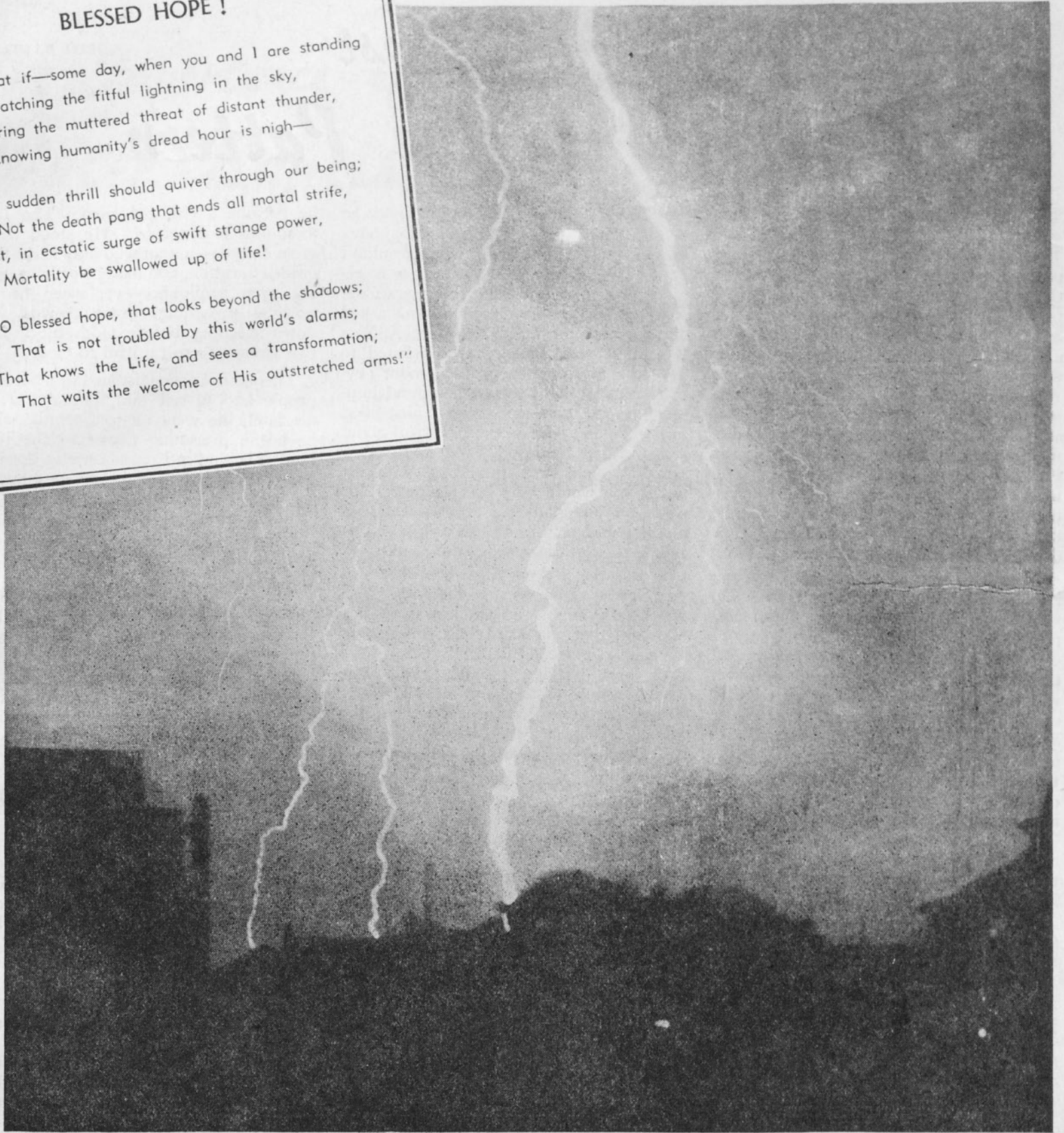


BLESSED HOPE !

"What if—some day, when you and I are standing
 Watching the fitful lightning in the sky,
 Hearing the muttered threat of distant thunder,
 Knowing humanity's dread hour is nigh—

"A sudden thrill should quiver through our being;
 Not the death pang that ends all mortal strife,
 But, in ecstatic surge of swift strange power,
 Mortality be swallowed up of life!

"O blessed hope, that looks beyond the shadows;
 That is not troubled by this world's alarms;
 That knows the Life, and sees a transformation;
 That waits the welcome of His outstretched arms!"



The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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Filled With the Holy Ghost According to the Pattern

LOREN B. STAATS

IN the eighteenth chapter of the Acts we read concerning a man named Apollos, who, twenty-one years prior to this time, went down along the banks of the Jordan to hear that lion-hearted preacher, John the Baptist. And after hearing him sending forth his pungent message, he himself was inspired to enter the ministry. Apollos was a Jew from Alexandria and *that* in itself gave him prestige. To say you came from Alexandria in that day was something like saying that you come from Yale or Harvard today. Apollos came to Ephesus that he might hold a revival. He gave the truth to the people. It says that he knew "only the baptism of John." Evidently he was a Baptist preacher.

Now we read of some who became interested in him, Aquila and Priscilla, who, when they had heard, "took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." If you will read the second verse of this same chapter you will find that Aquila was a Jew, having come from Italy because of an uprising against the Jews. Claudius Caesar expelled the Jews from Italy and confiscated their goods; so being without anything they left Italy and went down to Corinth. They were tent-makers and in this way they met the apostle Paul. It was his purpose to establish a Pentecostal work in Corinth, and as there was no one to support him he went to making tents—working at his trade during the week and preaching on Sunday. It so happened the he worked right alongside this couple, Aquila and Priscilla.

I thank God for Spirit-filled people—they always go to church, and when they go to another town the first thing they do is to find a place of worship to attend. That is just what this couple did. I can just see them sitting in the audience, and I can hear Priscilla saying to Aquila, "My, isn't he a power! Just look how fervent he is! Wouldn't he be a wonder if he were filled with

the Holy Ghost? Just see how mighty he is in the Scriptures. If he had the anointing of the Holy Ghost, what wouldn't he do around here!" So after the meeting they went to the front to congratulate the preacher on his discourse, and asked him for an interview. No doubt Apollos thought it was someone who wanted to have the Scriptures explained more perfectly, but to his surprise he found himself face to face with two Spirit-filled saints of God who were concerned about *his* spiritual condition. No doubt they said, "If you were just filled with the Spirit you would be a greater power for God." I am glad that Apollos was not too highheaded to listen to a couple of lay-people telling him more about God.

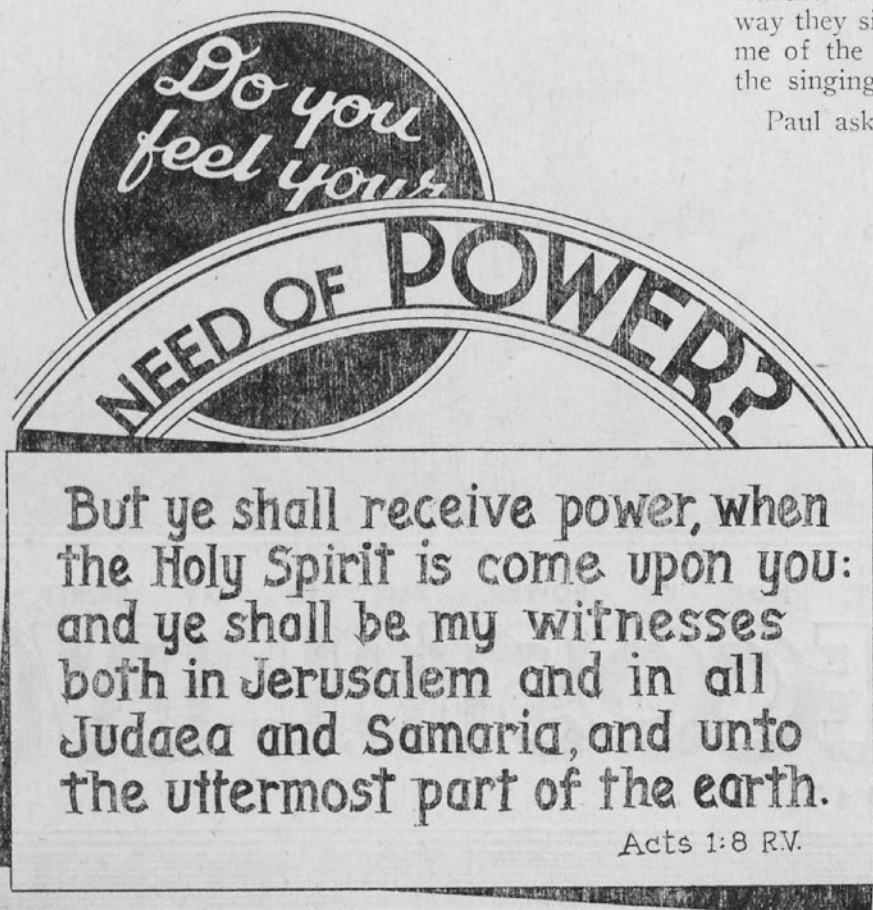
It was the prayers of two saintly women that were the means of making D. L. Moody the mighty power he was. They told him that the Lord had revealed to them that he needed the Holy Ghost, and they were praying to that end. Mr. Moody asked, "I need the Holy Ghost?" "Yes," said the women. That was the turning point in Mr. Moody's life, for through the prayers of these two women

he became a changed man. The Lord took him to England. He stood before great crowds—a man who only had a third grade education, and many words he could not even pronounce—yet when he had finished preaching, great crowds were down weeping before God—all because two women were faithful to God.

This man Apollos listened to what these people had to tell him, but almost immediately he went on to Corinth, where he began preaching Christ to the Jews. He left behind in Ephesus twelve disciples whom he had won, and they were hungry for more of God. Only Aquila and Priscilla were left with them. No doubt the one said to the other, "If we only had Paul here, he would help these folk." We all have a special love for the one whom God used to bring us into the light. The preacher who convinced me about the Spirit-filled life has a special place in my heart. He isn't any great preacher but I think he is wonderful. So their desire to have Paul was perfectly natural. He found the twelve brethren, and no doubt looked them over and listened to their singing. You know, you can tell whether folk are filled with God by the way they sing. The thing that convinced me of the reality in this Movement was the singing.

