

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

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"HIS FEET SHALL STAND IN THAT DAY UPON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. . . ." Zechariah 14:4

The western slope of the Mount of Olives is pictured here, with the Garden of Gethsemane on the rise. In the foreground are the tombs of Absalom, Jacob and Zacharias.

The Ministry of PROPHECY

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IN the second chapter of Joel, and repeated in the second chapter of Acts, we have the expression, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." In First Corinthians 14:1 we read, "Follow after love, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." In verse 5 we read, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied." There is such a ministry as prophecy, a God-given, Spirit-provided ministry which is the forth-telling of the truth of God.

In this same chapter (First Corinthians 14) we read, "He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." Prophecy, then, is a Spirit-impelled utterance by which blessing, benefit, and edification is brought to others.

In Old Testament times there were schools of the prophets. The exact procedure in these institutions is not given us particularly, but without doubt the purpose of these institutions in the Old Testament was to encourage men to devote themselves so to the Lord, to seek Him so consistently, to yield their beings to Him so completely, that they could be channels through which the Holy Spirit could speak forth the Word of God appropriate to the hour, appropriate to the needs of the people.

We read in the book of Jude concerning Enoch that he prophesied. His prophecy was of a particular nature; it was utterance and anointing of the Spirit. No one can discover the exact need of men's lives by human effort or ability; it must be utterance prompted and urged by the Holy Spirit. Man can never sufficiently analyze situations and come to discovery of need. The greatest needs sometimes are needs that are unrecognized on the surface.

I want you to notice how God prepares an individual for the ministry of prophecy. In 1 Samuel 3:1 we read, "The child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days." That means there was a lack of the ministry of prophecy, a dearth of the word of the Lord. They had fallen into such times that there was a scarcity of spiritual channels through whom God could bring forth the appropriate word for the needs of the people of the time. God's Word wasn't getting through. "There was no open vision." Sin had separated between God and His people and

the people did not get what God had for them.

Then God began to reveal Himself to Samuel, just a child, so unschooled in the ways of the Lord, so lacking in understanding of God's methods, that he did not recognize at first that the voice he heard was the Lord's. But he was a child with an open heart, and God began to prepare him for the ministry of prophecy. God didn't search the nation through for men of competence, men of wide intelligence and a scope of knowledge that might have been advantageous to such a ministry; but God picked a child.

God says to us, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." God seeks in us that heart of a child. "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven." "God hath hidden these things from the wise and prudent and hath revealed them unto babes." The ministry of prophecy is awaiting those who will become simple enough, even as children before God.

The world is sick and tired of preaching. It needs prophets. It needs men and women who are so related to God that they will respond to Him with the simplicity of a child, so that He can carry them out beyond all the bounds of the natural into the spiritual realm where

forth from their lips will come those utterances which are appropriate, timely, and needed by the people in the hour in which we live. By prophecy we do not mean the prediction of future events. I am talking about the utterance that comes by inspiration of the Holy Spirit "for edification, and exhortation, and comfort."

In 1 Samuel 9:15 we have the secret of prophecy. "The Lord had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came." Samuel had heard from God. Samuel had learned to recognize and understand the voice of the Lord. At first he did not understand, but as a child he had yielded to the Lord and thus was brought into the way of reception. That is the secret of prophecy. The ministry of prophecy is the result of an individual's coming into a relationship with God where communication is possible. "The Lord had told Samuel in his ear."

God wants these beings of ours to be under His control as completely as a musical instrument is under the control of a master. He wants to move His fingers across the keyboard of our lives and bring forth that which is needed. A skillful musician can bring forth any sentiment by his music. He can inspire our hearts to thunder forth praises to the Lord, or he can move us to worship the Lord in silence. Are we willing to be God's instruments?

There is a definite place in our lives for education, for self-improvement, for application and study, for the accumulation of information. But these things do not qualify us for a spiritual ministry. God puts His emphasis upon simplicity, not upon scholarship. He seeks to bring us to the place in our relationship to Him where we are as simple as little children.

NOW Is The Time!

This is a last-minute reminder to encourage all of our churches to receive an offering for the Aged Ministers Fund of the General Council.

SUNDAY, MAY 30th

has been designated as the date when this offering will be received. We are sure that as every church and Christian makes a contribution God will enable the headquarters office to give material assistance to our aged and infirm ministers and to the widows of the servants of the Lord who have gone on to their reward. As ALL OF US do all that we can, God's blessing will help us meet every need.



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Only thus can we follow the Lord Jesus who, although He was in the likeness of God and was equal with God, did not hold tenaciously to what He was, but humbled Himself, and came down those steps of humiliation until He reached the very depths of self-abnegation and surrender to God's will. Out of that depth of self-sacrifice and surrender, where He hung between heaven and earth on a cross, reviled, mocked, and spit upon, God brought Him forth in the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, and set Him at His own right hand of dominion and glory. We are called to follow Him. "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

The only qualifications for a ministry in prophecy are that we be yielded to God and that we respond to God. The reason this ministry is not more prevalent among us is because we do not yield to God as we ought. In Isaiah 50:4, 5 the prophet says, "The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back." God does not waken my ear because I am learned, but He wakens my ear that I may learn.

The prophet is moved upon by the Holy Ghost and he speaks forth truth that is revealed to him by the Holy Ghost. But notice the method. The Holy Spirit moves upon us when we are in His presence. It is as we seek Him that we are moved upon and impelled in spiritual utterance.

Paul said to the Corinthians, "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye might prophesy." If we could see a list of all the people who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the past forty years, and could have an exact record opposite each name indicating those who had drawn back, we would be appalled. Multiplied thousands of people have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, but only a small percentage of them have obtained the benefit that the Baptism was intended to bring, or lived the life into which the Baptism was meant to initiate them.

Not everyone who is baptized with the Holy Spirit is Pentecostal. What they do after being baptized determines whether or not they are Pentecostal. The Lord has created within us a spiritual perception, an alertness to get things from God. The Baptism in the Holy Ghost came on the day of Pentecost to plunge a company of men and women into spiritual activity. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost has come upon multitudes of people since then, with the same purpose that they should be launched into activity in the

spiritual realm. That is a direct result of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon their lives; it is not the result of what they have prepared themselves to do in life.

Spiritual ministry, the purpose of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and the anointing that follows and should continue after the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, is intended to move men out into a spiritual realm where they hear, comprehend and do things that they never would otherwise hear or comprehend or do. He opens the ears. He speaks the word. He wakens morning by morning. The spiritual ear catches the truth of God and the tongue speaks it forth.

Perhaps the question has already been rising in minds, What is the material in

this ministry of prophecy? Turn to Colossians 3:16. This verse falls into three parts. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." That's the material of prophecy. "In all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another." That is the nature of prophecy. "In psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." That is the atmosphere of prophecy.

Do you recall that Old Testament prophets called for musicians (minstrels) to come and play and sing before them? Why do we sing and praise the Lord? Why do we worship Him? Why is so much of our time taken up in expressing our souls in adoration and worship and
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THE WORLD TO COME

Herman Newmark, a Hebrew Christian

"For not unto angels hath he put in subjection THE WORLD TO COME." Heb. 2:5.

HE who believes in another world, is not capable of concentrating all his passion on the transformation of this one," said Trotsky. Thus did an atheist aptly sum up the true Christian attitude to this world. We believe in "the world to come." We believe that when this present world-system—ruled over by a usurper—comes to an end, and he is enchained, we shall have a different world—but on this very earth—for a thousand years.

The Jews, looking forward to the time of Messiah's reign, refer to it as "the world to come" or "the time to come." The word in our text (Heb. 2:5) is *oikoumene* or "uninhabited earth" to come. Other expressions for this period are: "the age to come" (Heb. 6:5; Eph. 2:7), "times of restitution" (Acts 3:20, 21), "kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 8:11), "the regeneration" (Matt. 19:28), and "the kingdom of God" (Matt. 6:10; Dan. 2:44 and 7:13, 14).

The God of heaven is to set up a kingdom which is at once the kingdom of God, because God establishes it; and also the kingdom of heaven, for although located on earth it is a heavenly kingdom. This kingdom is illustrated in Luke 9:26-36, where the chosen apostles were given a foreview of that glorious time. One of the favored trio explains in 2 Peter 1:16-18 that they saw "the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD TO COME

Our citizenship is in the heavens whence we await our Savior. Phil. 3:20. There the heavenly Jerusalem, the city for which

Abraham looked, is located, according to Heb. 11:16 and 12:22. In Revelation we are shown how this city is related to the earthly Jerusalem during the millennium. Rev. 21:9-27. There evidently will be intercommunication between the saints of the heavenly city and the saved remnant of Israel in the earthly city. Jacob was given a foreview of this in the dream recorded in Gen. 28:11, 12, where heaven is seen to be open, the angels in intercourse between heaven and earth. In John 1:51 our Lord explained this to Nathanael as being a reference to the time of the glorious dominion of the Son of Man (Messiah).

SUBJECT TO THE SON OF MAN

Hebrews 2:5-9 emphasizes that none less than the Son of Man is to exercise dominion over the world to come. This is, first of all, a reference to the prophecy of Psalm 8, where the world dominion, that Adam forfeited for humanity by his fall, is restored through the Son of Man. Psalm 2 foretells this time, when God sets His Son, who is His King, upon His holy hill of Zion. This reign is further described in Psalms 96 to 100 where He is seen judging the world in righteousness. Psalms 72 and 122 show the beauty and peacefulness of that reign. His kingdom shall have no end. Luke 1:32, 33. His dominion shall be to the ends of the earth. Zech. 9:9, 10. In Zech. 14:9 we are told that Jehovah shall be King over all the earth. We see in 1 Cor. 15:24-28 how Christ puts down all rule and all authority, and subjects the world to His Father. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." Rev. 11:15. See also Rev. 20:4-6.

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GOD'S FUTURE PLANS FOR ISRAEL

AFTER the resurrection the disciples asked the Lord, "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6. This was the thing uppermost in their thoughts, but Christ showed them the thing which was uppermost in His own thought: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. When the uttermost part of the earth is evangelized God will bring about the restoration of Israel.

"Wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" The Lord will restore this kingdom in His own time. In the meantime, Israel is trying to restore herself. It is not God's plan and not God's time. The restoration must come from God's appointed Restorer, Him who must restore all things. See Acts 3:19-21. Any plan for the restoration apart from the Lord Jesus Christ is futile, and will be brought to nought.

The residents of the land of Shinar said, "Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven." Gen. 11:4. So they started to build the tower of Babel, and God looked down and put it to confusion. Israel is seeking to restore herself, but God is looking down and will overrule and put all their plans to confusion. There is a gathering together of the dispersed of Israel, but they are gathering without the God-appointed Leader—sheep without a shepherd, fit prey for the wolf to scatter. The Shepherd of Israel has been set aside, and Israel will hail one who is coming in his own name. He will promise much and give little; flatter much and deceive the more.

