

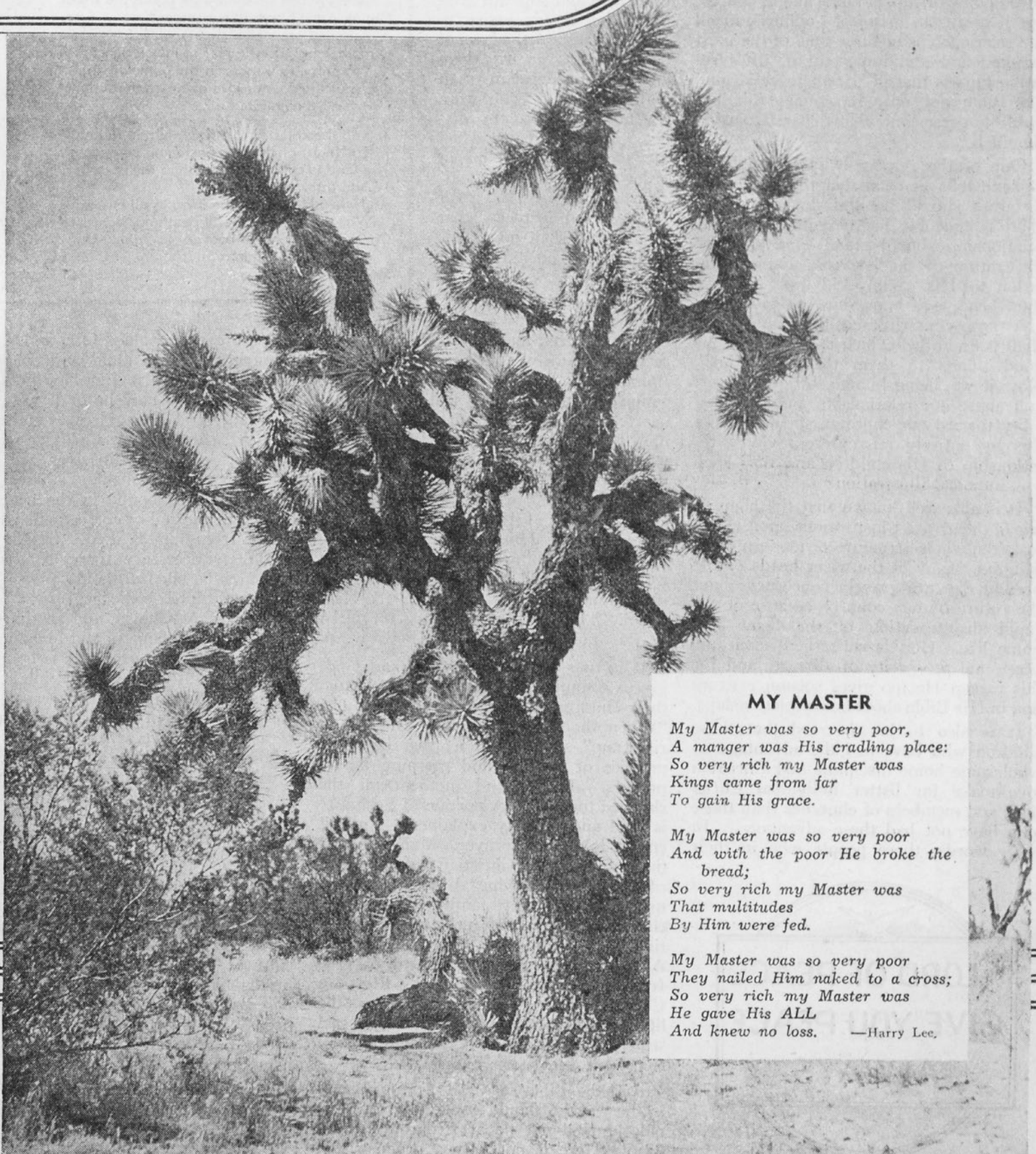
NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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MY MASTER

*My Master was so very poor,
A manger was His cradling place:
So very rich my Master was
Kings came from far
To gain His grace.*

*My Master was so very poor
And with the poor He broke the
bread;
So very rich my Master was
That multitudes
By Him were fed.*

*My Master was so very poor
They nailed Him naked to a cross;
So very rich my Master was
He gave His ALL
And knew no loss. —Harry Lee.*

A Christian Parent's Duty

RALPH M. RIGGS

TO be a Christian means not only to be born again and to nourish that new spiritual life by constant attendance upon worship, at home and at church, but it means to manifest godliness in all the relationships of life. One of the most fundamental and important of life's relationships is that of parent to child, and the Bible not only recognizes this but carefully prescribes what that relationship should be.

One of the reasons why God in His Bible dwells at some length upon what a father should be and do toward his child is that He has ordained that this relationship should stand as a constant illustration of the heavenly Father's relation to His earthly children. "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask Him?" Now if we, being human, utterly pervert and abuse our relationship and responsibility toward our children, should we not thereby entirely misrepresent God's relationship to His children and thus spoil His intended illustration?

It is also well known that the home is one of the greatest institutions upon which rests the whole structure of modern civilization. Many of the wiser heads of the present day are gravely concerned about the future of our country because of the rapid disintegration of the home and home life. God is concerned about the peace and prosperity of all men, and for this reason He too gives solemn instruction in His Bible about home relationships.

It is also to be observed that those children who have had the advantage of wholesome home discipline and Christian love make far better individual Christians and members of churches than those who have not had these advantages. In other words, those people who in their

childhood have learned to obey and respect their parents because they trusted in their love and superior wisdom, find it far easier to obey and respect the laws of God, trusting in His love and superior wisdom, than do those people who were constantly allowed to disobey their parents when they were children. Thus, in order to have good, obedient children in His great family, God instructs that all children shall take their proper place in their own families.

What the Bible instructs concerning the duty of parents to children may be divided into two sections; namely, to teach them and to train them. "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:6-7; 11:19-21. It was also a custom of the Israelites to gather men, women, and children together that the word of the Lord might be read and explained unto them. Deut. 31:12-13; Neh. 8:1-3. The children were not forgotten in this public teaching of God's word.

It is thus the parents' duty and God-given commission carefully to instruct their children in the truths of the Bible. "When thou liest down and when thou risest up" suggests to us that beautiful practice of evening and morning family prayers. Father and mother call the children together. A portion of Scripture is read and possibly explained. And all engage in reverent prayer. Many a Christian minister and Christian worker today can thank that loving spiritual environment of the daily family altar in his childhood for the present-day devotion of time and talents to Christian service. A daily teaching of the Word of God from the loving lips and godly life of a Christian father or mother sows the little minds and hearts full of gospel seeds which are sure to spring up and bear fruit unto eternal life.

And the Bible says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. Here is not only a promise that

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
And storm clouds gather in the threatening west;
The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;
The bird hies to her nest;
The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest,
And darkness settles o'er the fearful din.
Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearthstone—
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
When gilded sin doth walk about the street.
Oh, at last it biteth like a serpent!
Poisoned are stolen sweets.
O mothers! guard the feet of inexperience,
Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!
Oh, shut the door of love against temptation!
Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,
The night of death is hastening on apace;
The Lord is calling: "Enter thou thy chamber,
And tarry there a space."
And when He comes, the King in all His glory,
Who died the shameful death our hearts to win,
Oh, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in.

—Elizabeth Rosser

children can be molded for life, but also a command thus to mold and shape children's lives. No matter how godly parents themselves may be or how far back their ancestral line of respectability may run, it will be eternally true that all children left to themselves will bring their parents to shame. Prov. 29:15. "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." Prov. 22:15. It is absolutely necessary therefore that firm measures be taken to hold children in the straight path of obedience, respect for age, and for sacred things, and all things that bespeak good manners and breeding. The weak young sprig of a tree is bound fast to a straight rod that it might grow straight and upright, and the weak young sprig of a human life also needs at least occasional contact with a rod that it too might grow straight and upright. The prescription, "Spare the rod and spoil the child," is not only old-fashioned but it is based squarely upon the perennially up-to-date Word of God. Prov. 13:24; 19:18; 23:13-14; 29:15-17.

"Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Eph. 6:4. "Nurture" speaks of nourishment and culture; and "admonition," of course, means faithful warning. Here is the parents' spiritual duty toward their children. It is self-explanatory but sorely needed on the part of parents. Of Abraham God said: "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Gen. 18:19. And this was

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How God Dispenses His Honors

ALVIN L. BRANCH

THE most difficult part in church life is to get people to understand their relationship toward each other. We hear much about our relationship toward God and even toward a lost world, but it seems that the adversary of our souls fights harder than anything else the getting together of God's people in real Christian life and fellowship. When we realize that every disturbance, everything that interferes with perfect fellowship among the children of God, is inspired by the devil, we will hate it. And when we see the first suggestion of it we will put our foot down and absolutely refuse to be a party, in any wise, to anything that would cause a separation among the people of God. The longer I live the more I believe that one of the greatest spiritual crimes that can be committed is to cause division among God's saints, to mutilate the body of Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, the apostle Paul compares the church to the human body. There are three outstanding points I want you to notice. First of all, that God has placed us in the body; next, the relative importance of people in the body; and third, the honor that God gives to those in the body who function properly.

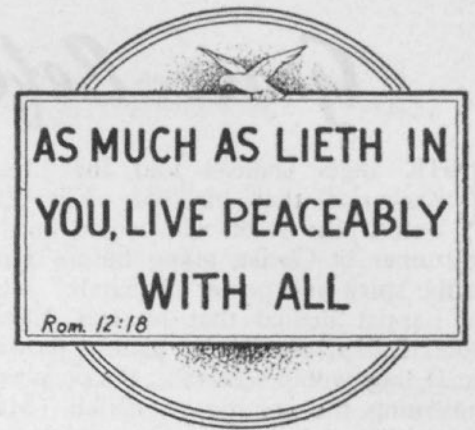
My mind travels back to the days when I was in an organization before coming into the light of Pentecost; I recall memories of business meetings, of people being retained or dropped, and so forth. The deacons, along with the pastor, would sit in solemn session over those names and deliberate who should be retained and who should be dropped. I remember going down the list and musing, "Well, there is Mrs. So-and-So. She hasn't been to church lately but she subscribed \$5. I think we will leave her on." "Here is Mr. Smith. He doesn't even live a Christian life but he has an influence; his relatives come, and it might cause trouble and dissatisfaction to take him off. Are they a financial asset, or liability? That is a pretty big question; see how much they are giving."

