

PENTECOSTAL POWER

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I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the Kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.-1 Cor. 4:19, 20.

7 HAT are the real powers of the Church? What are the true needs of the Church? "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink," says Paul-not any sensual delight, "but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The kingdom of God is not in mere speech, not in words, but "in power." If the devil can substitute mere sensual delight for righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, or get us to be satisfied with words instead of the power of the gospel in our souls, he is delighted. On the day of Pentecost four things came into existence which never were known in the history of the world before, and those four things are the true powers of the kingdom of God; and where those four things are absent there is no church, no matter what profession of Christianity there may be.

What are those four things that are the powers of the kingdom of God? The first is

THE PERPETUAL VISION OF JESUS.

"The world seeth Me no more, for I go to My Father; but ye see Me." Hence Paul says, "We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor." That is the fundamental distinction between the converted and unconverted soul. The converted man is one who has had a vision of Jesus, who has seen Jesus crowned with glory and honor, tasting death for every man, and tasting death for his own sins, and who has seen his own sins buried for ever in the grave of Christ.

That is the fundamental distinctionthe perpetual vision of the Lord Jesus Christ; and this is to be a power of the church under her sorrow and tribulation. "Ye now therefore have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." So, when the sight of Jesus is a reality to us, then we know the first power of the kingdom of God.

"We would see Jesus," said the Greeks. "The hour is come that the Son of Man should be glorified." But have you ever noticed that Scripture does not relate that the Greeks saw Jesus? The next words are these: "Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die it beareth much fruit." The Lord wanted to set before His disciples the truth that no sight of Him in

His flesh would save them. Not until He was dead, and risen from the dead, and ascended, would there be the true and full and saving sight of Him.

Have you seen Jesus? Do you know if there has been that time in your life when you saw the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ? That is the power under tribulation and persecution. "Stephen being full of the Holy Ghost looked up steadfastly into heaven, and said, I see Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And they rushed upon him, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him." A man who has the perpetual vision of Jesus in his heart is the man who will excite the opposition of the world. They must get rid of him, or believe on our Saviour. The power of the Church is a perpetual vision of Jesus—all the day long. Jesus at breakfast, Jesus in the office, Jesus in the car, Jesus in the train, the soul seeing Him perpetually by faith.

What is the second great power of the church of God? It is

THE POWER OF THE INDWELLING CHRIST.

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that Thou didst send Me, and lovedst them even as Thou lovedst Me." "I in them." Up to the day of Pentecost, Christ was only an outside Christ to the twelve disciples. They had only a knowledge of Christ according to the flesh. They could have told who His father and mother were, where He was born, how long He lived, what He said and what He did, and yet He was not understood of them. Not until the day of Pentecost did the Lord Jesus Christ in all His fulness become an internal Saviour. Then it was that He brought His life with Him, and brought the glory of heaven with Him.

What a wonderful change would take place in us if we were caught up in one moment, and found ourselves just for ten

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minutes in heaven, and heard the songs of the angels, and saw the worship of the redeemed, and heard the perpetual song, "Holy! holy! holy! Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high!" If we were suddenly let down again from heaven to our homes, would not we have something to tell of Jesus? Husband, would you find it difficult to tell your wife, "I have been ten minutes in heaven, and I saw the glory of God"? What you desire for ten minutes can become a reality, a perpetual reality, by Christ living in you. When Jesus Christ lives there, there is heaven; and when Jesus is absent, you have an incipient hell inside you. And so Jesus, when He comes to live in you, brings Himself, His life, His holiness, His power, His victory, His purity, His perfect peace.

Paul tells us the secret of the wonderful life he lived. "There is nothing won-derful about me," says Paul; "I have been crucified with Christ; I no longer live, but Christ liveth in me-that is all." And He can live in you, too, just as well, if you let Him. "I have a special secret," says Paul: "God hath commissioned me to go through heathen lands preaching this mystery among the Gentiles, which is 'Christ in you, the hope of glory.' Paul was a man who carried a secret about with him; and if you met Paul, he was only too delighted to take you aside and tell you the secret. I have a better secret than Masons have. I would not be a Mason for anything under the sun, for I have a secret better than all Masonry-the secret that is revealed and "was kept secret since the world began," the secret now revealed to His saints by the holy apostles and prophets, taught of the Holy Ghost. Every Spirit-taught prophet preaches the secret of "Christ in you, the hope of glory." He began to live in them on the day of Pentecost.

The third power of the kingdom of God is

PRAYER IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My name. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." That was a perfectly new thing. Never had they done it until the Spirit revealed to them the glory and power and fulness of the name of Jesus on the day of Pentecost. The devil will do all in his power to prevent the Church exploring the treasure-house of the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus means the character of Jesus in all His loveliness revealed to your soul. Oh, study the character of the Lord. "In Him we have access with confidence."

If ever there was a time when the reality of prayer needed to be revived in our hearts, it is now, for the enemy is coming in like a flood, and none but those who know how to make use of the almightiness of the name of Jesus will stand in the day of trial that is quickly coming "to try them that dwell on the earth." The Lord says so. "Wherefore I say unto you, Pray always that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all those things that are coming on the earth, and to stand before the Son of Man."

I believe we are very near a revelation of Satanic power in a way that we have never known before. Unless we know how to make use of the power that dwells in the name of Jesus to conquer Satan in his wily attacks upon us, we shall be badly off. The church must get back to the supernatural. The devil is doing all he can to crush the supernatural power of the name of Jesus out of the church by doctors of divinity and theological scholars, and what we need in these days is for the church to get back to the power and simplicity and fulness of the treasures hidden in the name of Jesus.

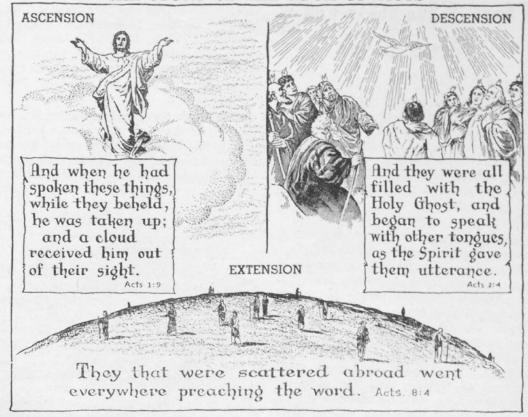
Then life becomes an Eastertide To those who, in the risen Lord, In risen life abide.

That is what we want—the power of the name of Jesus. And it works well. I had a letter not many weeks ago from a friend who for various reasons had got very low financially, and a day came when on examining his purse he found he had not a penny left. He had a wife and family to support. He did not tell his wife that he had nothing; he told Jesus.

His wife said to him, "My dear, I am going out shopping this evening, and I need some money." He said nothing, excepting this: "I will give it to you by five o'clock this evening." Then he went to his room and shut the door, and said, "Father, I am Thy child; Thou hast never allowed me to owe one penny in my life, and Thou hast said, "Whatsoever thou shalt ask the Father in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.' Now, Father, I ask Thee to send me the money that my wife needs before she goes out this evening at five o'clock."

The morning passed and no money came; one o'clock came, and two o'clock, and three o'clock, and four o'clock. "Father, I am trusting Thee." Two or three minutes after four o'clock a knock came on the door. A man was shown in and he said, "I want you to give me lessons in a certain language"—this friend of mine is a good linguist—"and to show you that I am in earnest I will pay you beforehand," and he handed my friend the exact sum that his wife had asked for after break-

THE STORY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS



fast. That is how you know the power of the Name.

The name of Jesus is the open treasure-house, the full treasure-house the all-sufficient treasure-house, and the treasure-house whose gifts give perpetual joy. "Ask in My name, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

The devil is keeping the Church depressed and down because the Church has forgotten how to pray. Not more than one Christian in a hundred knows how to pray. Ask Jesus to take you into His school of prayer, and He will teach you how to pray. It is blessed to be taught firsthand by Him. Watch Him praying in Gethsemane, and hear that eternal prayer of the 17th chapter of John, which He prays now, before the throne. "He ever liveth to make intercession" for you and me. How we ought to love one another, if Jesus is always praying for every one of us! He is praying the Father for every one of us, "that the love wherewith Thou hast loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

The fourth power of the kingdom of God is the

GLORYING IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

The preaching of the Cross is the power of God, but "not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." There was nothing that Paul feared more than preaching the truth of the Cross with intellectual wisdom, mere intellectual argument. It must be preached with the power of the Spirit, and not merely with nicely arranged and

trimmed paragraphs. The Cross destroys the eloquence of the head, and leaves only the eloquence of the heart.

"Then came Jesus forth wearing a crown of thorns and a purple robe. And Pilate saith unto the Jews, Behold your king. And the Jews cried out, Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Shall I crucify your king? We have no king but Caesar. Then delivered he Jesus unto them to be crucified. And He, bearing His cross, went forth to the place that is called the place of a skull. And there they crucified Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst."

What a blessed thing it is to be as Simon the Cyrenian. Coming in from the country, he was guided by the Spirit of God to the side of Christ, and they took Christ's cross from His weary body and laid it on Simon's back. If you saw a man bearing a cross in those old Roman days, what would it mean? That the man had done with this world and was on the way to execution. That was what took place with Jesus that day, and when we stoop low down and take up our cross daily, that will be the outward and visible sign to the world and to the carnal church that we are done with the world, that we are crucified to the world, and the world to us.

And then, "I saw heaven opened, and, behold, a Lamb, as it were slain, in the midst of the throne." When heaven is opened to your soul, then you see the Lamb, and you say, "Lord Jesus, I will

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The Shepherd's Promise

THE Lord made complaint concerning the shepherds of Israel, those who should have fed His sheep, that they were unfaithful to the task of His appointment. They were feeding themselves, they were clothing themselves, but they were doing nothing for the flock. The diseased were not strengthened; the sick were not healed. The sheep were scattered, and none searched or sought after them.

But He who is a tender Shepherd, a loving Shepherd, promised that He Himself would take care of His sheep, and that He would put shepherds after His own heart in charge of them. He, moreover, gave the promise: "I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing." Ezek. 34: 26. He knew that the sheep needed the pastures which would result from these showers of blessing, and He promised that He would send these needed showers.

