

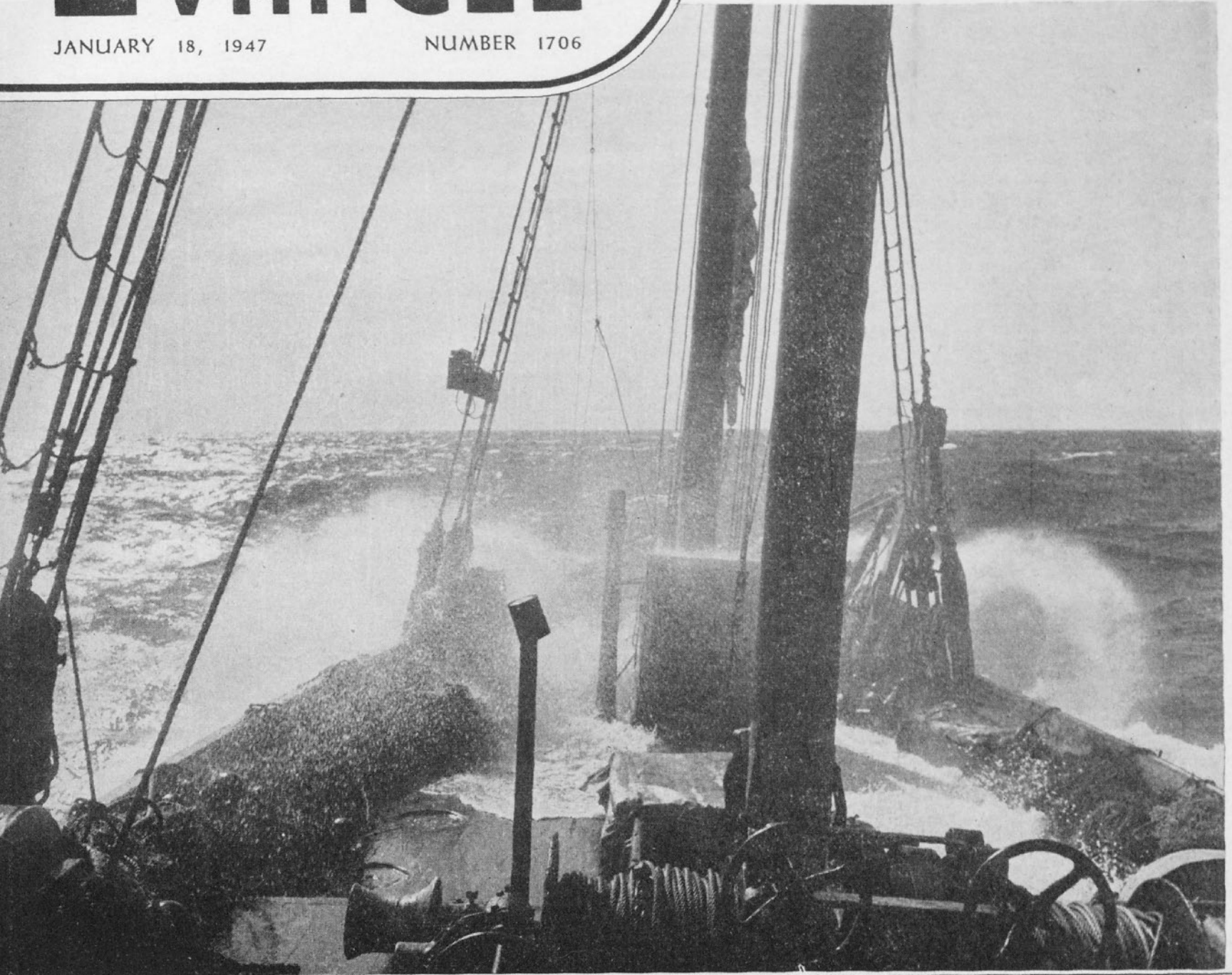
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NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER,
BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD



The Storm God Plans

He commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind which lifteth up the waves thereof. Psalm 107:25.

Think ye, dear one. He doth not see
The trouble that befalleth thee?
Or He who notes the sparrow's fall
Hath failed to hear thy faintest call?
How could it be that He who planned
For thee before the world began,

Would now forget, forsake, His child?
Not heed the billows breaking wild
Against thy storm-tossed craft?

Ah, no! If thou wilt yielded stand
Beneath His loving, chast'ning hand,

He who yet rules the raging sea
Will calm this storm which troubleth thee.
And thou shalt know—yea, understand—
The storm was good that *He* had planned.

—Mary Virginia Bryant.

THE LORD OUR HEALER

GLENN A. REED AT CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

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

ONE of the things we must jealously guard these days is the preaching and practicing of Divine Healing. It is a precious part of our Pentecostal heritage and testimony. We need to practice it as well as preach it. There isn't much reproach when a preacher says, "I believe in Divine Healing," but a reproach does come when he begins to practice it in his own life—when he or some member of his family is taken sick and he stands on the bare Word of God for healing—or when he practices it in his ministry, anointing the sick with oil and praying the prayer of faith, expecting God to do the work of healing. That is when the reproach comes.

I never shall forget what this message of Divine Healing meant to me a number of years ago. For fourteen months I lay flat on my back on a bed of sickness, 1100 miles away from my wife and baby daughter. For fourteen months I didn't see any member of my immediate family—wife or daughter, brother or sister, mother or father. I was confined to a sanatorium in New Mexico, afflicted with "the great white plague." When at length I was permitted to return to my home I was in a pitiful condition. I could hardly talk above a whisper. I didn't want to see any of my old associates in those days. The moment any of them would drive up to my father's home, cold perspiration would break out all over my body.

But one day a Pentecostal preacher came to my bedside and talked to me about the healing power of God. Before he left he said, "Glenn, don't you want me to pray for you?" I said, "Yes, I believe in prayer." I thought all healing was divine. I thought God used all the common measures like household remedies, hospitalization, and a doctor's care for

our healing. I had just come out of medical school. But this Pentecostal preacher told me that God still healed the sick in answer to the simple prayer of faith.

He knelt at my bedside that day and started to pray. He didn't anoint me with oil; he didn't lay his hands on me, but I never heard such a prayer before in my life. From that time on I was able to do things I never expected to be able to do again. Little did I think I would ever be able to lift my voice as I do at the present time. Within ten days I was down at a camp meeting doing things the doctors said I never ought to do. I put my hands above my head in prayer, and I stayed up after nine o'clock at night. I stayed praying at the altar until two and three and four o'clock in the morning, tarrying for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Oh, how I thank God today for this wonderful message of Divine Healing!

Let us consider briefly the main causes of sickness.

According to Deut. 28:58-61, disobedience is one great cause. God told the people of Israel that if they did not hearken diligently and did not obey Him, He would put sicknesses upon them. "Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance." The Lord gives the Holy Ghost to them that obey Him. I don't think He is concerned with anything else in our lives as much as this—that we should do the will

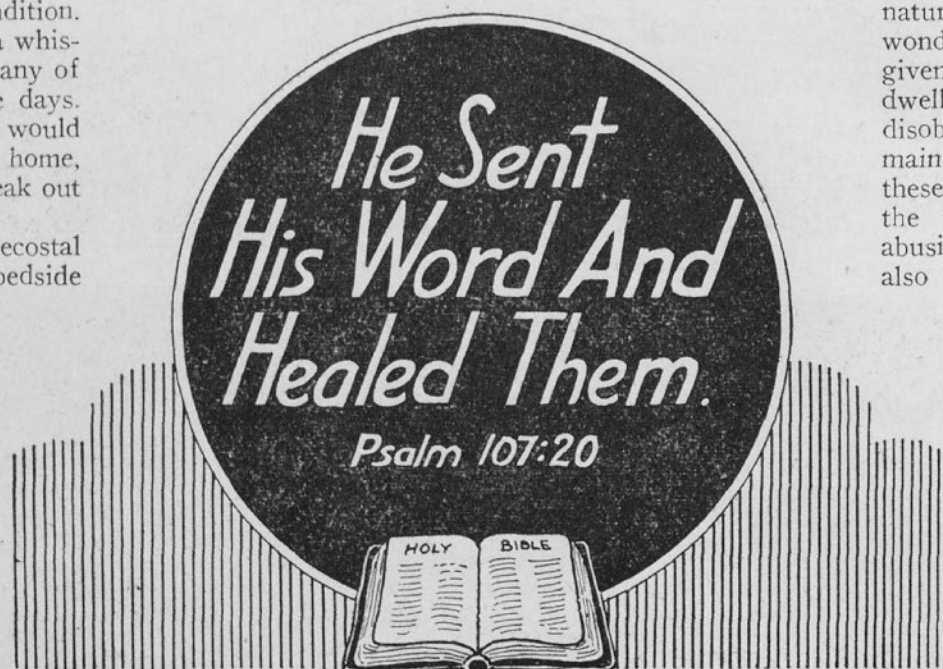
of God from the heart. He indicates the way you should take, and if you will obey Him I believe He will keep you in health.

Then we read in Psalm 107 that "fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted." Because of their foolishness the Lord lets sickness come upon them until their appetite is gone and they "draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saveth them out of their distresses. He sent His Word, and healed them." But first they have to reach a crying level. Men are so slow in getting to the place where they will cry unto the Lord. They will bear long, they will suffer much, before they are willing to open up their troubles to the eye of the great Physician. But men that have played the fool can be healed if they will come to this place of crying.

Another cause of sickness may be the oppression of Satan in our lives. The Lord is able to deliver us from the hand of Satan, too, for we read in Acts 10:38 that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil."

Over in the first chapter of Romans we read how there are abuses and unnatural uses to which the body is put. It is good to draw attention to that chapter in these modern times, and to show how many abuses of the body come by unnatural uses that are made of this wonderful temple which God has given for the Holy Ghost to indwell. Sickness comes when we disobey nature. So four of the main causes of sickness are these: disobedience, foolishness, the oppression of Satan, and abusing of the body. There can also be a sickness that is not unto death but that the glory of God might be revealed.