And then turning from the hectic situation to the Word of God we read that "God hath set the members in the body, even as it hath pleased Him;" that boards and deacons, elders and congregational votes cannot

change the situation one particle; that men and women cannot be voted into the church which is the body of Christ, and they cannot be voted out. God alone is able to place people in the body; and after He has placed us in the body I wish that there might sweep down into the depths of our hearts such a revelation of what that privilege is that we will esteem it higher than any honor bestowed by anyone on earth.

The real trouble at the present time is that multitudes, yea, uncounted thousands of people, have been taken into an organization called a church and God hasn't put them there. Hence what kind of situation do we have? Some splendid trees that are alive, and then a conglomerate mass of dead limbs tied on with votes! What can the poor little tree do, loaded down with dead wood? Hence it is utterly impossible for the average denominational body to move forward in God and have a real Holy Ghost revival. And that is the reason every generation or so has moved out so that God might have a chance. He sets the people free for a little while until men begin to load down the organization with dead timber again; then God has to make a move and separate people again.

God places each person in the church because there is an individual need. Some people have an inferiority complex and think they do not count; and then sometimes there are people who think the church could not get along without them, and show disregard to the weaker ones. God says, "Say not, I have no need of thee," for the feeblest, or rather those members of the body which seem to be



more feeble, are necessary. I wish we could stop and think just what that means. It is so difficult to dislodge ourselves from our traditional ideas. We feel that Brother So-and-So, very active in the work and so prominent, is necessary; and Sister Brown is such a help in the various activities of the church, and gives largely; and the teachers in the Sunday School, the Superintendent, the elders and the deacons, how necessary they are! God doesn't say a thing about their being necessary, but He says that those which are *more feeble* are necessary.

Let us get God's viewpoint in regard to these things and recognize who are the necessary ones in the church. Look about you. We have no way of measuring people exactly, but we know of those who are not gifted, not talented, not great financial supporters, and perhaps haven't any special ability. Every time we think of the ones that, from a natural standpoint, seem to be the least important, let us remember that God says they are the necessary ones. When that gets hold of us it will absolutely destroy the last trace of the caste system which has found its way into the church. It destroys all possibility of cliques, all possibility of getting "chummy" and neglecting the poor and the untalented. It is the only truth in the world that will completely make the people of God recognize their oneness.

It is necessary to have the "feeble" in the church in order that those who are active, those who are strong, those who are leaders may, by the grace of God, show forth the real character and the disposition of the Lord Jesus Christ, and refuse to recognize social, financial or intellectual distinctions. When this truth gets hold of the church there will be such a melting, such a blending together, such a spirit of fellowship as has never before been known. So God would have us go through (Continued on page 12)

REVIVAL

I CAN give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential! If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!—R. A. Torrey.

Grace Before Judgment

THE angel Gabriel told the priest Zacharias that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son who would be the forerunner of Christ, going before Him "in the spirit and power of Elijah." John the Baptist denied that he was Elijah (John 1:21), but Christ plainly showed that if they would receive it, the prophecy concerning the coming of Elijah (Mal. 4:5) had its fulfilment in the ministry of John the Baptist. Matt. 11:14.

At the time of Christ's coming they were expecting an Elijah, and John the Baptist was sent. The religious leaders rejected the uncouth man of the wilderness, but the common people flocked to him. Jesus Christ came in accordance with the cry of the herald, and during His ministry and the ministry of His disciples, there was a period of great grace. But a short while after this, the land of Palestine where they preached, was smitten with a great judgment, and the city of Jerusalem, where our Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples were alike despised and rejected, was destroyed.

Before judgment, God is exceedingly merciful, and there is a special outpouring of grace. Sure and certain judgment is coming to this ungodly and untoward generation, but during the past forty years God has been pouring out His Spirit in unbounded grace. As John the Baptist was the herald foretelling the first advent of Christ, so today God has many heralds sounding out the message, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

John's voice was a supernatural one crying in the wilderness, and it offended many. "He hath a devil," was their verdict. The forerunner of Jesus was accused by the religious leaders of his day of being demon-possessed; and the Spirit-filled heralds of the soon-coming Bridegroom, through whom His coming is made known, will not be exempt from a similar accusation. But these heralds, like John, have a glorious mission.

What did Elijah have? He had the witness of translation. He did not boast of it. He did not want anyone to see it. But in spite of everything, the truth was out. Elisha heard of it, and followed hard after him. The sons of the prophets heard and watched, but followed at a distance.

Elijah was restless; he could not stay in one place, but moved on and on, Elisha following hard after him. And as they still went on, rapt in conversation, there suddenly appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, that parted the two, and Elijah went up into heaven in a whirlwind.

How did the Holy Spirit come on the day of Pentecost? "Suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind," and there appeared "tongues as of fire" that alighted upon every one of the assembled company. Christ said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth," but God's mighty whirlwind will blow where He lists. He will come from above and focus upon anyone who is wholly His, and lift him up. Do you have the witness of the wind, the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire?

What were the characteristics of Elijah? He was a prophet who wrought miracles. He sounded out solemn warnings of the impending wrath of God. And so it is with the forerunners of the coming King; there are miracles, and there is a sounding out of a warning of great and terrible judgments that are shortly coming on the earth.

Was Elijah accepted and honored in the court of Ahab and Jezebel, and was he received by the many religious leaders of apostate Israel? No. Was John the Baptist honored in the court of Herod and his ungodly consort, and was he held in high respect by the religious leaders of his day? No. Then we may expect the faithful heralds of the coming One to be rejected in like manner. The leaders rejected the forerunner, and they rejected the One he came to proclaim. Today religious leaders reject the heralds as

foolish fanatics; but they will hail the coming of another Barabbas, the one who comes in his own name.

The scribes had head knowledge of where the Messiah was to be born, but they rejected Him when He came. Religious leaders today have head knowledge of Christ's second coming, but they are saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming," and are fellowshiping with the ungodly. But He will come at an unexpected hour, and cut these unfaithful servants asunder, and give them their portion with the hypocrites.

What was the message of John the Baptist? "Repent! Bring forth fruits meet for repentance." What is the message for today? "REPENT."

All classes went out to hear John, and they were all called to repent. He said to them: "Don't boast because Abraham was your father. God can raise up children for Abraham out of these stones."

Do not brag that you are a member of such and such a church. Connection with a religious organization will not save. Works of profession without repentance are useless; nay, they are an offense to God. Many are claiming, "We belong to a denomination that holds the truth in purity." Many of the principles of these denominations are right, but it does not follow that all the members are. The very truths that the founders of these denominations emphasized have come in between and hidden the view of Christ. The Jew boasted in Abraham, and Abraham boasted in God, and God was his friend. But the Jew could not get past Abraham, and his vision was obscured.

Not all rejected the forerunner. Many of the rank and file pressed through and were baptized of John. And so, today, some are breaking through and being delivered from the shackles and fetters of sin; and where they are pressing through and meeting God, God is meeting them.

God foretold the sending of Elijah before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. That is mercy preceding judgment. In the days of John the Baptist, who came in the power of Elijah, there was great mercy before great judgment. We may expect, today, great mercy before the great and terrible judgment ahead, for God alone knows how great that judgment will be. In Pharaoh's day, before the judgment of the seven lean years, there were seven years of plenty. Plenty preceding the famine. We are seeing a period of the greatest mercy and longsuffering today, plenteous years before the lean years that will be so dreadful.

Read the story of the lean years, the people selling everything and becoming
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"It Is Lawful to Do Well"

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IN Matthew 12 we read of the conflict between Jesus and those who buried the law under the traditions of men. "At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and His disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto Him, Behold, Thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day." This brought from Jesus the reply, "If ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless." Outwardly religious, the Pharisees would take advantage of the widow and orphan in a business deal, calling their crookedness "shrewd business," as many do today; then they would show their piety by enacting outward forms. But Jesus taught that it is not outward sacrifice and ceremony that God wants, but a spirit of mercy in the heart.

Next we read of a man with a withered hand in the synagogue, or place of worship. It is still the Jewish sabbath. "And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse Him." They did not ask that they might learn the truth. Their minds were already made up. They sought only to find something that they might use against Jesus. Well did He answer when He said, "What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?"

How much then is a man better than a sheep?" The owner of the sheep might have lifted it out because of sympathy, but I am inclined to think that Jesus wished to convey to them their selfishness. Their sheep was worth something to them, and that is why they would have no scruples about caring for its safety. But according to their standard a man, a human being, not related to them, should be left in physical helplessness rather than

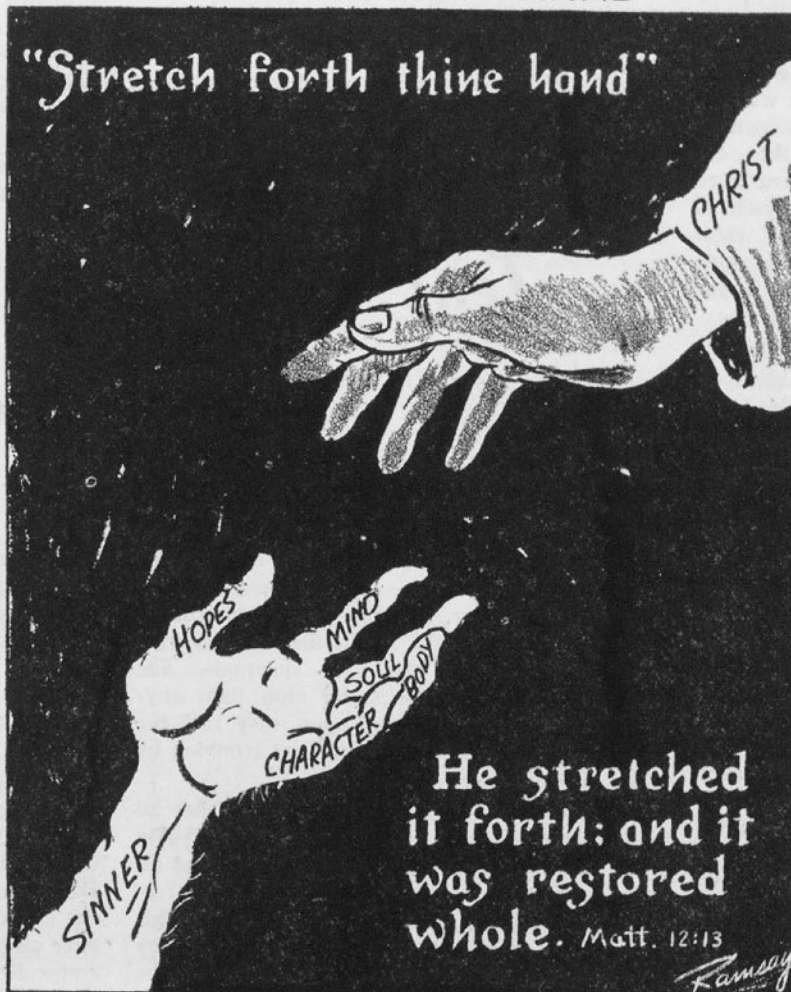
be healed on their sacred sabbath day!