The Psalmist said, "Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance, when it was weary." Psalm 68:9. God knows when to send rain. In the days of Noah when there was evil around everywhere, He sent a rain of judgment. But He delights in mercy, and He knows how to send a rain of mercy. On the day of Pentecost He poured forth the rain of His Spirit, and those who were ready were filled with the Spirit. Today He delights to send the rain and to fill His waiting saints with the Holy Spirit. He delights to send the rain of grace to confirm His weary inheritance.

In the early church there were many things that were important. It was important that the poor should be fed, and that the widows should not be neglected in the daily ministration. But the apostles knew there was something of greater importance. They had had a touch of the Spirit. They knew that they needed yet more of the rain of the Spirit. knew that the all-important thing was to pray for more rain. So they said, "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word." Acts 6:1-4.

The all-important thing is that the Spirit shall be outpoured and rained from heaven, and that the Word of God shall be preached in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. So you do well when you give yourself to prayer to ask God for rain. The Lord bids you to ask. He tells you, "Ask ye of the Lord rain

in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zech. 10:1. He knows that the hungry sheep need these green pastures, and there can only be green pastures after the showers of blessing have

Peter says, "Ye are now returned unto the Shepherd . . . of your souls." 1 Peter 2:25. We need to return constantly to the Shepherd and ask Him for that which He has promised—showers of blessing. He delights to be asked. He says, "Ask, and it *shall* be given you." Matt. 7:7. Do not fail in your part—in asking.

CHRIST'S TWO COMMANDS

"We are accustomed to speak of Christ's one post-resurrection command the Great Commission. In reality He gave two: the one-'Go ye'; the other-'Tarry ye' . . . and both were of the same vital import. To 'go' without first 'tarrying' would make the going in vain. On the other hand, to 'tarry' without the 'going' would make the tarrying spurious. Thus it was quite as essential for them first to tarry as it was for them afterwards to go. In other words, Christian missions and Pentecost were inseparably related-Pentecost being the essential preparation for missions, and missions being the logical and inevitable result of Pentecost." L. E. Maxwell.

OPEN-AIR PREACHING

Open-air preaching was considered vulgar in John Wesley's day. "Today," he writes in his Journal, "I resolved to be yet more vile and to proclaim my Master's name under the open sky."

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Our Supreme Need

THE disciples put the question to the risen Lord, "Wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6. This was a question given much consideration. The political situation was such that the apostles wondered if this was the time when it should be changed.

But there was something much more important than this need which occupied the minds of men—the burden that was on the heart of God. Christ showed them that this was not the time nor the season for the restoration of Israel's kingdom—the need that was uppermost in their minds—but He showed them the burden of world evangelization that was uppermost in the mind of God: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, and they began to witness in the power of the Holy Ghost. They witnessed in Jerusalem, and there was revival. They witnessed in Judea, and there was revival. They witnessed in Samaria, and there was revival. They witnessed in the uttermost part of the earth, and there was revival. Men complained, "These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also." Acts 17:6.

What was the secret of their success? Paul tells us the secret of his. His witnessing was not with "enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." 1 Cor. 2:4.

What is the solution for the problems of the earth in our day? Can it be found in the world's politics? No. The same burden is still uppermost in the heart of God—that His witnesses shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost comes upon them, and that they shall witness here, and there, and everywhere, in the power of the Holy Ghost, to God's all-sufficient Son.

We read of the early church, "With great power gave they witness," and the same power is available today. They waited and tarried, realizing the importance of the power—and they received. And we can receive like power from the same source, in order that we may witness for Him in the same power of the Holy Ghost. And in the measure that we received the power of the Holy Ghost there will be revival in our day

Three things are impossible to God: to die, to lie, and to be deceived.—Augustine

UNTO YOU IS THE PROMISE

IT WAS AT Nandipur, India, that God met me. Although the first days of the meetings were fine times of prayer and praise and Bible study, they were also days of attacks by doubts and fears.

I started out for a long walk along the canal bank. As I went I was praising God and saying, "Glory be to Thee, O God." Suddenly I was conscious that God was speaking to my heart; and as I listened He seemed to say, "You really are not praising Me and praying for My glory because you are anxious for my glory, but because you want your Baptism."

I knew that He had searched out my weakness, and I said, "Yes! That is right. Teach me to desire and seek Thy glory. And in that moment He showed me that the prayer which is pleasing to Him is prayer that seeks His glory alone. "O God! Do Thou be glorified and get all the praise and honor and glory." I saw that it made no difference whether my wishes were fulfilled or not, but it does make a tremendous difference whether His will is done or not. So He put into my heart this prayer, "O God! Be Thou glorified at any cost to me." Thus He gave me the assurance that He was with me and that He would glorify Christ in

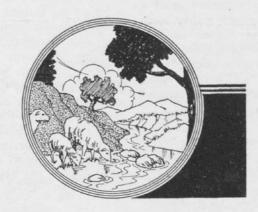
Returning to the meeting which already had begun, I knelt down in the corner of the room and began at once to pray as He had taught me on the canal bank. "O God! Be Thou exalted and glorified here, in this meeting, in each of Thy children, in me. Let Thy name be vindicated and magnified at any cost to us." As I prayed thus with all sincerity, a very powerful spirit of sorrow laid hold of me. It completely broke me down as I was made to realize what tragedy lay in giving to others the glory due to God alone. We His children were worried about many things but it concerned us very little that our heavenly Father was not getting the desire of His heart. He was anxious to save the world, to bless His children, to dwell among His people, but was everywhere met with such indifference and lack of faith that He had no chance to show His faithfulness and His honor and love. In a spirit that I recognized as not my own I wept my heart out because God was not loved and glorified when He was so worthy; because the loving heavenly Father was misunderstood and robbed of His glory; and because His great and holy name was not being hallowed and vindicated.

After the weeping came an indescribable sense of the awful majesty and greatness of God. My being was literally filled

A Personal Testimony by ROBERT W. CUMMINGS

If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

John 7:37.



with a real feeling of the jealousy and indignation of the heart of God as He saw men give to the world, to riches, to false prophets, and to sticks and stones the honor and worship due to Him. For some time, in a spirit of adoration that could not be uttered, the praises of God welled up out of my heart. And along with this a spirit of jealous, unselfish anger, that was pure and holy and entirely different from anything human, prayed with a yearning and passion that no words can possibly describe that God be given the glory due to His holy name.

After this there came a sense of wonderful and supreme joy and freedom. I felt as if I were in the heart of God's love and freed from all that bound me. I laughed with the joy of it—laughed at my doubts and fears, laughed at the enemies of my soul, and laughed with the joy of triumph over every worry that had attacked me. I think He must have given me a taste of the joy that we'll have in heaven where sins and sorrows and doubts and fears will all have vanished and where we'll live in the care-free joy of purity and victory.

Then the Spirit's power left me for a while and how sorry I was. I would have given anything to get back that freedom from care and worry and doubt and fear that He had given me to taste. This was Friday morning, and all day Friday that power did not return. I had planned to leave early Saturday morning, but I felt that God had a great deal more for me, and so I asked Him to take care of the special business that was calling me to Sialkot early Saturday morning. This

He did, as I afterwards learned, in a very wonderful way, postponing a court case.

Early Saturday morning at the beginning of the meeting I again felt that it would only be as I gave way to the spirit of pure desire for God's glory and honor that God would or could answer prayer. So I determined that I would dismiss all thoughts and wishes that my prayers be answered, and make way for the desire and wish that Christ be glorified in any way that would lift Him up. Accordingly I began to pray as earnestly as I knew how, that God would be glorified. As I prayed, the Spirit of God laid hold of my whole being; and oh! my friends, I wish you could know the passion with which the Spirit pleaded that God be glorified—that His promises be fulfilled that His name be vindicated—that the power of the Blood be displayed-that God be found faithful though every man be proved a liar-that His Word be found true at any cost-that His name be hallowed. When the Spirit put into me His own passion and desire for His glory I thought the yearning and longing would be unbearable. I seemed to understand something of the great desire of Christ that His Father's and our Father's name be hallowed-the first petition He taught His disciples. No word of mine can ever convey to you the intensity of the pleading and yearning with which this prayer was offered to God by the Spirit within me.

Then came again, only with fourfold power, the same awful sense of the greatness and majesty of God. I know I never could praise God with any words that would describe the majesty and wonder and awe that took possession of me. I can still remember the feeling which surged through me as the Spirit taught me to say, "Great art Thou, O Jehovah, and greatly to be praised." "Great art Thou O Jehovah, and greatly to be served.' "Great art Thou, O Jehovah, and greatly to be fought for, greatly to be worshiped. greatly to be magnified." My voice seemed to be a trumpet proclaiming the might and majesty of God. Thus for a long time the Spirit taught me to praise Him for His holiness, for His justice, for His righteousness and for His goodness. How petty the world and time and sense were in contrast with His infinite glory. The Spirit brought many of the great and wonderful names of God before my mind great names, greatly to be believed and greatly to be hallowed.

Next He taught me the passion of the desire in His heart that His kingdom come. With groanings that could not be uttered, with an intensity of yearning

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PENTECOST

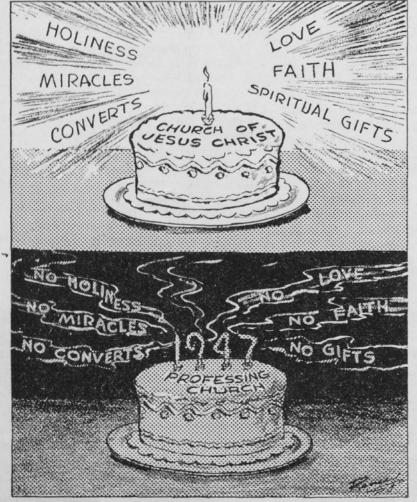
ERNEST S. WILLIAMS
on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

FIFTY days after the resurrection of Christ came the Feast of Pentecost. This was a Jewish holiday commemorating the beginning of harvest, but today we observe it as the birthday of the Christian Church, the time when the first believers were filled with the Holy Ghost. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Some tell us that only the eleven apostles received, but the Bible says that "they were all filled." The "all" here included all those who were in the upper room, about one hundred and twenty in number, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other women.

When the Spirit fell, the prophecy of Joel was fulfilled: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh . . . on My servants and on My handmaidens . . . and they shall prophesy."