Paul asked them: "Have you folk received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" Thank God for their honesty. They said, "We haven't as much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." "Unto what then were ye baptized?" asked Paul, and they said, "Unto John's baptism." So Paul told them that John baptized with the baptism of repentance, but now they were eligible for another blessing if they would only believe; and he laid his hands on them and prayed and soon heard them speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave utterance. A revival broke out in their midst. The people cleaned out their homes and brought out books teaching magic and false

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The Importance of Water Baptism

J. NARVER GORTNER

"We are buried by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4.

"Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead." Col. 2:12.

"Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 3:18, 21.

JOHN, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, prophesied of by Old Testament prophets, whose birth was foretold by an angel of the Lord, was called "the Baptist," or "the Baptizer." He preached the baptism of repentance, and "there went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." After Jesus began His ministry His disciples baptized converts. In the fourth chapter of John we read that "the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John," and it is added that, "Jesus Himself baptized not, but His disciples." When our Lord commissioned the disciples to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, He commanded that the disciples thus made should be baptized "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The first baptizing that was done after the death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord, was done after Peter had preached on the day of Pentecost and THREE THOUSAND HAD BEEN CONVERTED. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ. Miracles were performed. The whole city of Samaria was stirred. It is said that "the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did." "When they believed Philip preaching the thing concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." They had not yet received the Baptism in the Spirit; they

received that later when Peter and John laid their hands upon them and prayed that they might receive the Holy Ghost. But they had been converted, and hence they were fit subjects to be baptized in water, and they were thus baptized. The revival was a real revival. "There was great joy in that city."

From the city of Samaria Philip was commanded by the angel of the Lord to "go toward the south unto the way that GOETH DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO GAZA which is desert." He obeyed, and the result was the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch. The eunuch said, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" The command was given that the chariot stand still. "They went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him," and we read of the eunuch that "he went on his way rejoicing."

Saul of Tarsus, a bitter persecutor of the Christians, was divinely apprehended while on his way to Damascus. Blinded by the supernatural light which he had seen, he was led into the city, and for three days fasted and prayed. Then Ananias, a disciple of the Lord, sent to him by God, came and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me that thou mightest receive thy sight, and

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST." Saul received his sight. "There fell from his eyes as it had been scales, and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized."

Significant was the ordinance of baptism then; significant is the ordinance now. It means now what it meant then.

What does baptism in water signify? I was informed when I was a child and

learned the catechism, that baptism is "an outward sign of an inward cleansing," but it is better to find out what the Word of God says than to find out what the catechism says. Better to study God's Word than to study the catechism. The Bible is God's Book; the catechism, man's production. The catechism may contain much that is in the Bible, but since man is liable to err, it is likely to contain error. There is no error in God's Word.

Baptism is more than "an outward sign of an inward cleansing." It signifies, first,

IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST
IN HIS DEATH.

Believers were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1:4. In Hebrews 7 mention is made of the fact that Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, priest of the most high God, and we read that, "Levi also, who received tithes, paid tithes in Abraham, for he was yet in the loins of his father when Melchisedec met him." Levi was not yet born; his father, Jacob, was not yet born; his grandfather, Isaac, was not yet born; and yet it is said that he paid tithes—"paid tithes in Abraham." We were not yet born when God chose us, and in God's mind and purpose we accepted Jesus Christ, and became members of the Church of the First-born; there was no evidence outside of the mind and purpose of God that we should ever come into existence, but in God's mind and purpose we not only existed, but were chosen in Christ Jesus. God not only foreknew, He foreordained that we should have a being, and He chose us in Christ Jesus "that we should be holy and

WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE."

To this doctrine I was once opposed, but it is the teaching of God's Word, and when considered in connection with the

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Christ's Perpetual Intercession

CHRISt said, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." Luke 22:31, 32.

Here we have Satan's request and Christ's prayer. There are spiritual transactions taking place that we know nothing of. We are not told what Christ's answer was to Satan, nor if He answered him at all. But we know that He prayed to His Father for Simon. Christ's prayer was more effectual than Satan's working. Satan evidently had the opportunity of handling the sieve. But he could not keep the wheat. He got the chaff.

You will have times of siftings or shakings. But be assured that prayer is going up beforehand for you, that your faith fail not. Satan will only get the chaff, that which is fit for burning. With the tares he gets the grain and the chaff.

Wheat is worth sifting. Some wheat is sifted and agitated more than other wheat because the chaff is harder to get off. Some is so ripened that the chaff separates with little or no sifting.

Christ had a further word for Simon: "When thou art converted—sifted, tested, tried, triumphant—strengthen thy brethren." After the experience of sifting, you can help others who are being tested on similar lines. You can point out the difficulty you have been brought through. You need not point out what you have lost. It will be self-evident. You will have no need to advertise that you have lost chaff, and neither will Satan advertise that he got the chaff.

"Satan hath desired to have you . . . but I have prayed for thee." Luke 22:31, 32. We know what Christ's prayers are like from the sample given in the seventeenth chapter of John, "I pray for them. . . . Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me. . . . I have kept them in Thy name: those that Thou gavest Me I have kept." *It is a wonderful thing to be on Christ's prayer list.*

He says to us, "I prayed for you when temptation was looming up, and I ever live to make intercession, so you can trust Me at all times."

How much we owe to the unknown intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ. He sees beforehand Satan's move, and He prays the Father for us that our faith fail not. And so He can say to those that are His, "Before they call, I will answer." Christ gets in His request before Satan gets in his temptation.

But we have to do our part. We are warned of the lion going about, seeking whom he may devour. 1 Peter 5:8. And we are to anticipate his attacks, and therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16. Lay in a stock of petitions in anticipation of the time of need. The majority of Christians have little or no credit balance on the prayer side, and then they are weak in the grace to help in time of need. But God can make Peters out of Simons. Look at Peter before Pentecost and Peter afterwards. Even Paul had to acknowledge that he was a pillar. And Peter knew what it was, as he records in his Epistles, to be kept by the power of God through faith.

There was a three-cornered fight—Christ, Satan, and Peter—but Christ took sides with Peter and it was two to one. And you know the result.

A similar fight is still on for us; but since Christ's intercession prevails and we have access to the throne of grace for the needed help, we can have the same result as Peter had. Not only delivered, but more than conquerors through Him who strengthens us; and, strengthened by Him, we are enabled to strengthen the brethren! The one who has been through the conflict is the best one to strengthen the weaker ones.

Let us not fail to give thanks for His prevailing prayer, and let us constantly cry: "Thanks be to God, who causes us to conquer, and gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

"Woe to Methodism," says John Wesley, "when rich men become a necessity."

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"When My Heart Is Overwhelmed..."

IT was a sad night in the home of John G. Warton, our missionary in Beirut, Lebanon, when the specialist said, "I can give you no hope of ever seeing again."

The specialist's words only confirmed his fears. For some time his health had been failing. Since his wife died he had been trying to do the work of both father and mother to their three children. When she died, Robert was seven; Joseph, nine; and Ruth, thirteen. He could have kept Ruth home from school to do the housework. This, however, he had refused to do—and so he had done the cooking, scrubbing, washing, and ironing himself, in addition to his missionary duties.

Could he not have hired someone to keep house? No, for the war was on and wages were too high. It was hard enough to buy food for his family, without hiring help. Bread cost \$1.25 a loaf—and when Robert was presented with a loaf of white bread on his birthday he actually kissed it!

The heavy strain had become too great for Brother Warton. Severe backaches, strong bronchitis coughing, and inflamed eyes had followed in quick succession. Soon it had become necessary for him to wear dark glasses and to change the pads of cotton over his eyes very frequently because of the discharge. At the suggestion of friends who feared for his sight, the missionary finally had consented to see a specialist. And now, they had his verdict. Doctor Bagdasarion, an Armenian eye specialist of Beirut University, had pronounced it ulcer of the eye, and had said he might never see again.

After supper Brother Warton summoned the children to his bedside, and said, "Be good children and trust the Lord. Daddy might never see again."

Little Bobbie hugged his father, and begged him to get well. "I won't have anybody left," said the motherless child.

The missionary asked Ruth, the oldest, to get the Bible and read the sixty-first Psalm.

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer," she began, as the little circle became very quiet.

In her sweet, childish voice she read on. "From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. . . ."

On hearing again those precious words of promise, Mr. Warton's decision was made. Yes, his heart was overwhelmed. He would cry unto God. He told his little family he had decided not to use the doctor's medicine. "If I never see
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Privilege Brings Responsibilities

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on National Assemblies of God Radio Hour,
"Sermons in Song"

OUR lesson for today is taken from the account of the ministry of Jesus in the cities of Galilee, and His warning to them of coming judgment which would result from their rejection of Him.

Many wish privileges who are unwilling to assume responsibility, but privilege without responsibility is an abuse. He who wants more while he gives less violates the laws of justice and of nature. Every privilege has its burdens. Education is a privilege, but it makes one responsible for studying, and the young person who allows his parents to pay his way through school, and does not apply himself, is a dishonor to his parents. The man who is granted the privilege of buying liquor and then gets drunk is a burden and blot on society. A young couple marry; that is a privilege: but with it comes the man's responsibility to support the home and the wife's responsibility to frugally plan and look after duties connected with the home.

God's salvation is a privilege afforded to man. It is a great privilege when a sinner is offered salvation and peace with God, without money and without price. But this privilege brings responsibility. To neglect means judgment. "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

Jesus did most of His works in the cities near the Sea of Galilee. What a privilege this was to those cities. But they refused to repent and believe. "Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sack-cloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment than for you."

Most of us have enjoyed great privileges. Many have natural advantages which others do not have. And we all have the gospel of Christ. If we reject it, responsibility for our fate will fall on us. Capernaum had enjoyed the fullest ministry of Christ, but spurned Him, and He said, "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven (because of the privileges), shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained unto this day." Sodom had been destroyed without having known the ministry of Jesus such as Capernaum had enjoyed.

We are nearing the end of an age that has rejected the law of God and the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ. Before the world lies judgment, severe judgment. Read the Book of Revelation.

While the many may ridicule the thought, there are those who are taking warning, repenting of their sins, and making their peace with God. If you have not done this, I urge that you read what God says about coming retribution. Then you must decide whether you will serve God or suffer the vengeance of His wrath. "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." God help you, before it is too late to be helped.

Walking With God

A. G. WARD

"And Enoch walked with God"

TO walk with God! What a delightful experience for any man! And what a joy to know it may be ours!

Our position in life may be the most ordinary, our circumstances even embarrassing, our ability below average, and yet we may walk with God. Far removed from people of kindred spirit, from men and women of like precious faith, perhaps feeling that no earthly friend has any particular interest in us, and yet we may walk with God.