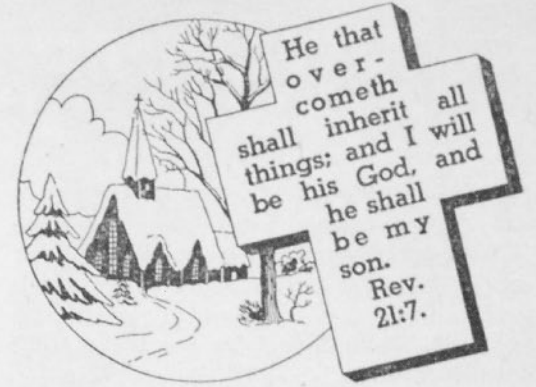
Is it God's will to heal the sick today? Yes, praise His name, right here in Exodus 15 the Lord covenants to be the Healer of His people. He says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." It is here we get the name. (Continued on page 12)



Pentecost in India

in the Early Days

KATE KNIGHT



I WAS definitely converted when a child but knew nothing of a real life of victory till thirty years of age, when I was a missionary in Burma. At that time the Holy Spirit took control of my life and brought me into a close and wonderful life of fellowship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

I was still conscious I had never received the Baptism in the Spirit in fullness and power, as did the early church, and for years sought to find others with similar convictions that we might seek and find it together. After we received the report of the Welsh revival (I was then living in Bombay) I became very hungry for God and gave much time to prayer. While at the hills in 1907 I spent most of my time alone with God earnestly seeking a satisfactory revelation of Him to my own soul and a spiritual equipment adequate to my ministry. Returning to Bombay I went on with the missionary work but crowded in hours each day of earnest waiting on God in real faith for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit. Others had become interested and we prayed together, not that we should receive any one special manifestation, but that God would so send His Spirit that we could never doubt we had received the real Baptism promised in the Bible. It meant seven months of seeking for me, but never was time better spent. We never had seen anyone receive this Baptism, and no one who had received it was with us, so all was new, sacred and wonderful.

At a quiet little prayer meeting in our own drawing room about nine o'clock at night it came. We and other missionaries had been keeping a day of prayer for all heathen, mission workers, etc. I was tired, having prayed many times aloud that day, and it was very hot weather. We were all kneeling while the leader of the meeting offered a closing prayer. I suddenly became conscious of God's

presence in the room so vividly that I felt if I put out my hand I could touch Him. As the meeting was informal, before rising I began to thank God for this aloud, and as soon as I did so the Spirit was poured upon me and another lady near me, so that our bodies swayed and shook from head to foot.

It was very wonderful to feel God in this way, as we had been brought up in a church quite strict and formal and knew nothing of spiritual liberty. It was also very delightful to realize the Spirit had come in power after we had prayed so long. After a time sounds like stuttering came from our lips, quite unsought and involuntarily, as I had quite forgotten

sought. We sought only to be filled with God's Spirit, and He did exceeding abundantly above all we asked or thought, blessed be His name forever! We were also miraculously healed and given great vitality and life, so that for a year we traveled thousands of miles all over India praying with missionaries of all denominations that they too might be filled with the Spirit. We saw many missionaries and native Christians receive this great Baptism and thereby become much more efficient workers. In the years since never once have I regretted or doubted this step into God, but praise Him more and more for this wonderful experience.

Soon after we received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, after waiting on God in prayer we felt definitely led to go and hold some meetings at a mission station in Gujerat, India. There were eight missionaries there and we knew they were as hungry for the outpouring of the Spirit as we had been. An earnest, zealous missionary had been there a short time before and they had tried for a month to produce a revival, as the station contained a large boys' orphanage and a training school for young ministers, but no revival had come.

We wrote them and they urged us to come at once. We all agreed that the meetings must be mostly waiting on God and prayer for the outpouring; that we would begin in one of the bungalows with the missionaries alone; and that the meetings should be held at 3 p.m. and in the evening of each day. God showed us we must have His word in each meeting, and I was asked to bring the Bible messages, which God poured through me in a way I had never known before. In the very first meeting one lady, a nurse, was wonderfully filled with God's Spirit, and a man who had been very ill for seven

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He shall baptize
you with the Holy
Ghost and with fire.

Matt. 3:11

about the speaking in tongues at Pentecost. This continued till distinct words, language, flowed easily and fully, and then my soul was so full of joy and the glory of God I went into a rapture of ecstasy. From this time either of us could speak in tongues as a gift any time, day or night.

In a short time the other lady received a clear, strong gift of interpretation, and through the two gifts we received many wonderful messages from God that amounted to prophecy according to 1 Cor. 14:5. We tested this by the Bible test (Deut. 18:21, 22) and the prophecies came to pass exactly before our eyes. We also had great and glorious visions and revelations by the Spirit entirely un-

PARTAKERS of CHRIST

THE Manna came down from heaven. It was angels' food and yet by grace it was rained on the earth, even for rebels. The Lord transformed that which was suitable for the heavenly nature of angels to make it suitable for the earthly nature of men.

Christ is the bread from heaven, and the Holy Spirit was the power or medium by which it was possible for the heavenly bread, the true bread, to come down to earth. A virgin, overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, brought forth the bread in earthly form. Most of the men on earth thought Christ was earthly like themselves, and questioned, "How can this man give us this bread? Is not this the carpenter?" They reasoned, "A carpenter works with wood, not with bread!"

The Holy Spirit produced bread. They called it manna—what is it?—for they wist not what it was. And they said to Jesus, "Who art Thou?" They wist not who He was. When every other explanation failed, they said He was the carpenter's son. But an evil spirit, possessing an evil man, recognized Him and cried: "I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God." Mark 1:24. And again, "What have we to do with Thee, Thou Son of God?" Matt. 8:29. The evil spirits recognized Him as the Son of the living God.

The Jews murmured at Him because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." John 6:41. He had told them, "The bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. . . . I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:33, 35, 51.

They questioned, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Why could they not understand? Why could they not see? They failed to perceive and to understand the prophecy, "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel—God with us." Isa. 7:14. The virgin was to be the medium of the miraculous, the coming forth of the God-man, of Him who was alike God and man, the uniter of earth and heaven, the true bread tabernacling in the flesh. The unborn Babe, who was the bread of heaven, conceived by the Holy Spirit, was nurtured with His mother by earthly bread.

When in the wilderness the tempter insinuated, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread—your need today is bread." Christ knew better. He refused to make the stones bread, and He had afterwards the ministration of angels, for they ministered to Him. Matt. 4:1-11. What was His food? It was the heavenly food—"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Had He made the stones bread, that would not have satisfied Him at that time and under those circumstances.

Christ declared, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. . . . Not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever." John 6:51, 58. Though the children of Israel ate angels' food, they died. The food of immortal angels could not make man immortal. But Christ who was immortal became mortal, that through Him the mortal might become immortal. By imparting Himself to the mortal ones, and the mortal ones partaking of Him, He makes mortals to become immortal. The heavenly One comes to us so that the earthly ones during their earthly sojourn can have heavenly fare on their way to heaven.

Christ declared, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever." Not only was life become visible but it became edible, so that those who partook of this heavenly food should become heavenly minded; they could par-

take of heaven before they got to heaven. Abraham knew a little of this, for he looked for a city whose builder and maker is God; and the heir of righteousness, who was a stranger and a pilgrim on earth, rejoiced to see the day of Christ, and was glad. John 8:56.

Is there bread enough for all? The son in the far country said, "In my father's house there is bread enough and to spare." In the heavenly Father's house there is enough for yourself and for those for whom nothing is prepared in the world. The angels never went on short rations. Even the fallen angels never complained of the scarcity of the heavenly manna. Neither is there a scarcity of the true manna.

Every child of God can say, "In my Father's house there is bread enough and to spare." The many mansions are well supplied with the bread of life. Meanwhile, the tabernacles of clay can get a good supply. The saint has a better fare, a richer bread, than the angels, and it endures forever. God means that all holy brethren who are partakers of the heavenly calling shall be made partakers of Christ. He says to us, "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever." John 6:57, 58.

RESTITUTION

A man carrying a big black bag said to Gipsy Smith at Louisville, Kentucky: "I heard you preach on 'stripe washing' and want to get right with God. You see that bag? It is full of money that I stole forty years ago. Every penny I stole is there—a small fortune—and forty years' interest. I am going, though it means traveling many miles, to restore it to its owner." Then he fell on his knees and almost as soon as they touched the floor he shouted, "Glory to God, I have found Him." Though he had not yet handed over the bag, in his heart the thing was done. Later, after restitution had been made, he said—"I am the happiest man in all America."—*The Sunday School Times*.

A RESULT OF PRAYER

Jonathan Edwards preached one Sunday at Enfield. Several women spent the night before in prayer. Before Edwards had finished, the entire congregation was standing and some were gripping the pillars of the church to keep from falling into hell. Five hundred were converted. Every convert helped to spread the flame. The entire community seemed conscious of God's presence—as a result of prayer.

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A New World and a New Life

LESTER SUMRALL

OH, I am glad to be an American," enthusiastically cried Lukas Sostarits. "In America I am free. I can do any kind of work I wish, and I can go to any church I choose, and nobody can beat me up."

Another grateful European immigrant gives thanks for his new discoveries in the new world, for his prosperity and for his freedom.

Lucas Sostarits was born in Minihof, Austria. Life was difficult and hard. He had been in the Austrian army in World War I and had been a prisoner-of-war of the Russians. He was weary of living in Europe. A relative of his in America offered to pay his way to the new world if he would come. He had heard of how rich this country was, and therefore accepted this opportunity for material advantages.

The day before he left Austria he asked a school chum, Theresa, if she would follow him to America if he sent her the money. She considered it just a friendly act and said, "Sure!" But Lukas was making a decision for a wife. When Theresa arrived in South Bend, Indiana, on Friday, Lukas said the priest was ready to marry them on Monday.