Israel cried, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" John 18:40. Barabbas was a robber. They rejected the Shepherd and they will have the robber, the despoiler, the one whom the Holy Spirit calls "the beast," the Antichrist. For murder and sedition the first Barabbas was arrested, but this Barabbas will be enthroned. Speaking of their apostasy, God says, "My people love to have it so." "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." John 1:11. Israel turned

back in their hearts to Egypt and rejected Moses and the God of their fathers; and Israel in a period of time when the gospel is being sounded out is wilfully rejecting their Messiah, and they will choose one who is going to be a false messiah. In their desperation they will make a fatal choice.

In their hearts Israel turned back to Egypt and preferred Pharaoh to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And their hearts have never changed. They have only added to their sin. Christ said, "Your house is left unto you desolate."

The Jew Will Rise Again

'T WAS SAID:

"The wild dove hath her nest,
The fox its cave,
Mankind a country,
Israel but a grave."

NO, NO!

Still graven on His hands,
Are Zion's walls!
To shine in glory
When God's set time falls.

GOD LIVES!

And from the dust of death
The Jew will rise,
When to the One he pierced
He turns his eyes.

—Max I. Reich

Matt. 23:38. Jerusalem was destroyed, and there is a greater desolation coming. Christ said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." Matt. 23:37. He has been wanting to gather them ever since, but it is still true, "Ye would not." Judgment came upon them in the destruction of Jerusalem, but there is a worse woe coming, "even the time of Jacob's trouble." Jer. 30:7.

You ask, "Will this trouble come through Christian people?" No, all true Christians love the children of Israel. It will come from anti-Christian Gentiles, people who hate God, who hate the

descendants of the friend of God and the worshipers of the true God. Their enmity will be poured out on them. Jacob's trouble will be no makebelieve.

Jacob said, "Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been," but the evils in his day were but a fraction of what they were to be under the Pharaoh who knew not Joseph, and the evils continued until God raised up Moses. Israel's troubles are to intensify. Until when? Until the prophecy of Moses be fulfilled, "A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Acts 3:22, 23. This has been carried out literally ever since they rejected the Antitype of Moses. And as long as they refuse to recognize the Prophet of whom Moses spoke, and whom Peter rightly referred to as Jesus Christ, so long will the Jew suffer.

The taskmasters will be extra severe, demanding: "Make bricks without straw." The taskmasters will increase their burdens until they cry out in desperation to their God, the God of their fathers. Then will the Lord come down to deliver them—"and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced." Zech. 12:10. And the prophet adds, "They shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son." In the meantime, pray that many in Israel may be rescued, that many may turn, that many shall be obedient to the faith.

The nations that persecute Israel will in turn be destroyed. In this century we have seen the sword of judgment descend upon those who hated the people of Israel.

But there is another side. "It shall come to pass in that day (the day of blessing that the Lord shall usher in), that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people . . . and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah." Isa. 11:11, 12. "He that scattereth Israel will gather him." Jer. 31:10. His blessing is surely coming. It will be "life from the dead." The Lord Jesus Christ is returning, "and the

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Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of His kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:32, 33.

God has declared, "I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." Ezek. 36:24-26.

God blessed Abraham in all things—

in cattle, in sheep, in asses, in maid-servants and menservants, in silver and gold, and everything that his heart could desire. In like manner will God bless Israel with all things when He establishes the kingdom, and there will be blessing to all others round about him.

"Wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?" God's plans and purposes are to restore it, and it will eclipse Solomon's in greatness as the sun's glory is greater than the moon's. But the coming glory of Israel will not be manifested until the Sun of righteousness arises with healing, restoration and illumination upon the whole house of Israel.

Concerning the Problem of

Wandering Thoughts

Donald Gee

A FEW months ago, in an article published in the *Pentecostal Evangel*, I referred to the blessedness of quietly waiting upon God. This brought a definite request from one appreciative reader for some instruction on how to so wait, particularly with regard to overcoming wandering thoughts. "When it comes to waiting," says the writer, "what is one to do with an active mind that moves about like a caged animal, instead of being just as quiet as the body is?" The problem is a real one for us all, and my first approach is a frank confession that I share it equally with my reader.

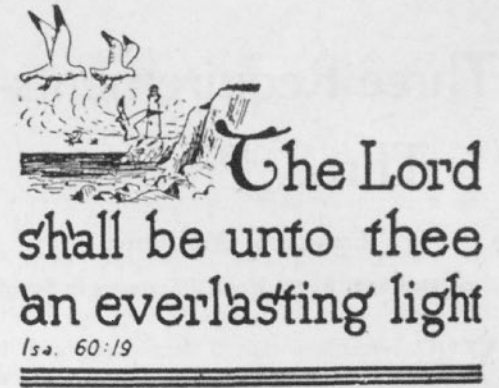
A busy mind, full of great activity of thought, is part of the inescapable price any of us must pay for the privilege of leading an active life with many interests. Doubtless it always has been easier for those leading a hermit kind of existence to concentrate their thoughts more freely upon the unseen and eternal, and that very reason has always constituted one of its chief attractions to spiritual minds. We all do well to guard against being busier than the Lord intends us to be. Many are working FOR God, rather than WITH Him, and therefore are active without being calm and peaceful. On the other hand, the peace of God is not emptiness, and no blessedness attaches to waiting upon God when an attempt is mistakenly made to leave the mind a mere vacuum. Not to think at all is only another way of having an understanding that is unfruitful. See 1 Cor. 14:14. God is not glorified by the suspension of the mental faculties with which He has endowed us. They should be active, but rightly directed.

It may sound disappointing to those seeking an easier way to state that the

first attack upon the problem of wandering thoughts must be through the use of the will. There must needs be a deliberate effort to control our thoughts in the desired channel, and keep them centered upon God. Surely we can take encouragement from the well-known fact that the mind *does* respond to discipline and habit, almost as much as the body. We all prove the benefit of a well-disciplined mind in such matters as study and application to a set task requiring thoughtfulness. Surely the same power of concentration is possible for the highest of all mental activities.

But, it may be asked, upon what are we to concentrate the mind when waiting upon God? Is it only mental prayer when we are full of some particular problem or need? To this we may well reply that quietly to hold a problem in the mind while in an attitude of prayer can be true waiting upon God for guidance. As a result our whole approach may be changed as the motives of the heart are sifted.

The essence of waiting upon God, nevertheless, will always consist of the concentration of the heart, and mind upon God Himself. It may produce ecstatic worship, or silent praise, or find a climax (as often happens in collective waiting-meetings) in a tremendous outburst of vocal adoration. At such moments seeking souls often receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues. A great secret of successful waiting upon God lies in concentrating the mind upon some divine attribute—God's power, or His wisdom, or His grace, or His love. To gaze upon the heavenly throne, and know that He is God and "be still!" To rest in the peace of seeing God as our



heavenly Father who will supply every need! It may be helpful to mentally visualize God in Christ. Some may object that this is merely the projection of our personal idea about God. Be it so, but in such a posture of mind the Holy Spirit is likely to come with genuine revelation to the soul of the ultimate truth of the God-head.

There is a great blessedness in uniting with others in prayer. Before the day of Pentecost they "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." After that day the saints "continued stedfastly . . . in prayer." Later when they lifted up their voices with one accord, God answered with great power, and "great grace was upon them all." A wise leader in a prayer service will lead the saints into avenues of prayer that are in fullest harmony with the Word of God, and the result will always be quickened hearts and minds to pray in the Holy Ghost for things according to the will of God. The Holy Spirit will lead us into the selflessness in our thought life and our prayer life, enabling us to fulfill the word of Phil. 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of OTHERS."

When I was in Finland on one occasion I entered a side room connected with a Christian restaurant to which I had noticed patrons repairing for prayer before they went back to their places of business. As I, too, knelt there for a few moments, I confess that I found it strangely easy to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, and concentrate my mind only upon God. It is good to have a hallowed spot where we can get alone with God.

One must be very watchful in seeking what might be called aesthetic aids to produce a devotional attitude of heart and mind, for these aids may lead to idolatry as they do to the poor Romanists. The reading of the Word of God, however, and especially the many devotional psalms, and meditating on the same, will lead the heart into worshipping the Lord in spirit and in truth.

The writer has found that if wandering thoughts in private devotion absolutely
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Three Requirements— Three Promises

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

YOU remember that a lame man who had never walked was instantly healed through the ministry of Peter. Out of this healing Peter was given opportunity to testify and preach, and he was a person who did not let such opportunities slip. The multitudes ran together to see the man who had been healed, knowing it was he which had sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: "and they were filled with wonder and amazement."

When the people had gathered, Peter testified that God had raised Jesus from the dead, saying, "His name, through faith in His name, hath made this man strong."

There are three things that Peter exhorted the people to do, and there are three promises that are given. First, they were to repent, especially that they had rejected Jesus as Savior. They must change their attitude. And if you are not saved and want to get to God, you must repent.

Second, they were to be converted. This means to turn about. Let me illustrate. Sin came into this world through the act of our first parents in turning from the commandment of God to the forbidden tree, and then partaking of its fruit. Since then all human beings have turned away from God; we all "have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." To get back to God the sinner must be deeply sorry for his sins, then turn from them to God and righteousness. A young soldier who had led a careless life became converted, and described the change thus: "Jesus Christ said to me, 'Right about face!' And I heard, and obeyed Him in my heart." That is exactly what we mean by conversion.

The third thing that Peter exhorted the people to do was to hear Christ and obey Him. "Him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever He shall say unto you." You must hear His beautiful promise, "Come unto me... I will give you rest." "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." Two birds followed a ship until they became exhausted, fearing to alight on the ship. Finally one fell exhausted into the ocean waters and perished. The other alighted on the ship and was saved. Do not perish, but hear Christ's gentle invitation and come to Him.

Three things are promised you if you will meet the above conditions. First, there will be the blotting out of all your sins, one of the greatest blessings that can come to

a human heart. Your sins are recorded against you and will surely meet you when you stand before the Great White Throne, unless something is done with them now. Jesus promises to blot them all out. A student came to graduation, and the copy books he had used through the year were laid on a table for inspection by the visitors. His later work was good, but the earlier work had many blots. He dreaded having his parents see the earlier work. But when his mother looked through the copy he saw her face beam. The puzzled student investigated, and discovered that his teacher had taken from the copy books all the blotted pages. Now that is just what Jesus will do for you.

Then there is the promise of "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." This is the baptism with the Holy Spirit that God has promised to those who repent and believe.

The final promise concerns the coming of the Lord and the setting up of His kingdom. Let me quote: "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution (or, restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouths of all his holy prophets since the world began."

These are glorious promises. Will you not meet the conditions that will make you an heir to them? Great things are in store for the people of God, and God wants you to share in them. Christ has purchased for you, in His sacrificial death, forgiveness now, and eternal blessedness in the future. Tell God you are sorry that you have sinned, that you are glad to turn from sin, that you will believe on Jesus Christ

as your personal Savior, and that you will read your Bible and obey it if God will accept you and give you power.