Walking with God cannot be learned in a day. There is the difficulty of learning His stride. When we get into His stride, walking with Him becomes comparatively easy and the road over which we travel inexpressibly delightful. Of course, He chooses the route and this insures us of wonderful scenery, for He is a lover of all that is beautiful. Since He has gone over the same road in the days of the long ago, we may be assured that if there are danger spots or stretches requiring extreme carefulness, He will not fail to acquaint us with them.

Walking with God suggests a steady everyday going forward in the path of holiness. This is what tests a man's character. It is not what we are when the footlights are playing upon us, but it is the life we live when apparently alone that counts.

Walking with God—here is a sure cure for loneliness. Who could be lonely in His company? Then there is no danger of being thrown into a panic so long as we walk with Him, for He cannot be taken by surprise. Long before the morning stars sang together or even the sons of God shouted for joy, He had prepared Himself to meet every possible emergency. If there are lions in the way, all will be well; we need fear no evil; our God is able.

Who can tell what the immediate future holds for us? Storm clouds are certainly gathering. Many things evidence that a great world crisis is rapidly approaching: a
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SPIRIT OF THE AGE



I Visited a Leper Island!

WATSON ARGUE

IT was Wednesday morning, February 19, 1947, and the day was almost perfect for an outing. But for a while it seemed that our plans would not materialize. Harry Eggleton, our District superintendent in Trinidad, and A. T. Jacobson, principal of our Bible college there, and I were going to the leper island of Chacachacare off the coast of Trinidad in the British West Indies.

Charles Barker, pastor of our church in Woodbrook, had driven us in his car to the boat dock. We were at the ticket office buying our tickets. The boat was to leave in half an hour. But the buying of the tickets was postponed when we were told we would have to gain permission from the medical director of the colony before we would be permitted to land.

We were referred to two places. We hurried to the first, but saw no sign of the doctor; then quickly to another building, only to be told that the doctor was out and might not be in until the afternoon—and our boat was to pull out any minute! Suddenly, as if in answer to prayer, the doctor came on the scene. When he heard what we wanted to do, he not only issued the permit but phoned the boat docks for them to hold the boat. This they did; and when we got there, no doubt because of the doctor's call, we were treated very cordially and given the use of the captain's private cabin.

Before I tell you more about the trip, please read with me 2 Kings 5:1. "Now Naaman, captain of the host of the kings of Syria, was a great man . . . BUT HE WAS A LEPER."

On my Latin American trip of about 25,000 miles by airplane, I visited nine countries. In three of these countries I visited the leper colonies and took colored motion pictures of the lepers. Some of the pictures were taken only two or three feet from the lepers, and show their awful sores and how their fingers and toes and other parts of their bodies have rotted away. The leper colonies visited were in Cuba, Venezuela, and the one this story is about—at Chacachacare, a lonely island off the coast of Trinidad.

Leprosy seems to be very prevalent in the tropics. The heat may have something to do with it, but no doubt the lack of sanitary living conditions is one of the biggest causes. Leprosy is not hereditary but it is infectious.

As we sailed out of Port-of-Spain and into the gulf of Paria on the Caribbean sea, we enjoyed the fresh, cool breeze, the beauty of sky and water.

Soon we passed the island of Carrera, known as Devil's Island, where Trinidad's penitentiary is located. Here Trinidad keeps its hardened criminals. On the right we passed Centipede Island, which is so infested with centipedes that no human being can stay there. About this time we saw the swell-

ing shadow of a great man-eating shark just a short way from our boat.

Soon the leper island was in view. We could see its buildings strung along the side of the hill, not more than a stone's throw from the beautiful waters of the bay into which our boat was chugging.

Upon going ashore we were brought into a cool guest room where, in the best traditions of hospitality, we were served soft drinks with crushed ice. Soon we were being led from place to place by a very courteous man, a refined and rather elderly woman of Polish birth. She made us feel at home and told of the many years she had been there ministering to the lepers whom she loved. We could see that her heart was there, and we respected her for her devotion.

It is not conducive to gaiety to be shown through building after building where men, women and children languish under the hideous curse of leprosy. Some were blind from the disease. Others had lost fingers and toes, or possibly a foot would be completely gone, or part of the face missing. We had our musical instruments with us—violin, guitar and trombone. Soon we were playing and singing some of the old familiar hymns. "The Old Rugged Cross" was the one the lepers liked best, and they would join with us in singing the chorus.

We asked for their request numbers which we gladly played and sang. Never can we forget them singing, "There's a land that is fairer than day." Between the hymns we told them of Jesus and His love and power to save, and we believe God will bless the gospel seed that was sown.

The sight of some of the lepers touched us deeply and we struggled to keep the tears back. We ministered to them as best we could and pray that we may meet them again—free from the filthy, loathsome disease—in the land that is fairer than day.

The sun was beginning to sink in the west as we sailed away from Chacachacare, the isolated leper island, and headed back for Port-of-Spain in Trinidad. We felt the Lord had been with us and that His Word would not return void.



A sweet little girl with leprosy in advanced stages.

We cannot forget the impressions of our visit, and of the sister who had been so patient and kind in showing us through the place of silent suffering. One cannot but feel that anyone who loves to serve these poor people for Jesus' sake is worthy of reward. As we bade her farewell, Brother Eggleton and Brother Jacobson concurred in the words I felt led to speak to her—the words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

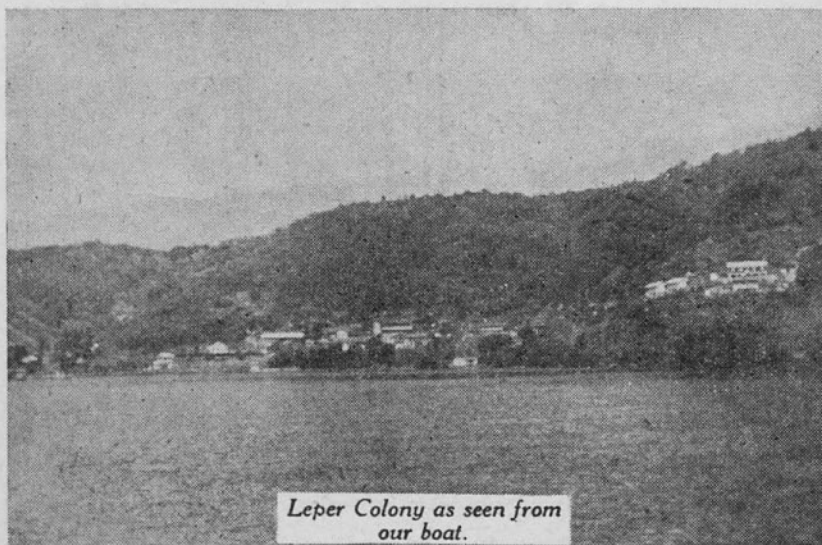
Leprosy is a type of sin, and the leprosy of sin is more hideous, more dangerous, more to be feared than the awful leprosy we saw on the island of Chacachacare. But thank God there is a remedy. The Son of righteousness arises with healing in His wings. Healing for your leprosy of sin was provided by His atoning sacrifice on Calvary. There is a fountain opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness.

As Naaman dipped in Jordan and was healed, so the Saviour points to a fountain flowing from His wounded side, and He says, "Wash and be clean."

A CHURCH WITH ONE GOSPEL

Several years ago an American missionary, Mr. L. L. Legters, was making a tour of exploration in Mexico, for the purpose of discovering how to bring the Gospel to Indian tribes that had never been reached by a missionary. Away in the interior he came to an Indian town and was amazed to find a church of nearly three hundred believers.

As he was the first missionary to visit the town he was curious to know how this group of believers came into existence. How could they hear without a preacher? He learned that nine years before an old Indian had heard the Gospel while away from home,



Leper Colony as seen from our boat.

and had been given a Spanish Gospel. When he returned home he found his nephew had learned a little Spanish and the uncle pressed him into service. As the Gospel was read the old man would hurry with the lad to a neighbor, to share it with him; then to another neighbor, and then to a group. As a result of reading that one Gospel there were nearly three hundred believers in this one Indian town—more than half of the village were real Christians.

LEAVEN AND LAZINESS

A fundamental layman heard the challenge of Christ's last command, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Said he, "Look here, don't you know that the apostasy is coming, and that the sooner it comes the sooner Christ will return? Then the Jews, the 144,000, will do that job far better than we can do it." Rather a poor excuse for laziness! Comments *The Prairie Overcomer*: "Note how the leaven of strange, if not actually false, prophetic teaching leavens the whole lump of a Christian's life and thinking. Extreme dispensationalists dislike the obligations of obedience."



One of the leper patients listens as Pastor Argue explains the way of salvation—notice her hands and feet.

Tobacco—an Enemy of Christianity

DWIGHT C. RITCHIE

THAT tobacco causes cancer is now a fully established fact. Writing in the quarterly publication *Your Health* (January—March, 1947), Professor M. F. Ashley Montagu, of Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, summarizes the evil physical effects of the tobacco habit in his article, "What Smoking Does to You." He lists a number of the poisons found in tobacco smoke, one of which is benzpyrene, a substance known to produce cancer. Arsenic is another cancer-producing poison, according to a bulletin published by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. As it is placed on the tobacco leaf to kill insects, and is not completely removed from the tobacco, the smoker takes at least two cancer-causing agents into his blood stream.

Dr. Frank Leighton Wood makes a comprehensive study of the evil effects of tobacco on the organs of the body in his book, *What You Should Know About Tobacco*, published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. He states that fifty times as much arsenic has been found in tobacco as is permitted in food products by the pure food laws of the United States. "Smoking is unquestionably a direct cause of cancer through its irritating effects upon the membranes of the lips, mouth, tongue and bronchial tubes, and indirectly, through the part it takes in the causation of ulcer of the stomach, for this disease often develops into cancer," affirms Dr. Wood.

Professor Montagu and Dr. Wood present the findings of many scientists who have studied the tobacco problem. Both refer to the biological report of Dr. Raymond Pearl who has proved conclusively that the tobacco habit is destroying human life at an alarming rate. Dr. Wood blames medical profession and the press for withholding the truth about tobacco from the

public. Physicians are afraid of becoming unpopular and publishers are fearful of losing the millions of dollars spent on tobacco advertising, asserts Dr. Wood. His book deals also with some of the economic waste resulting from the tobacco habit, and contains a list of most of the scientific books, pamphlets and articles on tobacco published in recent years.