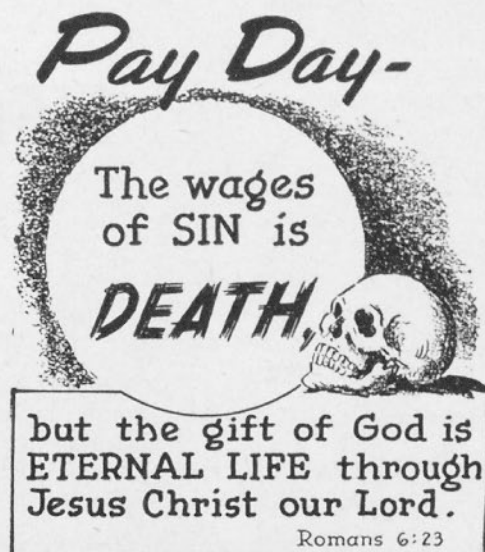
Lukas turned out to be an habitual drunkard, a bad husband, and a mean father. He became cruel and wicked. He would beat his family with his fists. He told me that he was a clown in the tavern, doing European dances for his fellow drunks, but was a devil when he came home to his poor family.

One day Mrs. Sostarits was told by a neighbor that there was a church near-by where the people could pray and her husband would be delivered from alcohol. As her husband was drunk every week, she decided to go to this church and see what they could do for him. She went to the South Bend Hungarian church during a revival meeting and heard the full gospel. Being a Catholic, she did not understand the service, and as she did not go again the pastor and evangelist decided to visit her.

It was Friday afternoon when the ministers came to a neighbor's house. Here they were warned of Mr. Sostarits, a short fat man, who was violent. The preachers said they were not afraid, and so they knocked on his front door. Mr. Lukas had been drunk the night before and could not work that Friday. Again the devil overstepped himself, for Lukas'

being off from work that day caused his conversion. The ministers asked if his wife was at home; and Lukas, leaving them on the front porch, said "No." Then one of the preachers asked him how many languages he spoke. With this Lukas invited them into the house and began a conversation in various European languages.

In a few moments the evangelist said they had come to talk to him about God. With this, Lukas exploded. He screamed at the ministers: "I don't believe in God!" Mr. Sostarits told me that he smoked



seven cigarettes while talking with the ministers. The wise preachers did not argue but opened the Bible and began to read. Mr. Sostarits was convicted of his sins. He asked, "Is that a book of truth?" "Yes sir, this is God's Book." Lukas listened to more of the Scriptures being read.

Next, the preachers asked: "Can we pray a little here in your house?" "You sure can," said Lukas. The two preachers knelt and Mr. Sostarits stood watching them. The evangelist cried, "Lord, You can loosen those tied by the devil." With this, Lukas fell on his knees before God. He felt as if the hand of God had knocked him down. When the ministers left his home he had one of his daughters follow them down the street to see if they were angels and would disappear. She returned and said, "No, they are just men. I have seen them walking for blocks."

That same night Mr. Sostarits went to his first Protestant meeting. He was the

first one present. He said he felt as if three or four horses were pulling him to church. He stood up during the testimony meeting and said, "I thank-y-ma Jesus, two angels came to my house today."

That night, at the altar, he was wonderfully saved; his sins were washed away by the blood of Jesus, and he was instantaneously changed into a new man. After the service, without being told, he went to his home and destroyed all his liquor. He would never drink again. The following morning, to the amazement of his family, he took them tenderly into his arms and asked forgiveness for all his bad deeds; he told them he would be a better husband and father from that day. They wept too, for the cruel man had never been kind to them before.

He smoked until Tuesday, when his wife heard an uproar in the basement. Lukas came up fuming. He declared that the devil had tried to hold his hands to keep him from throwing his cigarettes in the furnace, and had told him to smoke what cigarettes he had on hand and quit afterward. But he says that Jesus gave him the victory, and he threw his cigarettes into the furnace. He never smoked again.

A Catholic church heard of his new religion and sent a Roman priest to bring him back into the fold. Lukas said, "You no make me good man. Now Jesus make me good man. I never go to your church again." He has kept his word. There was a religious plaque on the wall with some saints and a cross on it. While his wife was out of the house, Lukas took it to the basement and smashed it with a hammer. His wife returned and brokenheartedly picked up the pieces of the holy relic, glued it together again, and put it back on the dining-room wall. The next day when his wife was shopping, Lukas says, "I-ma break it in a million pieces. She-zi no able to fix it again." And that was true. The "saints" never came back. He told his wife he had prayed to it a hundred times but nothing had ever happened.

A few days later, Lukas said: "One more thing I must do. I must burn the deck of cards." His wife remonstrated, "No, they are innocent. Let the children play with them." Lukas said, "No, just let me do all God wants me to do. God says burn them."

Within three weeks Theresa followed her husband to the altar and gave her heart to Christ. The older children came to the altar and found Christ.

This happened fourteen years ago. And today the Sostarits family is a happy, devoted, Christian family. An Austrian immigrant who came to the new world to find treasure, by the kind providence of God found a new life—eternal life.

Spiritual Life Imparted

ERNEST S. WILLIAMS

National Assemblies of God Radio Hour

LAST week we spoke of the need of spiritual life. Today we would consider how this life is imparted. You may be perplexed concerning this; but be of good cheer, others also have been perplexed until they have met the Lord. The outstanding example of perplexity is found in the story of Nicodemus, who came by night to interview Jesus. He said to Jesus, "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." Then Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus answered, "How can these things be?" Jesus did not explain how, but said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Jesus did not emphasize the how, but He did emphasize the need.

It is the duty of man not to solve the philosophy of salvation but to believe. It is the work of God to produce new life in the believing heart. Here is what we must do. "Say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into heaven? (that is to bring Christ down from above:) . . . But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God

hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Are you willing to do your part? Are you willing to take Jesus as Lord in your life, and then to confess Him as your Saviour? If so, you may have the life of the Holy Spirit imparted to you right now. Do your part and God will do His.

When Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again," and, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God," He followed with these words, "For God so loved the world" (that includes all of us) "that He gave His only begotten Son" (this tells of Christ's atonement) "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." That means that none of us need be lost. All who will take Christ as Saviour and Lord shall be saved.

When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, God sends the Holy Spirit into our hearts, bearing witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. We then know that God is our Father, that Christ is our Saviour, that salvation is our portion.

Do not put off making your peace with God. Open your heart to God in prayer. Tell Him your condition and need, and trust in the atoning work of Christ. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

LIFE ON WINGS

A. G. WARD

They that wait upon the Lord . . . shall mount up, with wings as eagles. Isa. 40:41.

LOW flying is one of the great tragedies of life. Much of our flying is altogether too low. We need to soar to high altitudes where we would probably encounter fewer obstacles and make faster speed. Many of us talk as though we were eagles but act so much like sparrows.

We pray on such a low plane. Many of our petitions are very selfish and then we wonder why God does not hear and answer them. In our prayer life we should soar over the sunlit hills of the never-failing promises of our great Jehovah God who delights to keep His Word with all who will unselfishly seek Him and who will truly believe. Our ambitions and interests are not high enough—so many of our desires are carnal, and undoubtedly the damaged and ruined lives everywhere to be seen are largely the result of low flying. What a disturbed and distracted world this is, and so unless we "mount up with wings as eagles" we shall in all probability find ourselves lost in the awful fog of unbelief in which so many lives are being wrecked.

Our thought life is on altogether too low a plane. An almost endless amount of small thinking is indulged in by so many. Here again we discover how disastrous low flying is. God would have us rise in our thought life to the most sublime heights, where our mind would become a moral health center for our thoughts, and thus they would all be pure and lovely, contributing greatly towards the building up of a strong Christian character.

Life on wings! It is the only life worth while! To live otherwise seems scarcely worth the effort, but to soar into the heavenlies, to fly high above the clouds of despair, discouragement, and unbelief—how exhilarating, what a stimulant to faith, and how pleasing to God. To fly high calls for courage and daring. One hesitates to lose sight entirely of all earthly things, but if we would know God intimately and share His joys

STRETCHED OUT STILL



and sorrows we must rise to higher heights in the spiritual realm. Let us refuse to build our life on the scale of the "twittering sparrow," familiar with the low places where the crumbs are sure; but rather let us "mount up with wings as eagles," far above all that is small and selfish and mean, into the heights of God where the sky is clear and the air pure, so far away from the dim and commotion of this sin-sick and distracted world that we shall find ourselves breathing in the very life of the Infinite, and wholly absorbed in the plans and purposes of the Eternal.

Rare souls have graced the church in the days that are gone; lovely characters are still to be found within her fold, but all such have learned the folly of flying *low*, and later have risen to higher altitudes and sublimer heights. What they have done we may also do. Let none be content to meet their troubles and their temptations on their own level and fall powerless before their assault, but let us *fly high*; let us "mount up with wings as eagles!"

A MARTYR'S LAST MOMENTS

The Spirit that was in Christ is the Spirit that reproduces Christ in the believer. "Know ye not that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" After sentence had been pronounced on John Huss, he knelt and prayed: "May Thy infinite mercy, O my God, pardon this injustice of mine enemies! Thou knowest the injustice of mine accusations: how I have been represented; how I have been oppressed with worthless witnesses, and a false condemnation. Yet, O my God, let that mercy of Thine, which no tongue can express, prevail with Thee not to avenge my wrongs." His ministerial garments were taken from him, and upon his head was placed a paper miter with three demons and the inscription *Heresiarch* painted on it. He was led to the place of execution and burned at the stake. Just before his execution he again knelt and sang some psalms and prayed: "Into Thy hand, O Lord, do I commit my spirit! Thou hast redeemed me, O most good and faithful God!"

CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING

Eleven of the leading Indian converts to Christianity, asked at a recent meeting to state what had been the decisive factor in their conversion, answered—in every case—that it was not a sermon, or mission, or a book, but the living Christ seen in a practicing Christian.

IN DAYS OF REVIVAL

It was said of the Irish Revival of 1859: "The difficulty used to be to get people into the church, but the difficulty now is to get them out!"

Pentecostal Power

THE promise to the overcomer who keeps the works of the Lord Jesus unto the end is, "To him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron." Rev. 2:26, 27.

Christ says, "Behold, I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19. Where do we commence to exercise power? We have to receive power here to rule over there. Powerless now, powerless hereafter! In order to become a ruler in the future, we must learn to rule now. By the abundance of the grace He gives and the gift of righteousness, we are to reign now in life by one Christ Jesus.