THE MINISTRY OF PROPHECY

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praise, particularly in song? We're an atmospheric people. We would smother to death without atmosphere. We can't live without it, not to speak of spiritual activity. We must have atmosphere, so there is an atmosphere of prophecy. It is that atmosphere that we call praise. Praise is not something that is mechanical—far from it. God inhabits the praises of His people. God is everlastingly wanting to express Himself. God wants to get through to people, to bring forth His truth to people. How is He going to do it? This verse tells us, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

It is our responsibility to be filled with the Word of God, because the ministry of prophecy has to do with truth. It is the message of God, the appropriate word from God, the seasonable word, the Word of God. As we are filled with the Word of God, as we meditate upon it, absorb it and store it away, then the Holy Ghost wants to move upon us and bring that Word forth as the utterance of God, as His truth for the occasion, as the Word in season.

God put His word in the ear of Samuel a day before—wasn't that lovely? Isn't that just like the Lord? Does He ever put the Word in your ear a day beforehand? He loves to do that. But you won't get it unless you take time to wait in His presence. If you take time to wait

in His presence, and if you've been storing that Word in your heart, He'll put it in your ear. He will. I don't know of anything as luxurious in life. I don't know of anything that thrills like having God put the Word in your ear, spiritually speaking. We love the Word; we read it and get delicious truth and food from it, and we store it away. We live by it day by day, and we take the attitude toward God that if we never got anything by special impartation from Him, we'd love His Word just the same; we'd read it the rest of our lives, if we'd never heard by direct communication from Him.

But, thank God, He drops it in once in a while in this special fashion. He'll drop it into your heart that you may speak it forth, for the blessing and edification of others. "In all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another." So filled with the Word of God, so yielded to the Spirit of God, so given completely to Him that the Holy Ghost can bring forth treasures new and old; and we find ourselves, to our surprise and delight, saying things along life's way to the people of God, and to the ungodly, that are the word for the hour, the word for the need, the word for the individual.

And then don't forget that wonderful atmospheric part of the verse, last part. "In psalms and

THE PERFECT BLOTTER



hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." We are surrounded by material things; we have to give time and thought to things of this life; and so it becomes absolutely necessary that we learn the secret of coming into this heavenly atmosphere "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord," because that is the atmosphere of heaven.

Men are cut off from Him, but you and I are related to God through Jesus Christ, through the cleansing blood and the wonderful ministry of the Holy Spirit. The responsibility is laid upon us to withdraw from these things of the material world round about us, things that absorb our time and attention, and detract us from the things of God, that pull us earthward with their constant tug and draw upon us, and to come into His presence. It's our responsibility to keep coming into His presence. And I think that's the significance of the verse in Isaiah where the word "awaken" is repeated, and "morning by morning." What is that? It's coming into His presence in the morning, after a night of sleep, when the realities of life's material realm of the day before have faded out and we awaken fresh in our minds. Then's the time to move into this heavenly atmosphere. Then's the time to recognize the presence of the Lord, and begin worshipping Him and praising Him. He dwells in our praises; He makes Himself manifest in our praises; and so the atmosphere for spiritual ministry is that heavenly atmosphere.

Hallelujah, there's a secret, and the secret is in His presence. "Morning by morning he wakeneth, he wakeneth mine ear," and we can dwell in the presence of the Lord. We can touch Him morning by morning, and as we touch Him we're made fresh in the Spirit, fresh in Him; we're transformed by the renewing of our minds; the things of heaven and of God and eternity become more real to us than the things of earth.

Out of that atmosphere is born the ministry of prophecy. The Word of God is real and vital to us, and we pour it forth in ministry to others. Would God all people were prophets. Here's a ministry that's open and available to everybody. You don't have to be of a certain temperament for this ministry. You don't have to have a certain quality of personality. You just need to get into His presence, that's all, and hear from Him.

I believe this is something to be coveted. "Covet earnestly the best gifts." "Desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." There's an attitude that is taken in the religious world. Good people say, "Well, we live by faith. And so, if we never have any special moving, if we never have any special anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our lives, that doesn't matter. We're walking by faith, and God's more pleased with us than He is with people that are breaking out in overflow all the time and manifestations. They're going by feeling, but we're walking by faith."

That's an alibi. You don't walk very long by faith, if you're really in touch with God, before something moves. Hallelujah! If you'll seek God earnestly, if you'll press through into His presence, until you're in that place where you are wholly occupied with praising and worshipping the Lord, I declare to you that something will break through from heaven

upon your soul that will loose your tongue in the declaration of the truth of God, in such a way that it will surprise your own heart and edify those who hear you.

So don't hide behind that excuse, saying, "Well, I'm just walking by faith. God's training me to believe Him without a speck of feeling, without the slightest ripple upon the surface of my spiritual life. I'm deep, deep, deep!" Get in where the waters are disturbed, where the heavenly breezes are blowing, where the waves rise high, and carry things with them. I tell you this outpouring of the Holy Ghost was really an outpouring in its beginning, and God has never intended that it should be anything less than an outpouring—a glorious deluge of God's Spirit from on high, that washes people out of their ruts, out of their preconceived ideas and notions, and carries them out into God. He wants His people to be free from encumbrances and from shore lines. He wants to carry them on in a spiritual path where they'll find themselves filled and overflowing until the blessing of God reaches other lives. I say again, God is longing to express Himself. "His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him," yielded to Him, ready to have God pour through them the blessings of His Holy Spirit.

Faith Growing

George Mueller

It is important for the strengthening of our faith that we let God work for us when the hour of the trial of our faith comes, and do not work a deliverance of our own.

Wherever God has given faith it is given among other reasons for the very purpose of being tried. Yes, however weak our faith may be, God will try it; only with this restriction, that as in every way He leads on gently, gradually, patiently, so also with reference to the trial of our faith. At first our faith will be tried very little in comparison with what it may be afterwards; for God never lays more upon us than we are able to bear.

Now when the trial of faith comes, we are naturally inclined to distrust God and to trust rather in ourselves, or in our friends, or in circumstances. We will rather work a deliverance of our own somehow or other, than simply look to God and wait for His help. But if we do not patiently wait for God's help, if we work a deliverance of our own, then at the next trial of our faith it will be thus again—we shall be inclined to deliver ourselves. And so with every fresh instance of that kind, our faith will decrease.

On the contrary, were we to stand still in order to see the salvation of God, to see His hand stretched out on our behalf, trusting in Him alone, then our faith would be increased. And with every fresh case in which the hand of God is stretched out on our behalf in the hour of the trial of our faith, our faith would be increased yet more.

Would the believer therefore have his faith strengthened? He must especially give time to God, who tries his faith in order to prove to His child in the end how willing He is to help and deliver him the moment it is good for him.

One Cent

Paul H. Graef

AFTER I had spoken one evening at a well known New York Gospel Mission, the superintendent requested another visit soon, and a date for the following month was arranged. With this date in mind, I asked my heavenly Father time and again for a message for the occasion, but there was no apparent response. The very evening on which I was to speak arrived, and I started for the mission without knowing what I was going to say.

Sitting in the subway train, I lifted my heart in prayer to God, reminding Him of my many requests for guidance. I placed the matter absolutely in His hands, telling Him that I would look and depend upon Him to give me a message in His own time and way, if He wanted me to speak. The matter thus settled, I relaxed, the responsibility no longer being mine, and immediately something happened.

A stranger sitting next to me glanced up from his paper. Sensing the fact that the train had stopped at his station, and that instant action was necessary, he jumped up and dashed for the nearest door—which was already closing—and with some difficulty succeeded in getting off.

As he dashed by me I heard a coin dropping and landing at my feet. Looking to see what it might be, a voice distinctly said to me, "There is your message." Picking up the coin at once, I said to myself, "What can that message be?" Carefully examining the coin, I found its denomination to be the smallest issued by our government; namely, one cent.

Again asking myself, "What can the message be?" I suddenly realized that it was to be on the two most prominent words on the coin, namely, "one cent," with the spelling of the second word changed from c-e-n-t to S-E-N-T.

At once there came to mind various passages in the Scriptures referring to our Lord Jesus Christ as being the "ONE SENT" by the Father. There are forty-one such passages in the Gospel of John alone, indicating the importance of this truth. That night I felt led to select, as the basis of my talk, John 3:17, which reads, "For God SENT not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

That verse and the three verses immediately preceding it should all be read together: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. For God SENT not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

God blessed the message that night and on many occasions since, a number being led to decide for Christ.

One of the most important and helpful messages to all individuals is the fact—the trustworthy fact—that God SENT His Son into the world to save sinners. Will you, friend, put your faith definitely in the "One Sent" from God to save you?

Training for Service in the Philippines

Oneida F. Brengle, Philippines

YESTERDAY there were thirteen of us in the truck as we left the school campus. After a blessed service in barrio Santa Maria Norte, we went on the barrio Cabululaan and picked up our folks there, going as far in the truck as we could. It being dry season the river is very shallow in most places, and we had a long dusty walk through fields of deep sand and unprotected from the sun, pulling off our shoes and hose and wading the river in one place until we finally arrived at a suitable place for baptizing. We had our baptismal sermon under some trees and our Pastor Etrata baptized 13 new converts. We distributed four bales of relief clothing in the two barrios. It was about 2:30 p.m. by this time, and the hospitable believers insisted on entertaining us, each contributing eggs, canned fish, rice, or whatever they had. It was a lovely spread, with only one mishap. Sally's soft-boiled egg had a chicken in it!

A paper written by a student of my Sunday School Organization class reads as follows:

"Before I came to Bible School I have felt the need in our place because the children are being neglected. They have nothing to tell them about the love of Jesus. The only thing they could do is to joke, shout and play the

whole day. My heart was really convicted that I could only force myself to stop and tell them the story of Jesus, how He loves them and He wants them to be good. But I can do nothing because I am even as ignorant as they are.

"Then God spoke to me and said that I go to Bible School to be trained for His service. But when I was in Bible School doubt crept into my mind. Then I prayed to God that if He really called me to serve Him He will give me courage to go forward to my calling. By God's sufficient grace He answered my prayers and the things I hoped for was granted. He gave us a teacher to teach us the things we need in teaching the Sunday School children, so that when I will go home I will be able to teach them the things I have studied."