The united testimony of chemistry, medicine and biology proves that tobacco is not only non-essential, but a deadly enemy that destroys wealth, health and life. The tobacco habit is responsible also for many of the destructive fires and explosions that annually consume or damage thousands of homes, hotels and other buildings, forests, mines and ships. The cigarette habit is a sizeable factor in causing juvenile delinquency and crime, according to former President Herbert Hoover and many others who have noted its influence on morality.

The use of tobacco is wholly opposed to the principles of the Christian faith. The Lord Jesus Christ came into the world to set men free from sinful habits. Tobacco makes men slaves to a habit that may lead into more vicious and criminal habits. It destroys will power and few smokers who have used tobacco for many years are able to stop smoking, although many of them desire to do so. Smokers who have put their faith in Christ have found freedom from tobacco through believing and obeying His teachings. The Son of God who destroyed the power of death by His resurrection from the dead, is able to destroy the power of the tobacco habit and all other sins. Repentance of sin, confession to God and surrender of the life to Him will bring complete deliverance from the craving for tobacco, as the writer and many other former smokers have found.

Christ was deeply interested in the physical

welfare of men. He healed their diseases even before impressing upon their minds the demands of God for love, truth, purity, mercy and justice in the hearts of men. Tobacco has no healing power whatsoever, but poisons its users with nicotine, prussic acid, carbon monoxide gas and other deadly foes of health and life. They stimulate the heart and nerves, causing various types of heart disease and nervous disorders. Their chemical action shrinks and hardens the blood vessels, interferes with the normal digestive process, and may cause infection of the liver and kidneys. It is impossible to think that Christ would sanction the use of a product that creates disease instead of curing it.

Christ made the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the blind to see. Tobacco causes Buerger's disease which will not only make men lame, but may also require the amputation of the foot or limb in order to save the smoker's life. The smoke poisons may injure the blood vessels and nerves of the ear and eye, causing partial or total deafness and blindness.

Christ delivered from lunacy and devil-possession. Tobacco injures the brain by hardening its tiny blood vessels. Mental diseases may develop which may lead to violent insanity. It has been noted that almost all victims of dementia praecox are users of tobacco. According to the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the Bureau of the Census, cerebral arteriosclerosis is one of the chief causes of mental disease. Insanity, cancer and heart diseases have increased rapidly since cigarettes came into widespread use after World War I. More than four million young American men were rejected for military and naval service because of physical and mental diseases during World War II. It is incredible that Christ would approve of a habit that so evidently destroys the bodies and minds of young people and children.

The Lord restored life to the dead. Tobacco often brings sudden death to persons apparently in good health. The weakening of the muscles of the heart and the hardening of its coronary arteries may result in heart failure. A small blood clot may choke off oxygen from the heart muscle and the smoker who has seemed healthy may expire at any moment. High blood pressure, anger or excitement may cause the breaking of a hardened artery in the brain, which also results in sudden death. It is apparent that the Christ who raised the dead would not permit His followers to indulge in a vice that might send them to an untimely end.

Christ taught and exemplified the principle of liberal giving. He had compassion on the poor and the hungry and multiplied loaves to feed hungry multitudes. He taught the principle of thrift by commanding His disciples to save the fragments that they might be eaten later. The tobacco industry is a fosterer of selfishness and greed. The land now growing a poison plant could be raising wheat, corn, rice, cotton and other essential crops to provide food and clothing for millions of famine-stricken and destitute people. Smokers have wasted billions of dollars by buying tobacco. Farmers, manufacturers and merchants are making vast fortunes from tobacco while the people of all nations are being robbed of the necessities of life.

SALMON, IDAHO

Palestine Holds Nations' Interest

George Carmichael, Jerusalem

These are momentous days in Palestine. The flags of fifty-five nations will be flying from the roof of the King David Hotel. The military are taking special precautions for the defense of this zone, and only those with permanent passes can enter. The members of the fact-finding committee have arrived for the sessions that are to be held in the YMCA. We see the swanky cars on the streets bearing the license plates reading "United Nations." Thirty American cars were purchased by the English government at a cost of LP 20,000 for the use of the committee members while in Palestine.

Since we last wrote you, we have been placed in the security zone. This zone has its good and bad features. We are now able to put our car in the garage and bring deliveries to the house, but it prevents all who do not have permanent passes attending the services. We have Sunday School and morning services for the folk in the zone and we are holding meetings every night for the soldiers.

Our contact with the soldiers has been a very pleasant and encouraging feature of our missionary experience in Palestine. Jerusalem means, "The City of Peace," but it has lived up to its name for only short periods during its stormy history. It seems strange that this city of peace should be simply bristling with military activity, with armored cars and tanks rumbling along its streets, and with its citizens awakened during the night by the crackle of machine-gun fire and the explosion of bombs. At the moment 120,000 British troops are in Palestine.

When the British women and children were evacuated and security zones created, we were enclosed by miles of coiled barbed wire, and our ministry to the civilians was curtailed. We felt we should take advantage of the opportunity to minister to the hundreds of soldiers billeted all around us. Many were stationed just outside our mission house, and during the cold rainy season we began serving them tea and cakes at 8:30 each evening. (It is amazing the quantity of strong tea a British soldier can consume!) On evenings when there was curfew and we were not allowed outside the house, the soldiers came to the gate where we handed the tea trays over the barbed wire entanglements to them. By our hospitality we won their confidence, and they began coming to our services and visiting us in the mission house. Now that many of our church members are unable to obtain passes, we feel that this is the opportune time for us to hold a revival for the soldier lads. Several weeks of prayer preceded this undertaking. We had invitation cards printed, but when we went to a sign painter to have the sign painted we found he wanted about \$16.00. It vexed my Scottish soul to such an extent that we decided to paint our own. Sign cloth was not available, so we sewed strips of worn-out sheets together and dipped them in white kalsomine. The missionary staff and a young American man,

on his way home from Ethiopia, assisted us. We began in midafternoon and by midnight the sign was finished and ready to hang.

The revival meeting began May 26th, and



Upper, Mr. and Mrs. George Carmichael, Ida Beck, and Mr. and Mrs. Calloway, Southern Baptist missionaries, who together conducted a revival for soldiers in Jerusalem, Palestine.

Lower, lifting groceries over barbed wire entanglement when the Mission house was surrounded by wire.

New Opportunities

Alberta and Elaine Daniels, Peru

During the past month the Lord has given us new opportunities. On a holiday a group of us went to a new town, had an open air meeting and distributed literature. A number of the people were interested and bought books. The school teacher in this town opened her door to us, for her son had already received our literature here in town at the market.

We have also found a number of women who have recently bought Bibles and they invited us into their homes to teach them. One of the women told us that though she had only had two years of education yet she was understanding the Scriptures. Another, an Arab, says she is "Haciendo propaganda" for us. She asked that we show her the story of the Virgin in the Bible so she could prove to her friends that we believed in her.

Just two weeks ago the national pastor's little child died. We had special services Sunday afternoon and night with a good number of people out, so it was a real opportunity to show them from God's Word the difference between death and life.

the first night about 20 soldiers came. They sang the choruses lustily and listened attentively and reverently to the message. During the two weeks of services twelve have accepted Christ. We have new boys coming each night. Regular attendance is impossible because of their hours on guard duty. Recently a bundle of Reveilles arrived from Springfield and these are finding a ready reception. It has been gratifying to see the splendid co-operation of other missionaries in the revival.

The war is over in many parts of the world, but Jerusalem continues to be an armed camp, and these soldiers, who are in constant danger from bombs and gunfire need a Saviour. We are enjoying our ministry with these lads and desire to see many of them find Christ here, in the city where He died for their salvation. Pray that God will work mightily among them.

Advancing in Sierra Leone

Harold E. Rhodes, Africa

Just recently we have been able to get the lumber to finish the church here in Sierra Leone and to make the pews. It is all native lumber and very hard to work. However, it will be durable. This past week a shipment of putty arrived in town, the first in seven months.

We hope to paint and decorate the church soon and will be glad when it is entirely finished. We have it wired for electricity, but as yet we are using kerosene lights. If we were in the "bush" where there is no electricity we should think nothing of it. We know the Lord is able to move the hearts of the officials and perhaps we shall have electricity soon.

Our house boy, who was raised a Mohammedan, has taken his stand for Christ. He says he has left the Mohammedan religion. He is such a fine fellow and so conscientious about his work that we feel he will be a real asset to the Lord's work. He wants to be baptized. We are working with him every day teaching him more of the Christian way. His real test will come when he sees his family and they start to wield their influence on him. Pray for him.

NOTICE!

To Assemblies Desiring Missionary Speakers

If you want a missionary to visit your assembly, write to the Foreign Missions Department giving us the approximate dates for the proposed meetings, and any further information you feel we should have. We will help you arrange for a speaker or for speakers.

Near to Death

K. L. Godbey, Nigeria

One of our workers had been to one of his outstations and was returning home after dark. A man whom he passed on the path turned and struck him with a machete in an attempt to take off the worker's head. But for God's intervention he would have succeeded. Our worker was wearing his sun helmet and the machete was deflected as it struck the stiff helmet. Even at that our worker's throat was slashed open from past the tip of his chin to well back of his left ear, about a 9 inch gash.

The blow struck a little high and split his jaw bone lengthwise and his whole throat gapped open, though the jugular vein was not severed. He bled until his clothing was saturated with blood. He was assisted to a small railroad station where they had to wait until a freight train came along. On the bumpy train they rode until they arrived at Umuahia about one o'clock in the morning. No pressure had been applied to the wound, and only an old red rag had been tied under his chin and over the top of his head to keep the wound from gapping open so far. He had been in that condition for about five hours and had almost bled to death. When the doctor called to see him he exclaimed, "this man is dying." God saw differently, and upon our worker receiving an emergency vein injection of saline solution immediately rallied, and his pulse picked up. At present he is practically recovered. But he will bear the scar with him to his grave.

It almost cost him his life to take the gospel to his people, but he is not shrinking back, and through his terrible experience testified that he was conscious of God's presence with him all the time. God performed a miracle in raising him up, which he and others fully realize. The particular part of the country where he was stationed was and is very bad. Strangers do not dare be found in these parts alone at night. If they are, it may cost them their heads. The police superintendent told me that the people in that area had killed and eaten three individuals within a few weeks.

A Fruitful Ministry

E. D. Pettenger, S. Africa

Brother and Sister Vandermerwe are having a fruitful ministry here in this land. They came to the town of Benoni where they have a very godly pastor. Our son Vernon and his wife Martha attend there. They have had the greatest outpouring of the Holy Spirit we have seen here in twenty years. Martha was among the more than twenty who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Many were saved.