At Sinai the law had been given; at Jerusalem the Spirit was outpoured. The law had demanded righteousness, but was without power to give it. The coming of the indwelling Spirit filled the disciples with power to fulfill the righteousness of the law. How beautifully Paul describes the contrast between law and grace in 2 Corinthians 3. At Sinai the law was written in tables of stone; now it is written by the Spirit in the human heart.

BIRTHDAY CAKE



Christian ministers are ministers of the new covenant; not of the letter, or written law, but of the Spirit. The letter, the law given at Sinai, killeth, but the Spirit giveth life. The law, being a ministration of condemnation, was a ministration of death, and was to be done away, while the ministration of the Spirit, a ministration of righteousness, is glorious and is to remain. Moses put a veil over his face lest the people see the end of the glory of the law which is abolished. Those who receive the blessed Holy Ghost, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed from glory to glory by the Spirit of the Lord.

By the law is the knowledge of sin; by the Holy Spirit is the knowledge of righteousness. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.

We commemorate today another Pentecost Sunday. We remember the coming of the Spirit to form the Christian Church. May we not remember it merely as something that happened long ago. Instead, may we seek that the Spirit may come to us, reviving our own hearts, and infilling our lives. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is riot, but be filled with the Spirit." The atonement of Christ is as effective today as when His blood was shed on the cross. The religion of Christ is as full of promise as when the Spirit fell at Pentecost. We have a living Christ, a living Holy Spirit, the living promises of God. What we need is to present our bodies a living sacrifice that we might be filled. May God repeat Pentecost in your life and mine. "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

Holy Ghost Power

CHARLES G. FINNEY

I was powerfully converted on the morning of October 12. In the evening of the same day and on the morning of the following day, I received overwhelming baptisms of the Holy Ghost that went through me, as it seemed to me, body and soul. I immediately found myself endued with such power from on high, that a few words dropped here and there to individuals were the means of their immediate conversion. My words seemed to fasten like barbed arrows in the souls of men. They cut like a sword. They broke the heart like a hammer. Multitudes can attest to this. Oftentimes a word dropped without my remembering it, would fasten conviction, often result in almost immediate conversion.

Self-Judgment

Sometimes I would find myself in a great measure empty of this power. I would go out and visit and find that I made no saving impression. I would exhort and pray with the same result. I would then set apart a day for private fasting and prayer, fearing that this power had departed from me, and would enquire anxiously after the reason of this apparent emptiness. After humbling myself and crying out for help, the power would return upon me with all its freshness. This has been the experience of my life.

The Spirit's Sword

I could fill a volume with the history of my own experience and observations with respect to this power from on high. It is a fact of consciousness and observation, but a great mystery. I have said that sometimes a look has in it the power of God. I have often witnessed this. Let the following fact illustrate it. I once preached for the first time in a manufacturing village. The next morning I went into a manufacturing establishment to view its operations. As I passed into the weaving department, I beheld a great company of young women,

some of whom, I observed, were looking at me and then at each other, in a manner that indicated a trifling spirit, and that they knew me. I, however, knew none of them.

As I approached nearer to those who recognized me, they seemed to increase their manifestation of lightness of mind. Their levity made a peculiar impression upon me; I felt it to my very heart. I stopped short and looked at them; I knew not how, as my whole mind was absorbed with the sense of their guilt and danger. As I settled my countenance upon them, I observed that one of them became very much agitated. A thread broke; she attempted to mend it but her hand trembled in such a manner that she could not do it. I immediately observed that the sensation was spreading and had become universal among that class of triflers. I looked steadily at them, until one after another gave up and paid no more attention to their looms. They fell on their knees and the influence spread throughout the whole room.

I had not spoken a word, and the noise of the looms would have prevented my being heard if I had. In a few minutes all work was abandoned, and tears and lamentations filled the room. At this moment the owner of the factory, who was himself and unconverted man, came in, accompanied I believe by the superintendent, who was a professed Christian. When the owner saw the state of things he said to the superintendent, "Stop the mill." What he saw seemed to pierce him to the heart. "It is more important," he hurriedly remarked, "that these souls should be saved than that this mill should run."

As soon as the noise of the machinery had ceased the owner inquired: "What shall we do? We must have a place to meet where we shall receive instructions." The superintendent replied: "The mule room will do." The mules were run up out of the way and all the hands were notified to assemble in that room. We had a marvelous meeting. I prayed with them, and gave them such instructions as at that time they could bear. The Word was with power. Many expressed hope that day; and within a few days, as I was informed, nearly every hand in the great establishment, together with the owner, had hope in Christ.

The Spirit's Conviction

This power is a great marvel. I have many times seen people unable to endure the Word. The most simple and ordinary statements would cut men off from their seats like a sword, would take away their bodily strength, and render them almost as helpless as dead men. Several times it has been true in my experience that I could not raise my voice, or say anything in prayer or exhortation, except in the mildest manner, without entirely overcoming those who were present. This was not because I was preaching terror to the people; but the sweetest sounds of the gospel would overcome them. This power seems sometimes to pervade the atmosphere of one who is highly charged with it. Many times great numbers of persons in a community will be clothed with this power when the very atmosphere of the whole place seems to be charged with the life of God. Strangers coming into it and passing through the place will be instantly smitten with conviction of sin, and in many instances converted to Christ.

When Christians humble themselves and consecrate their all afresh to Christ, and seek

To Bring Back Memories

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MEMORIAL Day, like the old spinning wheel in the parlor, is meant to bring back memories—memories of bygone faces, bygone places, bygone days. It is a fitting time to remember those valiant warriors of the Cross who, due to advancing age and physical infirmities, have had to lay down their armor and accept financial assistance to

sustain them in their closing years. In the days when they were active their remuneration was small, and they were unable to lay by them in store for their old age. A large number of persons-nearly a hundred in all-thus are depending on our help, and we must not fail. We must not forget them.

Let us give a Memorial Day offering toward our Aged Ministers Benevolence Fund. This benevolence is entirely on a voluntary basis. No churches are assessed for any purpose in our Assemblies of God fellowship. The needs simply are presented and each person has the privilege of giving freely out of the abundance of his heart, as God has prospered him.

Only twice a year, in May and November, is the General Treasurer authorized to call this particular need to your attention. All pastors are urged to take up a Memorial Day offering on Sunday, May 25. Of course, if that day is not convenient,

any other day will do. But the need is urgent, and the co-operation of all will be appreciated greatly. Send all offerings to J. R. Flower, Treasurer, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Missouri.

for this power, they will often receive such a baptism that they will be instrumental in converting more souls in one day than in all their lifetime before. While Christians remain humble enough to retain this power, the work of conversion will go on till whole communities and regions of country are converted to Christ.

Opposition in Italy PHILIP A. MEGNA

SICILY, April 9-You've been reading in the U.S. papers of the conflict in Italy about religious liberty. The Rome legislature voted to reaffirm the Latern Treaty made in 1934 between Mussolini and the Pope, which establishes the Roman Catholic Church as the state church with full authority over all religious matters. The Protestants are greatly alarmed but so far the only group to be persecuted is the Pentecostals, since it is the most aggressive. The closing down of our churches in Italy is no secret, even though the Italian officials denied this, and the U.S. Ambassador and our State Department in Washington declare there is no discrimination. The proof is to the contrary. Pentecost has been going places in Italy, especially in Sicily, and the Roman priests are more fearful of it than of any other group, for in some towns 20% of the people have been converted and as many more are interested. These saints who hold the apostolic truths again are compelled to face persecution and perhaps martyrdom. God give them grace to hold steadfast in the faith.

So, together with Doctors Gigliotti and Fama, and the Rome pastors, we decided to present a strong protest to the officials against this injustice of closing some of our Pentecostal churches. In order to compel recognition of the protest by reinforcing it with notarized statements, I went to Sicily to visit these churches, accompanied by Elder Gorietti and Dr. Enrico Gaggiotini, Chicago Tribune correspondent, who is writing a series of articles for the Tribune on this very subject. Reaching Sicily, we entrained for Trapani, and were guarded by an

Ē......Ē armed escort of five soldiers with machine guns. In Trapani we met the pastor and he opened the church for a public meeting. I preached in Italian to the precious saints who came brawing possible arrest and imprisonment. How they hated to see us leave the next day! A large group saw us off. When we arrived in Palmermo, a delegation of saints met us and a service was held that night. I preached and we were not disturbed; the church was packed to the doors and God marvellously blessed. Next day we left for Agrigento province to investigate other towns, obtaining statements from pastors and interviewing the police. Everywhere we found the same-the orders to close the Pentecostal churches came from the Minister of the Interior, who no doubt receives his orders from the Vatican.

In these hill cities of Sicily, the poverty is appalling. The conditions of the homes and the people are pitiful. Their shocking destitution; their dire needs! Oh, how they begged us to stay! The need for workers is great. Here is a field white to the harvest, and where are the reapers? No needier foreign field exists than Italy, and no place in all the world is more ready for the gospel. May God call many workers to Italy, while yet it is day. The hunger of the common people for the Word of God is greater than I have seen anywhere during the many years of my ministry. Soon I go to Naples, to Pompei and to northern Italy to minister-enroute to the World Pentecostal Conference in Zurich early in May. Everywhere these dear Italians greet me as an old friend and beloved brother. When good-byes are spoken the tears flow. Pray for them, and pray for me.

LIQUOR-DRINKING IN CANADA

Canada has reached an all-time high in liquor spending, according to Dr. John Coburn of the United Church of Canada. The liquor bill for 1946 was \$373,000,000-more than a million a day, more than \$30 for every man, woman, and child in the Dominion. This is about half the amount Americans spent on liquor last year per capita.

CLESTA EVANCELITY OF SELECOSTA

"Temple Evangelico" was recently dedicated to the Lord at Ranchuelo, Cuba. It is the first church built in Cuba by our workers without funds from outside the Island.

Church Built Entirely With CUBAN Junds

Louie Stokes, Cuba

TEMPLE Evangelico" (Evangelical Temple) was dedicated to the Lord in the nearby city of Ranchuelo at a recent fellowship meeting. This is the first church building that we have built without funds from outside, so we have reason to be thankful. The Cuban pastor supports himself by his own business, and makes continuous sacrifices to carry on this new effort, which already has a Sunday School of around thirty with good attendance at night. We ask you to pray with us that many churches like this one shall be raised up in Cuba by the Cubans.