These are the things that encourage us to press on, trusting that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Exams are over, papers graded, and Friday night we have our closing exercises. Then we go up to Ilocos Norte for the Annual Convention. We expect to drive the truck, D. V. carrying about 20 passengers. After the Convention, we are due to pull the house trailer down to Manila. Some

of our students are in distress as to their residence and employment, as some have no fare home to distant islands, and jobs are scarce now. If the Lord provides a place for us, we will do our best to help two or three of them, as we are longing to build a place for the school for next year. The present buildings are collapsing.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE

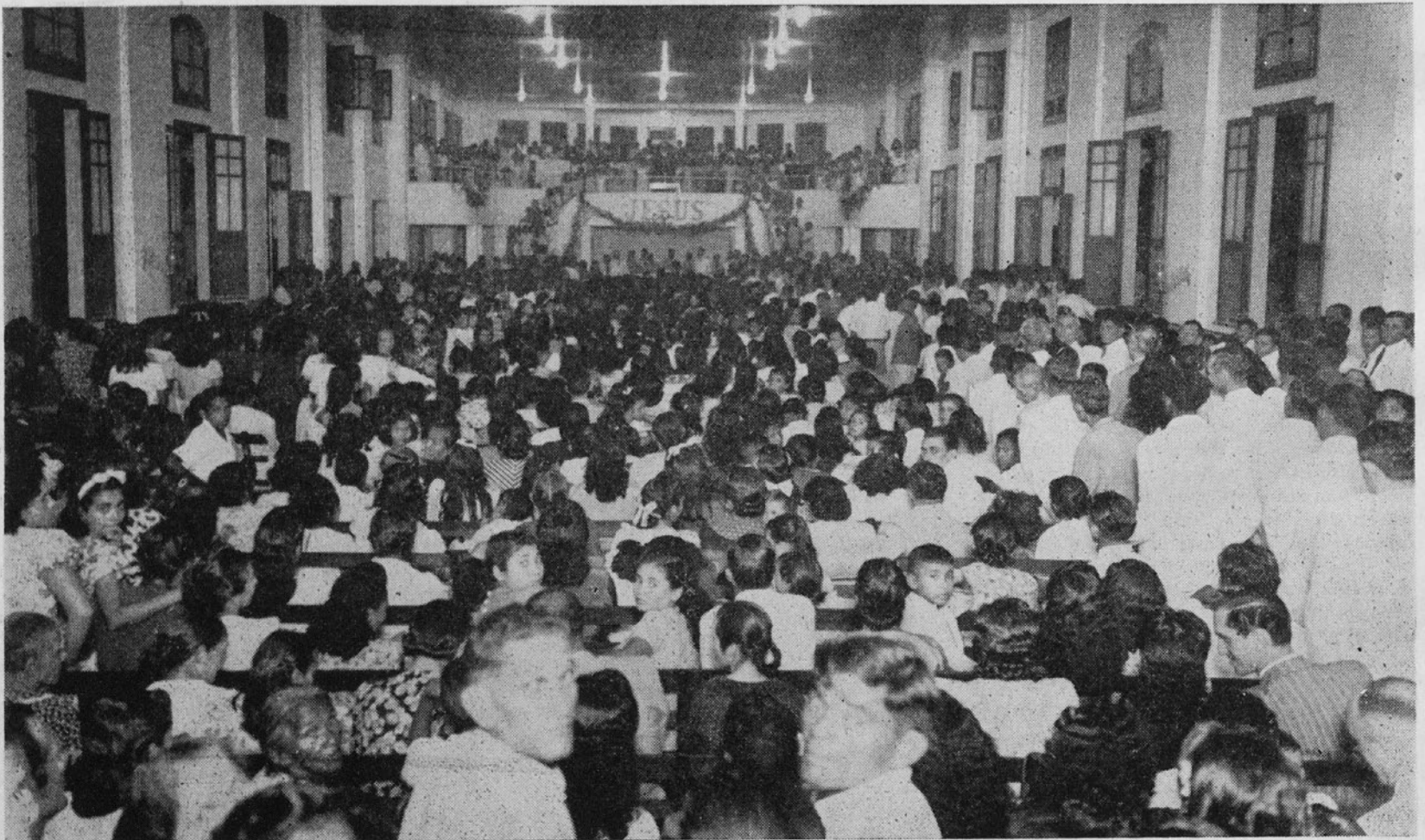
Alice Stewart, China

WE just returned from a visit to the Stephany Orphanage. All the children are in good health with red, rosy, fat cheeks in spite of the poor food they have been compelled to eat recently.

There are four new additions to the family: Grace-Received, Coming from Grace, New Grace and Grace Love. One was found out in the fields one bitter cold night, the others were left at the Orphanage doorstep.

Heart's Love's testimony—"Jesus has done so much for me. I love Him so! I am not going to marry. I want to serve Jesus in the Orphanage by helping to take care of my little brothers and sisters."

In an atmosphere of love and sacrifice these children are being brought up to love and serve the Lord. There are fifty-one children in all. The Orphanage is in need financially. Who will help to raise these children for the Lord? Six dollars a month will support one child, but any amount will be appreciated. Send all offerings to Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Department, designated for Stephany Orphanage.



In Brazil there are a number of large Assemblies which regularly have two to three thousand in attendance. At the present time the Assemblies of God of Brazil is the largest Protestant body in the country. Here is a view of the Assembly at Para, Brazil.

Relief to China

B. M. Kvamme, China

The present pitiful conditions in China, mainly because of civil war and inflation of the national currency, leads us to feel that something more definite in way of relief needs to be considered and speedy action taken in behalf of our suffering Chinese brethren.

Horrible reports come to us from the China field. The general condition of our Assemblies of God Christian workers and church

leaders seems indeed very pitiful. China is passing through the most critical time of her national history. A time of crisis well nigh unto famine conditions.

In territories ruled by the Chinese Communists, the Christians are suffering great persecution. Many Chinese Christian leaders have been murdered, among them a number of our Assemblies of God pastors both in North China and Manchuria. The horrible way of burying people alive has been the Communist's method of capital punishment. Of late, however, we have received shocking news of how Chinese pastors have suffered all manner of persecutions and deaths, some of them having been crucified.

Help for the starving, suffering persecuted people of China is an urgent matter, especially for our own brethren in the Lord. But how can we best help them at this time?

We can send good used clothing and bedding through our Assemblies of God Relief Agencies on the Pacific Coast directly to our own splendid Receiving Agencies in China. Such relief goods are being permitted into China free of customs duty, and are handled and distributed by our own Assemblies of God missionaries. While food stuff is greatly needed for the hungry masses, we feel that transportation and customs duty would make such commodities too high in price and, besides this, import license would be about impossible to obtain. It is therefore recommended that money be sent for the China field for relief purpose. Native products are obtainable. With the United States dollar exchanging for about \$500,000.00 Chinese national currency on the open market in China, our monetary donations would bring help to more people and with the kind of food they are used to eating.

All gifts of money should be sent to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo., designated for "China Relief."

Gospel Hall Torn Down

H. C. Ball

HUARAUCACA is the name of a little mining village located at an elevation of 14,000 feet in the high Andes mountains of Peru.

Its 300 inhabitants were given to all the vices of alcohol, the coca leaf, and every wicked device invented by Satan. Fights and jealousies prevailed in the little village in spite of the fact that the "religious fiestas" were very popular, in spite of the fact that religion did not seem to have any moral influence on the people. The administrator of the mine had but little control over the miners and often his men were too drunk to work.

But, in 1941 the gospel message was taken to Huarauca by a Peruvian Assembly of God preacher by the name of Geronimo Mal-



Irate Catholics bring pressure to bear upon administrator of the mining village of Huarauca, Peru to have this gospel hall torn down. It was the highest Assembly of God church in South America.

qui. The radiant gospel light began to shine in the hearts of some of those that had lived in darkness all their lives. A small group of "creyentes"—believers—whose lives were completely transformed held meetings regularly and the administrator and all the people of the little town took note of the change for the better.

This went on until 1946. By this time the administrator was convinced that the gospel was there to stay and was not just a passing fancy. He called the pastor of the group and informed him that since he had preached Christ, there was now "more respect, more morality and better compliance in their work on the part of the miners." He then offered the use of a building as a chapel and it was promptly prepared for divine services. The Roman Catholics were angry because of what the administrator was doing, but on July 28, 1946 the congregation met for the first time in the lovely little hall and dedicated it to the service of God.

Soon the opposition organized and began to work to destroy what had been done. In January of 1947 the administrator received official notification by the owner of the mine to tear down the building loaned the evangelicals. The administrator did his best to persuade the owner differently, and the Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Peru joined forces with him in an attempt to get the order rescinded. However, after several months of desperate attempts to prevail on the owners, the little hall was torn down.

The group is now meeting in private homes, since this is all they can do for the present. They still believe God to see the entire community converted and someday they hope to again have a chapel for services.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Discussion of missionary practices, plans and problems will be a major part of the missionary conference that will be held in Springfield, Missouri, June 9 to 11. The opening session will begin at nine o'clock, Wednesday morning, June 9.

All missionaries home on furlough are urged to attend. Reservations can be made by writing to the Foreign Missions Department.

NEWS FLASHES

F. G. Barker, of Lima, Peru, arrived in the States on May 3.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1948

Congo	\$ 3,584.44	Brazil	3,702.16
Dahomey	629.88	Chile	1,446.25
Egypt	5,403.42	Colombia	414.60
French Sudan	162.23	Paraguay	383.00
French Togo	158.00	Peru	2,695.00
Gold Coast	9,622.01	Uruguay	283.80
Ivory Coast	2,872.42	Venezuela	2,124.50
Liberia	3,319.94	British West Indies	2,420.67
Nigeria	2,678.44	Burma	527.00
Nyasaland	2,468.50	Fiji Islands	969.80
Sierra Leone	2,517.30	Hawaii	891.82
Tanganyika	623.25	Japan	1,292.90
Union of South Africa	1,550.57	Malaya	287.00
China	26,429.01	Netherlands East Indies	1,123.50
Ceylon	1,902.00	Philippine Islands	15,660.75
India	22,435.02	Samoa	196.10
Europe	3,774.04	Retired Missionaries	1,197.00
Palestine and Near East	1,723.39	Non-Council Missionaries	5,300.48
West Indies	14,485.58	Entertainment of Missionaries	878.73
Mexican Work in United States	494.32	General Transportation	4,339.60
Mexico	2,970.38	Miscellaneous	3,364.31
Central America	6,454.62		
Argentina	1,017.12		
Bolivia	756.00		
Total Disbursements	\$167,530.76		
Charged from Reserve	4,428.52		
Total Receipts	\$163,102.24		

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS APRIL, 1948

Alabama	895.80	Nebraska	2,648.08
Arizona	805.23	Nevada	59.90
Arkansas	2,432.29	New Hampshire	57.81
California	22,044.13	New Jersey	2,358.18
Colorado	3,414.31	New Mexico	729.91
Connecticut	919.63	New York	6,713.91
Delaware	534.35	North Carolina	188.27
District of Columbia	1,107.86	North Dakota	1,621.60
Florida	5,830.00	Ohio	12,547.97
Georgia	783.50	Oklahoma	8,994.04
German Branch	281.76	Oregon	7,396.63
Hungarian Branch	185.58	Pennsylvania	10,895.70
Idaho	1,325.40	Polish Branch	522.00
Illinois	6,120.38	Rhode Island	88.98
Indiana	2,493.56	South Carolina	138.78
Iowa	2,253.13	South Dakota	1,879.23
Kansas	4,662.26	Tennessee	488.93
Kentucky	438.17	Texas	21,673.16
Latin American Branch	128.45	Ukrainian Branch	123.07
Louisiana	596.12	Utah	13.56
Maine	214.17	Vermont	46.56
Maryland	1,127.04	Virginia	780.12
Massachusetts	1,078.59	Washington	13,995.01
Michigan	6,507.17	West Virginia	350.29
Minnesota	5,904.75	Wisconsin	4,298.70
Mississippi	417.68	Wyoming	566.52
Missouri	6,360.83	Alaska	73.39
Montana	2,216.29	Canada	643.33
		Foreign Legacies	875.93
		Miscellaneous	255.01
			14,011.21
Total Amount Reported	\$196,114.22		
District Fund	\$10,510.07		
Office Expense Fund	1,632.95		
Literature Expense Fund	2,872.29		
National Home Missions	101.14		
Given Direct to Missionaries	17,895.53		33,011.98
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	\$163,102.24		
Amount Received for Home Missions	10,454.85		

The Passing and the Permanent

ATHEISM IN MEXICO

Musical works of a religious nature have been banned from the curricula of all Mexican schools, and the wording of the Mexican national anthem has been changed in officially approved teaching materials so as to omit mention of God's name. Communistic influences are blamed for these unprecedented concessions to atheism.