Following these services the Vandermerwes went to Johannesburg to the Assembly of God White church. Here they have been in services for about three weeks with a mighty manifestation of God. The whole Assembly has been revived and many (I think over twenty) have received the Baptism.

Kunming Missionary Home

Howard Osgood, China

"Do you wish to buy a house, sir?"

There have been many answers to prayer, but how could any be more definite than this one? We had returned with the Boltons via two thousand miles of China's cruel postwar roads from Shanghai to Kunming. For weeks we had been living in a row of sheds very kindly loaned to us by Dr. Yang, head lady of Holy Light Hospital, for no other place in the city seemed available. But the roofs leaked, the numberless cracks admitted clouds of dust from the near-by road in dry weather. What was more, we would be permitted to stay only a limited number of weeks more. Miss Doris Marsh, our school teacher, had bravely set up school in one end of the row. Seven missionary children were attending.

It was clearly an emergency. We had not ceased to make inquiries for suitable places. It was necessary that we be not too far from post office, banks, shopping centers and yet have plenty of play space for children.

One morning after earnest prayer, I said to Brother Bolton, "Let us drive the car about to the spot where we would like to have a place, park it there, and have a look around." We were unacquainted in that section, but since we were desperate, we agreed to go. Brother Bolton went down a small street, while I remained close by the car, looking, looking, and hoping that he would come back with some suggestion as to where we might make inquiry. As I stood there, a merchant, dressed in a long blue gown approached me, and though we had never met in our lives, he did not even ask my name but asked,

"Do you wish to buy a house, sir?"

"How do you know my heart?" I replied in astonishment. "I do not know your heart, sir, but would like to know if you wish to buy a house?"

Very soon Brother Bolton had joined us, as had also a little, matronly looking woman in short cotton coat and trousers, who seemed to know all the places for sale in the whole vicinity. When she had shown us two places and had finally learned what we really wanted, she led us to Pan Lung Hsin Ts'un (The New Village where the dragon coils). We were amazed to see a number of new houses, built in modern lines, and to the gate of one of these we were led.

The house was No. 9 on Hou Hsin Nan Street, and that house is our missionary home today. Then it was dark inside, because the owner, a rich broker had put up wooden blinds which he kept closed, both day and night, and the walls were an ugly blue. But there was a well kept garden, and the grounds were spacious enough to permit building a second house, large enough for a schoolroom and dormitories for about sixteen boys and girls.

Now the second house has been built, matching the first in architecture. The Lord provided a Christian contractor to build the new house. Chang Su, the proprietor of the Christian Book Room, introduced us to him. By this means we were able to build at

a very low figure and secured an excellently constructed place.

And not a day too soon! For the new missionaries were coming, and other older missionaries, too. Coming to study the language. Coming to prepare to go inland to their stations. First to come was Mrs. James Baker who flew from Hongkong. Then in rapid succession, some even before the new house was finished, Mary Lewer, Mrs. Wagner and son Paul. James Baker came overland by truck, a long tedious journey, with freight. Arthur Johnson, Kathryn Lewer, Leland Morse and family and Thelma and Beatrice Hildebrand all came to swell the big family. Mrs. Osgood and I had left before the family grew too great, but happy letters have come to tell us of the pleasant new schoolroom, the earnestly studying groups of new missionaries, of the meetings being held at night in the schoolroom for inquiring Chinese who want to learn of Christ.

Right next to this splendid missionary home lies a fine tract of land, admirably suited as a site for the Southwest Bible School. James Baker will be in charge. We have asked David Nyien to come to assist on the faculty. And all this in faith, for the ground is yet to be purchased and the buildings erected. We think that two thousand dollars would secure the land, and several thousand more would be needed to build simple but adequate school and dormitories. Let us pray God to supply this need, even as He so precious provided the missionary home!

Keeping Up to Date

The Assembly of God Mission in Shanghai now has a cable address and can be contacted through it. It is ASSEMGO, Shanghai, China.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Bauer have returned to the States from Costa Rica, and mail will reach them at 3230 Highland Ave., San Diego, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. James King are home on furlough from Liberia. They may be reached at Two Harbors, Minnesota.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mattson have arrived home on furlough from Jamaica.

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Louise Hackert, Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa, would like Sunday School picture cards and picture rolls in good condition. They could be used to good advantage. Mark the package "Sunday School literature," as a forty percent duty is on everything in Liberia now.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Perrault have arrived in Houston, Texas from Haiti where they have been laboring.

The Passing and the Permanent

KNEEL AND CONQUER

When Joseph L. Neesima, one of the ablest Japanese Christians of a past generation, lay dying, he was asked by a group of his brethren if he had a final message for the Church Militant. Rising on his elbow with great effort, he said, "Tell them to advance upon their knees."

PENTECOST IN GERMANY

A recent survey by Donald Gee mentions that, though the divided political structure of Germany makes it well-nigh impossible to have organized fellowship and official conferences, the local Pentecostal assemblies in that land are actively shining for the Lord. At the Easter convention in Stuttgart 250 were saved, and 50 were baptized in the Spirit, including a Lutheran minister.

THE SCRIPTURES IN CHINESE

According to a scholar of Birmingham, who lectured in Missions at Trinity College, Glasgow, certain parts of the Scriptures were written in Chinese long before they appeared in English. He said that the Book of Psalms, the Pentateuch, almost one Gospel, and some of the Epistles, were all in Chinese before A. D. 900, whereas we had not the Psalms in English until about A. D. 1300, and the whole Bible was not in English until a hundred years later.

A RAIN OF DEATH

Scientists are weighing the possibility of exploding an atomic bomb in the midst of storm clouds to create a literal rain of death. The bombing plane would fly high above the storm clouds, and would locate the target through radar. The explosion of the atomic bomb would cause the clouds to be emptied, and the rain would be poisoned with the deadly by-product of the bomb's explosion. Does it not remind you of Revelation 8:11—"And the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter"?

THE CHALLENGE OF GREECE

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, has just returned from a visit to Greece, and in his report to *Christian Life & Times* he says:

"Greece presents a stirring challenge to us. There we have an open door, despite the many adversaries. 1 Cor. 16:9. There is strong opposition from the State Church which uses the arm of the Government out in rural areas to suppress gospel testimony and the circulation of the Scriptures. Those of Communist persuasion are staunch against the gospel. The sufferings of the Greek people during the war, however, have opened many hearts to the love and grace of God. Gospel halls are crowded to capacity. There is much hunger for the Word of God. We found great interest in gospel literature, of which there is only a very small supply.

"A Bible institute, with evening classes, has been begun in Athens; with many eager young people studying the Scriptures at night and witnessing during the day at their employment."

LIQUOR AND THE CRIME WAVE

The present crime wave is a drink wave, according to Judge George J. Grellner of St. Louis, Mo. The *Globe-Democrat* quotes the Judge as saying that 92% of the 10,000 peace disturbance cases on his docket last year were the result of "too much alcohol."

A COURAGEOUS WORK

From *Alliance Weekly* we learn that "the illustrious American Bishop Schereschewsky, although paralyzed in hands and feet, insisted on returning to his former diocese of Shanghai to hammer out on a typewriter with his one-finger a revised version of his Mandarin Bible and a complete translation in easy Wenli."

HUNGER IN GERMANY

Many German people in the British Zone of Germany received only 900 calories a day, and sometimes as little as 700 calories, in recent weeks, according to the *Associated Press*. That is less than the lowest ration ever heard of in a Nazi concentration camp, it is said. The normal British food ration is four times this large, and the British ration is claimed to be insufficient for human existence. Can we not hear, amid the ruins of postwar Germany and her pallid men, women, and children, the echo of Paul's charge to the Romans, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him"?

TOO CRUEL FOR PRIMARIES?

One of the largest Protestant denominations in the U. S. A., in its primary teachers' quarterlies, has taken the view that the Crucifixion is too cruel a story for children and that Sunday School teachers should not tell primary pupils about Christ's death. This is the verdict of the carnal mind which is at enmity with God. The godless Russians take the same view. In the Russian sector of Berlin this past Easter they permitted Easter to be celebrated, but they allowed no mention of the Crucifixion and Resurrection to be made. Such things are too "cruel" for a child's mind, they claimed—instead, Easter bunnies and colored eggs were substituted for Christ.

ONE OUT OF SEVENTY-EIGHT

One out of every 77 or 78 people who drink alcoholic beverages is a chronic alcoholic—that is, a drunkard and slave to liquor. Dr. Jellinek, professor of Alcohol Studies at Yale University, said that in 1945 there were 58,250,000 users of alcoholic beverages, or 60% of the population over 15 years of age. There were 3,750,000 inebriates, he estimated, or one out of every 15 or 16 users. There were 750,000 chronic alcoholics, or one out of every 77 or 78 users. No one knows, when he first cultivates a taste for the abominable stuff, whether he or she will become one of the inebriates, or even one of the slaves to liquor. No one knows until it is in his blood stream, and then, apart from the grace of God, it probably is too late. Wise is the person who resolves never to take the first drink, and who helps others to make the same resolve.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The Bible, the embodiment of the wealth and wisdom of the ages, happily is still the world's best seller," said President Harry S. Truman, in a recent message to the American Bible Society. "I am afraid that we of this generation do not know our Bible as well as did our fathers and mothers. It is well for us to remember that the Old and New Testaments remain, as they have always been, a source of strength and comfort and inspiration to all who will seek the wisdom which they hold."

RELIGION IN BULGARIA

Rigid restrictions have been imposed on religion in Bulgaria. No prayer or religious instruction is permitted in the schools. All Christian youth activities are confined within church limits. Paper cannot be had for religious publications. Worship services may be conducted only inside church buildings, where government observers are always present. No one is allowed to raise his voice in audible prayer among Bulgarian troops. Such is the effect of Communist rule in a country where Catholicism formerly flourished.

NOT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS!

"It is difficult to estimate accurately how much our advertising revenue could be increased if we should decide to accept liquor advertising, but it probably would be around a million dollars a year. No matter how large the sum might be, our policy remains unchanged," says Frank E. Gannett, president of the Gannett Newspapers. "There are many things that every newspaper excludes as a matter of decency and good taste. Why should a business that causes so much misery, suffering, crime and piles such enormous costs on the taxpayers, who have to take care of the victims of alcoholism, be promoted by the Government?"