Turning to the man with the withered hand, Jesus said, "Stretch forth thine hand." And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

In recent weeks we have spoken to you of the leper who was cleansed, the paralytic who was healed, and of the blind men whose sight was restored. Now we have considered the man whose hand was withered. With his withered hand was withered hope. Now let us talk to you about sin. Sin is a withering power. It withers love and tenderness. It blights hope. Many a man is shriveled in his entire inward nature through the curse of sin. Sin makes a man little, Christ makes him large. Every noble quality is developed in those who follow on to know God.

God wishes none of us to be warped, withered, miserable and creating misery. Christ, who spoke the word and healed the

THE WITHERED HAND



withered hand, can speak the word and heal the withered soul. I planted a shrub. It took time for its roots to take firm hold on the soil of the new surroundings. The days were hot and the leaves began to wither. Then I watered it well and it took on renewed life. My friend, if you are withered in heart or in hope, you need the water of life. Give your heart to Christ. Let the Holy Spirit come in to freshen your spirit and make you a blessing.

Shepherds, False or True

LYDIA WALSHAW

FEED the flock of God . . . being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory." 1 Peter 5:2-4. The Chief Shepherd shall appear very soon. The Good Shepherd came and laid down His life for the sheep. The Great Shepherd has watched, and is watching, to see how the "under shepherds" carry out His instructions with regard to feeding and caring for the flock.

When the Chief Shepherd comes He will richly reward the faithful. But He will punish the "shepherds of Israel" who have fed themselves instead of feeding the flock. Read Ezekiel 34. "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel," saith the Lord. "I will require My flock at their hand."

Long ago God gave instruction that the flock was not to feed on raw food nor on sodden food. The food must taste of fire. The food must not be watered down and be without nourishment. Exodus 12. Why has the flock been divided and scattered? Because the sheep have been hungry and have wandered hither and thither to try to get food. They wanted healing, and drifted into so-called Christian Science. They hungered for a closer knowledge of the Unseen God, and got caught in Spiritism. Why? Because the shepherds did not feed them with the Word of God concerning the way to receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who was sent by Jesus to illuminate the Word to them and to cause His traits to grow in them.

Satan would have found no room for the scores of false isms and the blasphemy of modernism if the shepherds had been shepherds at heart, followers of the Good Shepherd by laying down their self-life for the sheep, and by following in the steps of the Great Shepherd in watching over their flocks by night, that is, in their dark times of sorrow, adversity and need. Oh! what a change for the flock when the Chief Shepherd appears! He will feed His flock and cause them to rest.

A most remarkable story of how an English lady instantly received

A New Tongue

LESTER SUMRALL

A NUMBER of years ago, Mrs. Mary Williams, of 14 Chapel St., Chase Terrace, near Walsaw, Staffs., England, felt an excruciating pain in her tongue. The pain gradually became worse, making eating very difficult. Mrs. Williams noticed that a lump gradually developed on her tongue, increasing in size until it almost filled her mouth and throat. She could not eat normally and her eating was confined to cereals and fluids.

One day while her tongue was in great agony it cracked open down the edge, becoming an open sore. The local doctor then realized he could do nothing more for Mrs. Williams. He advised her to go to the Cardiff hospital, and receive attention from specialists.

It was a cold, damp, blustery December day when Mrs. Williams left her husband and two daughters and went to the hospital. In the hospital, the staff physicians worked with the sore on her tongue for two months, but with all the scientific treatment the sore was getting larger and more painful. One day they cut a small piece of her tongue off and sent it to London to a special laboratory to be analyzed. A fortnight later, a report was received from London. The surgeon and his assistant came to her beside and broke the news to her: it was cancer of the tongue.

As the surgeon walked away, the assistant told Mrs. Williams that half her tongue must be removed; that all the glands on one side of her neck, and also an abscess, must be cut away too. Mrs. Williams was shocked. She could not answer the doctor. She called for her husband and two daughters and asked them what she should do. They consented to her operation, and for three hours and fifteen minutes she was in the operating room. She returned to her bed. She could not speak, for half of her tongue was gone. Two weeks later she was brought home, a physical wreck.

For eight years, Mrs. Williams lived in her small town as a woman without a tongue, and she was constantly ailing from other diseases. When she went shopping she was obliged to write what she wanted. When she corrected her children she must write it on a piece of paper. She conversed with her husband by writing to him.

One day the good news of revival meeting came to the Williams family. They heard that some ministers prayed for the sick. They went to the meetings—which were conducted by Dr. Adams, a Church of England vicar from the town of Wall, and a Mr. Griffiths from West Bromich. Mrs. Williams went more out of curiosity, to see what kind of meetings these were. She felt that the Lord almost compelled her to go and ask for special help. When the ministers asked her what was wrong, she could not speak to them. Dr. Adams thought she was dumb and therefore prayed for her power of speech. However, God knew her need was a new tongue.



Mr. and Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Williams never dreamed such a thing as receiving a new tongue was possible. She was simply desiring to feel stronger in her body. To her consternation, while the ministers were yet praying, she felt a strange tug in her

mouth; it seemed a small piece of skin melted, within ten seconds, and a warm piece of flesh came into her mouth. Mrs. Williams was excited. She jumped from the chair where she was sitting and said, "Oh, I feel better! I have a new tongue!"

This was the first time she had spoken in eight years. Before the startled congregation she gave her testimony of how, through an operation, she had lost her tongue, and how God had given her a new tongue that night.

Marguerite, the daughter of Mrs. Williams, says: "I was with Mother the night she was healed. It was wonderful. We walked home together, singing and praising God!"

When Mrs. Williams arrived home she called to her husband, "Dad, why haven't you laid the supper table?" He was frightened, for he had not heard his wife speak in eight years. This miracle caused Mr. Williams to give his heart to the Lord Jesus. The two daughters, Hilda and Marguerite, also gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus, and the entire family are still active in church work.

When I was conducting a revival meeting in the City Hall in Tonstal, England, I had Mrs. Williams come over and give her testimony. It brought faith to those who were ailing, and many were healed. If you could see Mrs. Williams, she could show you where the old flesh and the new flesh meet together, and tell you how within two minutes' time God gave her a completely new tongue. It was a twentieth century miracle.

Tent Meetings Forty-five Years Ago

SAMUEL S. SCULL

IN 1902 I moved to St. Anthony, in Marshall County, Iowa. At this station I had only one church to care for, and the only other church was Catholic. Here I had a fine congregation of nice people, but not very spiritual. The church was more of a social club than anything else. Here the work was easy and the people very kind, but my soul was troubled by their worldly spirit.

In taking this work, I had stipulated that all the schemes to raise money by the Ladies' Aid were to be stopped during my pastorate and all monies should be raised by the voluntary offerings of the church. To this they agreed. This stopped the suppers, bazaars, and so forth. They soon regretted this, and began lusting for the fleshpots again. They comforted themselves by thinking my year would soon pass and they could get rid of this old holiness preacher. What to do to cure the situation was a great burden to me, and at the same time my health was rapidly failing. Dread TB, unsuspected, had probably been active for several years, and now it began to make fast strides toward my finish. Finally, led by God, I believe, I arranged with a brother running a small Bible School in Marshalltown to come with his wife (a good preacher) and four of his students, and pitch his tent and hold a meeting. I did this without consulting the

church, as I knew they would not favor it. As it came out afterward, they determined among themselves to hold out on me, to refuse co-operation and let me pay the bills. Well, the meeting started and they were all there, for in those days there was no place much to go and a tent meeting was quite an attraction.

They sat back on us, cold and stiff, but God sent some poor sinner to the altar nearly every night to encourage our hearts. No one had been saved there for years. Finally, after about two weeks, the evangelist preached on Christ and Barabbas, and made the line of cleavage between the church and the world very plain. He then gave an altar call to the church, and not a soul responded. He persisted for a long time, and finally sat down and held out from a chair. The tension grew terrible, and, to me in my weak state, unbearable. I had to get down on my face in the straw and cry to God for help. The tent curtains were up all around and the people began to slip away from the edges. The evangelist sat and faced them until every soul in the tent was gone. It looked like the finish. But the Spirit of God worked that night, and by day-break they were going to and fro through the village offering restitutions and confessions and making things right with one another. And the next night, when the altar call was given, it

The third of a series of four articles, in which an old warrior of the Cross tells of some of his trials and triumphs in the ministry.

was like the breaking of a dam. The entire congregation fairly rushed to the altar, humbled and broken-hearted before God. The next two weeks were glorious. That entire church was completely transformed and became a very spiritual church, all glory to our gracious Lord. My eyes run with tears as I write of those days. Thank God again and again. Amen.

Two miles from St. Anthony was the village of Lemon about the same size. I soon learned, after coming to St. Anthony, that the one fine church building in Lemon was standing empty and the place had no religious services. So a burden for this place came on me and I longed to help them, but how? The two places lying so close together were somewhat jealous of each other, and I knew this would be in the way of any effort I might make. But the pressure became so great I had to do something about it.

One Sunday a brother took me down and introduced me to the trustees, and I told them of my desire to help them. I asked for the privilege of holding a meeting in the church. They naturally were suspicious of my purpose and did not accede to my proposal, but said a preacher from their college was coming the next Sunday and I could tell my story; if he thought well of it, they would consent.

Accordingly, the next Sunday I went down and had a talk with him, and found him a man of God. After listening to my story and asking a few questions, he said, "Brethren, I believe the matter is from God, and advise you to let him have the meeting he desires." This they did and I walked down and back during the week, through the snow, and held three weeks of meetings. I felt handicapped by the manner in which I had privilege, and could not preach to them as severely as I felt the need demanded, and the only result of my work was the conversion of a poor old drunkard and his wife, and a little rise in the temperature of some.

So, at the close of our meeting at St. Anthony, we moved the evangelistic party and tent down to Lemon. We erected the tent on a vacant lot and advertised a meeting.

The first night the tent was crowded and many were outside. I made an introductory statement of purpose. I started by saying, "We are now going to have a new church in Lemon." I paused here to let that soak in. They looked at each other and some covertly nudged one another with their elbows as though saying, "Aha, I told you so; that's what he had up his sleeve all the time; he means to start another church, but he won't have any luck." Then I went on, "It can go on in the good building you now have; I see no reason to change it: and you may call it by the same name it now has (visible relief); I do not care to change it: but we are going to have a new church in Lemon. Let us all cry to God for a mighty revival."