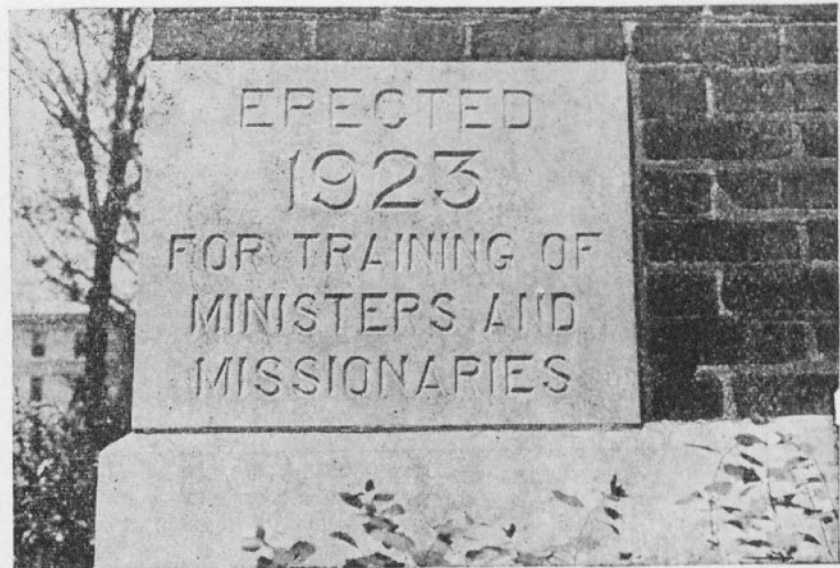
Where do we get this power? In touch with Him. He drew His disciples aside privately and instructed them. He bade them tarry in the city of Jerusalem until

they were endued with power from on high. He gave them the promise, "Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." Acts 1:8, R. V.

There is no excuse for being without this power, for "the promise is unto you." Acts 2:39. "Tarry ye . . . until ye be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:49.

THANKFULNESS

Would you know who is the greatest saint in the world? Well, it is not he who prays most or fasts most; it is not he who gives most alms, or is most eminent for temperance, chastity, or justice; but it is he who is always thankful to God, who wills everything that God wills, and who receives everything as an instance of God's goodness, and has a heart always ready to praise God for His goodness.—William Law.



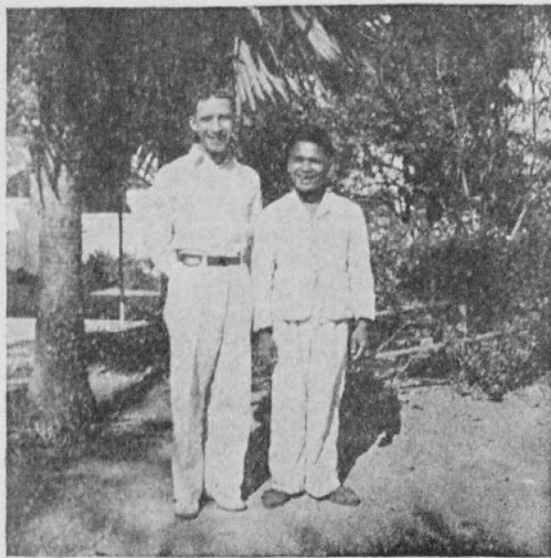
Twenty-four Years of Ministry

The above picture shows the cornerstone of the Administration Building at Central Bible Institute. Twenty-five years ago Pentecostal friends in all parts of the country began contributing to the cost of this building, and because of their generosity a wonderful ministry has been possible ever since. Many hundreds of ministers and missionaries have been trained in the Word of God, who are now scattered over the face of the earth proclaiming the Full Gospel message. Every dollar invested in Central Bible Institute has borne (and will continue to bear) multiplied dividends for eternity.

Today there is urgent need of a new Administration Building. The old building is needed for dormitory space, and the new building is needed to provide a chapel, cafeteria, library, classrooms, and office space large enough for the greatly increased number of students. Again an appeal must be made to our friends everywhere for help. Tuition rates are not high enough to cover more than current expenses, and so it is only through contributions that expansion will be possible so that more of the fine young men and women applying for admission can be accepted.

If the Lord has given you of this world's goods, will you not pray about this need? And "whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." Write for information regarding the Annuity Plan whereby you can donate a sum of money toward Central Bible Institute and at the same time receive a liberal rate of interest on it as long as you live. Interest rates are higher than those realized on most other investments. Address all correspondence and all contributions to J. R. Flower, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

Our Missionary Advance in



● Kenneth Short and a native worker.

Battle for Borneo

Kenneth Short

EARLY in the afternoon of October 11, the broad, bright wings of our shiny plane glided gracefully to the long dirt landing strip of Bandjermasin. As the two large doors were swung open, a blast of hot, humid air rushed in. Four steps down the little metal ladder, and our feet were once again on the soil of Borneo! For five long years we have earnestly prayed and patiently waited for this moment. Now that it had arrived, it seemed like the climax of an exciting dream.

The dream soon dissolved, however. Within half an hour we found ourselves in the midst of a very real warfare. The extremists, who had just won the political battle for Java, Madura, and Sumatra, were hard at work in Borneo. Two weeks before our arrival, they had burned the Bandjermasin docks and government warehouses on both sides of the river, causing millions of dollars worth of damage and an acute food shortage. The ruins were still smoldering. The natives that did the burning were caught and jailed, but that very night some friends on the outside burned the prison to the ground. From that moment everything was thrown into confusion. Nobody was allowed on the streets after 6 p. m. Machine guns were entrenched in vital places. Soldiers with gleaming bayonets fixed to loaded rifles were stationed everywhere, ready for instant ac-

tion. Every building of importance had to be guarded all night long. The atmosphere was electrified with apprehension.

That was just a month ago. Today some of the tension has relaxed, but the gathering clouds grow more foreboding each day. While the political battle for Borneo progresses, a still more insidious warfare is under way for this third largest island in the world—it is the spiritual battle for the millions of souls who are still engulfed in satanic darkness. The religion of the Star and Crescent has been well established for hundreds of years in some parts of the Netherlands East Indies, although in Borneo it is comparatively new. Now, with great zeal the fanatical followers of the Prophet are making deep inroads into the very heart of this island. Dissatisfied for many years with their old heathen religion, the Dyak people of interior Borneo are today searching for something new that will satisfy the emptiness of their hearts. Will this "something new" be the salvation of Christianity, or the illusion of Islam? The answer to that question depends upon the immediate action of the church of Jesus Christ in this critical hour.

Communism, too, is moving silently, but definitely, upon the scene. The Red leaders attach such vital importance to these islands that they have spared neither men nor finances to do some "evangelizing" of their own. Much of the propaganda that is today inflaming the minds of these simple island people, bears the insignia of the Hammer and Sickle, and bluntly demands revolution. The seeds seem to have been well sown, and a rich harvest for the adversaries of the gospel is ripening. This is the challenge that faces the Church of Christ in 1947. There is no evading the issue; either the Christian church will accept the responsibility and meet the challenge, or the day for the evangelization of this great island—yes, and for this group of islands—will soon be over.

Shortly after our arrival in Bandjermasin, I decided to make a hurried trip inland to Poelang Pisau, which was the headquarters for our work before the war. Even the most essential furniture was almost impossible to obtain in Bandjermasin, and it was my hope that I might be able to find some of my former furnishings and equipment in Poelang Pisau. The government officials, who have co-operated with us in every way possible, loaned me a motor boat in which to make the trip. For nearly six days and nights we battled with mud, mosquitoes and tides. But as far as the furniture is

concerned, the trip was fruitless. All of our equipment was stolen during the war, and it was immediately evident that very little of it could ever be recovered.

However, furniture and equipment are of little value, compared to the souls of men. The thing of greatest importance is that we found most of our Christian friends in Poelang Pisau still going on with God! I was with them for only one day, but it was one that I shall never forget. All day long the people kept coming from every direction. Their usual calm and restraint were completely broken down, as they openly displayed their sincere joy at our return. Such an overwhelming welcome by such a simple, sincere people, did something to me. It made me realize that we are working, not for time, but for eternity; not for a materialistic organization, but for an eternal kingdom. In that day I was permitted to taste a little of what it really means to be an ambassador for Christ.

But if our friends in America could only have been with us to see the people themselves, the sight would have stirred every heart to a deeper consecration and desire for sacrifice than ever before. Long before the war ended, most of the Dyak people found themselves without any clothing whatever. Today they dress in crude garments made from the bark of trees. A long drought has destroyed their crops of rice, also, and many of the jungle villages of the interior are on the point of starvation. The government is doing everything within its power to meet this emergency—but there just isn't enough. And so the Dyak people pull their rough bark garments a little closer to their emaciated bodies. That is the plight of a benighted people who today are turning to the Christian church with this one, burning question—"What have you to offer?"

Christian friend, let us dare to face that question honestly. We know that Christianity has EVERYTHING to offer—it is the whole gospel, for the whole man, for the whole world. But what have we personally to offer? We that are on the foreign field are not deceived into thinking that the task can be performed easily or inexpensively. We realize that every inch of ground gained in the name of our King will represent great effort and sacrifice. When the enemy is sending in unlimited resources of men and money to accomplish his aim, nothing less than a determined, united ef-

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the Isles of the Sea . . .

fort of God's people will be sufficient to turn the tide of battle for our Lord.

"What have you to offer?" We missionaries answer, "We offer our lives, our strength, our all!" What have Christian friends in America to offer? Will you offer a portion of your time for earnest prayer that will move the hand of God on behalf of these needy people? Will you definitely offer a portion of your wealth to meet the present need and crisis of a people who may be eternally beyond our reach if we hesitate and delay? The battle is definitely on for the souls of Borneo. Who shall be victor? You, dear friend, are the answer to that question.



News Flashes!

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schoonmaker of India are proudly announcing the arrival of a baby boy, born November 13. Weight 8 lbs. and 2 oz. Congratulations!



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Isensee of Arequipa, Peru, are also announcing the birth of a son. Master Kenneth Eugene Isensee, weight 7 lbs. 7 oz., arrived on December 15. Congratulations!



Kathryn Long, who has been laboring as a missionary in Cuba, returned to the States in November on furlough. Her present address: 513 West Walnut Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Welcome home!