Some of our churches here observe Missionary Sunday, giving the offerings received on that day to the Evangelization Fund. In this way we are able to help the new efforts and open new missions. Recently, we had a month of revival services in various churches using our own local workers. The results were encouraging.

Brother Rafael Era has found a house in Aguadas, some fifty miles from here, and will care for the new effort there and the church in Perseverancia. At least thirty people have been blessedly saved recently in Perseverancia, and we hope to have a temple there soon.

Hales Go to Santa Cruz

Everett Hale, Bolivia

W E are going to Santa Cruz to open a work there. This city of 40,000 lies at the edge of the jungle about three hundred miles from Cala Cala. It is many years behind other cities of Bolivia, for it is only accessible by truck over the high mountain roads or by air. It has a very hot tropical climate and the wind blows the loose sand about for nearly nine months of the year. All electrical appliances will have to be forgotten and we will return to the old-fashioned methods of washing and ironing, but we count it a joy and privilege to carry the precious gospel to those needy souls in the city and surrounding villages.

Missions Advance

Lydia Graner, South India

SEVERAL weeks ago we attended a convention at Karanagapilla. The services were well attended, especially at night, when the building was full and many were standing on the outside. A daily street meeting was held in this village which was a splendid opportunity to give the gospel to many Mohammedans and Hindus who gathered.

The last day of these meetings there was also a baptismal service conducted at a lake near by. As soon as the afternoon service was over the people started towards the lake with the pastor and the drummer leading, and the rest of the group falling in line singing hymns as they went. By the time we reached the water the shore of the lake was lined with people who witnessed this service. Among those who were baptized were two young people, converts from Hinduism. Before they were baptized they both received Christian names, the Hindu name being dropped from that time. This also means that greater persecution follows as they return to their family and friends and often they are not allowed to return home. It means a great deal out here to become a Christian, so we would appreciate your prayers in behalf of these new converts.

At seven-thirty on Monday morning we started for home, a distance of a little more than twenty miles. After walking three miles in order to reach a bus we had to wait hours before we could get on as the busses were so crowded. We finally reached Mavelikara at two o'clock in the afternoon.

This weekend we go to another convention, but not by bus, for Mr. Burgess has a car now. We are very thankful for this conveyance even though it is only a jeep.

A month ago we started a Sunday School here at our home. It is held each Saturday as our Sundays are usually full visiting outstations. Eleven gathered for our first meeting. The numbers have increased each week until now we have over eighty enrolled. I use the flannelgraph which the children seem to enjoy greatly. We are thankful for the opportunity of giving the gospel to many of the Hindu children as well as others of our neighborhood.

The Answer to Prayer in Brazil

O. S. Boyer, Brazil

W E are like those that dream; our mouth is filled with laughter and our tongue with singing as another General Convention has taken place. What we have prayed and hoped for these many years, the Lord is giving. It was unanimously decided to establish a Bible Institute and an adequate printing plant. This means that buildings must be erected, for it is impossible to rent.

Our printing problems have increased. Any issue of our paper or quarterlies now may fail to come out, as we have to hire them printed, and all the shops have more than they can get done. Though the copy for the Sunday School quarterlies for the first quarter of 1947 was delivered over four months in advance, many Sunday Schools did not receive their quarterlies before February.

There are now 435 students studying cor-

respondence courses. We need a Brazilian devoted to the Lord to help us on these. As each course is much fuller than what are put out in the States, and so many of the students can barely write, you can realize something of the time one man must take. We have just announced the addition of another course on Daniel and Revelation.

At the brethren's request, I am taking over the editing of our paper, "O Mensageiro da Paz" (The Messenger of Peace). Two years ago the circulation was 14,000 but now it is 29,000. "Licoes Biblicas," our Sunday School quarterly, has a circulation of 25,000. It was only this week that we could find time to begin preparing a children's quarterly. This new work will require us to be in the office every day. That means we must stand for twenty miles twice a day in an open truck packed with men en route to work. A house cannot be obtained any closer.

Report of Political Strife in India

Harriet Schoonmaker, North India

THE mission compound here is a scene of activity. Outside on the dusty road men are going up and down with fear and hatred in their hearts toward one another. Chapra has been the center of the first outbreak of communal riots in Bihar. This region has an overwhelming majority of Hindus; so when a private quarrel turned into a public

free-for-all between Hindus and Mohammedans, the smaller community was in real distress. Homes were being burned and looted, and there were murders in alley ways and open streets. Those in the most danger were isolated Mohammedan families in a section of Hindu neighbors, though occasionally the opposite was true. We thanked God for the weapons carrier which had been purchased from the American Army last summer (vehicle purchased from surplus war supplies). Mr. Modder and Paul spent all one day and parts of others driving throughout the city to pick up stranded families. In some cases they rescued them from burning buildings and brought them to the police station. We know that some lives were spared from actual death. Probably a thousand people were picked up and brought in. A day or so later a number of Mohammedan families were housed in a building on the compound for a short time, until other arrangements could be made. This opportunity to help

opened the hearts of many. During the following weeks, when numbers of this community were housed in a school building in the city, we were able to show gospel pictures to them each evening with lantern slides, and speak to them from both the Old and the New Testament.

This week we are taking advantage of the season to hold special services both morning and evening in the church. The morning services are attended mostly by our Christians, and are worship and prayer services, while in the evenings numbers of outsiders come in, and we are showing pictures of Christ, using lantern slides as well as large flannelgraph scenes.







Mrs. A. Blattner Venezuela

Three Grushie Boys Change Their Names

Ernest L. Friend, Gold Coast

THREE Grushie boys from Northern Gold Coast attended the service of one of our branch churches at Adiembra near Takoradi; they heard the Word of God (though poorly, as they knew only a little English and local vernacular) and accepted Christ.

The change in their lives was so definite that they shortly afterward burnt their many jujus and boldly took their stand for Christ. Having seen their clean break with heathenism as shown by this demonstration before their people and by attending the services and praying, the leader of the little church, Brother Shannon, recommended them for baptism. With some assurance of their experience and sincerity, we then arranged

for the service on a Sunday afternoon at the river three miles from Takoradi, at which time a goodly number of other believers were immersed. Several months now have passed, and these boys are still holding true.

In keeping with an African custom, when these boys became Christians they requested for themselves Bible names. The names Abraham, Isaac and Jacob pleased them so their request was granted.

Jeep Ride

Elsie Bridgman, Bihar, India

IT TOOK A JEEP TO GET US THERE

It is Saturday night. We just came from a meeting in the village about ten miles away. We had left here about six o'clock in

a jeep pulling a trailer crowded to capacity with our "singing orphans." Only a jeep could have taken us over the fields through which we traveled. The streets of the village were so narrow that the jeep barely would go through without scraping the sides of the houses. Once we had to back several times to get the trailer around the corner. Then we found that we were at a dead end street, so we unloaded and backed out.

A few minutes later an appropriate place had been chosen and Brother Ketcham was focusing his projector to show colored Bible picture slides, the jeep being the stand for the projector and furnishing the lights for the pictures. Brothers Ketcham and Hawkes showed the pictures while our Indian pastor related the stories of the pictures.

The fifty people that met us when we entered the village had increased to 200 by the time we started showing the pictures. Sitting, standing, and squatting in the moonlight, the Indians were a picturesque sight. My heart thrilled as I thought of the day when I could speak to them in their own language. After the pictures, the helpers sold a number of Gospels.

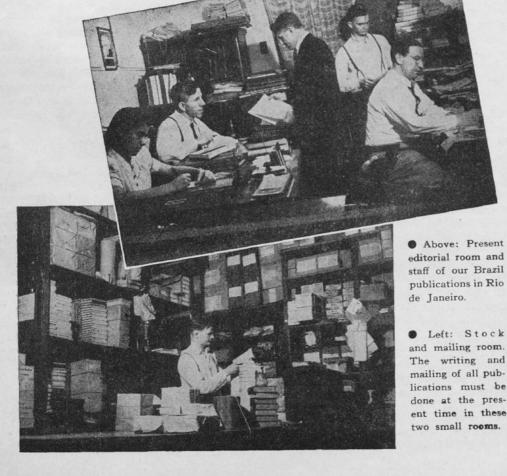
Keeping Up-to-date

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaw may be reached by mail now at Massasoit, Association Hill, Kodaikanal, South India.

Mail for Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Waggoner should be sent to Box 563, Caldwell, Idaho

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Skoog arrived in Ambon, Netherlands East Indies on April 27th. They report the trip was fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Blattner left New York for Venezuela on May 2. They will be returning to Coro, Falcon, Venezuela.



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The Passing and the Permanent

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

A recent Gallup poll revealed that only four out of ten American families still return thanks and ask God's blessing before meals.

GOOD FRIDAY

A bill proposing that Good Friday have the same legal status as other holidays observed in the U.S.A., has been introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C. Only 15 states and 75 cities proclaim it a legal holiday at present.

GOVERNMENT LIQUOR BILL

It is reported that an appropriation of \$800,-000 was made by the Federal Government for liquor, to be used by the American diplomatic service abroad in entertaining. According to an exchange, the appropriation three years ago was only \$250,000.

AMERICAN WITCH DOCTORS

An article in *Liberty* tells how modern witch doctors are doing big business in the U.S.A. They sell such things as love potions, black-cat oil, magnetic lodestones, dragon-blood reeds, love-me beads, and a lot of other things for which they make no claim, thus avoiding trouble with the law; and superstitious people buy them thinking they will bring good luck. Are such people any better than the pagans of Africa who put their faith in the witch doctors there?

DRINKING IN THE MOVIES

A federal grand jury, deliberating in Chicago recently, came to the conclusion that drinking scenes in the movies were a contributing factor to the problem of juvenile delinquency, and addressed a letter to the president of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors strongly urging that such episodes should be eliminated for the sake of the good citizenship of American youth. To make really good citizens, why not eliminate the Hollywood movies altogether? At least, we can keep our young people from seeing them.

"CARE" PARCELS TO BRITAIN

Co-operative Agencies for Relief in Europe (CARE) has extended its services now to Britain because the British diet, though adequate, is so tiresome and the country has suffered so many natural calamities in the past few months. For ten dollars you can have a parcel containing 21.5 lbs. of highly nutritious food (40,963 calories) sent to any address in England Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. Each parcel contains meat, sugar, shortening, flour, apricots, prunes, chocolate, coffee, dried eggs, dried whole milk and soap. Parcels are free of all duty tax and ration regulations. If you have relatives and friends in Britain, send their addresses along with your money order, to CARE, 50 Broad Street, New York 4, N. Y.