Having nothing to oppose, they relaxed and became receptive. Many of my own congregation came down full of fire and glory, and the meeting started with power. In three weeks' time, it seemed the entire community had turned to God, including the town banker.

The church was reorganized, a young people's society formed with fifty-seven members, a pastor called at a salary better than usual for that day. They paid the evangelist well, raised a nice purse for me as a testimonial of appreciation, and that episode passed into history.

In these meetings the evangelist preached the doctrine and experience of sanctification as taught by the early Methodists, and God signally honored it.

In times of crisis and need, God has a man ready for every occasion. History is full of examples. It may be a small man like myself for the little emergencies, but if he has the vision and is faithful to his calling, things are wrought that enlarge the Kingdom of God and make earth and heaven richer. Praise the Lord!

(To be concluded)

MASONIC BLASPHEMY

Some of the most extreme anti-Christian blasphemy on earth is to be found among Masonic writings, as the following indicates. It is quoted from an article by Albert Churchward, M.D., M.R.C.P., Royal Arch Mason, on "The Great Pyramid of Ghizeh and Other Temples," which is part of a book entitled, *The Treasury of Masonic Thought*. On pages 218-220 we read:

"Thus, as the Egyptian ritual shows, 'the Lord's Table' was an institution in the Stellar Cult mysteries before the Solar and Christian cults. . . . Part of these mysteries have been carried down through the ages of time by those who have survived, by the fraternity now known by the name of Freemasons, in a purer form than any other religious cult, although innovations have crept in and much of the gnosis (knowledge) has been lost—a false Hebrew rendering or explanation being substituted for the original. Here, then, we find the first 'Lord's Table'. . . ."

"It is a Christian belief that life and immortality were brought to light, and death, the

last enemy, was destroyed, by a personal Jesus only 1900 years ago, whereas the same revelation had been accredited to Horus, the anointed, at least 300,000 years before. . . . The Egyptian Horus, as revealer of immortality, was the ideal figure of a fact known to the ancient spiritualists that the soul of man, or the imanes, persisted beyond death and the dissolution of the present body. . . . The Egyptians, who were the authors of the mysteries and mythical representation, did not pervert the meaning by an ignorant literalization of mythical matters, and had no fall of man to encounter in the Christian sense. Consequently they had no need of a Redeemer from the effects of that which had never occurred. They did not rejoice over the death of their suffering Saviour, because his agony and shame and bloody sweat were falsely supposed to rescue them from the consequence of broken laws. . . ."

"Horus did such or such things for the glory of his father, but not to save the souls of men from having to do them. There was no vicarious salvation or imputed righteousness. Horus was the justifier of the righteous, not of the wicked. He did not come to save sinners from taking the trouble to save themselves. He was an exemplar, a model of the divine worship, but his followers must conform to his example and do in life as he had done before they could claim any fellowship with him in death."

Here is one of the frankest statements of Masonic teachings to be found. Many Masons surely do not realize that the teaching of self-righteousness and good works will lead them, in the final analysis, to such rank blasphemy, setting aside the whole gospel of the grace of God, and making null and void Christ's atoning death at Calvary. Let them consider it prayerfully, and study their Bibles, and they will see that no true Christian believer belongs in Freemasonry.

"God sometimes puts us in the dark to prove to us that He is light."

Pray for the General Council

AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., SEPT. 4 TO 11

Many important tasks lie before the 22nd biennial session of the General Council. One of the greatest will be the revision of the Constitution and Bylaws. At the 1945 General Council a resolution was adopted to have a committee do this work and present its recommendations to the General Presbytery, which in turn would submit the suggested revisions to all District Councils. This has been done; and the articles that are to be changed, together with the suggested amendments, are printed side by side in a handy book that will be put in the hands of every delegate. Pray much for all the ministers and delegates who will unite in considering this important matter, that the will of the Lord may be done.

Other committees likewise have been doing certain preliminary work, in preparation for the Council. There is a Committee on Military Service, another on Divorce and Remarriage, and others on Education, Women's Missionary Councils, Ministers' Benefit Association, Ministerial Relations, Radio, etc. Great wisdom will be needed. Thank God, great wisdom has been promised—for in James 1:5 we read, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not and it shall be given him."

Let us confess that we do lack wisdom, and let us ask God for it. As we gather for Council, may we have that humble dependence upon the Lord that will enable Him to reveal His thought in every matter. And may we gather with faith in our hearts, expecting Him to pour His Spirit upon the assembly in such a gracious way that, as a result, we may see a new outbreak of revival fires over all our Fellowship.

DEDICATION DAY IN CHILE

Cyle and Helen Davis, Chile

It was shortly before midnight. One could easily discern that a gospel service had just been dismissed. A few people were hurriedly gathering belongings together. When the last good nights were said and the last hands were shaken, these words of a Chilean brother were left ringing in our ears—"We have been in service for exactly 7 hours and a half since one o'clock this afternoon, but it really doesn't seem like it!"

"Mercy drops round us are falling, but for



Sunday School group outside the new church in Santiago, Chile, which was recently dedicated.

the showers we plead," had been the theme of the day's service—"Yo quiero mas y mas de Cristo" or "I want more and more of Jesus." The day of dedication of the First Assembly of God Church in Chile, South America, had at last arrived and now was history. That which had only been a dream and a prayer some twelve months before had now become a reality. A piece of ground in the heart of one of the busiest and most populous industrial neighborhoods in Santiago had become the property of the Chilean brethren of the Assemblies of God. The Missions Department, feeling a need for a permanent construction in this part of the city, offered help to the local group of saints in order to purchase the lot. Heretofore, meetings had been held in a small, inadequate rented mission hall. Arrangements were made to pay back the funds advanced by the Missions Department through offerings and tithes from the local Chilean brethren.

In Chile, as in the major part of the world today, the matter of building construction is not an easy one, with rising prices, difficulty of securing permits, and scarcity of materials. The actual obtaining of the deed entailed almost endless delay, but this problem was simple in comparison with the final acquisition of permits from the government to start the building.

On May 15, early comers were in their places an hour before the time of the opening of the afternoon services. It was a national holiday and that enabled men, women, and children to assemble for both the afternoon and the evening.

Bessie Mae Pate gave a short history of this pioneer work, tracing its growth and development since its beginning two years ago. She was well prepared to do this as she and Eugenia Brown devoted two nights a week

to the work here in the first year of its growth. After several inspirational musical numbers the afternoon dedication message was delivered by Theodore Bueno, the senior missionary in Chile.

At the dedication a father and mother also dedicated their youngest child to the Lord. After the close of the afternoon service, there was a brief intermission, when the young people of this assembly served a light lunch to the visitors from the other churches. The Christ's Ambassador's Rally began under the direction of Miss Brown and the local C. A. President, Daniel Sobarzo. The hearts of these young people are burning to tell the gospel story to their own countrymen.

There was no abrupt dismissal of the C. A. service but it glided perfectly into the evening service when Everett Devine led the congregation in song. Eager hearts listened as the evening message was delivered. The altar was lined with hungry seekers, wanting more of the Lord in their lives. "Te necesito, Cristo, Te necesito"—("I need you, Jesus") earnestly prayed one young lady. Her prayer was not in vain for heaven bent low to bless her hungry heart. The next morning, praising the Lord to herself while preparing for school, she felt the need to pray again, and in a few minutes, the Lord had baptized her in the Holy Spirit. There was no school for her that day, as she spent the day praising God and seeking His face.

Much remains to be done on the building itself, as soon as time and money permit. The great spiritual need of this long, narrow country "at the foot of the world," with its 5,000,000 souls faces us. Santiago, the capital city of this republic, with over a million souls needs the "Bread of Life." Pray for us.

Honduras Work Grows

Perry Dymond, Honduras

DURING the month of May we worked in the village of Sula, now important as the junction of the highway that is to go through western Honduras. During the day I worked with several of the native brethren to construct a building suitable for services. In spite of the difficulty of securing materials, we nearly finished a building twenty feet wide, and thirty-two long. The people of the village were amazed to see an American working that way, and many have remarked that now that there is a public building there they will attend the services.

We held services almost every night, many times we did not feel like preaching for the body almost refused to move. Sula has a very hot, difficult climate, and working from sunup to sundown left us exhausted. My main helper was one of the presbyters, a man of 75 years of age. He did more than several of the young men could do.

Since the visit of Melvin Hodges to the churches, God has been pleased to baptize several in the Spirit, and to revive many that were cold.

Three thousand million kilowatt hours of electricity is generated annually in India as compared with approximately the same amount generated weekly in America.

Before the war, there were about 141,000 motor vehicles running in British India.

There are about 1,800 banks in India.

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS July, 1947

Alabama	757.73	Nevada	64.72
Arizona	906.47	New Hampshire	37.32
Arkansas	2,255.89	New Jersey	1,917.47
California	27,188.60	New Mexico	413.28
Colorado	2,025.76	New York	6,063.22
Connecticut	479.29	North Carolina	450.50
Delaware	388.96	North Dakota	958.50
District of Columbia	1,202.70	Ohio	7,956.34
Florida	2,581.03	Oklahoma	5,211.76
Georgia	475.60	Oregon	5,597.78
German Branch	139.29	Pennsylvania	8,928.91
Hungarian Branch	81.24	Polish Branch	40.37
Idaho	1,547.21	Rhode Island	102.85
Illinois	5,522.40	South Carolina	108.11
Indiana	2,652.51	South Dakota	2,128.82
Iowa	2,480.96	Tennessee	435.07
Kansas	4,717.16	Texas	11,540.33
Kentucky	850.73	Ukrainian Branch	143.59
Louisiana	481.04	Utah	5.00
Maine	95.25	Vermont	14.00
Maryland	841.24	Virginia	999.78
Massachusetts	713.37	Washington	11,222.86
Michigan	7,155.19	West Virginia	263.25
Minnesota	4,174.52	Wisconsin	3,736.22
Mississippi	433.80	Wyoming	319.39
Missouri	6,174.99	Alaska	34.17
Montana	1,527.17	Canada	420.33
Nebraska	17,048.99	Foreign	136.55
		Legacies	105.60
		Miscellaneous	9,195.50
Total Amount Reported	173,450.63		
District Fund	9,815.73		
Office Expense Fund	2,522.77		
Literature Expense Fund	145.96		
Given Direct to Missionaries	13,777.86		26,262.31
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	147,188.32		
Amount Received for Home Missions	8,692.45		