Not one of the 21 Gannett newspapers or any of the radio stations which Mr. Gannett controls will accept a line of liquor advertising. There are many other good newspapers and magazines that take the same admirable stand, and God's people should patronize them, instead of buying periodicals that are full of liquor ads to lure our children into drinking the devil's brew.

ASPIRING TO CREATE MATTER

Man, the creature, aspires to be a creator. Prof. I. I. Rabi of Columbia University, a Nobel prize winner, thinks the time is not far off when man can create matter!

Speaking of a projected machine capable of generating two or three billion electron volts, Professor Rabi said: "It will become possible for the first time to create protons and neutrons . . . out of energy. As protons and neutrons constitute the nuclei of atoms, of which the material universe is composed, this means that man stands on the threshold of creating matter out of energy."

The machine would cost about \$25,000,000 and "it would take about three years," he said, "from the time the funds are made available." We are reminded of Babel, when the Lord had to send a sore judgment upon men because, as He said, "And now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." Genesis 11:6. We wonder how much farther God will permit proud, self-sufficient, self-righteous man to proceed!

Walking With God

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tremendous world crash may be expected at almost any moment. The present order of things is giving way under the terrific strain of the hour. Soon the world will face the most awful panic in the history of man, but all who are in stride with God and have learned to walk with Him may rightly anticipate Enoch's experience.

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

When My Heart Is Overwhelmed

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again, let me go blind trusting the Lord," he said.

The children began to pray. "I tell you, they really prayed," said the father, in recounting the experience recently. "They felt desperate." And that night, he said, he slept restfully for the first time since becoming ill.

Morning came, and the missionary's waking thought was to change the cotton on his eyes. Strangely, however, the cotton was dry. The matter was gone.

A sinking feeling swept over him. "I am blind!" he thought.

Scarcely daring to open his eyes, he groped his way to the mirror and looked. The redness was gone! He could see a chair! He could see the bed—the whole room—everything! His sight had been restored!

Brother Warton smiled softly as he recalled the children's joy. They shouted and danced when they realized the Lord had answered their prayers and had let their daddy see again!

When the missionary visited the specialist that afternoon, he was wearing dark glasses to shield his eyes from the sun, but upon entering the office he took off the glasses to show what God had done. "Surely a miracle has been accomplished in your eyes," said the Armenian doctor. "You may tell it wherever you go." This Brother Warton is joyfully doing, and to this day there has been no recurrence of the disease.—By Mary Honderich.

Federal Aid to Public Schools

At the present time there is a bill before Congress which has most serious implications in that it involves the question of the separation of Church and State. All Protestantism stands solidly behind the principle of divorcing the Church entirely from any governmental influence or control. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church takes the position that the Kingdom of God is the visible church, and the visible church is the Roman Catholic Church—all other denominations are heretic. According to this view, the church should therefore enter every phase of political and social life. Our

position is that the mission of the church on earth is to win individuals to Christ, and that the church has no business seeking to enter political life. The two must be kept separate. On this foundation the pillars of American freedom have rested from the beginning.

The Taft Bill (S.472), now before Congress, would grant \$300,000,000 in federal funds to aid public schools. The Catholic hierarchy has fought hard to influence the wording of this bill so that part of these federal funds may be used for the support of parochial schools. Protestant representatives have opposed this influence strenuously. The report is now current that the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee has approved the Bill on a basis which does not entirely exclude private schools, including religious schools, from financial aid, but leaves a loophole so that these funds may be allotted to private schools at the discretion of the individual States.

States' rights should be respected, but the unfortunate point is that certain States are now using public funds for the support of non-public schools, particularly Roman Catholic parochial schools. One case in point is that of New Jersey which is providing funds for the transportation of children to parochial schools. Even though it be stated in the Bill that the funds may be used only for the support of "public schools," there is the possibility that parochial schools (largely Roman Catholic) might be so classified by the State governments. If the Bill were amended throughout to read "tax-supported, free public schools," instead of simply "public schools," this danger might be averted.

We believe that a Christian should not enter politics in order to make a better world. Instead, we believe God's purpose is to make a better world by making better men, through the preaching of the gospel. As citizens, however, we do have a measure of responsibility toward our Government and should express our convictions in regard to important questions, such as the separation of Church and State.

Unless our Congressmen know how we feel about such matters, they are apt to miss the issues involved and to be influenced by the powerful pressure groups in Washington. We would, therefore, recommend that our readers write to their representatives in Washington, urging them to support the Taft Bill (S.472) only after it has been amended specifically to exclude aid to private schools of all kinds.

J. Roswell Flower,
General Secretary

FIGHTING RELIGION IN RUSSIA

A *Religious News Service* dispatch from Moscow contained the following:

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

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

Delay May Be Dangerous!

IT was Sunday, October 8, 1871. Dwight L. Moody, the renowned evangelist, had before him the greatest audience he had ever addressed in Chicago. He preached from the text, "What then shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ?" At the close of the service he said:

"I wish you would take that text home with you, and turn it over in your mind during the week, and next Sunday we will come to the Cross and we will decide what to do with Jesus of Nazareth."

That night the great and disastrous fire broke out, and the city of Chicago was devastated. Multitudes of people were swept into eternity. Many years later, speaking at an anniversary of that great fire, Moody said: "What a mistake I made! I have never since then dared to give an audience a week to think of their

salvation. If they were lost they might rise up in judgment against me. I remember Mr. Sankey singing, and how his voice rang out when he came to the pleading verse:

"Today the Saviour calls;
For refuge fly.
The storm of justice falls,
And death is nigh."

"I have never seen that congregation since. I have hard work to keep back the tears today. I have looked over this congregation, and I do not see a single soul to whom I preached that night. I shall never meet these people again, until I meet them in another world. But I want to tell you of one lesson I learned that night which I have never forgotten: that is, when I preach, to press Christ upon the people, and then and there try to bring them to decision upon the spot. I would rather have my right hand cut off than give an audience a week in which to decide what to do with Jesus."

The Scriptures say: "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Don't answer, "Tomorrow," when God says, "Now." Don't postpone your decision. Delay may be dangerous! This may be your last opportunity to be saved. Accept Christ now, and you will be prepared either to live or to die. What will you do with Jesus? Will you ask Him to forgive your sins and make you His own?



while he may be found.

Isaiah 55:6

The Importance of Water Baptism

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doctrine of the freedom of the will and the foreknowledge of God, is seen to be not only Scriptural but logical.

We have no redemption, no life, no peace, no joy, no victory, no blessing, apart from Jesus Christ. All that we have as believers we have in Him who "of God has been made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

Christ Jesus not only died for us; we died in Him. When He died we died. We had not yet been born, and yet, as Levi paid tithes in Abraham even though he had not yet been born, we died in Christ when Christ died, even though we had not yet been given a place anywhere in God's universe outside of God's thought and plan.

When Christ died we died unto sin, unto selfishness, unto flattery and praise, and unto censure. The Scripture says, "Ye are dead."

WHEN DID WE DIE?

When Christ died. Paul writes, or rather, the Holy Ghost through Paul, "Reckon ye yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin." This is the only way by which we can be freed from sin. "He that is dead is freed from sin." Now, to reckon myself to be dead unto sin is not simply to say that I thus reckon myself; it is to believe it and to act accordingly. If I reckon that in front of me is a deep pit I shall not step where I reckon the pit to be. If I reckon that what has been given me to eat is poison, I shall not eat it. If I reckon that a bridge is unsafe I shall not try to cross it. If I reckon myself to be dead I shall act as though I were dead. The sinful world makes no successful appeal to a dead man. It can make no successful appeal to me, for I am dead. A dead man does not strike back when he is struck. A dead man does not lose his temper. A dead man does not say unkind words when unkind words are addressed to him. A dead man is not bound by any sinful habit, or controlled by any sinful affection. Am I dead? DO I RECKON MYSELF TO BE DEAD? Then I should act as though it were true. If I say I am dead, and do not act as though it were true, I give the lie to my words. To believe that I died when Christ died, and that I am dead, and to act accordingly: that is reckoning myself to be dead indeed unto sin.

In the second place, baptism signifies

IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS CHRIST IN HIS BURIAL.

Christ not only died; He was buried. His burial took place after His death, signifying that it is not the ordinance of baptism that saves us; it is not through baptism that we are made dead unto sin, unto selfishness, unto flattery and praise, and unto censure, but it was in the death of Christ, in whom we died, that we were made thus dead. Burial takes place after death has taken place. Jesus had died, and the bodies of dead persons should be buried. When one goes into the grave the old life is left behind, with all its crookedness,

all its selfishness, all its vanities, all its sin. Jesus was buried. He had no crookedness of His own to leave behind. The crookedness and sin which He left behind were ours.

"HE WAS MADE SIN FOR US."

He could not have died had He not been made sin for us. He who is sinless cannot die. Jesus was sinless, and yet there is a sense in which He was not sinless. *He bore our sin.* He had taken it upon Himself. That was why the Father turned away His face when the Son was upon the cross. Jesus cried out in the anguish of His soul, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" He had taken the sinner's place; He was dying in the sinner's stead; He was paying the penalty of the sinner's sin as well as the price of the sinner's redemption. When He went into the grave after His death on the sinner's behalf, He left behind Him the sinner's life of sin, the life of every sinner that would believe and, through faith, enter upon his inheritance of freedom. "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." So believers are identified with Christ not only in His death, but in His burial also.

Thirdly, baptism signifies

IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS CHRIST IN HIS RESURRECTION.

Christ was "raised from the dead by THE GLORY OF THE FATHER." He might have remained in the tomb, but it would have been disastrous had He done so. His death for us would have been in vain if it had not been followed by His resurrection. "If Christ had not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Thank God! Jesus Christ not only died; He rose from the dead. When He died *we died*; when He was buried *we were buried*; when He rose *we rose*.

*'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst His prison,
From the frost and gloom of death
Light and life have risen.
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light to whom we give
Thanks and praise undying."*

Going down into the water, down under the water signifies identification with Christ in His death and burial, and coming up out of the water signifies identification WITH CHRIST IN HIS RESURRECTION.