Parcels can also be sent to Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Rumania, and Germany (the American, British and French Zones, and all of Berlin).

HUMAN SOAP

Nazi-made soap manufactured from fat rendered from Jewish corpses still is available in Germany. Recently some of it turned up in refugee camps, and Chief Rabbi Herzog has protested to UNRRA, urging that all such soap be sent to Palestine for burial.

G.I. STUDENTS AT JERUSALEM

Fifty American students, former members of the armed services, are attending the Hebrew University in Jerusalem under the so-called G. I. Bill of Rights. Fifty more are on their way to Palestine to take up their studies in the Hebrew language in general subjects as well as in science.

CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL FOREST

President Truman recently was presented with a certificate for a grove of 1,000 trees that are being planted near Nazareth. These trees will form the center of a Children's Memorial Forest which is being purchased by Christian children in the U.S.A. in memory of a million Jewish children killed in Europe during the war.

LARGEST PRAYER MEETING?

The Latonia Baptist Church at Covington, Ky., thinks it may have the largest mid-week prayer meeting in America. It is called "The Hour of Power," and the average attendance is 540. On January 8 there were 1,154 present, and it was the ninth time that the weekly prayer service exceeded 1,000 in attendance. Pastors will agree that prayer-meeting night is the hardest time in the week to get 1,000 people to attend church. We wonder how much real praying is done at this church. Perhaps prayer actually is a minor part of the prayer meetings, as is the case in many churches; if so, that may be one reason for the large crowds. Or perhaps it is the pastor's name. He has a name that has been honored by godly people since before Luther's day-John Huss!

CRIME'S PASSING PARADE

"View with me, if you will, the passing parade of crime. It presents a sordid spectacle," says a writer in *Sunday Guardian*. "Out of each 1,000 marching in the endless parade, 521 have marched before to a prior arrest, and 210 are under 21 years of age. More persons aged 17 are arrested than in any other age group.

"Of each 1000 murderers, 140 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 robbers, 360 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 burglars, 510 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 thieves, 340 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 arsonists, 250 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 car thieves, 630 are under 21 years of age.

"Of each 1000 rapists, 430 are under 21 years of are"

They are marching, marching, marching onward to prison, to ruin, to hell—and so many are so young. Who will pray the parade to a halt and win these young people to Christ?

LIFE EXPECTANCY

"The year 1946 established a new low record for mortality," reports the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Life expectancy stood at 65.58 years, the "highest ever attained" in the company's experience. Thirty-five years ago it stood at less than 47 years. Perhaps ten years from now the average person's years will be "three score and ten," as the Psalmist mentions. But, even "if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." More important than life expectancy in this world is expectation regarding the world to come. None of us have a lease on life. At any moment we may be called into eternity, perhaps suddenly and unexpectedly. If your life ended at this moment, would you be ready?

UNTO YOU IS THE PROMISE

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that no words could possibly describe, He filled my whole being with the prayer and cry, "Thy kingdom come." Oh! if we only knew how the Spirit yearns that Christ be crowned King-King of India, King of the Church, King of all lives. Truly we know not how to pray as we ought. The Spirit must help our infirmities. I never would have believed, if any one had attempted to describe it, the passionate longing in the heart of God that His kingdom come. At this time the Spirit put upon me the desire for revival. Again and again He pleaded through me, "O God! send revival. O God! send revival." I know quite well there has never been one hundredth of the longing and desire for revival in my heart that His Spirit put into those cries for revival. I know that I could not stand the intensity of those yearnings for long, but I pray that God will keep vividly before my mind the memory of that longing in His heart to bring revival to the Punjab and to India.

Then He taught me of the greatness of Christ the King. He put into my mind an understanding of the glory of His kingdom. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. Its glory and its majesty are infinite. It is a kingdom purchased by the blood of Jesus; a kingdom that shall conquer all other kingdoms—ruled over by the King of kings and Lord of lords. How real these words were. I knew I was in the presence of a great King.

The next lesson He taught me was God's jealous desire that His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and this lesson was for me. He began to deal with me personally. In a wonderful way, most vivid and most real, He showed me that all my members, my whole body, had been made for His glory. He had made me and He wanted all the glory from my life. Not only had He made me but He had bought me with His blood; and my old life was to be buried and hid with Christ under the blood. Christ's body had been broken for me so that I might eat His body and drink His blood and be a new creation in Him. Member after member of my body, for hours, the Spirit of God pointed out, and taught me to say and pray, "Thy will be done by my body." "Cleanse my heart, and give me a heart of belief for this heart of unbelief." He left none of my members unnoticed. He taught me that my tongue was made for His glory, my hands, my feet, my ears, my mind, my throat, my eyes, my stomach, my heart; all that I had was made for Him and Him only, and He was jealous of His honor. He taught me to put my former members to death under His blood, to ask Him for a new heart, a new mind, a new tongue and new eyes. This whole lesson was vividly taught to me only as I would pray, "Thy will be done."

All this while tremendous power had been upon my body, power that I knew could do anything, and power that was intelligent. It had me absolutely in its control. But the thing that makes me solemn and very sober is this: that power absolutely refused to touch my will or consciousness. Please do not think that I was in a trance. I could have risen at any time had I asked God to let me rise. I was keenly aware of the movements of people all about me. But I really did want the will of God to be accomplished; and as I would pray that prayer, "Thy will be done." the power of the Spirit would flood me again and gripping my whole being would carry on His blessed work. The very moment I shrank or hesitated, He would leave me. And not until I would pray again with my whole heart, "Thy will be done, not mine," would He return to His work of teaching me to turn over to Him the members of my body. I have many a time been lost in amazement at the wonder of it; intelligent power that was infinite, yet stopping before my will and refusing to accomplish its desires except as my will would co-operate.

Thus He taught me that my body had been made and purchased for the glory of Christ; that He wanted Christ glorified in all my body. He taught me that sin and weakness and sickness were a dishonor to Him who owned the body; that it is the work of His enemy, and that He was very anxious to sanctify my whole being, body, soul, and spirit. He taught me that a defect in my body ought to grieve me because it was dishonoring to His power as Healer and Saviour, and that I ought to be jealous of His glory and ought to give Him a body whole and healthy.

Then He made it very plain to me that He expected me to use my speech to glorify Christ, and He taught me how I should yearn and pray and long that Christ be glorified. He showed me that it made no difference whether I was vindicated or not in the position which I had taken; that it made no difference whether my theology was proved to be right or not; that it was of little consequence whether I received the Baptism or not; but that it made a tremendous difference whether Christ was vindicated or not; whether His promises proved true or not; whether His statements and claims were vindicated or not. He showed me that it was my business to live for the glory of Christ, to speak for the glory of Christ, to work for the glory of Christ; and He laid it upon my heart in unmistakable clearness that He wanted me to give my life to glorify Christ-first, as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world; second, as the Healer of His people; third, as the One who baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with fire; fourth, as coming King. He wanted me to glorify him as the One who earnestly and jealously yearns for a chance to cleanse His Church from all sin-the One who, when He is lifted up, will draw all men unto Him. He wanted me to glorify Him as the Healer-not as One who says, "You must come to Me for healing," but as One who is anxious and ready to heal all who come believing—One POWER

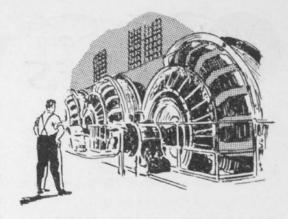
MYER PEARLMAN

THE late William Steinmetz, consulting engineer for the General Electric Company and popularly known as the Electrical Wizard, once made the following statement:

"I think the greatest discovery in the future will be along spiritual lines. Here is a force which history shows has been the greatest power in the development of man and history. we have been merely playing with it and have never seriously studied it as we have the physical forces. Some day people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making men and women creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of God and prayer and spiritual forces which as yet have hardly been scratched. When that time comes the world will see more advancement in one generation than it has in the past four." the past four."

This noted scientist evidently refers to the Spirit of God, who may be defined as God operative in the world and in human life. The Scriptures employ several illustrations to describe these operations. The Holy Spirit is said to be like fire—purifying and spreading, giving light and heat. The Spirit is like wind—mysterious in origin, invisible yet felt. The Spirit is like water—cleansing the defiled, satisfying the thirsty. The Spirit is like oil—soothing and healing, producing light and strength.

This power is available to us through Christ, who came into the world to break the power of sin and introduce a new source of life. If you



are unconverted, meditate upon this promise: "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink (said Jesus). He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:37, 38. Repent, believe, ask and make this promise your own.

If you profess to be a Christian, ask yourself this question, "How much spiritual reality do I possess which I am able and willing to pass on to others? What is my answer to the apostle Paul's question, 'Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?'"

In apostolic days the Baptism of the Spirit generally followed conversion and baptism in water (read the Book of Acts). Canon Streeter, noted Episcopalian scholar, states that Paul speaks "as if the reception of the Spirit was something as definite and as observable as, for example, an attack of influenza." Jesus said, "You shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me." Acts 1:8. Believe this promise, and this spiritual power will be given to you. It is for all who ask God for it, if their hearts are right in His sight.

who has compassion on us and earnestly wishes to make us whole, if only we believe it. He wanted me to bear witness to the desire in His heart to bestow on all His children the great Baptism of the Spirit just as He bestowed on His disciples at Pentecost, and that He is much more anxious to give us the great spiritual gifts which He gave the Early Church than we are to have them. He wanted me to glorify Him as the King ready to come to claim His own people. He stands waiting for His Church to love His appearing, to yearn for His return, to join with the Spirit and plead and hunger for His second coming. He is anxious to come for His people, rejoicing over them as a young man rejoices over his bride, longing for their love, thirsting for their devotion and desire; but He is hindered by our indifference, our lack of entreaty, our lack of earnest pleading and longing.

Thus with mighty power He taught me as I lay at His feet; and then He let me know that He wanted my tongue, to speak through it as He gave utterance. As I yielded it to Him He spoke through me in a language which I did not know or understand. Why? I cannot say. I only know that He made me feel that He the Holy Spirit had used my tongue to speak mysteries to God (1 Corinthians 14:2), and that it was eminently fitting that He should seal the flooding and filling of His temple by taking

the tongue and worshiping God as He gave utterance, in a language I by my own power could not speak.