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1947

Congo	\$ 1,863.01	Bolivia	1,034.85
Dahomey	1,242.00	Brazil	6,224.37
Egypt	6,134.25	Chile	1,271.34
Gold Coast	6,023.03	Colombia	769.58
Ivory Coast	6,675.51	Peru	4,082.28
Liberia	5,878.04	Venezuela	1,587.80
Nigeria	7,362.94	British West Indies	1,492.89
Nyasaland	397.00	Fiji Islands	541.00
Sierra Leone	932.09	Hawaiian Islands	10,852.05
Tanganyika	626.93	Japan	1,623.29
Union of South Africa	2,686.71	Netherlands East Indies	2,000.72
China	27,431.05	Philippine Islands	2,096.29
Ceylon	1,408.00	Straits Settlements	519.09
India	19,034.99	Retired Missionaries	1,412.60
Europe	5,060.50	Non-Council Missionaries	4,027.81
Palestine and Near East	5,898.72	Miscellaneous Fields	3,473.12
West Indies	7,578.38		
Mexican Work in United States	626.60		
Mexico	1,422.84		
Central America	7,469.03		
Argentina	2,389.16		
Total Disbursements	\$161,149.86		
Charged from Reserve Funds	13,961.54		
Total Receipts for July	\$147,188.32		
STATEMENT			
Received for Foreign Missions	\$147,188.32	Disbursements	\$161,149.86
Drawn from Reserves	13,961.54		
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"Pentecostal Power" in Answer to Prayer

Lawrence Borst, Fiji Islands

WE have gained a large audience over the air. Government officials are regularly listening to our broadcasts. They are seeing the importance of religious broadcasts in the form that we give them. Items gleaned from the "Evangel" are used as it suits the message. We give a weekly talk on the Bible in English and twice monthly in Hindustani. The islands are waking up to the fact that the Assemblies of God are shaping lives the Christian way. It seems we are standing alone amongst the Christian churches here against the tide of "falling away."

For some time we have felt the need of more prayer and accordingly meet Tuesday through Friday evenings for prayer. In the second week on Thursday we had the joy of witnessing our worker and adopted daughter Ruth receive a wonderful Baptism in the Holy Spirit. What a difference now from the day when she came to our home long ago. We have known her since childhood when six or seven years old and had instilled as much as we could within her a desire to become a Christian. Her father refused to let her come to us. However, shortly before he died, he gave her to us. The first Sunday she was with us an evil spirit tried to hinder her from attending church. It was a real battle, in which she joined with us, to be freed from the Hindu religion. However, we prevailed in the name of Jesus. The demon threw her down and wouldn't let her go. She

suffered tremendously. We told her to plead "The Blood of Jesus." We gained the victory! Minor battles were subsequently won.

Ruth learned to read and write Hindustani after she came to live with us as she had never gone to school in her life before. We rejoice, for not only did she show a hunger for the Word of God (for often we found her with her Hindi Bible alone, taking in the precious Word), but the Lord filled her with a mighty Baptism. She is a changed girl and teaches a Sunday School class now. Truly, God can do wonderful things. How we long to have a Home for such needy ones in connection with a Bible School. Please pray that we shall see our hopes realized in procuring a piece of land for a self-supporting Bible School where we may teach and gain precious youth for Christ.

Our prayer meetings are still going on. Others are tarrying for the Holy Spirit's Baptism and some have already been filled. We intend to continue at least until Pentecost Day, May 25.

One Sunday night an Indian man came in with sores all over his body. He asked for prayer for healing. He told us that he had been four months in the hospital and was no better. That night after prayer, before he got home, every one of his sores had dried up. The healing was so definite, so real that he came Monday night to the house to tell us what had happened. Happy and

trustfully, he yielded his heart and life to Jesus. No more Mohammedanism for him, but Jesus, who heals, and saves and keeps! Hallelujah!

Several firms here in Suva can use tradesmen in their business, several of them preferring our offer, because they know that the Assemblies of God people are free from the bad habits of the white man, such as drink, etc., and are therefore more reliable when employed. (Here is an opportunity for **Vocational Volunteers** to be of service to the Lord. Write the C.A. Department and inquire further about the opportunities of service in the Fiji Island.—Ed.)



Ruth, twenty-one years old, has changed from a Hindu worshiper to a Pentecostal worker in Suva, Fiji Islands.

Special Meetings Held in British Honduras

Malchus B. Bennett, British Honduras

DURING the past month the Lord opened up the way for John Franklin, from Guatemala, to be with us here. Special meetings were held in the town of Belize, also at Stann Creek; souls were saved and bodies healed. One little girl, while she was praying at the altar, in a vision saw the Lord with a lamb in His arms and some sheep following Him, then He beckoned to her that she was to follow. She is now rejoicing in her new-found joy since following Jesus.

The brethren were stirred to a greater determination to go forward for God.

British Honduras needs a motor boat to travel to the different places that need the message of Pentecost. We have had many calls to different places. They tell us they have no church or school and ask us to come and preach the Word of God. We have gone a few places, but we find it expensive to hire a sail boat. Will you pray with us that this need will be met?

Also funds are needed to build a building of our own. We are using two rented buildings at a cost of \$42.00 per month. What a saving if we had our own buildings! If you would like to help with these projects please send your offering to Noel Perkin, Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri, and designate them for boat or property and building.



A portion of the congregation at Belize, British Honduras, during recent services there.

News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Cavaness arrived safely at Ambon, Netherlands East Indies on August 6.

Congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. Norman C. Moffatt, missionaries to India, had Gwendolyn Naomi come to join their family on August 4 at Nokomis, Ill.

Mrs. L. Stokes and children are home in the States from their term of service in Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ayers have returned home from their ministry in Mexico. Mrs. Ayers is suffering from tuberculosis. Please remember her in prayer.

*We owe to every child of sin
One chance, at least, for hope of heaven.
Oh, by the love that brought us in,
Let help and hope to them be given.*

A. B. Simpson

Don't FAIL our World-wide Missionary Program in this day of urgent NEED! Send your offerings to NOEL PERKIN, Secretary Foreign Missions Department, 336 W. Pacific St., Springfield, Mo.

The Passing and the Permanent

COMMUNISTS IN COLLEGE

The Un-American Activities Committee of the Government has found American Youth for Democracy to be a Communist organization with 16,194 members in 60 widely scattered American colleges.

LAST YEAR'S CRIME BILL

J. Edgar Hoover reports that the nation's crime bill for last year was \$15,000,000,000. Of this amount 23% was due to the use of alcohol, but *all* was due to the presence of sin in human hearts.

FOUR BILLIONS BURNED

During 1946 the American people spent \$4,200,000,000 on tobacco. This is about 12 cents a day for every man and woman over eighteen years of age—but unfortunately many *younger* people smoke these days, too, and the parents don't object!

TO PREACH IN RUSSIA

Hyman J. Appelman, prominent Baptist evangelist in this country, is making plans for a series of evangelistic campaigns in Russia. He speaks Russian fluently. Pray that the door may open soon so that he may carry the gospel message into the Soviet Union.

WHEN THE WASPS WERE STUNG!

Someone gave Elwyn Morris a can of beer. Being a total abstainer, he opened it and hooked it up on a tree in his garden. The fruit on that tree had been attacked by wasps in previous years; but when Mr. Morris examined the can a week later, he found it full of wasps—all dead!

ATHEISTIC TEXTBOOKS

The Board of Education at Wall, S. Dak., has voted to "eliminate all books which contain teaching of atheistic evolution." The action came through the work of a rural school teacher, who found 12 science and sociology texts used in grade and high schools which teach contrary to the Bible, and who campaigned throughout the Black Hills, obtaining 500 signatures on a petition of protest. Two of the objectionable books are *Pathways in Science* and *Our Earth and Its Story*.

LIBERIA'S CENTENARY

The Republic of Liberia celebrates this year the one hundredth anniversary of its establishment as an independent nation. This little nation, set up and operated by former negro slaves from America, and their descendants, has made great progress. The American government and various American agencies have aided it greatly, but none have done more than the churches. The Methodists began missionary work in Liberia in 1833. Liberia was Methodism's first foreign mission field. Today many missionary societies are working in that land, including the Assemblies of God. The latter is one of the latest to enter the field but is enjoying a leading role today because God's blessing is resting so mightily upon its Spirit-filled missionaries and native preachers.

A NEEDY WORLD

When the brethren from other lands visited war-torn Europe for the International Pentecostal Conference, they caught a new vision of the world's need. Seeing the poverty of their brethren, many returned home with empty pocket books and a smaller wardrobe—but with hearts full of compassion and gratitude to God.

"LA MARECHALE"

Catherine Booth-Clibborn, mother of ten children, has preached for 71 years and is still preaching daily. "La Marechale," as this daughter of General William Booth (founder of the Salvation Army) is known, is now 87 years old. Thousands have been won to Christ, in France and other parts of Europe, through her ministry.

ONLY TWENTY YEARS LEFT!

Bible believers are not alone in warning the world that time is running out. Leading scientists, even atheists, are sounding the note of doom. Bertrand Russell recently told the radio audience all over Britain that the "extreme limit" of "stretching optimism" is only twenty years, emphasizing "the shortness of the time during which preventive measures" against the atomic bomb "must be completed." Once atomic warfare breaks out, they see no future. Truly "the end of all things is at hand." 1 Peter 4:7.

COMMUNISM IN TEXTBOOKS

A Presbyterian pastor in San Jose, Calif., has made a thorough study of the "Building America" series of textbooks which are soon to be used in seventh and eighth grades of public schools. He finds them definitely biased for communism and against our American constitution, with their bibliographies "weighted about five to one in favor of pro-communist books." In the hands of loyal and wide-awake teachers he says they might be harmless, but for those with communist leanings they "would furnish a perfect menu to feed unsuspecting students, and aid in that softening process which is one of the long-range programs of communism to prepare for the 'Soviet America' of 1970."

PENTECOSTAL GROWTH

In the 16-year period from 1926 to 1942, the Assemblies of God increased 468% in membership, and the Church of God increased 197.9%, while the average increase of the 43 largest Protestant denominations was only 23.8%. According to the *Baptist New Mexican*, these figures were quoted recently by Dr. Duke McCall, who explained the tremendous increase of the Pentecostal groups by saying: "The secret is that they used revival meetings; they are not ashamed of a tear; they depend on the supernatural power; they are not afraid to be dogmatic about their convictions; they are concerned with the poor as well as the rich."

This is a fairly good analysis of the secret of our growth. How fast the Pentecostal Movement continues to grow depends on how closely we continue to follow these five principles.

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

As of May 1, 1947 (twenty months after the occupation of Japan began) there were 500 Roman Catholic missionaries and only 100 Protestant missionaries in that country.

GIPSY SMITH WITH CHRIST

Rodney Smith, known throughout the world as Gipsy Smith, went to be with Christ on Aug. 4, at the age of 87. The greatly loved British evangelist died on board the liner *Queen Mary* while en route to the U.S.A. where he planned to keep on preaching. Many years ago he vowed he never would retire. As long as souls needed to be saved, and God lent him strength, he was determined to stay "in the harness"—and he did.