CONVERTED CATHOLICS

The *Converted Catholic Magazine* tells the story of J. A. Fernandez and relates how he has been instrumental under God in leading a protege of Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen to Christ. We hear a great deal about people being converted to Catholicism, but very little is said about the much larger number who go the other way toward true spiritual liberty.

PRESBYTERIAN EVANGELISM

The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., is seeking to recruit 100,000 "personal evangelists" and train them for a three-year program by which they hope to enlist a million new members and start 300 new churches by 1950. They are encouraged by the report that 12,000 new members joined their church in the 5½-month period ending Feb. 15, 1948.

MORE PEOPLE, LESS FOOD

According to a recent United Nations report, there are 200 million more people in the world today than there were ten years ago, yet there is less food in the world today than there was ten years ago. As a result, many are starving in Asia and Europe. If you desire to help them, you may send an offering to the World Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo. marked "For Asian Relief" or "For European Relief."

BEAUTY HINTS

An ancient message, written by Tertullian to the Christian women of the third century, bears repeating for the benefit of the Christian women of today: "Let simplicity be to you for a lovely complexion, modesty a roseate bloom, and discretion the grace of your lips. Fix in your ears the words of God, and upon your neck the yoke of Christ. Array yourselves in the silk of sincerity and in the fine linen of a saintly life. With such adornments, God will be your Lover."

A TIP, NOT A TITHE

Personal incomes during 1947, reports the Commerce Department, increased twenty billion dollars to 197 billion dollars before taxes were deducted. This represents an average income of around \$1,400 per capita. And yet, the amount given to all philanthropies amounted to only a nickel a day. A tithe of the income (that is, one tenth) would amount to about 40 cents a day, but the amount given was only five cents, including all gifts to churches, charities, welfare agencies, and relief work at home and abroad. The American people are only giving a tip, not a tithe—and only a small portion of the tip has any connection with the work of the gospel.

THE COST OF INTOXICATION

In Chicago, Joseph Bortnyak, twenty-seven, kidnaped and murdered a three-year-old boy. The state's attorney called his crime "ferocious and fiendish." The public defender, however, pleaded that he should not die, because the state had proven "no motive for the crime other than intoxication," and so the jury gave the criminal life imprisonment.

Comments the *Free Methodist*: "The parents lost their child. The public pays the cost of the trial and the cost of taking care of the murderer for the rest of his life. But the liquor people get the profits. The magazines and newspapers get the blood money for the liquor ads."

Any business that makes it necessary for the public to care for its wreckage at public expense has no right to complain if the public undertakes the right to control it.

PRODUCING RAIN BY SCIENCE

Another method for making rain has been announced by Dr. Irving Langmuir, associate director of the General Electric Company. This new method does not require dry ice. Instead, an airplane pours water on the top of a cumulus cloud several thousand feet thick. This water, breaking into drops as it falls, gathers other drops from the cloud, which break up and gather other drops, and thus by a "chain reaction" they produce rainfall in considerable amounts. It is the old idea of "priming the pump" in a new application.

There is just one catch: the scientists are helpless when there are no clouds! So perhaps the old-fashioned method of getting rain is best, after all, which is simply to obey the Lord and trust in Him. Lev. 26:3,4. He is the One who sends rain. Jer. 5:24. He causes it to rain upon one city, and causes it not to rain upon another. Amos 4:7. The vanities of the Gentiles cannot cause rain. Jer. 14:22.

FLEEING FROM THE CITIES

"Declaring that the end of the world is approaching, and that cities will be destroyed first, Pastor Whitaker, a Seventh-day Adventist, and ten thousands of his followers, are fleeing from Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane." So reads a *Reuters* dispatch from Sydney, Australia. "The Bible indicates that the sands of time are running out fast," Pastor Whitaker says. "Great havoc will be wrought in the big cities. This could be from the atomic bomb, or it could be a prelude to the second coming of Christ—which is not far away, believe me."

We believe Christ will catch away His people before the vials of His wrath are poured upon the ungodly. But should He leave us on the earth long enough to taste the beginnings of His judgments, surely it is not for us to hide away by ourselves. We are the salt of the earth. The cities need our gospel testimony. The nearness of Christ's coming should not cause us to abandon the cities to evil, but should stir us to warn sinners to flee from the wrath to come—not by fleeing into the country, but by fleeing to Christ for forgiveness and by dwelling in the secret place of the Most High.

TOO HIGH A PRICE

An English journalist, describing New York City, said: "The price for land is too high for the construction of ordinary buildings. Small areas are bought at enormous prices, and buildings are reared upon them which reach hundreds of feet into the skies. It is the only way the enormous price of the foundation can be balanced."

To this the *Expositor* adds: "The price paid for the redemption of man is too high for the rearing of ordinary lives. Jesus in Gethsemane, Jesus before His accusers, Jesus on the cross—this is too enormous a price for anything less than lives of spiritual stature, reaching like shafts of light into the skies."

A LETTER FROM FRANCE

Donald Gee was speaker at the convention of the Assemblies of God in France last month. Writing from the Riviera in the south of France, under date of April 17, he says:

"We had about 800 in the Toulon Convention. I greatly enjoyed meeting the French pastors again, and having ministerial talks and conferences. David du Plessis was there, and also John Lindvall, from Basel. I much appreciated a helpful drive in a Speed-the-Light car from Toulon to Marseilles. Thank you, Christ's Ambassadors!

"I found a fine work in Marseilles, in a good hall, under Brother Burki. My hostess was headmistress of a very large Girls' High School (1500)—highly educated, but delighting in Pentecost. At Cannes we have taken over the old Scots Presbyterian Church. It was well filled with splendid people. Here in Nice the Assembly of God has taken over the old Church of England edifice. It was filled yesterday. The pastor is A. Thomas Bres. Surely Douglas Scott did a great work for God in France. All this was founded through his ministry. I hear he hopes to open in Bordeaux soon. It is wonderful to see the hands raised for Christ in every meeting."

THE REVERSAL ON PALESTINE

Agnes Scott Kent, writing in *Evangelical Christian*, expresses great joy over the reversal of America's policy regarding Palestine. She points out that in Joel 3:2 God warns that His judgments will fall on "all nations" who have "parted my land." She says:

"We believe there has been, very clearly, divine intervention in the U. N. vote to part the land between the Jews and Arabs—the land of Abrahamic covenant, which God's Word declares repeatedly and unequivocally is for the Jews. *The son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.*

"The United States was definitely committed to the full implementation of the Balfour Declaration, to the rescinding of the 1939 White Paper and to unrestricted Jewish immigration. Less than two years ago President Truman, endorsed by Congress, urged immediate admission to Palestine of 100,000 homeless Jews from Europe. Then followed the sad tale of Arab appeasement and governmental vacillation, culminating finally in the astounding link-up with Russia on the side of partition.

"Thus the present action of the United States may prove to be—not a reversal *against* the Jews, as they so sadly believe, but a reversal to America's original position of supporting their claim to their divinely promised undivided homeland. God grant it!"

BARTLETT PETERSON TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE

Under the good hand of our God, Central Bible Institute has enjoyed a phenomenal growth through the years. Many godly men and women have contributed to its growth and development, through their faithful labors as officers and members of the faculty and staff.

The Executive Presbytery of the General Council has been recognized from the beginning as the Directorate of C. B. I. The late D. W. Kerr was called to Springfield to open the school in 1922, and upon his resignation as Principal in 1923 he was followed by Frank M. Boyd. Brother Boyd served in that capacity until 1929, when he was succeeded by W. I. Evans, who still continues to serve as Principal and Dean. Since the establishment of Central Bible Institute in 1922, there have been five Presidents, beginning with the late E. N. Bell, who was followed by W. T. Gaston, now Superintendent of the Northern California-Nevada District. Each of these brethren was appointed to this po-



Bartlett Peterson

sition by virtue of his election to the office of General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God. The late J. W. Welch was chosen president at the 1931 General Council and served as such until about a year before his demise in 1939. Ernest S. Williams, our present General Superintendent, has served as President for the past ten years.

With the addition of a fourth-year course and the expected increase in enrollment during the coming year, Brother Williams feels that the pressure of his many other duties will prevent him from giving adequate attention to the presidency of the school. He therefore requested that a full-time President be appointed to take His place. In accordance with Brother Williams' desire, the Executive Presbytery unanimously extended the invitation to Bartlett Peterson, Superintendent of the North Central District, to become full-time President of Central Bible Institute. After prayerful consideration Brother Peterson has accepted this invitation. Brother Peterson has been an ordained minister of the General Council for the past twenty-one years and has had varied and successful ministry as pastor, evangelist, district official, and teacher.

The present faculty and staff will remain practically intact during the coming year. Brother Evans will continue his present ministry as Dean of the school. T. I. Montgomery will be Registrar. Glenn A. Reed will be Dean of Men, and Mrs. Eleanor ("Mother") Bowie will remain as Dean of Women. A number of excellent teachers will be added to the faculty, including J. R. Flower, Frank M. Boyd, Robert W. Cummings, J. Robert Ashcroft, C. C. Burnett, T. Stanley Horton, Dorris Trigg, and others.

Strengthened by these new teachers and by the services of Brother Peterson, Central Bible Institute will continue to play an important part in the advancement of the kingdom of God and in the progress of the Assemblies of God. Let us pray that many times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, as the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out upon the student body as in the years gone by.

A MOVE FOR PENTECOSTAL FELLOWSHIP HISTORIC MEETING AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Taking advantage of the Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals which met in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill., May 4-6, twenty-four leading representatives of eight Pentecostal organizations met together to explore the possibilities of a closer bond of fellowship and cooperation among brethren of Pentecostal faith. The organizations represented were The Pentecostal Holiness Church, The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), The International Church of the Four Square Gospel, The Open Bible Standard Churches, The International Pentecostal Assemblies, The Assemblies of God, Elim Missionary Assemblies, and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

There seems to be a genuine purpose on the part of all to seek means of unity and cooperation, and especially spiritual fellowship for all Pentecostal believers. The N. A. E. was cited as an example of what could be accomplished by united effort, and the opinion was expressed that the Pentecostal organizations have much more in common than many of the denominations which are members of the N. E. A.