I realize that words are very inadequate to express the dealings of God with any soul. This testimony conveys very poorly the realization of what it means when the Spirit of God, the Spirit of yearning, the Spirit of jealousy for God's honor, the Spirit of worship and adoration, the Spirit of holiness and majesty, lays hold of the powers and faculties of the human spirit.

I can testify that it has meant a new life, a new world, a new Saviour, a new Spirit. Of course, it is the same great Saviour and the same great Spirit whom I knew before—but oh! so much more real and so much more precious! "That in all things He might have the preeminence" is the desire of my heart.

More than twenty years have passed since God gave me that experience. I never can express in words what I owe to the incoming of the Holy Spirit at that time and ever after. With all my heart I wish that every man and woman in the Christian Church who has not had this great experience might receive it. Dear fellow-Christian, this experience is for you. Seek with all your heart. Acts 1:5, 8.— From the author's booklet *Unto You Is the Promise*, which may be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., at 15 cents a copy.



NEW OUTLETS
Statesville, North Carolina, WSIC, 1400 k.c., 8:15 a.m.

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TIME CHANGE
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, WFHR, now released at 9:00 a.m.

CANCELED Bakersfield, Calif., KPMC.

Pentecostal Power

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not allow Thee to go to Calvary alone
and see everyone forsaking Thee" and
you will stoop down, and He will say, "I am
glad of your help; here, take My cross." The
greatest honor that anyone in this world ever
had was to carry the cross of Jesus to Calvary.
I wonder that we do not think more of Simon
of Cyrene. O Lord, so direct our footsteps every
day that we may meet Thee and get down close
to Thee, that it may not be a trouble to us to
bear Thy Cross, and to let Thy love make the
burden light! Every burden becomes light when
the love of Christ possesses your soul.

It is the world that puts a cross on you—or, what is the same thing, the carnal church, which is only the world in another form. O Lord, teach us how to choose reproach for Christ, and to esteem it greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt! Millionaires are many in these days, but I pray for a multiplication of spiritual millionaires who will esteem the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. That is the only riches that remain.

On that day when you take up the cross of Christ, all earthly riches vanish, for Jesus says to you, 'Go and sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and take up thy cross, and follow Me." The young man went away sad, for he had great possessions. Jesus, turning to His disciples—disciples, listen to this—said, "With what difficulty shall a rich man enter into the kingdom of God." He went away sad. What a lot of sad rich people there are in these days! They have any amount of what the world can give, but they are sad because they are hugging it to themselves. "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of heaven!"

The Cross will make you a poor man very quickly, if you apply its power to your possessions. It made Jesus so poor! Though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich! It is Christ's poverty that makes the church rich, and Christ's poverty is the cross. There He was, poor indeed, seemingly forsaken by the Father, utterly forsaken by the church and the world of those days. They passed by and mocked Him, and said, "Thou that savest

others, save Thyself, and come down from the cross." I am so glad that Christ never answered that prayer. He was silent to that awful prayer. Thank God, there are prayers and petitions that Christ does not answer.

Oh, that we may esteem reproach for Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt! Go in for laying up such riches as the reproach of the Cross, and all will be well. And the Cross is daily testimony for Christ. The Cross does not mean, "I am so ill; it is a cross!" The Cross is what you suffer from the world or the church because of your faithfulness to Jesus. And we are to glory in it. The apostles did not submit to it merely. Moses did not submit merely to losing the treasures of Egypt; he gloried in it. He esteemed the treasures of Egypt as dross.

Fade, fade, each earthly joy, Jesus is mine! Welcome eternity, Jesus is mine! That is what we need. Let us not shun the Cross, for you shun the glory, and the grace, and the power, and the purity, and the peace of Jesus when you turn from the Cross. O Jesus, by Thy spirit keep our eyes fixed on Thy cross, and let us not turn our gaze away from Thy wounds, and from Thy crown of thorns, and from the heart that has been pierced by the soldier's spear. Let us not turn away, for there is full salvation.

There alone is full salvation, Pardon, power and consolation, Glory in humiliation. Come, my brother, to your cross.

Shall we do it? Shall we ask God to write upon our hearts the true and only powers of the kingdom of God, that the kingdom of God may be no longer, as Paul says, in speech or spiritual puffed-up-ness, but in power? In this way we shall know that "the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power." Lord, unite us with Thyself and with Thy cross! Amen.

GOD'S PRESERVATIONS

WESLEY R. STEELBERG

R ECENTLY, en route home from an appointment in West Texas, I traveled with one of our beloved District Superintendents through the devastated area in that section of Oklahoma where the city of Woodward is located. To endeavor to describe the devastation and heartache left in the wake of the tornado would be impossible. In Woodward alone, 141 square blocks were reduced to utter rubble and approximately 27 other blocks were seriously affected as a result of this intense wind.

However, amidst the devastation and sorrow of such occurrences, which we may in some respects consider to be the judgments of God, there are highlights of blessing and evidences of the providential care of the Lord.

Pastor and Mrs. Ernest A. Willeford, undershepherds of the Assembly of God in that community, were in their church conducting a prayer meeting the evening that the tornado descended upon them. When the lights were extinguished by reason of the powerhouse being destroyed, Pastor Willeford called his little congregation to the altar. They knelt around the edge of the platform and began to pray. The pastor's wife, who was kneeling just behind those at the platform, looked up in the semi-darkness somewhat apprehensively and saw the sides of the building going in and out as though they had been made of paper. She bowed her head, imploring the protection of the Lord, and in a moment or two looked up again to see the forms of the large battery of grain elevators which stand at a distance of some blocks from the church. She realized suddenly in that moment that the entire building had been swept from around them.

The wind had taken the platform right from before the kneeling Christians, and they were tumbled to the ground where the platform had stood. There they clung desperately one to another, to keep from being drawn up by the terrific suction of the tornado. Truly there is safety around the altars of the Lord, for not one of them was seriously injured. Several had cuts on their arms, and pieces of flying debris had caused a few outward bruises.

The pastor's wife suffered a severe cut in her limb. It is healing very nicely but has left her leg numb, and the doctors suggest that unless this numbness leaves they may have to operate to tie the ends of the nerves together. However, we know the Lord is able to undertake for Sister Willeford. The miracle is that none of those who were gathered in prayer around the altar were seriously injured.

The opera chairs were swept off the floor of the small auditorium, leaving it as bare as could be. The piano was hurled to the rear of the church, and parts of the church building were scattered over several blocks in the vicinity. But God preserved His own. One of the deacons who had been attending the service in the church left by the side door and was never seen alive again. Several other members of the congregation were called into the presence of the Lord, but those assembled in the church were preserved by the power of God.

Brother Damron, one of the deacons, who with his daughter was at the service, and was swept with the rest into the hole, lay in the mud and dust until the wind had partially passed. Then he rose and hurried sobbing toward his home, expecting only to see shattered debris, for it was directly in the path of the tornado. He had left his wife sick in bed and another daughter had stayed to care for her.

As he neared the place where his home stands, he looked with amazement. The double garage, within a few feet of the house, had been blown completely away. Other buildings nearby had been severely damaged. The power plant, only one block distant, was a shambles—yet his house stood erect. Though the window panes were gone, it apparently had suffered only minor damage.

He hastened inside, expecting to find his wife injured or even killed. Sobbing with joy, his

daughter cleared away some of the debris from inside the front door to admit her father to the bedroom. There his wife sat with hands upraised in a bedroom which had not been touched. The balance of the house inside had been seriously affected. The wind had torn the carpets and linoleum from the floor, blown down pictures, broken up the furniture, and in general created destruction. But the room where Sister Damron lay was untouched—not so much as a calendar had been disturbed on the wall. As I stood beside the bed and this dear woman related the story, I was moved to tears, for I realized that God does preserve His own in the midst of terrific destruction.

The little band of believers in the city of Woodward are rallying bravely. They had a small amount of insurance on both the church and the parsonage, but it will not be sufficient to rebuild the two buildings, and of course most of the saints have lost practically all their earthly possessions. However, the District brethren are responding to their need. I believe that the saints in Woodward are going to rise out of the ashes and debris of their fearful experience with a new faith in God and songs of rejoicing on their lips. May we solicit the prayers of all God's people for these precious members of the household of faith, that God will bless them abundantly!

Among the Assemblies

MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN.—We recently had 3 weeks of special meetings with Ernest L. Powlesland of Seattle, Wash. Four received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, one was saved, and many were revived.—H. L. Hagemeister, Pastor.

MIDDLETOWN, CALIF.—The saints in this small community are rejoicing because the Lord has moved among us in sweetness and power. Six came to the altar for salvation and two were filled with the Holy Spirit. Robert Perryman of Los Angeles was our evangelist, April 6—20.—Ruby O. Curtis, Pastor.

CHAMOIS, MO.—God is surely blessing in our regular services. Last Sunday, 11 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. On Tuesday night another one was filled, and 6 or 8 are seeking for the blessing. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless, and come and visit our church.—M. E. Sooter, Pastor, Rolla, Mo.

PARIS, ARK.—Pastor Roy J. Moore of the East Paris Assembly writes: "We have just closed a 2-week meeting. The blessing of the Lord was upon the church. The evangelist was Lonnie J. Guess. Eight prayed through to salvation, 4 received the Baptism, our church was blessed, and the people were encouraged to go on with the Lord."

CARLISLE, TEXAS—God has given us an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival with Evangelist and Mrs. R. C. Wales of Longview. Ten were saved, 15 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and the saints were stirred to a deeper experience in God. Our church and Sunday School are growing and God is blessing in a glorious way.—R. T. Bigham, Pastor, Henderson, Texas.

WELLINGTON, TEXAS—We have had a very successful revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Nolan D. Sluder of Erick, Okla. A number came confessing Christ as their Saviour. Our crowds were very good. The children took a real interest in the "Booster's Church" conducted by Sister Sluder. Our church was greatly blessed by the good music and messages of these evangelists. —Walter Lane, Pastor.

MADISON, S. DAK.—In a recent 4-week meeting with Evangelist Eugene Smith, the Lord blessed our church in a wonderful way. A number knelt at the altar for salvation and 12 were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit-anointed ministry of Brother Smith was greatly enjoyed by all.—E. B. Nollsch, Pastor.