BUILT ON THE SAND

For its temporary headquarters the United Nations chose Flushing Meadows on Long Island, under which there is nothing but sand. The headquarters was built on piles driven sixty feet deep into a "fill" over what was once a great garbage dump. Is this not an apt illustration of the pitiable weakness of the whole peace effort? Our Lord Jesus said that a house built on sand is like a life of disobedience to His teachings—it cannot stand the test. The United Nations does not honor Christ. It is a godless structure built on frail humanity, lacking even the courage to mention God's name in public prayer. No wonder it is failing in the test!

THE MASONIC APRON

The Treasury of Masonic Thought, published by David Winter & Son, Castle Street, Dundee, Scotland, contains articles by fifty different Freemasons. One of them is on "The History and Meaning of the Apron," and it says:

"The Sacred Cobra is well known to every student of Hindu religions and is essentially good. Actual worship is paid to the Serpent throughout the whole of India and in many other parts of the world, and in the Kabala we get clear traces of the fact that under certain circumstances the Serpent is regarded as 'The Shining One'—the Holy Wisdom itself. Thus we see that the serpent on our apron denotes that we are encircled by the Holy Wisdom itself. . . . Nor must we forget that the snake is peculiarly associated with Shiva, the Destroyer, whose close symbolic association with the third degree is obvious for many reasons, and in numerous statues He is depicted making the p.s. (penalty sign?) of a Master Mason."

Do the Masons not know who it is that the Bible describes as a serpent? In the first Book we see Satan in the form of a serpent, luring Eve into sin. In the last Book we find him referred to as the serpent, in several places. Notice the words in Rev. 12:9—"That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world." Certainly he is wise. He is subtle, and unregenerate man is deceived into seeking his unholy wisdom.

He may well be called "The Shining One," for does not Isa. 14:12 refer to him as "Lucifer, son of the morning"? The apostle Paul says that "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." 2 Cor. 11:14.

Who then would knowingly copy the heathen and the devil-worshippers by wearing an apron that glorifies the serpent?

May Christians Join Lodges?

CHAS. E. ROBINSON

FREEMASONRY is the oldest and strongest of all modern lodges, and is the pattern by which all other lodges are erected. As this article must of necessity be brief it will be impossible to deal in detail with each of the many lodges; so we will let the light shine on Freemasonry, the parent and pattern of them all.

According to its highest authorities the avowed purpose of Masonry is to establish a world brotherhood—a world brotherhood that is not Christian. A man to be a Mason must profess to believe in God, but nothing is said to him or by him about Christ. Thus it is the Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists, Parsees, and every other believer in the existence of God, though he be a hater of Christ, can be a Mason and join heartily in Masonic worship. Masons have a form of worship and make much of it.

Masonry does teach the necessity of the New Birth but in utterly un-Biblical meaning. "Mackey's Ritualist" (everywhere recognized as a Masonic authority) speaks of him who is a candidate for entrance into the Blue Lodge as follows: "There he stands without our portals on the threshold of his new Masonic life, in darkness, helplessness and ignorance. Having been wandering among the errors and covered over with the pollutions of the outward and profane world, he comes inquiringly to our doors seeking the New Birth, and asking a withdrawal of the veil which conceals divine truth from his uninitiated sight."

To begin the induction ceremony they take off the candidate's clothes, coat, vest, trousers, shoes, and socks. They bring an old pair of drawers and tell him to put them on. The drawers are tied around him with a long string. They bring out a hoodwink and fasten it over his eyes, blindfolding him. (This looks forward to the moment when the Master of the lodge blasphemously and sacrilegiously shouts, "Let there be light." At the moment of the shout the hoodwink is snatched from his eyes and it is said, "There is light.")

They get a rope and put it around his neck (this is the cabledow). A slipper with the heel slipshod is placed on his right foot. They roll the left leg of the drawers above his knee, the left sleeve of the undershirt above the elbow, and turn back the fabric so that his left breast is exposed to view. In this shameful state of humiliation and undress the candidate is brought in at the northwest corner of the lodge room and, beginning at the East, he goes to the South, and then to the West, thus following the course of the sun. The Worshipful Master of the lodge represents the sun in the west. This is, in modern form, the heathenish Baal worship of which we read in the Bible.

In pantomime the candidate is then taken through the traditional death and resurrection of Hiram Abiff, the son of the widow of Tyre, who, by such death and resurrection, became the now universally recognized Supreme Grand Master of Freemasonry. Proceeding with the horseplay the candidate is murdered by the traditional ruffians Jubalo, Jubala, and Jubalum, and buried (under a blanket on the lodge room

floor). This "corpse" must be resurrected that the candidate may be "born again."

The candidate remains a "corpse" so long that when, to bring him back to life, he is given the grip of the Entered Apprentice, it is announced that he has been so long dead that the skin comes from his hand, and so he is not resurrected. Then he is given the grip of the Fellow Craftsman; but it is said, "He has been dead so long that the flesh comes from his bones," and he is not raised. Then the Master of the lodge steps forward and gives him the grip of the Lion's Paw, and raises him to his feet. Thus he is "born again," and there is whispered into his ear the mystic word that must never be spoken above a whisper—*mahabone*—and he is given the Masonic "cry of distress" which, when heard by another Mason within reach of his cabledow, lays upon that other Mason the solemn oath-bound duty of coming to the aid of the one giving the cry of distress, no matter what may be the circumstances, whether he be in the right or wrong, murder and treason alone being excepted. He is

SACRED SCRIPTURES vs. SECRET SOCIETIES

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Amos 3:3.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalm 1:1.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing." 2 Cor. 6:14, 15, 17.

"I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing." John 18:20.

"Be not ye therefore partakers with them. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Ephesians 5:7, 11, 12.

"Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing." Leviticus 5:4, 5.

now ready to take the oath of the Entered Apprentice and become a member of the Blue Lodge.

There are three degrees in the Blue Lodge—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craftsman, and Master Mason. In passing into each of these degrees the candidate must solemnly swear to oaths of an increasingly revolting nature. In entering the first degree of the Blue Lodge the candidate swears:

"I solemnly promise and swear that I will not write, print, paint, stamp, stain, cut, carve, mark, or engrave the secret arts, parts or points of the hidden mysteries of ancient Freemasonry, or cause the same to be done on anything movable capable of receiving the least impression of a word, syllable, letter, or character, whereby the same may become legible or intelligible to myself or any other person under the whole canopy of heaven, and the secrets of Freemasonry be thereby unlawfully obtained through my unworthiness; binding myself under no less a penalty than that of having my throat cut, and my tongue torn out by the roots, and my body buried in the sands of the sea at low water mark," etc. etc.

This is the way he is "born again"—not by the water and the Spirit, but by the horrible, anti-Christian, sacrilegious horseplay of the Blue Lodge. The true gospel of redemption through Christ is hidden—deliberately concealed—beneath the man-made ritual of Masonry; and the Bible says: "But if our gospel is hid it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3.

Salvation, according to Masonry, comes by being faithful as a Mason. This is the statement: "Then by the benefit of a pass, and a pure and blameless life, shall we gain ready admission into the celestial lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Architect presides; where, seated at the right hand of our Supreme Grand Master (Hiram Abiff), He will be pleased to pronounce us just and upright Masons." This is salvation without the Blood, without the mention of Christ! The religion of Masonry is anti-Christian. It studiously leaves Christ out. When His name appears in any text from the Bible which is being quoted in a Masonic ceremony, that name is deleted. Mackey's Lexicon (a Masonic authority), states "The religion, then, of Masonry is pure theism on which the different members engraft their own peculiar opinions, but they are not permitted to introduce them into the lodge nor to connect their truth or falsehood with the truth of Masonry."

Announcing another way of salvation than that preached by Paul, as Masons do by putting Hiram Abiff at the fore instead of Jesus Christ, and making salvation depend on one's being a good Mason, brings Masonry under the curse of God: Paul says: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8.

Our all-wise, eternal, omniscient Lord Jesus Christ said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that cometh not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." John 10:1-7. After what has been said it is evident

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Testament and the New the stand God takes so strongly against His people being closely affiliated with sinners is unchanged. Alliances of the Hebrews with the Gentile races about them were forbidden under the most drastic laws and enforced by the most terrible punishments. Likewise in our day we are forbidden to be yoked together with unbelievers. 2 Cor. 6:14. The thing is so vital that the apostle reiterates it, using this, that and the other form of speech to emphasize and make abundantly clear God's rule against the joining of Christians with sinners in any co-operative enterprise. But that is precisely what a Christian does when he takes on him the oath-bound yoke of Masonry, for it is notoriously true that Masons are under no obligation to be believers in Christ, and a

large percentage of them are not so in fact. To be a believer, of course, is to be one who has accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. When a believer becomes a Mason he calmly and knowingly yokes himself together with unbelievers, profanely swearing horrible oaths as a part of his so doing.

"Come out of her, My people," is the word that should reach the ears of every believer who is in a lodge, producing instant and complete separation from this anti-Christian abomination. The vows Masons take are bad vows. Good vows must be kept; but bad vows must be broken. Herod made a bad vow which he should have broken but did not, to his eternal disgrace and undoing. Mark 6:21-28. May each one be warned by his example.

OUR HOME FRONTIERS

Great Missionary Convention in Alaska

One of our Alaska missionaries has prepared the following report concerning the all-Alaska convention.

June 11 through 17 was a time of great blessing for all Assembly of God workers in Alaska, who gathered at Fairbanks for the Second Alaska Convention. Coming from all points in Alaska by bus, by train, by boat, and by plane were 22 resident Alaska workers, together with about 30 other visitors which include lay members and independent Pentecostal workers. All the guests were provided with sleeping and eating accommodations on a share-the-cost plan. Brother Hirschy, pastor of the Fairbanks Gospel Tabernacle, had built bunks in the Sunday School rooms and had also secured rooms in homes for the visitors.

Brother Fred Vogler, the Home Missions Secretary (who was accompanied by Mrs. Vogler) was the convention speaker. Some of the resident Alaska ministers preached in the afternoon and some of the evening meetings. The convention reminded one of the day of Pentecost when they were all together in one accord in one place, partaking of the Word of God, in fellowship, with breaking of bread and prayers. It was a time of searching hearts, the lifting of burdens, and the pouring out of our hearts unto God. Brother Vogler was used of the Lord in a great way, bringing blessing to everyone. The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifest and the gifts were in operation to the edifying of the body.

