H. Nicholson, Tulsa, Okla., Evangelist.—Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Crace

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—North Side Assembly of God, Jan. 5—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dewlen of Sullivan.—Herman R. Rose, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Modesto Acres Assembly, Dec. 22—; Evangelist and Mrs. E. L. Saxelid of Lemoore.—Chas. F. Parker, Pastor.

FAIRMONT, MINN.—Special C. A. Rally, January 1.—H. A. Kingsriter, C. A. Chairman, South Central Section.

LAKELAND, FLA.—Jan. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. S. J. Scott, Oklahoma City, Okla.—Douglas J. Friesen, Pastor.

BOWIE, TEXAS—December 29, for 2 weeks or longer; Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill., Evangelist.—Herman T. Shields, Pastor, 111 N. Mason St.

EDENTON, N. C.—Fellowship Meeting, Northeast Section, Jan. 1. Services 2:30, 6:30 and 7:30. D. B. Lawrence is pastor.—D. Ward Loughlin, Presbyter.

OAKLAND, CALIF.—Bethel Tabernacle, Jan. 12—26; John W. Follette, speaker. Friends wishing to stay over night accommodated as far as possible. Write Pastor R. H. Moon, 1527 54th Ave.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God. Watch night service, Dec. 31. Special services, Dec. 31—Jan. 5. W. M. Stevens, Evangelist.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

OHIO C. A. RALLIES

New Year's Day C. A. Rallies: Warren, Findlay, Springfield, and Newcomerstown. Speakers: James Van Meter, W. F. Duncan, W. Hinecker, and W. Wibley.—R. L. Krans, Ohio C. A. President.

PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Tenth Annual Southwestern Prayer and Bible Conference, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., Jan. 14—16. Sponsored by Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, West Texas, and Texas Districts. Fellowship Meeting, evening, Jan. 13. For further information write E. W. Davis, Box 71, Bossier City, La., or A. C. Bates, 1200 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.—A. C. Bates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

State Sunday School Convention, Faith Tabernacle, 13th and Trenton Sts., Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 2—3. Wm. E. Kirschke, Centralia, Wash., principal speaker. Other speakers: Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Little Rock, Ark.; T. A. Kessel, Springfield, Ill.; and F. C. Cornell of Oklahoma City. First session, Thursday, 1:30 p.m.—Paul Copeland, District Sunday School Superintendent.

ILLINOIS MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The Annual Ministers' Institute of the Illinois District will be held in Peoria, Ill., January 14—16. Gayle F. Lewis, Springfield, Mo., and Arthur H. Graves, Norfolk, Va., guest speakers. Hotel rooms and cots in dormitories provided as far as possible. Accommodations available to all who plan to attend. Those sleeping in dormitories must provide own bedding. For reservations write H. C. McKinney, Host Pastor, 201 Randolph St., Peoria, Ill.—W. R. Williamson, District Superintendent.

ANACORTES, WASH.—Dec. 29—; Irl J. Walker, Evangelist. C. A. Rally, Jan. 1, with services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Assembly of God, 10th and 0 Sts.—John A. Westman, Pastor.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Southeastern Fellowship Meeting, West Gate Assembly, 1722 Suwannee Drive, Jan. 6. Thomas Waldron of Clewiston, evening speaker.—D. J. Haidt, Host Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS—Annual New Year Fellowship Meeting, Southeast Section, Jan. 1. Services and speakers: 10:00 a.m., V. G. Greisen; 2:30 p.m., C. A. Rally, Ralph Hillegas; 7:30 p.m., F. C. Cornell.—C. H. Asher, Pastor.

OHIO MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Northeast Ohio Ministers' Institute, First Pentecostal Church, N. Howard and York Sts., Akron, Ohio, Jan. 13—15. Flem Van Meter, Host Pastor. James Van Meter, Chambersburg, Pa., special evening speaker. First service 7:30 p.m., then 3 services daily. For room reservations write Flem Van Meter, 498 Schiller Ave., Akron, Ohio.—Howard R. Davidson, Sectional Secretary.