SUPERIOR, WIS.—The Central Gospel Tabernacle has been visited with very gracious blessings from the Lord. In a 3-week meeting conducted by Evangelist Eugene Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo., some were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. A baptismal service was conducted on two Sunday evenings, and a number were baptized in water. The attendance was somewhat larger than usual. Following this meeting, T. J. Jones, formerly of London, England, and now with the North Central Bible Institute, gave us some very blessed week-end services. We are praising the Lord for the visitation of His power.—Wesley R. Hurst Sr., Pastor.

PAWNEE, ILL.—An old-time Holy Ghost revival was conducted here recently by Evangelist Ruth Lindley of East Alton. In this meeting 21 were saved and 20 were baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. In more than half the services we had no preaching and no special songs, it being almost a continual altar service. Three of the charter members of the church, who had been saved 17 years, were gloriously filled with the Holy Ghost in afternoon cottage prayer meetings. We are still enjoying great blessings, even in our Sunday School. At times, the Lord's presence is so real that people begin to weep and to worship Him.—L. L. Fergusen, Pastor.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 17th Annual Council of the West Texas District convened in the City Auditorium, Plainview, Texas, April 22—25, and was declared by all to have been a success in every way. Wesley R. Steelberg, Assistant General Superintendent, was the guest speaker and his rich messages were welcomed by all. The blessing of the Lord prevailed throughout the Council and a beautiful spirit of unanimity was witnessed in every business session. H. M. Sheats was re-elected District Superintendent. Also re-elected were E. R. Foster, Assistant Superintendent; S. E. Eldridge, Secretary-Treasurer; and J. A. Thomas, General Presbyter. All were returned to office on the nominating ballot.—S. E. Eldridge, District Secretary.

BYERS, TEXAS—Pastor D. F. Ferguson writes of blessings received in a 2-week revival conducted by the Greek Evangelist, William Panos: "A goodly number were saved and filled with the Spirit. Several nights the altars were filled with hungry hearts seeking God. The tarrying services would often continue until the midnight hour. The ministry of Brother and Sister Panos has been a great inspiration to our church. Their zeal and compassion for souls has been an encouragement to us. Four times, during these two weeks, we were permitted to go into the school and conduct services for the entire school. Brother Panos' ministry was so interesting that the superintendent would invite us back every time we were there. The last Sunday, we obtained the school auditorium for a public service. Only eternity will reveal the good that was accomplished. We also had several street services with good results. At the close of the meetings, we baptized 4 in water, and 3 were added to the church."

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—John W. Stallings Jr., of Norfolk, Va., and Paul Meacham of Kansas City. Kansas, ministers to the deaf, have been holding a revival for the deaf, for the past 17 days, at Calvary Tabernacle, 48th and Hoover Sts. Fourteen were saved, 5 baptized with the Holy Spirit, 2 refilled, and many backsliders reclaimed. Three young hearing children who were learning the sign language were saved. We feel that the doors are now being opened to the deaf, who have been sadly neglected. Most of them know very little about the Gospel of Christ. Those who have attended the revival have been hungry to have God in their lives, and we are looking for a continuous revival. We are sending consecrated young men out of our Church for the Deaf to preach the "good news" at Riverside,

Bakersfield, Long Beach, and later at San Diego and elsewhere, so that a real revival among the deaf may sweep across our great land and across the seas. Pray for us that this may come true very soon, before our Lord returns.—Florence Jordan, Pastor, 110 La Villa St., Downey, Calif.

CORYDON, IOWA—A successful revival wasconducted here, February 18 through March 16,
by the Mathan Musical Evangelists. The altar
was filled time after time with seekers and believers, and souls were saved. The church attendance record was broken three times, and extrachairs were needed to accommodate the crowds.
The special music by Brother and Sister Mathamon violin, trombone, coronet, and piano, as well
as the singing, was appreciated by all. The ministry
of this evangelist and his wife is truly Pentecostal
and outstanding, and their consideration for churchand pastor will meet the approval of any church,
whether small or large.

The revival meetings will continue with the "Beacon Light Gospel Messengers," Sisters Marguerite Mathan and Monzelle Brothers, as the evangelists.

We felt called of the Lord to sell our grocery business of over 20 years' standing, and come to Corydon, not knowing anyone, but knowing there was a church here that needed a pastor. God hamet us beyond our expectations, and we are looking ahead for greater things to happen.—Henry H. Lummer, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The last three weeks have been days of heaven on earth. November 1, 1946, we came to the South Side Faith Tabernacle as pastor. Two months ago our people began to pray every morning at the tabernacle for God to send us a revival. The C.A.'s called a special prayer meeting each Thursday night to pray for a revival. On March 23 we opened with Evangelist Willa Short. Word cannot describe the victory, glory, blessing and conviction of this meeting. We have had marvelous cooperation from several of our churches and pastors. One Sunday 12 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 6 in the C.A. service. A Catholic girl was saved and filled with the Spirit before she got off her knees. She praised God and spoke in tongues until midnight. We have never before known so many church people to pray through to a life of victory and blessing. They came from all over the city in large numbers. Altars were full night after night. All over the house people were praying through. A number were gloriously healed. Sister Short certainly was anointed and preached with glorious liberty. At least 80 prayed through to salvation and the Baptism. The last night, the Lord saved 7 souls.—G. W. Newby, Pastor.

BRAINERD, MINN.—It is now six months since we accepted the pastorate here. Since then, interest and attendance have steadily increased, many souls have sought salvation, and some backsliders have returned to God. However, the greatest victories have come through our prayer services. We arranged for all-day fasting and prayer every Tuesday, and after the beginning of the New Year we started a week of prayer in keeping with the National Week of Prayer. This did not conclude at the end of the week but was continued for five weeks straight, and during this time interest and attendance at prayer services grew until the prayer room was packed, not only by saints but several unsaved came as well. Some came in unsaved, but before they returned home they were not only graciously saved but gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit according to Bible pattern. Some nights as many as 6 received a like precious gift, until 17 or 18 have been baptized and many converted. We recently baptized in water, and received 32 into church membership. We are continuing in much prayer, anticipating greater victories in God.—R. S. Peterson, Pastor.

MILLVILLE, FLA.—Mrs. Davis and I came here June 2, 1946, and found a fine group of saints willing to work for God. Although a big shipyard had just closed and about one third of the population had moved away, including many members of the church, the Sunday School attendance was averaging about 250 and the active membership of the church was about 100. Since then, about 100 have been saved, 40 baptized with the

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Holy Spirit, and 50 have united with the church. We have built a \$10,000 brick veneer parsonage, installed an automatic heating system in the church, and sodded and grassed the lawn of the church and parsonage. We have had the following evangelists: A. L. Williams from Mississippi, one week; the Lummer Evangelistic party from Iowa, 3 weeks; and recently closed a 19-day revival with Evangelists Maymie Williams of Tampa, Fla., and Frances Williams of Atlanta, Ga., which a number were saved, including 12 or 15 men, several were filled with the Holy Spirit, and 18 were taken into the church. The Sunday School attendance has averaged well over 300 for the past 5 months, in spite of sickness and bad weather.-J. B. Davis, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up ledays before the date which appears upon it, al notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

NAMPA, IDAHO-May 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Geo. C. Klassen, Pastor. ENUMCLAW, WASH.—Meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer J. Gardner of Seattle.—G. H. gelist and Mrs. V Mitchell, Pastor.

DICKINSON, N. DAK.—June 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Velmer J. Gardner, Seattle, Wash.—Reuben Will,

CINCINNATI, OHIO-First Christian Christian Assembly, Winston R. Miller,

CINCINNATI, OHIO—First Christian Assembly, June 1—; Evangelist and Mrs. Winston R. Miller, Spokane, Wash.—A. B. Crabb, Pastor.

CORTLAND, N. Y.—23 Port Watson St.; May 18. for 2 weeks or longer; H. B. Kelchner, Flint Stone, Md., Evangelist.—Levi L. Storms, Pastor.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.—Walnut and West Pikes Peak; June 1, for 2 weeks or longer; C. F. Ferguson, Evangelist.—H. J. Jackson, Pastor.

FALL RIVER, MASS.—Youth for Christ Rally, May 31. Christian Hild, speaker.—Edwin P. Anderson, Minister.

WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.-W. Olympic and

WEST LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—W. Olympic and Purdue; May 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Blair Evangelistic Trio.—T. C. Cunningham, Pastor.
WICHITA, KANSAS—Orchard Park Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Nels G. Lien, Evangelist.—Charles W. Shumway, Pastor.

DES MOINES, IOWA—31st at Ingersol Ave.; May 20, for 2 weeks; Evangelist and Mrs. E. K. Jones of Davenport.—Harley M. Smith, Pastor.

FORT SMITH, ARK.—Dodson Avenue Assembly; May 11, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. B. Owen Oslin.—C. A. Lasater, Pastor; J. A. Higgins, Assistant Pastor. Assistant Pastor.

BURBANK, CALIF.—Tent Meeting, Burbank Blvd. and Orchard Drive, May 18—; W. E. Long, Evangelist. "Gospel Harmony Makers," Singers and Musicians. Neighboring churches invited to co-operate.—Daniel Bayliss, Pastor.

BULLARD, TEXAS—Fourth Annual Homecoming, May 25. Three services; lunch on grounds. Special speakers: E. B. Crump and C. G. Lonsford. All former pastors and visiting ministers and assemblies invited, Special service, night, May 24.—J. T. Davis, Pastor.

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

Big Down-State C.A. Rally, High School Auditorium, Benton, Ill. (not Metropolis, as previously announced). May 30. Floyd Heady, main speaker Services 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Thomas G. Skoog, Sectional President.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

Prayer Conference, Northeast Section of Colorado, and Dedication of New Church, Julesburg, Colo., June 3-4. District Superintendent J. E. Austell in charge.—A. E. Hokanson, Host Pastor.

WISCONSIN C. A. RALLIES

Wisconsin C. A. Rallies: Portage, May 28; Rice Lake, May 29; Green Bay, May 30; Milwaukee, in Full Gospel Tabernacle, S. 12th and W. Walker, May 31. David Hastie, Oscaloosa, Iowa, guest speaker. —Peter Hamelink, District C. A. Chairman.