Ellen Esler, missionary to Cuba, recently returned to the States on furlough. Her address is: 10736 Forest Avenue, Chicago 28, Illinois. Welcome home!



Mary Martin has returned home on furlough from Liberia. Welcome home!



Good News From Ceylon

Carl F. Graves

A GREAT forward step was taken within the last few months when it became necessary to separate Ceylon from the South India and Ceylon District Council in order that a local council might be formed, to expedite the work in Ceylon. With the bless-

ings of our South India Conference, with whom we have had grand fellowship through the years, the separation took place last May. Then in August, we called a joint committee of Ceylonese and missionaries to form a constitution for "The Assemblies of God of Ceylon." After some prayer and thought, a fine constitution was drawn up, adopted, and the first officers of the new Ceylon Council were elected by the committee to act until a general election can take place. Four of these executive committee members are Ceylonese, and the other three are missionaries.

The Colombo Assembly is self-supporting and those of Jaffna and Galle are partially so. Praise the Lord! A permanent home for the Ceylon Bible Institute is being purchased in a lovely hill station and will be occupied, God willing, next fall. So far, the Bible Institute has been carried on in rented buildings in Galle and Colombo. Now that department will be established as a district school in a location that will permit the opening of yet another assembly and the assistance of work carried on in the hilly part of the island.

● Right—Executive Committee of the Assemblies of God of Ceylon. Left to right (back row)—A. Cawston, W. J. G. Beling, S. A. Mutheveloe, C. F. Graves. Front row—C. R. Wadsworth, J. S. Wickramaratne, W. H. Clifford.

● Below—The Assemblies of God church in Colombo, Ceylon.

The Bible Institute has nine students at present. These are being taught by Brother Alfred Cawston, assisted by Brother Walter Clifford. More students are available, but further financial help is needed to expand this student body.

Here is a grand opportunity to help consecrated young people in the ministry and service of the Lord. Fifteen dollars a month will support a student, and such an investment will result in eternal dividends for the kingdom of God. Send all offerings for the Ceylon Bible Institute to the Foreign Missions Department, marked Ceylon Bible Institute, and indicate if you are intending to continue the amount monthly.

Please pray for the work in Ceylon and the Ceylon Bible Institute. "The night cometh when no man can work."



OUR HOME FRONTIERS

NEWS FROM THE KUSKOKWIM

Great Spiritual Awakening Comes to Bethel, Alaska

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Reb, missionaries to the little villages along the Kuskokwim River in Alaska's interior, are doing a pioneer work in the truest sense of the word among the Eskimos. Fortunately, they have gained a place of confidence and love in the hearts of these Eskimos rarely possessed by white people. We believe our readers will be interested in news notes gleaned from recent letters received from the Rebs. We quote from Brother Reb's letter:

"I am writing this report from the Moravian Mission Headquarters at Bethel, Alaska. Some time ago their superintendent treated us to come over and help them in their annual conference of native workers and members. I preached six of the seven nights of the services. The first night I preached to a packed house—over three hundred Eskimos from villages long distances away—the fruit of the Moravians' sixty years of labor.

"Sunday evening was a great event when two native helpers were ordained to the ministry—the first in the history of this work. I preached again Monday evening and sensed that the Spirit was striving with souls, and that some were not sure of their standing with God.

"On Tuesday night a real tidal wave of salvation broke upon us at the close of the service. At first three came forward at the altar call (something new here). Then after a little more pleading, I was greatly surprised to see one of the newly ordained native preachers press forward. Then it seemed the entire congregation moved forward en masse until the large platform was crowded and the remainder packed in the center aisle. I had never before seen an Eskimo shed tears, but tears flowed freely last night. Today these faith missionaries are so happy to admit that this is the awakening for which they have prayed for many years. To God be all the praise and glory!

"We received word that a group of children were saved in the parish house adjoining the church, where an overflow crowd heard the service over the loud-speaker.

"The Moravian Mission donated a valuable lead dog to me which I brought home on the plane. Such a dog would cost no less than \$50.00. We now have nine dogs. Three are pups that will be in harness about the first of the year."

Reaching the Villages by River Boat

An earlier letter, written by Mrs. Reb, gives us a glimpse of their busy life as they utilize all means to reach the Eskimos. She writes:

"We surely do praise the Lord for our little eighteen-foot boat and five-horsepower engine. It is too small but will serve till we can get a larger motor. Brother Reb made a trip up to Russian Mission, Napamute and Crooked Creek a couple of weeks ago. He did quite a lot of personal work, since practically all the natives are out in their fish camps. Last Sunday we went to Russian Mission, a two-hour run up the river, and held service. The folk up there do appreciate hearing the gospel.

"We hurried home, ate our dinner quickly, and with the boat went across the slough to Clela's cabin for another service. As we sang, 'Jesus Paid It All,' we could see Clela begin to shake, and blink his eyes to hold back the tears. When we had finished our service and were preparing to return home, a large group of young people from Kalskag came into the cabin, so we passed out our song books and had another service. We are gaining favor with both Catholics and Russians at Kalskag, forty miles down the river, and will extend our work that way this winter."

A Much-Needed Church Begun

Again Brother Reb writes: "Now that my summer traveling is over, I am at work on the new church. The C. A. A. is going to use its big bulldozer to clear off fifty feet of land where the building will be placed. We plan to build it with rough lumber and cover it with imitation brick.

"Aniak is running wild with liquor. About three weeks ago the natives were tearing the clothes off one another until their bodies were slimy with blood. At present Aniak has the reputation of being the worst place on the river. As conditions become worse we felt that as sin abounded we were where we belonged, and that God's grace would abound yet more.

"Not long ago the Catholic priest gave up and left in disgust. He was thoroughly discouraged with his members. Someone gave him a bottle of whiskey and got him in the condition which contributed to his downfall, so he left town. We are indeed in a difficult field, but if in sixty years this work is visited by such a moving of the Spirit as I saw in the Moravian Mission at Bethel, the work shall not be in vain, even though it takes a long time of sowing before the harvest comes.

"We made a new contact in a Catholic home across the river last night. After our service at Kalila's cabin, we stepped over to Ananias' cabin to see an old sick man, and sang 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul,' in the native language. Next Sunday we will go there again for a service.

"Sometimes we are almost overcome with discouragement when we see the terrible debauchery among the natives, but then again we look at them as souls with an eternity ahead, and we must press on, telling the glad story of the saving grace of our precious Savior. God is giving us favor with the natives, and until we can complete our church, we will continue holding services in their cabins as we have been doing for some time."

The New Church a Reality

A few weeks ago it seemed that Satan dealt our friends a blow which might have halted the work along the Kuskokwim River for a long time to come, but God overruled, and the good work is still going forward. Brother Reb was suddenly stricken very ill, but in just a week he returned to his post of duty and the building of the church. A note from his next letter reads:

"I am happy to be out of bed and on my feet once more, even though quite weak most of the time. It was hard to lose that week while winter was fast closing in on us, and we were trying so hard to get the outside of the church finished before the extreme winter should prevent further outside work.

"It was also a building race, inasmuch as our next-door neighbors were intent upon putting a saloon in the new roadhouse. If they opened first, the distance between the two buildings would not bar them from obtaining a license. I learned that if I got the roof on the church and had it 'roughed in' and held one public service, I would win the race. This the Lord helped us to do, and we have held services in the new church, although far from finished.

"Now that there is snow on the ground the dogs are straining at their chains. It will be a joy to my own heart to take my foot off the brake and yell, 'Hoy,' and see the Kimugtas race down the river trail and so reach the many Eskimo friends we have made. Many of them are asking when we will visit them again and have another 'sing' as they call it. The river has been frozen over for several days. It is quite rough but better than last year, and the trail should be much better. With the church to complete and local work to do we will have a busy winter, but we must keep the Word before those with whom we have already made contact."

We would like to mention that Brother and Sister Reb pioneered the work in the city of Anchorage a few years ago, and today there is a fine, self-supporting, well-organized church as a result of their sacrifice and the blessing of God.

We appeal to our readers to help Brother and Sister Reb with the tremendous task they have undertaken in evangelizing the Eskimos along Alaska's great Kuskokwim River. Besides needing funds to complete the new church building at Aniak, Brother Reb needs financial help for the long trips he must take this winter by dog sled. An unusually fine opportunity is ours to have a part in the salvation of souls this winter in Alaska's interior where it is not likely that anyone else will bring the gospel to these people.

Offerings for this work should be designated for James M. Reb, and be sent to the Home Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri. We will send all contributions 100% to him together with the names of the donors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR 1948

Several have mistaken the announcement that appeared in the *Evangel* concerning our Sunday School lessons for 1948, and have presumed that we are going back to the International lessons with their distinctive Modernistic slant.

No, we are not going back to those lessons, but as we announced, we are going to follow the curriculum of the National Sunday School Association. The editor of the *Pentecostal Evangel* is a member of the Curriculum Committee of this Association, and all the other members are outstanding Fundamentalists who absolutely abhor Modernism.

As stated in the Minutes of the National Sunday School Association, the supreme purpose of this series of lessons shall be the winning of every pupil to the Lord Jesus Christ and the submission of his life to the will of God.

The Passing and the Permanent

AMONG RUSSIAN BAPTISTS

Sixty thousand Soviet citizens were baptized by Baptist preachers during the summer of 1946, according to Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

MORE CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES

Religious News Service reports that there are 729 more American Roman Catholic missionaries assigned to foreign stations today than in 1944, according to the biennial missionary index published by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade.

A DEADLY DISCOVERY

After spending fifty million dollars on research, the U. S. Chemical Warfare Service has developed a poison so effective that, according to *New York Times*, one ounce will kill 180,000,000 people. A single ounce will wipe out the entire population of the U. S. A. "Perilous times" indeed!

EDUCATION IN CRIME

William Heirens, seventeen-year-old Chicago university student who confessed to having murdered little Suzanne Degnan a few months ago, admitted he got his start in crime by listening to crime stories on the radio. "And preachers are being crowded off the air!" comments *Lutheran Research Bulletin*.