ALABAMA MINISTER'S INSTITUTES

Southwest Alabama Ministers' Institute, Crichton Assembly, 119 Mobile St., Mobile, Jan. 20—22. First service Monday night; then 3 services daily. D. V. Williams, Pastor.

Southeast Alabama Ministers' Institute, Enterprise, Jan. 23—24. First service Thursday night, 3 services next day. Robert Boddy, Pastor.

North Alabama Ministers' Institute, First Assembly of God, 4737 Second Ave. N., Birmingham, Jan. 27—29. First service Monday night, then 3 services daily. W. T. Davis, Pastor.

Speakers: G. F. Lewis and Marvin L. Smith. Day services for ministers and their wives only; night services open to the public. Free beds furnished to those coming from a distance.—Marvin L. Smith, District Superintendent.

SOUTHEASTERN FELLOWSHIP

The District Superintendents of eight Southeastern Districts have planned an annual Southeastern Fellowship. First gathering will be February 17—20 (instead of February 3—6 as previously announced), in auditorium of Southeastern Bible Institute, Lakeland, Fla. The purpose of having the first meeting in Lakeland is to better acquaint our ministers and constituency with the setup at Southeastern Bible Institute. Southeastern Fellowship will rotate until it has convened in each of the eight Districts.

Ministers, Laymen, and friends invited. There will be preaching, praying, shouting, testifying, and letting God have His way. Speakers: Edgar W. Bethany, Andrew Stirling, H. T. Walker, Charles S. Craighead, Marvin L. Smith, R. C. Jones, Howard S. Bush, J. B. Bauldree, and W. G. White. For reservations write Howard S. Bush, Route 4, Box 700, Lakeland, Fla.—Marvin L. Smith.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE—Brass Trombone, A-1 condition, Elkhart, Ind. make. Price \$65.00. Write Jas. C. Stewart, 807—13th St., McKees Rocks, Pa.

FOR SALE—80 bass Celine Accordion, in perfect condition. Price \$300.00. Write Assembly of God, 444 N. Third St., Raton, N. Mex.

BROADCASTS—From Oak Cliff Assembly, Dallas, Texas: Saturdays, 1:30—2:00 p.m., Station KSKY, 660 kilos., and Sundays, 7:00—7:30 a.m., Station WRR, 1310 kilos.—H. C. Noah, Pastor.

NOTICE—Since entering the evangelistic field, my headquarters address is 3015 Brent St., Maplewood, Mo.—J. C. Kofahl.

FOR SALE—90 bass Soprani Accordion, ladies' model, good condition; two treble changes, automatic lock, good case. Price \$300.00. Write J. D. McManess, Box 32, Palco, Kansas.

NEW ADDRESS—119 Maple St., Marietta, Ohio. "I have accepted the pastorate of Trinity Chapel Assembly here. Council brethren will find a hearty welcome."—John W. Blair.

NOTICE—After having served the Louisiana District for two years I have entered full-time National Sunday School work for the Gospel Publishing House Sunday School Department. My address is 236 W. Highland, Malvern, Ark.—D. B. Ballard.

NOTICE—Assemblies of God work located just outside Farragut Naval Training Station, Sunday School 2 p.m., worship service 3 p.m. Anxious to contact students. Write Robert Webster, Pastor, Victory Camp, Athol, Idaho.

BROADCAST—Assembly of God Hour, Station KLRA, 1010 on your dial, Little Rock, Ark., Sundays 8:30—9:00 a.m. C. C. Crace, Pastor. Sponsored by First Assembly of God, 22nd and Franklin Sts., North Little Rock, Ark.

OPEN FOR CALLS Evangelistic

Carl C. Haas, Box 63, Hartford, Ala.—"Have no openings until March 1."
Louie Shultz, 910 S. Lilly St., Blytheville, Ark.—"Open for evangelistic calls."

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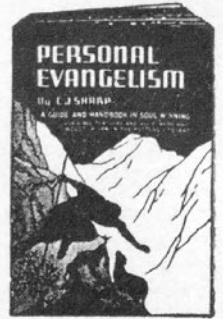
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