Another reason for united effort of Pentecostal groups is the great need of cooperative effort in foreign fields, and especially in Europe. Cooperation in the opening and maintaining of missionary receiving homes, schools for children of missionaries, relief agencies, etc. would be both desirable and profitable. As these needs were expressed there was a general response from all present and the decision was made to pursue further the possibilities of a closer bond of fellowship.—J. Roswell Flower.

HISTORICAL DATA WANTED

Early periodicals which will give some details of the early history of the Pentecostal Movement are wanted: such as the early issues of *The Apostolic Faith*, *The Pentecostal Testimony*, *The Latter-Rain Evangel* and other periodicals of 1906 to 1914. We are compiling a historical library and will appreciate any contributions you may be able to send to J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.

CHILDREN'S HOME TO BE DEDICATED IN ILLINOIS, JUNE 19

The Children's Home of Illinois will be dedicated to the service of God on Saturday, June 19, with a basket dinner at noon and a service at 2:30 p.m. The Illinois District Superintendent, W. R. Williamson, will be in charge of the dedication service.

The Home will be open to visitors throughout the day, and all are invited to come and see what a comfortable "Home for Homeless Children" the Lord has given us. It is located on Highway 159 at Maryville, Illinois. Since being purchased last December, the Home has been completely re-decorated and is now ready for occupancy. It is a beautiful nine-room brick house, located only one block from public school and from an Assembly of God church. Being situated on a thirty-acre tract of land, there is plenty of room for recreation and expansion. The entire property, including the Home and another six-room house and other buildings, on thirty acres of land, was purchased for \$27,500 on which sum there is an indebtedness of only \$5,000.

Mrs. Nettie Kaiser is the Superintendent of the Home, and applicants should address their letters to her at Maryville, Illinois.

THE WORLD TO COME

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THE CHURCH SHARES CHRIST'S GLORY

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." Daniel 12:2, 3.

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matt. 13:43.

"That we may be also glorified together" with Christ. Rom. 8:17. "The glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

"Conformed to the image of his Son." Rom. 8:29. "We shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15:49. "This mortal must put on immortality." 1 Cor. 15:53. Our bodies shall "be fashioned like unto his body of glory." Phil. 3:21.

"Ye shall also appear with him in glory." Col. 3:4. "He shall come to be glorified in his saints." 2 Thess. 1:10. "We shall be like him." 1 John 3:2.

THE CHURCH SHARES CHRIST'S DOMINION

"The saints of the high places shall take the kingdom." Dan. 7:9-27.

"Ye shall sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Matt. 19:28.

"Sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." Luke 22:28-30. "The saints shall judge the world." 1 Cor. 6:2. "We shall judge angels." 1 Cor. 6:3.

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." 2 Tim. 2:12.

"The Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment." Jude 14, 15.

"To him will I give power over the nations, and he shall rule them." Rev. 2:26-27.

"To sit with me in my throne." Rev. 3:21. "We shall reign with him on the earth." Rev. 5:10. "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20:4-6.

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KINGDOM

Satan will be chained and imprisoned in the abyss for a thousand years. Rev. 20:1-3; Isa. 24:21-23.

Wicked spirits will be powerless to influence mankind for this period. Eph. 6:12; 2:1-3; Luke 13:16.

Creation's bondage will cease, its groan will be hushed, and it will enjoy the liberty of the glory of the children of God. Rom. 8:19-22.

Wars will cease entirely. Psalm 46:8-10; Isa. 2:1-4.

Wild beasts will be tamed and dwell with domestic ones. Isa. 65:25.

Peace will be made between beasts and mankind. Isa. 11:6-9.

LIFE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY SECURE:

Men will be able to sleep in the woods. Ezek. 34:24-26.

Jerusalem will dwell safely. Zech. 14:11.

Every man under the vine, and under the fig tree. Zech. 3:10.

Covenant with the beasts of the field—lie down safely. Hosea 2:18.

None will make them afraid. Micah 4:4.

Peace, quietness and assurance forever. Isa. 32:17.

A peaceable habitation, sure dwellings, quiet resting places. Isa. 32:18.

The desert will blossom as the rose. Isa. 35.

The wilderness will be a fruitful field. Isa. 32:15.

The wilderness will be a pool of water; the dry land will be springs of water. Isa. 41:18-20.

The wilderness will be like Eden. Isa. 51:3. Instead of the thorn, the fir tree, etc. Isa. 55:13.

The Mount of Olives will be rent, and a new waterway will flow southward. Zech. 14:4-8; Ezek. 47:8.

This water will heal the Dead Sea bitterness. Ezek. 47:9-12; Isa. 35.

Tongue of Red Sea and Nile Delta will be dried up. Isa. 11:15-16 and 27:12.

Premature death will be unknown. Isa. 65:20.

Commercial activity will be to the glory of God. Zech. 14:20, 21.

Governmental principles will be righteous. Amos 9:11-14; Isa. 11:1-4.

The land of Israel will be enlarged to some 300,000 square miles. Ezekiel 45 to 48.

Jerusalem will be lifted up, and be 36-37 miles in circumference (about 5 times larger than ancient Jerusalem).

The Lord's house will be established in the top of the mountains, and exalted above the hills. Isa. 2:1-3.

Jerusalem will be lifted up. Zech. 14:4-10.

A river will flow from the Temple. Ezek. 47:1, 2.

A fountain will come forth from the house of Jehovah. Joel 3:18; Psalm 46:4.

ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS

Israel will be regathered from all lands. Isa. 11:11, 12; 43:5, 6.

Israel's iniquity will be removed in one day, and the people will be reborn. Zech. 3:9; Isa. 46:8-13.

Israel's iniquity will be cleansed in the opened fountain. Zech. 13:1, 2.

Israel will enjoy the blessings of the New Covenant. Jer. 31:31-34.

All Israel, who are spared through "Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7), will be saved. Rom. 11:26.

Israel will confess: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53:6.

Israel will then look upon Him whom they pierced. Zech. 12:10.

Israel will be all righteous. Isa. 45:24, 25; 61:3, 10.

Israel will be happy. Psalm 144:15.

Israel will find Christ's resting-place glorious. Isa. 11:10.

Israel, with joy, will draw out of the wells of salvation. Isa. 12:3.

Israel will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Isa. 61:6; Exodus 19:6; Ezekiel 45 to 48.

Israel will be a channel of blessing to the whole world. "Life from the dead." Rom. 11:12, 15. "Thy saving health among all the nations." Psalm 67. "Sons of strangers shall join themselves to Jehovah." Isa. 56:6. "Mine house—a house of prayer for all peoples." Isa. 56:7. "I will send them to the nations that have not heard my fame; and they shall declare my glory among the nations." Isa. 66:19.

"Many nations shall be joined to Jehovah in that day." Zech. 2:10, 11.

Egypt and Assyria will be blessed with Israel. Isa. 19:21-25.

Sodom will be restored to her former estate. Ezek. 16:53-55. Compare 47:9-12.

JERUSALEM AND THE NATIONS

The glory (of God's personal presence) returns to Jerusalem. Isa. 30:26; Ezek. 11:22, 23; 43:1-5.

The kingdom will come to the daughter of Jerusalem. Micah 4:8.

Upon all the glory will be a marriage canopy. Isa. 4:5, 6.

Jerusalem will be the world metropolis. Ezek. 5:5.

Jacob and all nations will walk in its light. Isa. 2:1-5.

The nations will run to Jerusalem for blessing. Isa. 55:5.

Innumerable Gentiles will cleave to Jews and go to Jerusalem for blessing. Zech. 8:20-23.

The saved nations will keep the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. Zech. 14:16-19.

Watchmen on the walls of rebuilt Jerusalem will take no rest day or night welcoming worldwide visitors. Isa. 62:6. Compare, "thy walls are continually before me." Isa. 49:16.

THE TEMPLE WILL BE REBUILT

"Build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness." Psalm 51:18, 19.

"Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar." Psalm 118:27.

"Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar." Isa. 56:6, 7.

"Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually." Jer. 33:18.

"In my holy mountain will I require your

offerings, and accept your sweet savour." Ezek. 20:40, 41. Also chapters 40 to 48.

"Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto Jehovah as in the days of old, and as in former years." Mal. 3:4.

THE CITY OF JERUSALEM

Jerusalem will be holy. Joel 3:17.

Tenure of the city will be permanent. Jer. 31:38-40; Joel 3:20; Amos 9:14, 15; Zech. 14:20, 21.

Streets of city full of boys and girls playing therein. Isa. 11:8; Zech. 8:5. Streets full of old men and women. Zech. 8:4; Isa. 65:20.

Jerusalem will be renamed: The beloved city. Rev. 20:9. The city of our God. Ps. 48:1-8. The city of Jehovah. Isa. 60:14. The city of Jehovah of hosts. Psalm 48:8. The city of the Great King. Psalm 48:2. The city of righteousness. Isa. 1:26. The city of truth. Zech. 8:3. The holy mountain. Zech. 8:3; Jer. 31:23; Psalm 2:6; 48:1. "Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken. Isa. 62:2, 3, 4, 12. The habitation of justice. Jer. 31:23. The throne of Jehovah. Jer. 3:17. Jehovah Our Righteousness. Jer. 33:16. Jehovah is there. Ezek. 48:35.

Thy kingdom come! Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

WANDERING THOUGHTS

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refuse to be conquered, it is wiser to read the Bible, either sitting or kneeling. This holds the mind upon sacred things. How often the Holy Spirit speaks in the inspired Word, and one supreme purpose of waiting upon God is achieved thus in hearing Him speak.

There are many prayers given by the Holy Spirit recorded in the Word of God. Some people have found it helpful to copy these prayers into a notebook, and use these as an aid to their devotions. The Psalms are full alike with prayers and praises. Thanksgiving should always be given a large place in our devotions.

Perhaps it remains to be said that the value of times of waiting upon God cannot be measured only by conscious blessing, or sensibility of the Divine Presence. Even if the quiet time seems marred by restlessly busy thoughts it still is well worth cultivating. Planning is more likely to be God-directed in such circumstances; active thinking can broaden into calmer meditation; and sacred musing can engender the burning heart. Whatever our personal problems and difficulties may prove to be in practice, nothing can change the certainty of the grand old promise, that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Much more could be written by those more competent to do so, but with deepened emphasis we humbly repeat the words of the Psalmist: "Wait, I say, on the Lord."

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FIRE DESTROYS CHILDREN'S HOME DORMITORY

Tragedy claimed a heavy toll the night of April 28 when fire swept through one of the buildings of the Children's Farm Home at Palmer, Alaska. No lives were lost, but the building was completely destroyed. Brother Cather describes the disaster as follows:

"I lighted the oil stove in the basement of the dormitory, turned it low, and went back into the house. After our family altar service, I went down again and found the building a mass of flames, both upstairs and down. The double sealed walls prevented the smoke from attracting our attention until I opened the basement door, and then it seemed almost like an explosion. I lost some hair, eyebrows, and a little skin, but suffered no serious injury.