NEW ENGLAND C. A. RALLIES

New England C. A. Rallies: Norwalk, Conn., May 26; Springfield, Mass., May 27; Waterbury, Conn., May 28; Abington, Mass., May 29; annual District Rally, Camp Grounds, Framingham, Mass., May 30. Christian Hild, speaker.—John A. Lindvall, C. A. President

PITTSBURGH, PA.—C. A. Rally, Evangelistic Temple, Union Ave. below E. Ohio St., N. S. Pittsburgh, May 30. Services 10:30, 2:30, and 7:00. William Kiefer, morning speaker; Harry M. Strickland, afternoon and evening speaker. Sectional C. A. Leaders E. C. Schmid and D. A. Berquist in charge.—D. A. Berquist. Berquist.

CATARACT, WIS.—Fellowship Meeting, May 23. Services 2:30, 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Supper will be served.—Earl D. Noble, Pastor.

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBR.—Western District Conference, German Assembly of God, 11th Ave., and 12th. June 17-22; K. P. Steffens, Huntington, L. I., and others will speak.—Arthur Noetzel, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS—Sunday School Convention, Southeast Section, 11th and Beach Sts., May 21. Principal speakers: Paul Miller, F. D. Wall, Everette Ewing, District S. S. Superintendent in charge.—C. H. Asher, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA S. S. CONFERENCES

Sulphur, May 26—27; Muskogee, May 29—30. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Little Rock, Ark., guest speakers. Conferences begin 1:30 p.m., first day; 3 services on closing day.—Paul Copeland, Oklahoma S. S. Superintendent.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Greater St. Louis C. A. Rally, Alhambra Grotto, 2626 S. Grand Blvd., May 27—30, 8 p.m. Wesley R. Steelberg, speaker. The Kolenda Quartet of Clio, Mich., will lend outstanding musical talent to the services.—James D. Cockman, Sectional C. A. President.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Eastern District Council will convene at Maranatha Park, Green Lane, Pa., June 3—5. J. Roswell Flower, guest speaker. For reservations write Mrs. C. A. Raymond, Green Lane, Pa.—Adolphus T. Smith, District Scoretory.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Commencement Exercises, Central Bible Institute, May 25—26. Baccalaureate service, May 25, 2:15 p.m.; Ralph M. Riggs, speaker. Commencement, May 26, 7:00 p.m. Both services in C.B.I. Auditorium seating 3,000.

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE ALUMNI

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Alumni banquet, Saturday evening, May 24. Alumni breakfast, Monday morning, May 26, followed by annual business meeting. Alumni desiring accomodations should write to Mrs. Raymond Tuck, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Mo.

BLACKFOOT, IDAHO—Sunday School Conference, day and evening, May 22. Earl R. Jones Host Pastor. R. H. Buck, District Sunday School Representative, in charge assisted by more than a dozen workers. All Sunday School friends invited; visitors especially welcome.—Sunday School Department.

NORTHWEST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Graduation Exercises, Northwest Bible Institute, Seattle, Wash., May 25—28. Sunday evening, baccalauraeate service, Atwood Foster, speaker; Tuesday evening, class promotion service; Wednesday evening, graduation service, 85 students graduating.—Henry H. Ness, Principal.

BEND, ORE.—Oregon Statewide C. A. Rallies, First Methodist Church Auditorium, May 29—30. Opening rally, night, May 29; Floyd F. Hawkins, Fresno, Calif., speaker. Great C. A. Missionary rally, 2:30 p.m., May 30; Robert Fierro, speaker. David Philips, Host Pastor.—Heath W. Lowry, C. A. President.

SOUTHWESTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE ALUMNI

All graduates of Southwestern Bible Institute urged to attend important Alumni meeting in School Chapel, Waxahachie, Texas, May 23. Fellowship meeting 10 a.m., followed by business meeting. Annual banquet in early afternoon.—Eston Pack, President; by Mrs. W. B. McCafferty, Secretary.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT C. A. CONVENTION

Annual Arkansas District Christ's Ambassadors Convention, District Camp Grounds, Ozark-Lithia, 7 miles north of Hot Springs, on Highway 7, June 10—12. Three services daily. Speakers include Ralph Harris, National C. A. Secretary.—Edwin Burris, Arkansas District C. A. President.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The Ukrainian Branch Council will convene at the Ukrainian Pentecostal Assembly of God, 92d St., and 101st Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y., May 29—31. Business sessions daily, 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Special speakers will take part in the devotional and evening services.—John Kiszenik, Branch Secretary.

ANNUAL C. A. CONVENTION

First Annual Christ's Ambassadors Convention, New York-New Jersey District, Paterson, N. J., May 30—June 2. Speakers: Ralph Harris, T. R. Brubaker, and C. W. Denton. Special Speed-the-Light service, May 30. For accommodations write Pastor Parker B. Hayes, Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff, N. J.—N. S. Farrington, C. A Secretary-Treasurer

POLISH BRANCH COUNCIL

The 13th Anual Meeting of the Polish Branch Council will convene in the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, 3018 E. Street, Philadelphia, Pa., May 29—31. Business sessions daily, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Special speakers will take part in devotions and evening services. For accommodations write Joseph Papiernik at above address.—S. Theodore Wojciechowski, 416 Bower St., Linden N. J. Branch Secretary. Linden, N. J., Branch Secretary.

TULSA, OKLA.— 3 N. Sandusky; meeting in progress; H. E. Waddle, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.— G. L. McKinney, Pastor.

PUEBLO, COLO.—702 S. Main; meetings in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Don Mallough, Seattle, Wash.—O. J. Burns, Pastor.

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GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 3-11, 1947. Council will open with grand Youth Rally, night, Sept. 3. Opening address, morning, Sept. 4. For reservations address L. O. McKinney, Chairman Committee on Entertainment, 501 Julia N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich. Be sure to send postage for reply.

WYOMING C. A. CONFERENCE

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Wyoming C. A. Conference, Caspar, Wyo., May 28—
30. Dean Duncan of Denver, Colo., night speaker.
Special messages by District Superintendent J. E. Austell and S. S. Representative R. G. Fulford along with classes and open discussions will be a great part of the conference. Joe Neeley, Host Pastor, invites you to "Wonderful Wyoming."—Milton Newman, District C. A. President.

KANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCES

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Kansas Sunday School Conferences: May 21, Assembly of God, 11th and Beach, Coffeyville; C. H. Asher, Pastor. May 22, Assembly of God, 607 N. Joplin, Pittsburg; Charles Peak, Pastor.
Meetings open at 9:45 a.m., and continue throughout the day and evening. National S. S. Representative Paul Miller, guest speaker, assisted by approximately 100 of the choicest Sunday School workers in Kansas. Everyone interested in the Sunday School, even in States adjoining Kansas, invited to attend.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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14th Annual Session of the Georgia District Council
will meet at 30l Capitol Ave., Atlanta, Ga., June 3—5.
Wesley R. Steelberg, main speaker. Opening rally
Tuesday night with devotional and business sessions
Wednesday and Thursday. District Board will be in
session Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday. Those
desiring ministerial credentials, plan to meet them at
this time. For room reservations write E. E. Noland,
Host Pastor, 30l Capitol Ave. Free entertainment as far
as possible to ministers and delegates.—Robt. C. Jones,
Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The 32nd Annual Convention of the Texas District Council will convene in the American Legion Auditorium, Brownwood, Texas, June 3—6. The meeting will be preceded by fellowship meeting Monday night, and convention will open at 10 a.m., Tuesday. Those desiring to make reservations may write Pastor Lester P. Summers, 1111 San Benito Drive, Brownwood, Texas.—E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, Texas District Council. Conneil.

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WESTERNPORT, MD.—32nd Anniversary and Home Coming, Assembly of God, Maryland Ave., June 13—22. Mortage burning. First service, 7:30 p.m., June 13. The following workers who have gone out from the church will speak: Pete Salesky, Clarence W. Trenum, Robert V. McIntosh, David V. Howe, O. Kenneth Brann, and others. Those who have been connected with the assembly or saved under our pastor's ministry especially invited. Out-oftown visitors, write the pastor at 217 Wood St., for rooms.—Oliver P. Brann, Pastor and Founder.

OPEN FOR CALLS Evangelistic or Pastoral

W. M. Sutley, C/O Omar Johnson, First Assembly of God, 1501 Missouri Ave., St. Louis, Mo.—"Open for evangelistic or pastoral calls."

W. A. Marshall, Box 397, Ganado, Texas—"Open for evangelistic or pastoral calls."

Pastor and Mrs. T. S. Miles, 3517 N. Crump St., Ft. Worth, Texas—"Open for pastoral or evangelistic calls after June 1."

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE—King Cornet and case, in first-class condition. Write Austin Amerine, Garnett, Kansas.

BROADCAST—Exeter Assembly of God Program, Station KKIN, Visalia, Calif., 1400 on dial, Sundays. 4:30 p.m.—J. E. Crawford, Pastor.

NEW ADDRESS—307 S. 13th Ave., Yakima, Wash. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Full Gospel Tabernacle here."—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Barfoot.

BROADCAST—Hear Lighted Cross Pentecostal Gospel Service, Station WILK, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1450 on dial, Fridays, 11:45 a.m.—Byron D. Jones, Pastor.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—60x100 round-end Gospel
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Assembly, 2600 E. Rosedale, Ft. Worth, Texas.

FOR SALE—120 base Accordion, Italian make, ladies'
style. Black trimmed with white. In very good
condition. Price \$250.00, case included. Write Mrs.
Bill Porter, 314 Grant, Ft. Morgan, Colo.

NOTICE—The Assembly of God Church course Fifth

NOTICE—The Assembly of God Church, corner Fifth and Fullerton Sts., Buena Park, Calif., is completed enough so that services are being held there. We greatly appreciate the co-operation shown us in the Orange Section.—J. P. Williams, Pastor, P. O. Box 428, Buena Park, Calif.

Good Reading for Adults

WHEN ADVERSITY COMES, by C. W. Naylor. Out of the personal experiences of one, who because of accidental injuries has been bedfast for many years, comes this book. Here is an author who speaks the language of those who have suffered adversity—loss of health, bereavement, disappointed hopes, and many other calamities. But by the help of God, he has mastered the calamity that came upon him, and therefore is competent to give help to others. Price, \$1.50.



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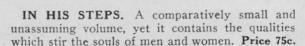
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