NEW RELEASES

KLCN, Blytheville, Arkansas, 900 k.c., 8:15 a.m.
WTOM, Bloomington, Indiana, 1490 k.c., 6:15 p.m.
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2PK, Parkes, N.S.W., Australia, 1400 k.c., 6:10 p.m.
2DU, Dubbo, N.S.W., Australia, 6:15 p.m. Saturday

There is a passage in 1 Cor. 15:29 that is generally misunderstood, or, perhaps, I should say, not understood at all. It is a significant passage. "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?" It has been supposed that there is a reference here to the practice of vicarious baptism, or, baptism by substitution. No. The apostle is arguing that Christ rose from the dead, and he introduces the subject of baptism and makes a strong point. Some people were saying that Christ had not risen. The apostle argues that baptism of believers is an indication that Christ has risen. Not only His death and burial, but His resurrection also, is signified by the baptism of the believer. If Christ has not risen the believer should go down under the water and stay there. But Christ has risen. Therefore the believer not only goes down under the water but he rises therefrom. Thus as the holy communion is a memorial of the death of Christ, the baptism of the believer is

A MEMORIAL OF HIS RESURRECTION.

He died and rose again. Identification with Christ in His death, in His burial, and in His resurrection! Thank God! How great is the privilege of the believer! And how significant is the ordinance of baptism! May it henceforth have a new meaning for each of us!

Jesus died. He rose from the dead. He lived again. He lives today. He will die no more. "This Man because He continueth ever hath an unchangeable priesthood." "Because I live," He said, "ye shall live also." We are living because He is living. "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live: yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "Newness of life."

After Philip had baptized the Ethiopian we read that the newly baptized convert "went on his way rejoicing." He was henceforth to "walk in newness of life."

Now he who walks "in newness of life," walks by faith (2 Cor. 5:7), circumspectly (Eph. 5:15), humbly (Micah 6:8), honestly (1 Thess. 4:12); in a word, in the Spirit. Gal. 5:16, 25.

If we thus walk while here on earth, after a while, by the grace of God we shall have the privilege of

WALKING WITH OUR LORD IN WHITE,

and that will be a privilege indeed. To the angel of the church in Sardis, the Lord Jesus instructed John to write, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels."

(The above is a chapter from our new book, "Water Baptism and the Trinity." Other chapter headings are, "The Apostolic Formula" and "The Three In One," both by J. Narver Gortner; "Baptism and Salvation," by Donald Gee; and "Christian Baptism," by H. Pickering. Order a number of copies for yourself and your friends. Price 25c a copy. Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri.)

Very few men have cultivated the art and faculty—shall we say, the science and wisdom—of listening.—A G. Ward.

Filled . . . According to the Pattern

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philosophies and they had a bonfire that burned up fifty thousand dollars' worth of books. When you are filled with this power of the Holy Ghost you will clean out your libraries and get rid of unwholesome literature. It will all go in the stove and you will feast on the Word of God.

If we turn to the second chapter of Acts, we will see how the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Early Church. We find the one hundred and twenty were of *one accord*. I have spent over half my life in the church of Jesus Christ and in all my experience I have never seen the Holy Ghost in discord but He always brings folk into unity.

When I was in Washington, D. C. I had the privilege of going to the Bureau of Standards where they have weights and measures. All the manufacturers of weights and measures in the country take them there to compare theirs with that perfect one. I noticed when the guide took one of these scales that it was wrapped in cotton batten and he put it on a table which was heated by electricity to a certain heat. The reason they take such good care of it is because it is the standard for all measurement. They have a standard scale which is so accurate that it weighs a line marked with ink. When a scale is brought in they compare the two to see if the new one is perfectly accurate, and they use weights so small that they can scarcely be seen with the natural eye. Can you lay your baptism down on Acts 2:4 and have it stand the test? That is the bureau of standards for our experience. I like to lay mine up against that given us in the bureau of standards. Some folk compare theirs with that of John Wesley, and some line theirs up with the experience of the Nazarenes, but when we want to apply God's test we must go back to that of the Early Church as given in the Book of Acts.

I was saved in the Methodist Church at the age of fourteen and I can remember how real God became to us in those early days. It seemed that God was so close that the angels came down to join in our singing. We had revelations from God, and Jesus was real in our lives, and we thought we had the Baptism in the Holy Ghost; and if some one told us we didn't have it we became riled up. I had the Spirit in a measure but I did not have the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. I needed the fullness of power to do effectual work for God. You can bring me one hundred denominational preachers with one Spirit-filled preacher among them, and when they all pray I could pick out the one who was filled with the Spirit. Why? There is a difference; his soul is like a watered garden; and then, too, the Spirit bears witness with our spirits.

"Oh," you say, "I am hungry for this experience, but what about my friends? And my pastor will point his finger at me." I will grant you that they may point the finger of scorn at you, but I will guarantee that they will eventually let you alone. When I entered this Pentecostal Movement I had a host of friends—good men they were, men who had laid

their hands on the Bible and taken an oath that they would live godly lives and hold to the standard given. When I was in Secret Service work I had a host of friends there, men who had character and were well thought of. We did a great deal of entertaining and my dear wife would have wonderful feasts. One day a sister got acquainted with my wife and asked her to come down to the Full Gospel church. My wife went once and then kept on going for several weeks, and one day when I came home for dinner she was not there. Finally I said, "Where in the world are you spending your time, that you cannot even be at home and have dinner ready?" She said, "I have been going over to the Full Gospel Church, and they are speaking in tongues down there." "Oh," said I, "surely you haven't gotten into fanaticism! I am afraid you are getting into error."

"No," said my wife, "I am not in any fanaticism, but let me tell you a few things." Now I thought I was a Bible student, but that day she told me things I never knew before. She went on to tell me what Peter had said of this experience, and of Joel's prophecy, and she kept quoting scriptures until I was amazed and said, "Are you sure that is in the Bible?" I began to read the Book of Acts and before I finished I was almost persuaded. That night I went with my wife to the church, and when we got in they were singing the praises of God. One brother was there who used to argue with me, and then I noticed a sister there who had formerly been in our church.

I was deeply stirred as the preacher, under the anointing, walked up and down the platform for an hour and a quarter, the words just rolling out of him. You know it used to take a minister a whole week to get a sermon. He would read every book he could get, and then he would go over it, timing himself by the watch, and if there was not enough to keep him going thirty minutes he would have to get some more material. But here this man was preaching without notes, under the unction of the Holy Spirit, and when he finished he did not have to sing and beg the people to the altar; they simply ran. To me that was marvelous! All the ladies were going to the ladies' prayer room, so my wife left me alone and went in with the rest. I moved towards the front, and there was a man kneeling at the altar who was a business man in town. He had his hands up and was trembling under the power, and soon he fell over right at my feet. It wasn't long till he was speaking in tongues and I looking right down on him.

Just about that time a woman came and said, "Your wife is in the prayer room and she is getting the Baptism. Don't you want to come and see her?" I went in and could hardly recognize my wife. Her face was radiant with the glory of God, and as I listened to her speaking in other tongues I said, "O God, You have separated us forever! I'll never be able even to talk to her, and we can never go to the show again." I felt we were just as good as divorced! I waited around there until twelve o'clock and still she was lost in the Lord. I was getting nervous; but at last, about two o'clock, she arose, came over to where I was sitting, she hugged me and cried and talked in tongues. I didn't know what to do with her.

At last I got her into the car, and as we were driving home she threw up her hands and began

praising the Lord, singing one of those wonderful spiritual songs that only the Spirit of God can sing. We got her home and took her upstairs, and a neighbor lady hearing us said, "What is going on there?" All I said was, "Come over and see." It was about three o'clock in the morning, but she came and peeped into the room; and after one glance at Mrs. Staats she said, "Fanaticism! You had better get a doctor. You have been over to that bunch of holy rollers." I said, "You get out of here!" for I was not going to allow anyone to say anything against my wife.

The next day was Saturday and every time I went into the room I found Mrs. Staats busy reading the book of Joel. She was so engrossed in it that she forgot to lay in any supplies for Sunday, and I didn't think of getting them either.

When night came she said, "You will take me over to church, won't you?" I said I would. That night the preacher preached right at me; when the altar call was given I was so under conviction that I started to run out of the building, but when I got to the door the Lord held me and I suddenly stopped. I have thanked God a hundred times for stopping me at that threshold, for I might have turned against this truth; the enemy might have gotten hold of me and made me blaspheme this precious experience; but thank God, He stopped me. There I stood, trembling, and finally I said, "Get somebody to pray for me; I am dying." One man said, "Pray through yourself." But I was so under conviction that I was not offended. Others began to pray for me and someone told me to put up my hands. I did, and then just relaxed, and soon fell over under the power, and suddenly I began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. In vision I saw my Lord hanging on Calvary and it broke me up so that I wept and wept. I saw the Holy City. Then the joy came and how I praised the Lord! I went home filled with the Holy Ghost, and sang and praised God all night.

The next morning, Sunday, some of our friends came to see us, and one fellow sat down and started to smoke a cigarette. I said, "Pardon me, friend, but would you mind me asking you not to smoke?" "Why what is the matter with you?" he asked. "Well we got saved here and don't care to have any smoking in our home." Instead of feeding them on chicken we fed them on the Word of God; and let me tell you, we were never bothered with them after that, for they never showed up again. When they saw us coming down the street they would go on the other side to avoid having to speak to us. But God has given us a host of friends from one end of this country to the other and they are the best people in all the world, far more faithful than those we used to feed on chicken.

Now I hear someone saying, "Do you mean to tell me that God could take a wicked, licentious sinner like I am and make a saint out of me, a vessel fit for the Spirit of God to dwell in?" I was down in Jacksonville, Florida, and out from the city some distance was an old cesspool where all the sewage of the city was dumped. As I looked it over, to my amazement, I saw a most beautiful lily growing thereon. The sun had shone down on the old filthy cesspool and had pulled out of that water a most beautiful white water lily. I could imagine Christ looking over the battlements of heaven



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and saying, "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." I care not what sort of wicked sinner you are, if you let God come into your life the Sun of righteousness will shine on you and bring forth all that is beautiful, until the angels will look down and say, "Never a lily was fairer than this."

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A chartered train will run from the Southwest to the General Council meeting at Grand Rapids, Mich. Leaving Houston, Texas, on September 2, at 8:00 a.m., it will go via Dallas, Muskogee, Springfield (Mo.), St. Louis, and Chicago. This train will have all classes of accommodations and a diner. Close connections will be made at points en route with regular fast trains from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Western Florida, and Western Tennessee. Persons in those States can take this train en route at same fare as by regular train from their home, and in most cases the trip will be faster. Enjoy the Christian fellowship in air-conditioned comfort, free from smoking.