"We got out the hose and tried to cool down the terrific heat, but to no avail, so we turned our attention to saving the other house. The wind was against us so we had a hard fight. Bert (our own boy) and I were fighting the fire while others were caring for the children and getting some of the things out of the house. I was getting some bad steam burns, and the fire was getting beyond control; so I called to Bert to give it up, and I went inside to help get things out.

"Bert, however, remained outside to fight the fire, spraying water on the building and then on himself. About that time the dormitory collapsed into the basement, and Bert succeeded in getting the fire under control. I don't see how he endured the heat as he did. The fire made a clean sweep. There was no chance to save anything. Inez (one of our workers) and nine children lived in that dormitory, and had most of their possessions there.

"We cleaned up the mess Saturday and started laying blocks for the living room above the basement of the main house instead of trying to rebuild the dormitory at present. We hope to get this new part of the big house finished this summer. At present the children are crowded into such space as we have, and some are sleeping in the basement under the old part of the house. We were able to borrow some cots and mattresses until we can replace the ones we lost in the fire."

CLOTHING NOT NEEDED

Brother Cather mentions that the children's clothing was saved, and the storage room containing surplus clothing was not burned, so clothing is not needed; and with the limited storage space, he would prefer not to receive boxes of clothing for some time to come. Likewise, they have a good supply of bedding.

The urgent need at the home is funds to replace the beds and mattresses, and to build on

to the present house, in order to make space for these homeless children who look to Brother and Sister Cather to provide a home for them. We will be glad to forward all offerings sent to us to rebuild and refurnish the Children's Farm Home at Palmer, Alaska.

GREAT DEAF MUTE CONVENTION

The Second Biennial Christian Fellowship Convention will meet at Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, June 9 to 13, 1948. This convention is a gathering of all Christian deaf people regardless of denomination for the purpose of fellowship among the deaf Christians themselves. The convention will elect officers to preside over the fellowship for the ensuing two years.

Each church and Sunday School class among the deaf in America is invited to send their preacher, teacher, and one delegate. Groups of more than 50 may send two delegates. Each delegate must bring proof of his appointment. The Executive Council of the fellowship reserves the right to deny the convention floor to any who fail to meet the requirements of a Bible Christian.

The cost of the convention will be \$12.00 per person for room and board. Accommodations will be the same as afforded students—comfortable beds in rooms, and cafeteria style meals. Absolutely no smoking will be allowed on the grounds nor conduct unbecoming a Christian. We are sure you will enjoy the Christian fellowship of this convention. "Come with us and we will do thee good." Numbers 10:29.

All who plan to attend this convention should notify Evangelist Fern Rolfe, 1215 Laird Street, Akron, Ohio, for reservations. We can accommodate about 500, but it is possible that you may not obtain a room if you do not make reservations in advance. Begin making your plans now to come.

REGIONAL INDIAN CONVENTION

A great gathering of Indians and missionaries working among the Indians will convene at Hoodsport, Washington, June 17 to 21, 1948. Morning sessions will be given to considering the future and expansion of the work among the Indians. Afternoons and evenings will be great fellowship meetings, with messages from the Word of God. All Indians are invited to attend, and we trust that many will find Christ as their Savior.

For particulars about entertainment, write to Cecil F. Henderson, Hoodsport, Washington.

A TROPHY FROM NOME

A few weeks ago we reported the recent revival at Nome, Alaska, and make particular mention of an Eskimo by the name of Tom Morris, who was gloriously saved during the meeting. We believe our friends will rejoice to know that Tom Morris is still going on with God, has been filled with the Holy Spirit, and plans to enter Central Bible Institute this fall if he can arrange his financial matters.

At a recent Friday night service at the church an elderly Eskimo couple attended who could neither speak nor understand English, so Tom was asked to testify to them in the Eskimo language. Tom is said to know every dialect of the Eskimos from the Nome region to Point Barrow.

After he talked to them for about fifteen minutes, the Eskimo woman knelt down right in the middle of the floor and poured out her heart

to God. We are very much encouraged in the work in Nome. For the past several weeks some have been kneeling at the altar for salvation nearly every Sunday evening. Remember to pray for all of Alaska.

Among the Assemblies

CHICO, CALIF.—We recently closed a 4-week revival campaign with the Washington Evangelistic Party. A goodly number were saved and large crowds attended the meetings night after night. All departments of the assembly were greatly edified. The Sunday School attendance reached the high marks of 340 and 402. The Washingtons are devoted workers for the Lord.—E. Wm. Anderson, Pastor.

KELSO, WASH.—We have just concluded a 7-week revival meeting with Evangelist Ralph I. Cranston. There were well over 100 at the altar for salvation, and about 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The attendance never went below 300 any night of the campaign. There were many outstanding healings. The Sunday School attendance reached a new high of 501.

We were enjoying a wonderful visitation from the Lord before the special meetings started. For over four months souls were saved in every Sunday service and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.—J. S. Manchester, Pastor.

GLADEWATER, TEXAS—The Lord has given us a very successful revival meeting, in which 67 were saved and 34 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Evangelists Roy and Benny Sapp, 17 and 19 years of age respectively, came to us from the West Texas District. Since the revival closed, 3 have been saved in our regular services.

We have been here 9 months, and our Sunday School attendance has grown from 60 to an average of 143. God is doing great things for us, "whereof we are glad." Council ministers passing this way will find a hearty welcome.—C. U. McMullen, Pastor.

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SAN PEDRO, CALIF.—We recently closed a 3-week series of meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Kauffman of Toronto, Canada. Our brother's ministry was greatly appreciated by the people. The crowds increased from night to night, and the blessing of God was evident. The singing of Sister Kauffman was a definite contribution to the success of the meeting.—**Ralph I. Salzman, Pastor.**

GARDENA, CALIF.—The First Assembly of God has just closed a 4-week revival meeting with Evangelist Robert Perryman of Los Angeles. At least 10 or 15 were saved or reclaimed, and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Many others were refilled and the whole church was blessed. Several saw visions. Many testified to having been healed by the power of God. All-night prayer meetings, one night a week, had been going on for two months.—**T. Chas. Gameson, Pastor.**

REPORT FROM NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

JAMESTOWN, N. DAK.—The North Dakota District wishes to express its gratitude to God for His wonderful blessings and mercies. During the past several months, many good reports of revivals have been received—reports of souls being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit. In the town of New England, a new field, about 50 were saved in one meeting; since then, several have been filled with the Spirit.

Two Ministers' Institutes were held last winter. These were well attended and proved to be times of real instruction and benefit. Dr. J. E. Purdie, Principal of Western Bible College, Winnipeg, Canada, was our instructor, and his rich teaching ministry was a blessing. Brother Purdie stays close to the Word of God, and allows the Holy Spirit to have His way. We believe there is great need, today, of a deeply spiritual teaching ministry, and this we found in our brother's work among us.

In spite of a real cold wave, a successful Sunday School Conference was held, attended by ministers and Sunday School workers from three States. Bert Webb, Superintendent of the Southern Missouri District, was our speaker. His messages and teaching relative to Sunday School work proved a real blessing, also his emphasis on the need of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We are now looking forward to our Camp Meeting, with Wm. Andrews of Seattle and G. F. Lewis as our special speakers. Fred Henry, the blind pianist, and Sister Henry will be with us, as well as missionaries and others. We hope to have our new camp buildings ready for use this year.—**Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.**

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—This is to report Okmulgee's great outpouring of the Spirit in the revival conducted by Evangelist Oral Roberts of Tulsa during three weeks in February. The meeting was sponsored by four Pentecostal churches. From the opening service to the last, there was perfect fellowship between the churches and the Lord performed signs and wonders through our brother's ministry. The only building in the city large enough was the Armory, and even it was too small. Brother Roberts brought 1,500 of his new steel folding chairs and bought four big gas stoves to heat the building. The second Sunday we could not seat all the people, as 1,700 crowded in for the service.

The power of God to save and to heal was manifest. More than 300 unsaved men and women came forward, knelt, and prayed through to old-time salvation. Many of these sought and received deeper experiences. Some were called to preach others were led into a greater ministry. Our churches were greatly revived.

There were many notable healings among the deaf, blind, and crippled; many were healed instantly of tuberculosis, cancer, sugar diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, ulcers, and other diseases. Our brother's remarkable spirit of discernment caused many people to see that they needed healing for minds and soul before receiving healing in their bodies. Many were healed of ulcers after Brother Roberts had commanded nerves to be at peace and burdens to be lifted.

More than 100 people came forward to be set free from the tobacco habit, and they found God's power sufficient to cleanse them from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. Brother Robert's ministry is one of deliverance for soul, mind, and body. The meeting stirred this entire area. It was and still is the talk of the city. New people are coming to our churches as a result of this meeting.—**Douglas J. Friesen, Pastor, Revival Tabernacle.**

SEASIDE, CALIF.—I wish to report a good revival in January with the Rosenquist Evangelistic Party. A goodly number were at the altar for salvation and a young sailor received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The Sectional Fellowship meeting was held at the church during this revival, and in the evening service the house was packed out. The presence of the Lord was with us and we had a wonderful time of fellowship.—**Carroll J. Hodges, Pastor.**

MONTROSE, ARK.—We are glad to report victory at the New Bethel Assembly, located on Highway 82, between Montrose and Lake Village, Ark. We have just closed a glorious revival meeting with Evangelists Margaret Vann and Frances Moss. During the two weeks, 17 prayed through to old-time salvation, and our Sunday School attendance broke all previous records, there being 110 present on March 21st and 114 on March 28th. We are greatly encouraged to press on.—**Albert S. Horton, Pastor.**

DANTE, VA.—We came here eight months ago and found a group of saints hungry for God and willing to work for Him. Then the Donald Walkers came to us for a good revival, and the blessing of the Lord was upon each service. In February we were able to buy a parsonage, and now, two months later, it is almost half paid for.