THE "PALESTINE PASSION"

European Jews are swarming toward Palestine. Though British law forbids them entrance, many are being smuggled in, while thousands more are being arrested and sent to concentration camps. The heart of Israel centers on the Holy Land. A coast-to-coast survey of American Jews revealed that over 80% are in favor of Palestine becoming a Jewish State. Only 10% were opposed, while over 9% would not commit themselves. Comments one minister: "Can any person successfully deny that behind all the phenomenon before us now, as to the 'Jewish Problem,' there is a Palestine passion that requires more than mere human psychological factors to account for it?"

ATHEISM ON THE AIR

Because of permission granted by the Federal Communications Commission, a San Francisco radio station in November gave thirty minutes of broadcast time to an atheist to air his anti-God views. His program was sandwiched in among the usual church programs. Immediately there was a storm of protest, and the case probably will go to the courts to determine whether atheists should be permitted to broadcast their unbelief in a country whose Constitution, as the Supreme Court has repeatedly declared, is that of a Christian nation.

Comments *The Presbyterian*: "The voice of atheism on the air is another challenge to the Church of Christ to make her message clearer and stronger. This is Christ's archenemy speaking through the lips of his disciple. We must answer him by preaching Christ more clearly and far more persuasively than ever before."

REMEMBER THE HUNGRY

The Department of Agriculture estimates that 1,500,000 pounds of rice are wasted every year at weddings. Ministers are asked to help eliminate the custom of throwing rice at wedding parties, to conserve food for overseas relief.

WHILE INDIA STARVES

While millions of people in India starve to death, 225,000,000 cows roam the streets at will—eating up feed instead of providing food for the hungry. Hinduism holds the animals more sacred than human beings; the people are permitted to perish, but never the sacred cows! While millions famish, the cows flourish! India's problems will never be solved until her people are emancipated from heathenism by the gospel of Christ.

DRUNKEN WOMEN

"More than two-fifths of all women in jail in America are there because of drunkenness," says Dr. Robert V. Seliger. "When I started practicing psychiatry nineteen years ago, not more than one out of ten alcoholics who came to me for treatment were women. Now the women are four in ten"—and it is drunken wives, rather than drunken husbands, who are breaking up American homes today.

PEACE BY RECONCILIATION

Said Dr. William Hung of the Harvard-Yenching Institute in Peiping: "Peace cannot be made by victory or by conquest. It must be reached by reconciliation. Christianity is the only sure way to reconciliation." He spoke at a huge missionary rally in San Francisco held in honor of 400 Protestant missionaries about to sail for Asia. The rally was held in the same Opera House in which the United Nations Conference had met a year before.

SPIRITISM IN BRITAIN

Ignorant of the warning of Scripture, or else defiant of it, thousands in Great Britain seek contact with their dead by visits to mediums. According to *Prophetic Word*, England has 500 Spiritist churches and about 5,000 mediums. The rapid growth of business has emboldened mediums to seek the repeal in Parliament of the Witchcraft Act of 1735 which decrees that any person pretending to exercise "any kind of witchcraft, sorcery, enchantment, or conjuration . . . shall suffer imprisonment." This law, however, is generally ignored; thousands of mediums openly advertise their services.

WORLD GOVERNMENT

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn . . . until He come, whose right it is." Ezekiel 1:27.

"And the government shall be upon His shoulder . . . of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." Isaiah 9:6, 7.

SATAN'S STRATEGY

The following dispatch by *Religious News Service* ought to startle and awaken us to beware of the wiles of the devil, which are evident in this country as well as elsewhere:

MOSCOW (By Wireless)—The Communist Party must be "patient" with churchgoing members but must not cease to "proclaim itself against religion," *The Young Bolshevik*, organ of the Central Committee of the Young Communist League, declared here in answer to a local group which asked how it should deal with churchgoers in its ranks.

The magazine chided the group for having prohibited members from going to church, and said that instead 'it should have patiently explained the harmfulness of religious superstition and help them to develop a scientific outlook.'

"In such a question," *The Young Bolshevik* asserted, "administrative measures are out of place. The primary need is to raise the general cultural level of workers. Our whole ideology is based on science. Religious beliefs contradict science. Therefore, the Communist Party must proclaim itself against religion."

The magazine counseled the local Communist youth organization "to improve educational work among members and young people generally, train them systematically to read popular scientific literature, and attend scientific lectures."

"We can stamp out religious superstition in the minds of youth," it asserted, "only by teaching them to understand the phenomena of nature and social life, and to evaluate everything in terms of materialistic philosophy."

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

The failure of the world's statesmen to give the Almighty any official recognition at the United Nations meetings brings to memory a remarkable incident in the history of the American Union.

It was June, 1787, and the delegates to the Constitutional Convention could not reach a general agreement. Day after day was spent in seemingly fruitless debate. Then Benjamin Franklin arose and proposed that the help of God should be sought, and that each session thereafter be opened with prayer.

Said he: "The small progress we have made . . . is, methinks, a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the human understanding. . . . I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

Benjamin Franklin's proposal met with favorable response. Thereafter each session was opened with prayer, and the rapid progress made from that point on was truly miraculous. Do the members of the United Nations think they can build an abiding structure for peace without divine aid? Or shall it be true of them also that they "shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel"?

The Lord Our Healer

(Continued from page two)

Jehovah-rapha—"the Lord that healeth." If we will stand upon the Word of God we can enjoy God's healing power.

The Psalmist speaks about Divine Healing in Psalm 103, saying: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name; who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." I believe that men's greatest need today is a spiritual need—the need of a reviving, a turning back to God and the Bible throughout the land—for many of the sicknesses in the world today come as a result of a mind that is sick, and of a mental frame brought about by a sick atmosphere. In this world it seems that none are free from attacks of sickness at one time or another. But thank God for His covenant of healing, and thank God for the promise of a new heavens and a new earth where there will be no more pain, no more sleepless nights, no more fears, no more racking fever upon a bed of sickness. "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4. Hallelujah!

One day Jesus was in a certain city, and met a man full of leprosy. The record is in Luke 5. When the leper saw Jesus I suppose he put his hand over his face and shouted, "Unclean! Unclean!" but he added, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." This man didn't have just a touch of leprosy; the Bible says he was full of leprosy. But he fell on his face and besought Jesus. He made this prayer—just a short prayer—and Jesus met his need. Jesus said, "I will: be thou clean." Jesus was willing to put forth His hand and touch that leper,

and immediately the leprosy departed from him. When Jesus picked me up and when He picked you up, we were full of the leprosy of sin; but, thank God, He was willing to touch us. I have seen a leper and I didn't want to touch that leper; but the compassion of Christ is greater than man's, and His touch has healing power. Praise God, He who answered that leper's prayer will hear us when we call; He will touch us and heal us.

I never shall forget a little boy named George, at our first pastorate. His parents had been in the Lutheran Church and had just accepted the Full Gospel message. George was attacked with appendicitis, and the first thought of the parents was, "Let's call Doctor Smith." So they called Doctor Smith, the old Methodist doctor of that community, who came and diagnosed the trouble as acute appendicitis. He said, "I will go back and make arrangements for George to enter the hospital so that we can operate at once." He had barely left the house when Hans, the father, turned to his wife and said, "Why, Katey, we believe the Lord can heal, don't we? Maybe it is His will to heal George. Let's get the boys and kneel down at George's bedside and pray."

So they gathered the family about. Strapping boys they were for their age. Three of them are in the ministry today, and the fourth is a student at North Central Bible Institute at the present time. They all knelt at George's bedside, and do you know what kind of prayer they offered? They simply began, "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; *Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.*" And they prayed that prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, and said Amen. They didn't once ask the Lord to heal George; they didn't once mention his sickness in their prayer. They simply said Amen after repeating the Lord's Prayer, and from that moment George was healed. He didn't have to go to the hospital. He didn't go under the surgeon's knife. The Lord healed him.

Friends, we don't have to make long prayers; but if in our hearts we make a sincere cry unto the Lord He will heal. Praise His wonderful name! I would like to see God's healing power displayed as it was in the Early Church when they brought the sick folk into the streets so that the mere shadow of a Spirit-filled apostle might fall on some of them, and when all the sick who were brought to Jerusalem were healed. In the Third Epistle of John we read, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." We need not question the will of God in regard to healing. He is both willing and able to heal all our diseases. Oh, I am glad that with God all things are possible.

On what grounds does the Lord heal us? It is on the grounds of Christ's atonement. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed," said Isaiah. And when we turn over into the Epistles in the New Testament and look back at the Cross, we find Peter saying, "By whose stripes ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24. Again we find reference to Isaiah's prophecy in Matt. 8:17, where it says that Jesus "healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." Praise His wonderful

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name! It is on this basis—the atoning work of Christ, the stripes that He bore—that God heals us today. And at Calvary He provided a finished work. When we ask the Lord to stretch forth His hand to heal, we are not asking Him to do something new or to grant some new dispensation of His grace; it was all finished nearly two thousand years ago, and we are simply taking by faith that which has been bought and paid for at Calvary.

Yes, we can expect Him to heal today. When He sent out the twelve disciples, He "gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Matt. 10:1. Likewise when He appointed seventy others also and sent them forth, He said, "Heal the sick . . . and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." Luke 10:9. But it was not to the twelve and the seventy only that He made such a command. When He gave the great commission to the entire church He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. . . . And these signs shall follow them that believe—they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:15-18. What a positive statement the Lord gives in His Word. What a positive commission we have to go forth and lay hands upon the sick, expecting them to recover.

I suppose I could take the whole morning telling incidents of Divine Healing in our own family. My parents had eight children, but before any of them was born my mother was afflicted with St. Vitus's dance. She couldn't carry a dish across the room, for it would shake out of her hand and be broken. She couldn't do her housework. Dad had to have a hired girl on the farm all the time to do the work. One day Mother was in her room alone with the Bible open before her. She was reading from James 5:14-16: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." She said, "Lord, I don't know any elders in our church that believe in anointing the sick with oil and praying for their healing. But, Lord, if You do heal today as You

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healed when you walked upon this earth, I wish You would heal my body."