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Among the Assemblies

GRAPEVINE, ARK.—We recently concluded a very successful 3½ week meeting with Evangelist Ralph Elmore of Winnsboro, La. Besides his stirring messages, everyone enjoyed his special singing and music. The Lord met with us in a glorious way in each service. Several were saved, some reclaimed, 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 4 followed the Lord in water baptism, and 13 were added to the church. Our Sunday School attendance reached a new peak of 110. The entire church was built up spiritually.—O. W. Clowers, Pastor; by Lizzie De Owens, Secretary.

CANTON, OHIO—Brother and Sister Lee Krupnick held a 3-week meeting with us in Bethel Temple. Each service was signally marked with the presence of God. Some were saved and some were filled with the Holy Spirit. Saints were refreshed by their testimony and preaching.—Niels P. Thompsen, Pastor.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS—We have just closed a 3-week revival with Evangelist Jennie O'Brien of San Francisco, Calif. A goodly number were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is a new work but God is blessing and adding to our number. We shall be happy to have ministers and visitors passing through visit the little church on the corner of Jefferson and A Streets.—H. W. Ansel, Pastor.

MATTOON, ILL.—Last February our people enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists O. H. Smith and Oscar Rogers of Granite City. Their songs and messages were a great blessing to the church. In May Evangelists Helen K. Funk and Iva Lee Nicholson of Wolf Point, Mont., were with us for three weeks, and their ministry in song and word was much appreciated. Souls were saved in both of these revivals and the people of God were stirred.—A. L. Todd, Pastor.

SEMINOLE, OKLA.—Our church has been blessed with a great revival, the old-fashioned type, with Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick doing the preaching. In our seventeen years as pastor here, we have not witnessed the power and presence of the Spirit in a greater way, the Word was preached with such power and anointing of the Holy Ghost. About 50 were saved and 11 were filled with the Spirit. The three weeks soon passed, and the crowds continued to increase. All our people expressed their desire that the Krupnicks return for an unlimited time in another revival. We are convinced that they preach the old-time gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, to the salvation of souls in these modern days.—Berl Dodd, Pastor.

COLUMBUS, GA.—On July 13 we closed one of the most successful revivals we have had in many years. The presence of God was felt in nearly every service. Many were saved by the power of God, and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We added 15 new members to the church and baptized 11 in water. Many supernatural healings took place in our midst. A brace was discarded by one sufferer, another had a plaster cast removed from her leg; another who had been bed-ridden since last September got up off the bed in a few minutes after prayer was made and came to the services the next night. Our saints seem to have taken on new courage and zeal and are asking God for mighty things, believing that He will do them. Carl C. Haas of Birmingham, Ala., was the evangelist.—J. D. Stevens, Pastor, East Highland Assembly of God.

ALABAMA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Alabama District has just enjoyed its 33rd Annual District Council, which was held in Mobile, Ala. Overflowing crowds attended every service, and the glory of God was manifested. The principal speaker was William Long; however, messages were delivered by Howard S. Bush, Thomas Zimmerman, T. H. Spence, and Marvin L. Smith.

Marvin L. Smith was re-elected on the nominating ballot to serve his tenth year as District Superintendent. The Lord has greatly blessed the Alabama District under Brother Smith's administration. During the last nine years, 90 new church buildings have been erected and the same number of new congregations formed. He and his collaborators have specialized in home missions.

Reports given by the District Secretary showed that every department had grown beyond one's expectation, thus proving what God can do through human instruments. The progress has been made as a result of the co-operative and united efforts on the part of the Presbyter board, ministers and churches of the Alabama District.

T. H. Spence was elected Assistant District Superintendent and Home Missionary Secretary; Max McNab was re-elected C. A. President and also elected Sunday School Representative; and Mrs. A. T. Hickman was re-elected President of the Woman's Missionary Council. Howard P. Trawick was re-elected District Secretary and will be giving full time to his office in the future. Max McNab is also a full-time man, thus giving Alabama District three full-time District men. Pray for the Alabama District.

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WATERLOO, N. Y.—Calvary Church, Aug. 5-17; Allan A. Swift, Evangelist.—C. H. Keller, Pastor.

DEARBORN, MICH.—7041 Schaefer Rd., month of August; Evangelist and Mrs. Arthur Otteson.—W. Daryle Webster, Pastor.

CLEVELAND, OHIO—Youth for Christ Rally, Aug. 2; Evangelist Arthur Otteson, speaker. Cliff Gregory, Director.—By Evangelist.

CHOWCHILLA, CALIF.—Revival in progress; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Keen, Texas Musical Evangelists.—Wilbur Ogilvie, Pastor.

AUGUSTA GA.—First Assembly of God; Aug. 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Joe Ragsdale, Evangelist.—Grover Langston, Pastor.

BOONVILLE, MO.—Aug. 17, for 2 weeks or longer; L. Steffens and N. Robinson, Evangelists.—A. N. Fleming, Pastor.

BELLFLOWER, CALIF.—Center and Stevens Sts., July 28—Aug. 8; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists. VBS.—Cliff Andrews, Pastor.

CAMARGO, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting and Church Dedication, Aug. 19; James S. Murrell, dedication speaker.—John Marrison, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—1726 Venice Blvd.; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Lockyer of Bell Gardens.—Burton D. Lancaster, Pastor.

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, August 17—“The Gospel Music Makers,” Frank and Gladys Lummer, and Party.—C. M. Ward, Pastor.

CROSBY, MINN.—July 27—Aug. 17; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Los Angeles, Calif., Evangelists.—C. A. Waters, Pastor.

TROY, ALA.—Aug. 3-17; Chas. Hurst, 1011 Shelby Ave., Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—Tom Wilkinson, Pastor.

KULM, N. DAK.—Meetings in progress; Martin Baxter, Evangelist; Mrs. Martin Baxter, Gospel Soloist.—Lloyd C. Jorgenson, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Tri-City Tabernacle; Aug. 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Mr. and Mrs. L. Wayne Pitts, Fayetteville, Ark., Evangelists.—M. W. Wilson, Pastor.

CHEROKEE, OKLA.—Northwest Sectional Camp Meeting, in City Park, Aug. 4-14. S. B. Douglass of Tulsa, guest speaker. J. S. Murrill, Presbyterian. W. C. Gilbert, Host Pastor.—Mrs. Ivah Corbin, Secretary.

BELMONT, N. H.—Fellowship Meeting, Central Section, at Belmont Camp Meeting, August 18. H. O. Sweet, Camp Director. Exact location will be posted at Advent Christian Church in Belmont. Services and speakers: 2:30 p.m., Roy Smuland; 7:30 p.m., A. W. Earle. Lunch served.—E. N. Stanley, Presbyterian.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING
Eastern North Carolina Camp Meeting, Windsor, N. C., Aug. 10-24. Jacob Filbert, Ft. Worth Texas, Evangelist. Wm. E. Hadden, Asheville, N. C., Bible Teacher. For reservations write N. E. Haupt, Route 2, Windsor, N. C.—Andrew Stirling, District Superintendent.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT CAMPS

State of Maine Camp Meeting, East Livermore Camp Grounds, East Livermore, Me., Aug. 23—Sept. 1 Ralph M. Riggs, Bible Teacher and Evangelist. Roy Smuland, Afternoon Speaker.

Write The Camp Committee, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

GENERAL COUNCIL

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—General Council of the Assemblies of God, 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.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMPS

Camp Sierra, 55 miles northeast of Fresno, between Huntington and Shaver Lakes, in the High Sierras, August 9-16. Bus service from Fresno. Evangelistic speaker: J. Paul Bruton. Teachers: C. M. Ward and Wm. J. Roberts. Room and board \$17.00, in dormitories; slightly more for cabins. For reservations write Earl Draper, 5065 Platt Ave., Fresno, Calif. Send \$5.00 deposit for each reservation desired.

Camp Palomar, 65 miles northeast of San Diego, near famous Palomar Observatory, August 19-25. Bus service from San Diego. Evangelistic speaker: E. J. Robison. Teachers: Mrs. F. C. Woodworth and C. M. Ward. Board and room \$17.00. For reservations write Charles Winters, P. O. Box 292, National City, Calif. Send \$5.00 deposit for each reservation desired.

ELYRIA, OHIO—Gospel Tabernacle; Aug. 3, for 3 weeks; George Hayes, Dallas, Texas, Evangelist.—David M. Hogan, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Big Tent Revival continues with “The Brooks Ministers.” Location, 24th and Madison Ave.; under auspices of First Assembly of God Tabernacle, 24th and Grand.—Hilliard G. Griffin, Pastor.

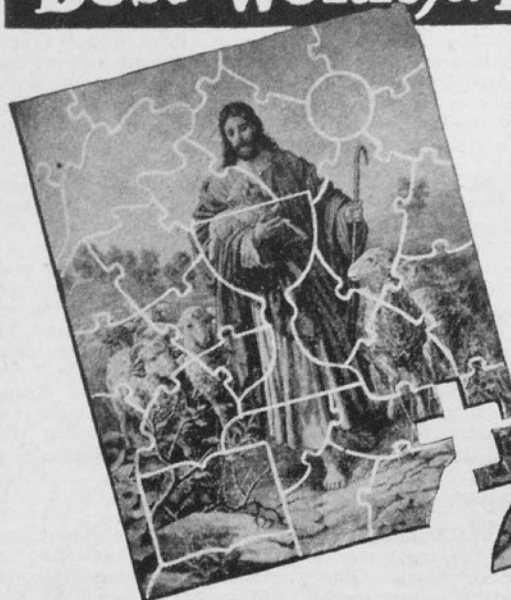
CACHE, OKLA.—Aug. 3, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist Montgomery of Oklahoma City.—Fred Carrington, Pastor.

DOTHAN, ALA.—First Assembly of God; Aug. 4, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Denver C. Ogden, Covington, Tenn.—Gordon Earls, Pastor.

INDIANA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Second Annual Indiana District Camp Meeting, Lake Placid, 2 miles east of Hartford City, on Highway 26, Aug. 23—Sept. 1. William I. Evans, Principal of Central Bible Institute, Bible Teacher, George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Camp Evangelist. Children's meetings under direction of Beulah Brasker. Meals can be had reasonably on camp grounds. For tents, rooms, and information write Roy H. Wead, 308 N. 23rd St., Terre Haute, Ind.—Glenn M. Horst, Secretary.

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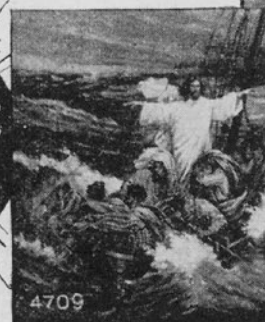
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