Special services during the convention included a water baptismal service (with eight candidates baptized), street services (held in the evenings), a C.A. Rally (the first such service ever held in Alaska), a Communion service and a special Father's Day observance.

Each of the resident ministers gave a detailed report of his activities and ministry. These reports included a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Juneau with 39 receiving the Baptism with the Holy Spirit in the past year. Reports were also given of souls being saved and several baptized in water. Three new churches have been completed for use since the last convention. The Assembly of God church membership

in Alaska has approximately doubled in the past two years.

During the convention time two outings were arranged wherein those wishing to visit the Museum at the University of Alaska, to see the gold dredge, and to view the midnight sun, could do so. The weather at Fairbanks (even though far in the interior of Alaska) was very favorable for a good convention, with beautiful sunshine and warm weather almost continuous.

HOW GOD DESPENSES HIS HONORS

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the list and set it down as an unalterable principle that we will not say to anyone, "I have no need of thee."

God enlarges upon this about the feeble ones and says, "Those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor, . . . whereas our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacketh." God, in handing out the honors, doesn't dispense them to the richest, the strongest, and the most prominent. He gives the "more abundant honor" to those which lack.

Human nature will be active in church work as long as it is being recognized, as long as it is being praised, as long as people seem to appreciate what is being done, but if they get no praise, no appreciation and no recognition, they stop right off. They say, "What is the use? Nobody appreciates me. I think I will quit." If people are doing church work for recognition, for praise, it is a selfish purpose, and "Verily I say unto you, They have their reward." There is nothing more coming to them.

And so God recognizes that, far above that, mountains high above that, is the quality of Christian character that is willing joyfully to serve, faithfully to minister, without any praise, without any thanks or recognition; even being blamed or criticized; even being misjudged; without faltering, and without altering his course. A Christian who can do that, compared

that Masons are they who climb up some other way and so are "thieves and robbers."

Naturally, in an institution studiously anti-Christian in all of its principles, there are very many ways by which it controverts the Scriptures. The Bible specifies that prayer must be made in the name of Jesus. Masons do not so pray, but say, "So mote it be." In fact, a minister who was a Mason and insisted on praying in the name of Jesus, was prosecuted for so doing and convicted of conduct unbecoming to a Mason. He appealed his case to the grand lodge of the State of Ohio where the decree of the lower court was upheld. Masonry does not believe in Christ. It is ungodly and anti-Christian. Should any believer in Christ join one of their lodges or attend their meetings, pay dues, etc.? God's prophets said to Jehoshaphat: "Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord." 2 Chron. 19:2.

Masonry sets aside the Bible as the highest authority, declaring that their ancient traditions, by far antedating the Bible, declare the truths known to the first fathers of the race. In a booklet published many years ago by John T. Lawrence, leading Mason, entitled, "The History, Practices, and Aims of Freemasonry," it is stated thus:

"The truth known to the first fathers of the human race was not handed down in its perfection to their posterity, but, while still unacquainted with the art of writing, they embodied their knowledge in such mystical figures and schemes as they deemed appropriate emblems for its preservation and propagation. Now these figures and schemes are preserved in Masonry, for the knowledge of the deep mysteries concealed in the geometrical figures of the circle, the triangle, and the square, representing in a manner unknown to the uninitiated the most profound truths of religion, and of nature, has descended to us through the Masonic Brotherhood."

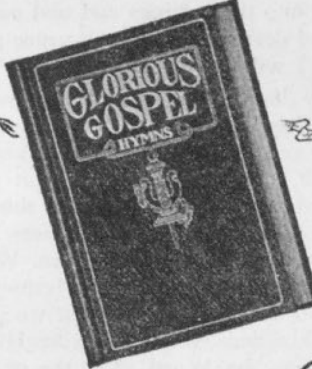
Let us remember that the Lord has called us to separation from all alliances of unbelievers. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14 Throughout the Old

to one who is being praised and applauded, is like a mountain to a mole-hill. People will pour out their very life's blood to get a little recognition. They will do the most foolhardy things to get their names on the front page. It is a trait of human selfishness, and, sad to say, it is not entirely lacking among Christians. And when they get recognition they are willing to work their lives out, almost, if they can be at the head, a chairman of some committee, or something of that sort. But the real evidence of Christian character, love toward God and for Jesus' sake and because His love is wrought out in us, is to plug along in the most obscure, most unseen service and yet go on just as steadfastly as if one were getting the applause of the whole church; that man will get recognition when Jesus comes that will startle some of us.

And if we are wise we will adjust ourselves to God's order and get into that place of unwavering and unfaltering faithfulness to the work in the body in which God has placed us, regardless of whether we are praised or blamed. We will not be exalted by praise nor dejected by blame, but we will move out on that plane where we see no man except the Lord Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to catch God's viewpoint—not only wonderful to catch it, but still more wonderful as we adopt it by the grace of God. The soul that will resolve, "If God has put me in the most obscure, the most hidden place in the whole body of Christ, by His grace I will be a healthy member of that body, and will continue to function until Jesus comes," will get a recognition before God that great leaders, college presidents, prominent evangelists and teachers will never get.

God tempers the body together, giving more abundant honor—not just a little honor, but *more abundant honor*—to that part which lacks, that there should be no schism, no division, in the body. Go through the Word of God and you will find, over and over again, that it is the plan of God that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. Isn't it strange how solicitous we become when a rich member gets sick, or a prominent one gets into trouble? How people will pray and cry to God night and day, if necessary, to help them. But let someone who is "little" and seemingly unimportant get into trouble, and we pass them by with a slight word. We pray for him because he asks us to do so, but we do not get a burden for him like we do for the "prominent" member. We are missing God's thought when we do that. He says we should have "the same care one for another." We needn't go to the other extreme and ignore the prominent ones, the active and talented, and despise the gifts that God has given.

"And when one member suffereth all the members suffer with it." That is the meaning of the word "compassion." Compassion is a Latin compound which means "to suffer together," and in this respect God would have us like a human body. Some of you have had the experience of having a boil on your body. Sometimes it comes on the finger and sometimes on the back of your neck. You don't say, "My neck is suffering from a boil," but "I am suffering." Your whole body suffers. And the whole body, the church, will suffer when there is that vital union between them, and each one realizes that that brother or sister who is



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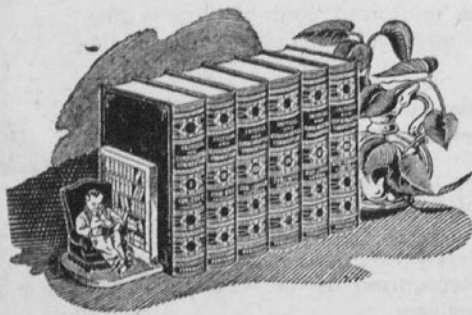
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suffering is a part of his very self. And then when we suffer with them it is so much easier to help them. As the other members of our body we just spontaneously turn to help them.

"And if one member rejoice, all the members rejoice." One member is promoted, or is elected to some prominent office. If there is real relationship of the body as it should be according to the Word of God, all will rejoice with the one who is honored. Love is never jealous, never envious. Envy is a deadly, cancerous condition of the body. If someone gets a better automobile than you have, a later model, how do

you feel? Just check up on it. Do you feel a twinge of jealousy? Someone has better furniture, better clothes, better salary, smarter children than yours. Rejoice! That is God's order. If we do not get into God's order now, when will we? The thing that is a great burden on my heart is that God has an order, and for Him to establish His kingdom here on earth people must be brought into that order. The Bible is the revelation of that order, and if you do not square with the Word of God, how, when, and where will you ever get into that order? It is important, it is eternally important,

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for us to dig into these things and find out what God says, and determine, "By the grace of God that is what I will do."

The enemy has put an anaesthetic over the crowd. We listen and say, "That is right," and we roll over and go to sleep. "Yes, I know we ought to do it. The Bible says so," but we are just paralyzed and unable to put the thing into operation in life's service and testimony. I am not talking now of getting to heaven. We will get to heaven through the blood of Jesus Christ, through His divine grace alone; but we get our place in the kingdom through serving Him and measuring up to the Word. It is the gospel of the kingdom that we are to pay attention to now, and the church is that company of people who have the privilege of qualifying for relationship and position in that kingdom, and to rule and reign with Jesus Christ on this earth for a thousand years.

That is the burden that is on my heart, that people will awaken to their privileges. I realize that the church heavenly-called and heavenly-equipped to reign with Christ a thousand years, is sleeping. I feel there are just a few groups in the so-called church of Jesus Christ that are even making an attempt at all to qualify to reign with Christ. I believe there ought to be such a response in our souls to the Word of God, the moving of the Spirit of God, and the service of our God, that we will count it the highest honor and the greatest privilege to do the most menial service in the whole church if God honors us with it. Would it not make a healthy body, a productive body, if we all functioned properly? Surely! And the church that does that will have a revival. Sinners will then be converted and the glory and power of God will come down like showers of rain.

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The Averted Disaster

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has on its records this story of some years ago.

Close to the railroad line stood a crude log cabin occupied by a widow and her daughter. One very stormy night they were awakened with the noise of a terrific crash. It was the railroad bridge that had been blown down. They were on the scene in a few moments. The broken rails projected into the air over the deep gorge, while the raging torrent roared below.

Quick as a flash they decided what to do, seeing the next train was due within a few minutes. Their only bedstead, a wooden one, and a few chairs were carried up the steep embankment and piled in the middle of the track, then set ablaze. Still the train did not appear, and there was no more available wood for burning. The fire began to die out; while just then the distant rumbling could be heard. The widow pulled off her shawl with some of her clothing, flung them into the fire; then with a pole waved the flaming garments before the oncoming train. The shrill whistle blew as the train rounded the bend. The great headlight lit up the track, with the two women waving frantically. The brakes were applied and the great train drew up, only a few feet from the yawning chasm.

The passengers heard the news. At once they were around the widow and daughter, hearing all the details and thanking them profusely. Railroad officials and passengers knelt together and gave thanks to God for such a marvelous deliverance from certain death. A collection was taken and handed to the widow; while the railroad company made provision for her for the rest of her life.

This story suggests three outstanding lessons for us all:

1. THE TERRIBLE DANGER of traveling at express speed, all unconscious of what lay ahead. But that is as nothing compared to your case if you have never learned of your state by nature and practice, a sinner in the sight of a holy God, traveling as fast as time can carry

you to an eternal destiny. God distinctly warns us of our danger. The Scripture says: "There is none righteous, no not one." Rom. 3:10. "The wages of sin is death." Rom. 6:23. "After this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. "He that believeth not, the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36. "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

2. THE GREAT SACRIFICE of these women takes our minds at once to the most sacred spot in the universe, the place where Jesus died. Could they be silent when their fellow creatures were about to perish? And could God be silent when mankind was about to be launched into eternal woe? The answer is, the Cross. In John 3:16 we have the greatest and sweetest words ever penned: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Sin had to be punished either in us or in a substitute of infinite value. There on the tree God found a ransom in Christ the willing Sacrifice. There God judged sin. He laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. And now that Sacrifice has been accepted by God, as the resurrection proved, and is the only ground of acceptance before God, the only basis for faith, our only hope for salvation now and eternal glory. Then rest, weary soul; rest all your weight on that finished work, and find peace and pardon. Rom. 5:1. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord (Jehovah) hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:6.