I have heard her tell of this experience many times. She said that in a moment the room lighted up above the brightness of the noonday sun. "I felt as pure and as clean as an angel," she said, "and I felt as light as a feather; and from that moment on I was healed—instantly healed." Hallelujah! The hired girl ran out to the field where my father was working and said, "I think something out of the ordinary is happening to your wife." Dad came in and found Mother rejoicing in her healing. In those days she had been taking as much as twenty drops of arsenic every day, the maximum dose, hoping it might heal her, but she needed arsenic no more. The next day she rode on a hayrack over to Granddad's place to help get a load of hay. Grandmother came out and said, "Stella, what are you doing on this hayrack?" She couldn't understand how a woman afflicted as she had been could be on a hayrack, but thank God she was healed.

In 1 Cor. 12:28 we read, "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings." I am reminded of the wonderful healing of Brother Gayle F. Lewis. To me it was marvelous how God, like a rift in the blue, suddenly came down upon him and healed him. Many, many prayers had been offered for his healing in the past. On this particular occasion he was sitting in the tent at a camp meeting. Brother A. G. Ward was ministering, and some of you know how it is Brother Ward's custom, when the Spirit of the Lord moves upon him, to turn his back to the congregation as he begins to talk in other tongues. He turned around to the congregation after so doing and he said, "Folk, the Lord is kindly disposed toward you this morning." Then he resumed his message; but a minute or two later he stopped once more, turned around, and began to talk in other tongues. Then he faced the congregation again and cried out, "I said, the Lord is kindly disposed toward you this morning." And like a mantle from heaven the power of God came down upon Brother Lewis, sitting over there all alone and discouraged, and it went through him like lightning. He was healed then and there, and that trouble hasn't bothered him again since that time. My heart was thrilled as I heard Brother Lewis tell about it. Yes, the Lord is our healer. It is hard to understand why some godly people carry infirmities all their lives, and why some succumb to disease, but in spite of all that I am sure it is God's will to heal His people. Praise His wonderful name!

What should we do to be healed? If we are sick, let us take the path of obedience and call for the elders of the church, as commanded in James 5:14. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." I see a double cure here. I believe James is dealing with the falling-away period, the the falling away from the ministry of Divine Healing in the early church; a little farther on he says, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

There is a falling away from Divine Healing in our ranks today, and I believe God wants us

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to go forth preaching and practicing it once again. But in order to preach Divine Healing you have to practice it. "The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits." So many of my instructors said to me in those early days, "Brother Reed, turn your back on medicine. The Lord has a place for you in His ministry. You can have a healing ministry in the work of God if only you will turn your back on medicine." When the Lord had done such marvelous things in my own body, healing me of tuberculosis, there wasn't any disposition in my heart to dish out pills, so I began preaching Divine Healing. I find that in these days we have outgrown some of our instructors. Pentecostal people are willing to let their sons and daughters enter medical schools to become doctors, nurses, and so on. I tell you, there is danger lest we let go of this wonderful phase of Pentecostal ministry. We need to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

And when God gives us good health, how can we keep our healing? The Word is brief but definite: "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." If you want to keep your healing, keep growing spiritually. Keep facing toward the light of God's Word and keep moving in God's will. Don't be disobedient. Don't abuse your body. Don't do foolish things, such as overeating, and don't eat wrong things or at wrong times. Let's go on with the Lord and prove Him as our Healer.

Pentecost in India

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weeks (but manage to dress and come to the meeting) was perfectly, gloriously healed without any methods or means, while we were on our faces seeking God. We kept steadfastly at it and in three weeks nearly all the missionaries were deeply anointed by the Spirit. A native man dying of pneumonia was suddenly healed, and others in the hospital were healed through the prayers of the nurse. Visions and revelations of the Lord abounded.

After we had prayed perhaps ten days, one of the young native ministers in training came to his teacher and asked, "Sahib, what are

you doing in the bungalow?" On being told we were praying for the Baptism in the Spirit, he asked, "What's that? Can we have it too?" He was told what it was, some Scripture was read, they were given permission to pray in the church. Three of them immediately went there to stay day and night and pray, going in and out to get food, and rolling themselves in a blanket on the floor to take a nap when necessary.

In about three days we suddenly heard a great noise in the church and hurried to the scene. Those three young men had indeed received the Holy Ghost. One was up preaching in good English, of which he had no knowledge; all were speaking in tongues unknown to them; multitudes of orphanage boys and Bible training men had come in, and the whole host were shaking like aspen leaves under the mighty power of God that filled the place; and from that day such a mighty revival prevailed that everybody seemed to get saved. They confessed the sins of years, brought back stolen articles, covering the tables of missionaries, and appeared continually day or night at the bungalow asking, "Will anyone pray with me?"

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Nothing could be more thorough than the work God did. The three young men seemed gifted with power, discernment and wisdom as well as faith and tongues. They went about preaching and wherever they went revivals burst out. Astonishing miracles took place, and we could at last open the Bible anywhere and say, "This wonderful God of the Bible is in our midst doing the same mighty works."

We were led to write to another station asking if they too would like some meetings. They did not answer as they were afraid of the mighty manifestations till they had had a day of prayer. Then they wrote saying God showed them they were to invite us. So we went, and here were eight more missionaries and a big orphanage of 400 girls. They unwillingly allowed the meetings to begin in the bungalow, but several of the missionaries informed us they would not attend much as their missionary work was too important to stop. We began and very soon some of them were receiving the Spirit in wonderful ways, not two alike, through prayer alone and through giving God time. This made the others hungry and soon all were seeking. This was in March and the weather was exceedingly hot.

One day while resting at noon we were suddenly called out to the dormitories as a native woman had gone into a strange state. They thought it must be hydrophobia, as they had never seen that disease and this was a new one. We went to her hastily as I had seen the disease before. On inquiry we found she was a conscientious Christian and quite well. We stood and listened—she was praying and praising God in her own language and in unknown tongues. We quieted their fears, ordered her let alone, and only good came of it. For in this way a great revival sprang up and spread among all the girls and women like a prairie fire, and the place was filled with God and His doings.

The carpenter received the Spirit before the preacher, and was gifted with interpretation, discernment and wisdom. The practical, capable missionary at the head of the work there, who thought her work important, gave up and trusted God to see to it, till she received such a mighty filling of the Spirit that she went to other stations to help them seek God. Another quiet, spiritual missionary told us privately she wanted the Baptism in the Spirit but no manifestations and no tongues. Better might she have asked that the waters of Niagara flow over the precipice without agitation or noise. We bid her seek and pray as she desired. When the Spirit fell in power she had more manifestations than most of them and enjoyed them all, as she said God showed her that each one had a meaning.

These were the beginnings of our travels of thousands of miles that year praying with missionaries. At the end of the year about fifty missionaries in India and hundreds of native Christians had received the Spirit and mighty revivals had taken place. This is the work of the Holy Spirit, how unlike our laborious efforts. We had thought to pray first in each place with the missionaries and then with the native Christians, but while we and all the missionaries were unitedly seeking God these great revivals broke out spontaneously and we had only to watch God work, and help the people to understand their own experiences.

One of the most remarkable works of God I have ever seen came that year at the hills, to some English children whose fathers were occupied with the tea plantations. These children persisted in attending some of the waiting meetings though no one encouraged them. A little boy nine years old was quite frightened when his mother fell to the floor while praying, but afterwards informed her he belonged among the seekers. When the Spirit came to him he not only spoke in tongues but also could interpret all that was said in tongues. He loved his Bible so that he carried it about con-

tinually and sometimes came and said, "See what a nice verse I've found."

His sister, aged thirteen, when anointed by the Spirit saw visions which she repeated to us with a face that made one think of an angel. She finally prophesied that on a certain day another little friend seven years old would receive the Spirit. All forgot about it except the children, I think, but when the day arrived the little boy went solemnly to this little friend and as he placed his hands gently on her head she too was filled with God's Spirit. Never can I forget her standing among a crowd of mis-

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sionaries with hand uplifted saying many times with extraordinary emphasis, "I sought Him, I found Him, and I would not let Him go." The joy of these and other children was indescribable, a taste of heaven on earth.

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BROTHER H. E. WADDLE

Brother H. E. Waddle, who had to give up his office as Superintendent of the Tennessee District because of deprived vision, has had the cataract successfully removed, thus restoring to him excellent sight.

Our brother will now be available for meetings, and I am sure he would be encouraged were he to hear from you.

Ernest S. Williams.

Among the Assemblies

FARMINGTON, MO.—Pastor J. W. Allen writes: "It will be three years in December since we had our first service in the little basement church here. Progress has been very slow, but the Lord has blessed us with two good revivals in the past few months. Odis Virgin gave us a splendid meeting in August. Several souls were saved and the church was greatly blessed. Our last revival was preached by Evangelist Frank Kanaday. Ten were saved and 8 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit."

ROSEDALE, IND.—Pastor Harry E. Call sends a report of a revival of a week's duration with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Van Winkle, pastors at Plymouth, as the evangelists. The services were well attended. Brother Call writes: "We enjoyed the fine messages of Brother Van Winkle and also the good marimba and accordion music by Sister Van Winkle and Betty Perkins of Terre Haute. A 16-year-old girl came back to God, and God graciously met us at the altar services in consecration and healing."

BILOXI, MISS.—J. Daniel Courtney, formerly pastor of the East Highland Assembly in Columbus, Ga., has accepted the pastorate of the Oak Street Assembly in Biloxi. He reports a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Coe. Many were saved and 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Sunday School attendance went up to 305. The Sunday after Brother and Sister Coe left, 15 were baptized in water and 17 came into the church. People are getting saved and receiving the Baptism in the regular services.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Report comes from Milton Beckett, pastor of the Blenheim Assembly of God, of a very successful revival just closed. Miss Earla McKinley, 17-year-old evangelist, of Kansas City, was there one week and was a great blessing to all. Then E. L. Hance conducted a 2-week meeting, and the church thrived on his mature pastoral messages. Several were saved, and one woman received definite healing after twelve years of infirmity. A woman received the Baptism one night, and her husband was saved the last night of the meeting.