3. THE WONDERFUL DELIVERANCE. All was done for them; the passengers had only to give thanks, and so it is with God's salvation. The great work is entirely finished, but He waits to hear you come to Him and say: "O God, I thank Thee for sending Thy Son for a poor sinner like me. I thank Thee, O Lord, for taking my place under the judgment of God. I thank Thee for delivering this soul of mine

from eternal woe." With all your heart, thank Him now with your lips, and henceforth with all your life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

GRACE BEFORE JUDGMENT

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bondslaves of Pharaoh! As sure as years of famine followed the years of plenty, so surely will God's years of judgment follow His years of grace. Christ warns: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Luke 21: 34-36.

CHRONIC ALCOHOLICS

Do you know that today there are more patients suffering from chronic alcoholism than there are patients suffering from either cancer or tuberculosis? In a recent speech at Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Selden D. Bacon of Yale University stated that there are about three million persons in the U.S.A. who are afflicted with alcoholism, one quarter of whom are full-fledged alcoholics.

One quarter of 3,000,000 is 750,000. Compare that with 500,000 cancer patients and 700,000 sufferers from tuberculosis, and you have the picture. When did these three million start on the road to ruin? It was the day they took their first drink. So many think that they can "take it or leave it"—that they never will become drunkards. No doubt these three million thought the same thing—but they found there

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was demon power in the stuff and today they wish they never had touched it. Let us do all we can to shield our young people from liquor. Keep them from taking their first drink and you will keep them from ever becoming drunkards.

BLOSSOMING AS THE ROSE

"The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose," wrote Isaiah. Undoubtedly this prophecy will not be fulfilled entirely until God removes the curse which was put upon the ground when Adam fell, but science is learning how to make waste places fruitful. The Department of Agriculture has announced that it will now be possible to re-establish agriculture in many arid lands without irrigation, through sowing seed from the air. The seeds are pelleted with fertilizer, insecticide and other chemicals, and small areas which have been thus sown in tests have gone from desert to green grazing land in one season.

A CHRISTIAN PARENT'S DUTY

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why He took him into His confidence. Eli lost his birthright, his high priesthood, and his very life because he honored his sons above the Lord and allowed them to make themselves exceedingly vile. 1 Sam. 2:12-36. And today God is still choosing Abrahams and rejecting Elis.

Among the Assemblies

VOTAW, TEXAS—An old-fashioned revival was conducted here recently by Evangelist J. A. Sutton of Beaumont. Six received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, two were baptized in water, and a good interest in general was shown.—Phil Eason, Pastor; by Mrs. E. L. Teal, Secretary.

AURORA, MO.—The church has been greatly blessed and many have been saved during the summer months. Evangelist and Mrs. Aaron Walker of Houston, Texas, conducted a successful revival, followed by another revival with Evangelist John W. Plattenburg of Kansas City.—Robert L. Oney, Pastor.

COMANCHE, OKLA.—We have had a very successful revival with Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Scott as the evangelists. Some 28 or 30 were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. We had the largest crowds in the history of the church and also broke the all-time Sunday School record. Our town was greatly stirred and the revival spirit still prevails.—David A. Roper, Pastor.

REVIVAL IN EASTERN UTAH

An old-fashioned revival has just visited the Draggerton community, where Brother and Sister W. A. Vanzant were the evangelists. The big tent, located on the highway between Draggerton and Sunnydale communities, attracted large crowds each night. Thirteen were saved, one was filled with the Holy Spirit, and 13 were baptized in water.—Lee Francis, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—We recently closed a very profitable revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Clarence E. McNeely of Oklahoma. Five were saved, 3 were filled with the Spirit, 7 joined the church, and 7 were baptized in water. We had two very outstanding Divine Healing services with very definite healings. Nearly all the saints were stirred or refilled with the Spirit. I believe this was the greatest moving of the Spirit in well over a year in our assembly. Brother McNeely's messages are definitely soul-stirring and delivered with the anointing of the Spirit of God. You may contact Brother McNeely through me at 4624 Munger Ave., Dallas 4, Texas.—Lonnie R. Mullen, Pastor.

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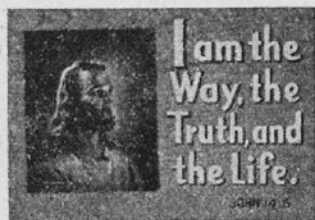
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KILGORE, TEXAS—We have just closed one of the best revivals the church here has witnessed in several years. Wm. Panos of Ft. Worth was the evangelist. Every night during the two weeks someone was saved and filled with the Spirit. Twenty-five received the Holy Spirit Baptism and over 20 were saved.—N. K. Bigham, Pastor.

DENTON, TEXAS—The Lord gave us a gracious revival with L. F. Ammons of Atlanta, Texas, as the evangelist. Several were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. The anointed preaching of Brother Ammons was enjoyed very much. He is a great prayer warrior. The Divine Healing service each Friday night proved a great blessing, and several were healed by the power of God.—H. A. Johnson, Pastor.

CHANDLER, OKLA.—We were privileged to have Evangelist and Mrs. A. N. Trotter with us from July 27 to August 3. The Lord gave us some precious services. From night to night we feasted on the Word of the Lord as Brother Trotter preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. We feel that these services are going to be of much benefit to the assembly here even in days to come.—C. E. Turner, Pastor.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The annual Oklahoma District Camp Meeting closed the night of July 24, after 10 days of blessing from the presence of the Lord. W. B. McCafferty of the Southwestern Bible Institute, Waxahachie, Texas, was the morning speaker, and his messages were an inspiration to all. Arthur S. Arnold, Jewish Evangelist of Los Angeles, was the night speaker and many said that Brother Arnold was preaching "beyond himself" during this camp. There was good attendance at all services, with between 2,000 and 3,000 present every night of the camp. Quite a number were saved and 58 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. This was one of the best camps we have had so far.—V. H. Ray, District Secretary-Treasurer.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Louisiana District Council was held at the First Methodist Church in Lake Charles, July 21-25. A spirit of unity prevailed throughout the meeting. All officers were re-elected. The Sunday School and Christ's Ambassador work was divided and placed under two heads.

The officers elected are as follows: W. S. Ramby, District Superintendent; E. L. Tanner, Assistant Superintendent and General Presbyter; L. O. Waldon, Secretary-Treasurer and General Presbyter; Cecil Janway, Christ's Ambassador President; J. E. Allen, Sunday School Representative; W. C. Elmore, R. C. Ayers, F. C. Chamberlain, T. H. Clark, and J. O. DeWitt, District Presbyters; Mrs. W. S. Ramuy, Women's Missionary Council President; and Mrs. L. O. Waldon, Women's Missionary Council Secretary-Treasurer.—L. O. Waldon, District Secretary.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 16 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

MARINETTE, WIS.—Aug. 19—Sept. 7; Carl and Edna Goodwin, Evangelists.—Hugo W. Olson, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Aug. 31—; Hans F. Bretschneider, Evangelist.—E. Draper, Pastor.

SWEETWATER, OKLA.—Revival in progress; Robert L. Oney, Aurora, Mo., Evangelist.—F. S. Murray, Pastor.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Polytechnic Assembly of God, Aug. 20—Sept. 7; Wm. Panos, Evangelist.—W. F. Mercer, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Aug. 24—Sept. 7; Chas. Hurst, 1011 Shelby Ave., Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—G. L. McKinney, Pastor.

DULUTH, MINN.—Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Sept. 7—21; Evangelist and Mrs. Mirko Parlotz of Detroit, Mich.—Allen G. Smider, Pastor.

EL PASO, TEXAS—City-wide Tent Revival, Aug. 26—Sept. 7; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Artist Evangelists.—J. Maxton Davis, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Glad Tidings Temple; Aug. 31, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Stanley P. McPherson and daughter Ruth.—Leland R. Keys, Pastor.

BALTIMORE, MD.—Trinity Assembly of God, Harford Rd. and Parkside Dr., Sept. 7, for 3 weeks; Salvatore Noferi of New York City, speaker.—A. H. Clattenburg, Pastor, 3505 Gibbons.

RICE LAKE, WIS.—Fellowship Meeting, Gospel Tabernacle, Sept. 1. T. J. Jones will speak at 2:30 and 7:15 p.m. Open forum, 6:15.—O. W. Apple, Pastor.

PUXICO, MO.—Home-coming, Assembly of God, Sept. 21—28. A. A. Wilson of Kansas City, evening speaker, Sept. 23—28. Other District officials will be present, if possible. All former pastors and lay members invited to attend. If you plan to attend, please notify Pastor C. B. Glover, Box 211, Puxico, Mo.

KESSEX PENTECOSTAL CAMP MEETING

Kessex Pentecostal Camp Meeting, 50 miles from Windsor, Ontario, on No. 3 Highway, Aug. 17—Sept. 1, Labor Day inclusive. Evangelist Christian Hild, main speaker. Situated on Lake Erie, an ideal place to enjoy a camp meeting. Write Wm. H. Fitch, 221 Bruce Ave., Windsor, Ontario.

GENERAL COUNCIL

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—General Council of the Assemblies of God, Sept. 3-11, 1947. Council will open with grand Youth Rally, night of Sept. 3. Opening address, morning of 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.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

FOR SALE—Vibraharp, 2-½ octave, portable, \$150.00. In good condition.—Daniel Bayliss, 204 N. Sparks St., Burbank, Calif.

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NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 6055, Jasper, Texas. "We have resigned the First Assembly in St. Augustine, Fla., and have accepted the pastorate here."—Jack and June (Newbold) Willis.

SPECIAL NOTICE—Having resigned as pastor of the Assembly at Alamogordo, N. Mex., and having accepted the pastorate at Belen, our address is now Box 355, Belen, N. Mex.—Irvin E. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer, New Mexico District Council.

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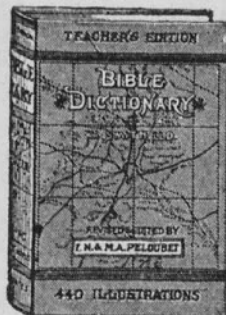
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