KELSEYVILLE, CALIF.—We recently closed a 5-week revival with Brother and Sister John Mitchell, formerly of Oklahoma. Sixteen received the Holy Spirit Baptism, 20 were refilled, and 8 were saved. We had some of the most wonderful healings I have ever witnessed in over 40 years of ministry. This is a Home Mission work. The week before this revival started we had only five cents in cash, a few potatoes, onions, and 3 tomatoes left, but we had the victory. Fasting and prayer changes things. Over \$500.00 has come in during this 5-week revival for church purposes. We expect to start putting the roof on our new cement-block church the last of this week. The last night of the revival, a Holiness preacher came back to God after having been away for 20 years.—Luther and Minnie Perkins, Pastors.

CRAIG, COLO.—December 1, a 2-week meeting was concluded in the church where C. C. Dotson is pastor. C. F. Ferguson of Oakland, Calif., was the evangelist. Six were saved, many were brought to a deeper consecration, and 7 followed the Lord in water baptism. Brother Dotson writes: "We succeeded in getting our evangelist into the high school for a service with the student body. This was a real victory that won many friends to the church, it being the first time a religious group had ever been scheduled for an assembly period in the history of this school." The evangelist was ably assisted in music by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas of Pueblo.

FITSTOWN, OKLA.—In May, 1946, we came here as pastor. We found a few good, but very discouraged, saints. The last of June we called Evangelist Gertrude DeGraffenreid of Oklahoma City for a revival. Much good seed was sown. October 6, we arranged for about 20 hours of prayer daily for God to send a revival, and on November 3, we began a 3-week revival with Evangelist Claude Collins of Columbus, Ga. While the message was going forth, some of the saints were in the prayer rooms calling on God. Fifteen testified to having received salvation, and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—Rees Brunson, Pastor.

MISSIONARY PROGRESS IN GEORGIA

We are glad to report great missionary progress in the State of Georgia. During the months of October and November, \$4,550.00 was raised in cash for Foreign Missions. Of this sum, \$1,700.00 was given to Stephen Vandermerwe, who is to sail to Africa soon. The remaining \$2,850.00 was given in the "Speed-the-Light" tour of Ralph Harris and our State C. A. President, Carl Perry. This is to be used to purchase a station wagon for use in Hawaii by two of our Georgia missionaries, Clio Strickland and Iva Gilbert.

Not only is God blessing in our giving and doing for Foreign Missions, but the home front has not been neglected. Within the past year and a half, new Home Mission efforts have been established in the following cities: Americus, Athens, Atlanta, Columbus, Cuthbert, Rome, Dublin, Bainbridge, Pearson, Valdosta, Albany, and Darien. One independent work at Waycross has come in with us, making a total of 13 new churches in this length of time. Pray for us in Georgia that we may make disciples for Jesus and build more "meetin' houses."—Robt. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent.



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A goal of \$12,000 for Missions had been suggested for 1947, but it became evident that the pledges would far exceed this sum. The last Sunday, amid weeping and shouts of praise, some friends turned in \$500 checks, others gave their weekly salaries, ex-servicemen gave their pensions, and even little children gave their pocket money. When the final figures had been obtained, it was found that the church had agreed to give \$14,000 to Missions during 1947. This is almost twice as much as was pledged in 1944. Due to this deepening of the missionary vision, the people of the church have been mightily stirred and a spirit of revival abounds.—Albert L. Hoy, Pastor.

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Coming Meetings

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PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—463 Amboy Ave., Jan. 7—: Arnold Kalamian, Evangelist.—Norman J. Kirk, Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS, KANSAS—Meeting in progress; Ernie Reb, Evangelist.—I. D. Rayborn, Pastor.

GARVEY, CALIF.—Jan. 5-26; John H. Bostrom of Chicago, Evangelist.—I. H. Ridge, Pastor.

PONTIAC, MICH.—First Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. D. Leroy Sanders.—A. F. Thornton, Pastor.

LA CRESCENTA, CALIF.—Jan. 12-26; Otto J. Klink, 4654 36th St., San Diego, Evangelist.—Paul A. Fleming, Pastor.

BROKEN ARROW, OKLA.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Lester Fox.—James C. Dodd, Pastor.

HANFORD, CALIF.—January 15—; Hans F. Bretschneider of San Joes, Evangelist.—M. A. Brown, Pastor.

GOODING, IDAHO—Meeting in progress; E. W. Fagerstrom of New Meadows, Evangelist.—R. H. Buck, Pastor.

LA FAYETTE, IND.—1004 N. 6th St., Jan. 15—; James Eastman, Danville, Ill., Evangelist.—Carl Isaac, Pastor.

HAMMONTON, N. J.—202 Vine St., Jan. 14-26; Gay Benson, Lancaster, Pa., Evangelist.—R. D. Brown, Pastor.

DENVER, COLO.—Central Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Lummer Evangelistic Party.—R. A. McCure, Pastor.

SANTA CRUZ CALIF.—Glad Tidings Church, Jan. 21-26; Howard Carter, London, England, speaker.—Raymond P. Murray, Pastor.

OTTAWA, ONTARIO—379 Waverley St., Jan. 28 —Feb. 16; Gay Benson, Lancaster, Pa., Evangelist.—Kenneth M. Haystead, Pastor.

OLYMPIA, WASH.—Second and Pear Sts., Jan. 12-26; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, of Seattle.—E. R. Scratch, Pastor.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—23rd and Pioneer; Jan. 19, for 2 weeks; Anna B. Lock, Galva, Ill., Evangelist.—Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

RAPID CITY, S. DAK.—730 Quincy St., Jan. 5—; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Prince, Boston, Mass., Evangelists and Gospel Singers.—O. E. Gaddis, Pastor.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT BIBLE INSTITUTE

Arkansas District Bible Institute will begin Feb. 3, with all-state Fellowship Meeting at Camp Ground, 9 miles from Hot Springs. Classes begin Feb. 4 and continue 6 weeks. Special speaker for all-day Fellowship Meeting.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

ARIZONA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 8th Arizona District Council will convene at the First Assembly of God, 11th and Garfield Sts., Phoenix, Arizona, January 21-24. Credentials Committee will meet Jan. 20; opening rally that night. Wesley Steelberg, guest speaker. Jan. 24, C. A. day. N. D. Davidson is host pastor.—L. H. Hauff, District Superintendent.

MICHIGAN S. S. CONVENTIONS

West Northern Section, Central Lake, Jan. 17; East Central Section, Gospel Tabernacle, Saginaw, Jan. 20; Eastren Section, Ferndale, Jan. 22; Southeastern Section, Brightmoor Tabernacle, Detroit, Jan. 24. Convention theme: "The Sunday School in Action." Services 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m.—Everett D. Cooley, S. S. Promoter.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE AND CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

The New York-New Jersey District will conduct its regular semi-annual Ministers' Institute at Grace Pentecostal Church, 205 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J., January 22-24. Ministers' meetings 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Evangelistic services 8 p.m. The Executive Presbytery will meet January 21, 10 a.m. For reservations write Pastor Warren B. Straton at church address.—T. R. Brubaker, District Superintendent.

ALABAMA MINISTERS' INSTITUTES

Southwest Alabama Ministers' Institute, Crichton Assembly, 119 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 Body, 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.

KANSAS CITY, KANS.—Four-State Prayer Conference (Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas). Full Gospel Tabernacle, 7th and Riverview, night, Jan. 20, all day Jan. 21-22.—U. S. Grant, Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—4713 So. 28th W. Ave., Tulsa 7, Okla. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Carbondale Assembly of God in this city."—Pastor and Mrs. Eric M. Johnson.

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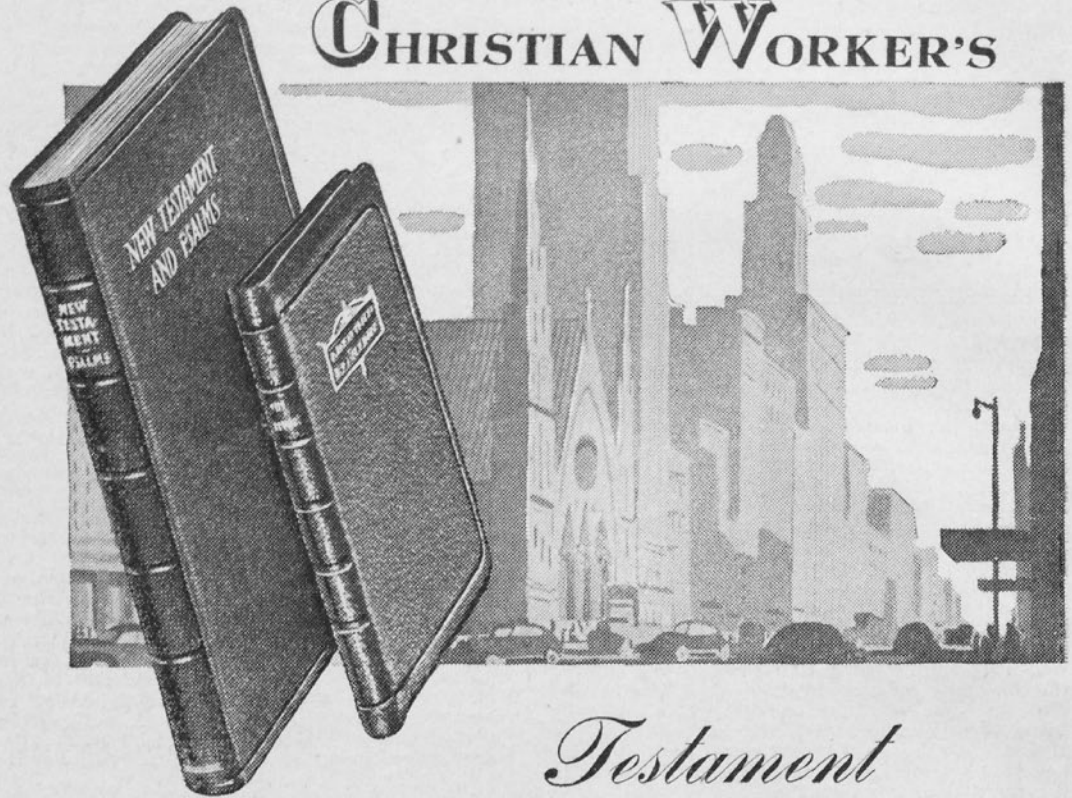
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