On April 15 we closed a very successful revival campaign with Evangelist E. Clifton Worley of Sidonia, Tenn. Every service was marked with the power of God. Several were saved and filled with the Spirit. Miraculous healings took place. A woman who had been bedfast for nine months and had undergone an operation for cancer but was no better, was brought to church, anointed and prayed for. She was healed and was able to walk home. Since her healing, her husband has been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

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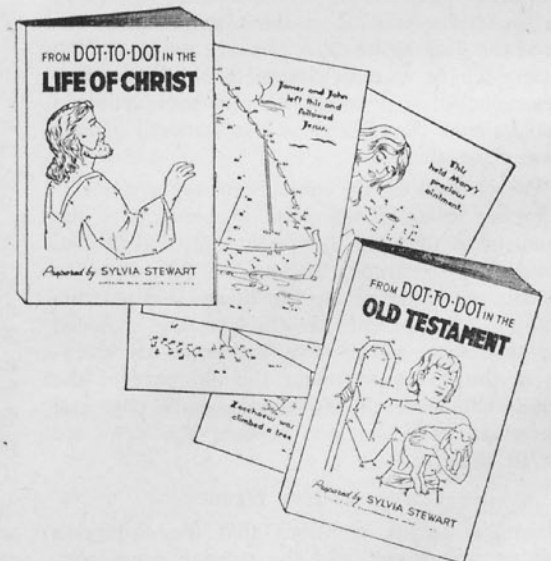
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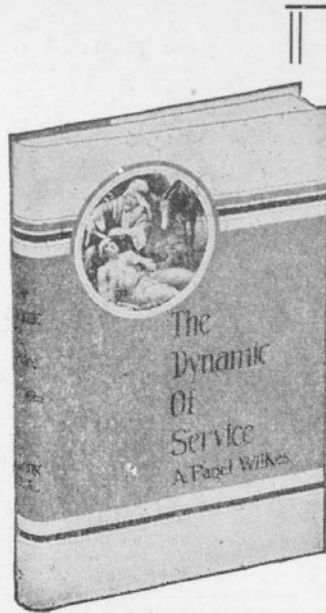
EAKLY, OKLA.—Since the first of the year, when we were called to this assembly as pastor, we have seen the mighty hand of God move in every department of the church. Our Sunday School attendance was averaging only 60 in January, but in March it had climbed to 119, and this month it has reached 169. This is the third church building that has been built on this corner, the other two having been destroyed by fire. Today, we have an \$8,000 building with less than \$500 against it. This has been accomplished in the last four years. The population of this town is less than 300 and we feel that the hand of God has been with us.

We recently had a revival meeting with Evangelist Luella Masterson and her coworker, Nellie Jackson, of the Illinois District. In this meeting, 25 were saved, 21 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, 20 united with the church; and I baptized 35 in water. The spiritual tide is still rising in our midst.—U. E. Hopkins, Pastor.

PASCAGOULA, MISS.—We have much to praise God for at the beginning of our fourth year of ministry here. During the past year the following forceful and Spirit-filled evangelists have done much for our church: T. H. Spence, W. M. Stevens, Paul and Lura Grubb, the Hundley Trio, and Olen E. Brown.

With the ending of the recent war and the declension in shipyard activities many feared that this lovely church would have to cease its work for God. However, God seems to have ordained that it shall remain a strong lighthouse. A few weeks ago, another church near by was forced to close its doors because the majority of its members had moved away, yet God has permitted us to go forward with the gospel light.

We thank God for the part the Pentecostal Evangel has played in soul-winning here. We use tract boxes, and Evangels not taken from our box in the church are placed in boxes down town. Our tract man tells us that the Evangels are the most sought after of any gospel literature.—Harvey L. Smith, Pastor.



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SUNNYSIDE, UTAH—May 25—June 6; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris, Fort Morgan, Colo.—Lee Francis, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—Bethel Temple, Palm at Jefferson; May 30, for 2 weeks; E. L. Hance, Evangelist.—Henry Hoar, Pastor.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Bethel Full Gospel Church, N. Goodman at Ripley, June 6—; O. L. Jagers, Evangelist.—Charles R. Shuss, Pastor.

SIKESTON, MO.—First Assembly of God; June 6, for 2 weeks or longer; George Hayes, Houston, Texas, Evangelist.—Gayle Jackson, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle, 2715 North Ave.; June 6, for 3 weeks or longer; Wm. Stevens, Evangelist.—Loren D. Doss, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—Masonic Temple, June 6—27; E. L. Slavens of Kansas City, Kansas, Evangelist.—C. M. Johnson, Pastor.

TRACY, CALIF.—Assembly of God, May 30—; Morris Lefkowitz, Christian Jewish Evangelist, and Mrs. Lefkowitz, of Chicago.—L. A. Lawrence, Pastor.

HAYWARD, CALIF.—Northern California Conference, Latin-American District Council, Templo la Cruz, Silva and Thomas Sts., June 14—15.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

ARANSAS PASS, TEXAS—June 6—20; Charles Elmo Robinson, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Robert Willis, Pastor.

WEST MONROE, LA.—Monroe and West Monroe, La., C. A. Missionary Rally, Northeast Section, Assembly of God, West Monroe, May 31. E. L. Tanner, Pastor. The Gospel Trio Mission to Mexico, Eduardo Gomez, Herman Line, and Isaias Gonzalez, guest speakers.—D. E. Stroud, C. A. Representative.

NORTHWEST BIBLE INSTITUTE AND SEMINARY

Commencement Exercises of the Northwest Bible Institute and Seminary, Seattle, Wash.: Baccalaureate Service in Hollywood Temple, Sunday, May 30, 7:30 p.m.; W. E. McAlister, Vancouver, B. C., speaker. Class Promotion night, Tuesday, June 1, 7:45 p.m. Graduation Exercises, Wednesday, June 2, 8 p.m., at Roosevelt High School, East 66th and 15th N.E.—Henry H. Ness, Principal.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Eastern Convention, Latin American District Council, 63 E. 109th St., May 31—June 1—3.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

METROPOLITAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

Metropolitan Bible Institute, Broadway and Summer Sts., Paterson, N. J. Commencement exercises, 7:30 p.m., June 7. Annual Alumni dinner and meeting, 2 to 5 p.m., June 7.—Nicholas Nickoloff, Principal.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Church Dedication, Trinity Gospel Tabernacle, Ave. 57 and Monte Vista, W car, May 30. Services and speakers: 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Stanley H. Frodsham, Editor of Pentecostal Evangel; 2:30 p.m., District Superintendent Floyd C. Woodworth. Then special services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., except Monday and Saturday, until June 13; Stanley H. Frodsham, speaker.—E. Jeannette Jones and Zelma Argue, Copastors.

KANSAS C. A. CONVENTION

A special called Christ's Ambassadors Convention of the Kansas District Council will convene with evening service, May 31, and continue June 1—2, at Convention Hall, Hutchinson, Kansas. Important business will be the election of officers: C. A. President and Vice President. Special out-of-state speakers.—Everette Ewing, C. A. President, now pastor at Coffeyville Assembly.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Sixth Annual South Carolina District Council will convene at the First Assembly, Greenville, S. C., June 21—23. Opening service, 7:30 p.m., June 21. General Treasurer Wilfred A. Brown, guest speaker. For further information write C. L. Duck, Host Pastor, 2717 Buncombe Road, Greenville, S. C., or H. T. Walker, District Secretary, Box 244, Georgetown, S. C.—J. C. Hunnicutt, District Superintendent.

EASTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Thirty-second Annual Eastern District Council will convene in Scranton, Pa., June 8—10. All services and business sessions will be held in the Asbury Methodist Church, Monsey Ave. and Delaware St. O. L. Harrup, Superintendent of Potomac District, evening speaker. For accommodations write host pastor, F. F. Reidenbach, 825 Green Ridge St., Scranton, Pa.—A. T. Smith, District Secretary.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—Southwest Sectional Council, Tennessee District, Central Assembly of God, Manassas and Looney Sts., June 8. All officers of the Section will be elected. All ministers and one delegate from each church will be the voting constituency. W. G. White, District Superintendent, will preside.—Paul J. McKeel, Presbyter.

SOUTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

South Florida District Camp Meeting, Lake Bonny Bible Camp Grounds, Lakeland Fla., June 15—25, Wm. E. Long of California, Camp Evangelist and Bible Teacher. Services in newly constructed Tabernacle. For further information or reservations contact J. W. Collins, District Secretary, P. O. Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

POLISH BRANCH COUNCIL

The 14th Annual Meeting of the Polish Branch Council will convene at the Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, 2 Atlantic St., South Boston, Mass., May 28—29. Business sessions daily, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Special speakers will take part in the devotionals and evening services. For accommodations write John Nykiel, 2 Atlantic St., South Boston, Mass.—S. Theodore Wojciechowski, Branch Secretary, 77 W. 23rd St., Bayonne, N. J.

SOUTH-EASTERN BIBLE INSTITUTE

South-Eastern Bible Institute Graduation and Directors' Meeting: On May 28—29, twenty-seven Directors, representing nine Districts, will meet at Lakeland, Fla., for a Directors' Meeting. The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Noel Perkin, Sunday night, May 30, in the City Auditorium, Lakeland. Arthur Graves is President of South-Eastern Bible Institute.—Marvin L. Smith, Secretary, South-Eastern Bible Institute.

MISSISSIPPI SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Mississippi Sectional Councils: Southern Section, Oak St. Assembly, Biloxi, June 7. South Central Section, Stonewall, June 8. Central Section, 8th St., Meridian, June 9. Northwest Section, Greenville, June 10. Northeast Section, Aberdeen, June 11. First service, 10 a.m. Exhorter and License credentials issued and renewed at these Sectional Councils. The Sectional Presbyter will be elected also.—Jeff. Gibbs, District Superintendent.

Space for address or church announcement

CENTRAL BIBLE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Central Bible Institute will honor its 24th Graduating Class at Commencement Exercises, 7 p. m., Monday, May 31. Baccalaureate Service, 2 p. m., Sunday, May 30; Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer of the Assemblies of God, Speaker. Both services in Auditorium on C. B. I. Campus.

C. B. I. ALUMNI MEETINGS

C. B. I.—Bethel Alumni will gather at Central Bible Institute, Commencement week-end, May 29-31. Fellowship supper, Saturday, 5:30 p. m., in dining hall. Alumni chapel service, Monday 8 a. m., followed by annual business meeting of Alumni Association. Alumni desiring rooms should write to Mrs. R. N. Tuck, Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri.

NEW ENGLAND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

The New England District Council announces the opening of its District Bible School, The New England Theological Institute, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass., October 1, with registration October 2 at 10 a. m.

The school will be open to first year students only, offering a one-year Terminal Course or the first year of a three-year Bible Institute course. A well qualified faculty and staff will operate the school under the supervision of the District.

Enrollment is limited. All applications and requests for further information should be addressed to Registrar, New England Theological Institute, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING

First Annual Georgia District Camp Meeting, District Camp Ground, Jenkinsburg, Ga., 4 miles from Jackson on State Highway 42, June 8-18. If coming by bus or train, buy ticket to Jenkinsburg. Fifteenth Annual Georgia District Council June 16-18. E. W. Bethany of Columbus, Camp Bible Teacher; John B. McIntosh of Nashville, Tenn., Camp Evangelist. Five services daily. Local and visiting ministers will assist.

District Council Committees will meet on afternoon of June 16. All ministerial applicants who did not meet the committee in the sectional councils, please apply at this time. Annual W. M. C. business meeting in tabernacle at same time.

For room reservation and further information write the District Office, 163 Ponce de Leon Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.—R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The New York-New Jersey District Fifth Annual Conference will be held at Bethany Pentecostal Assembly, Broadway and Summer St., Paterson, N. J., June 14-17. Marie Brown of Glad Tidings Tabernacle, New York City, will speak at opening C. A. Rally, 8 p. m., June 14, as well as at 8:30 p. m., June 15 and 16. David McDowell will speak at the ordination service, 8 p. m., June 17. Candidates for ordination will be interviewed by Credentials Committee, 2 p. m., June 14. M. B. I. Corporation meeting, 3 p. m., June 16. Speakers for morning and afternoon services announced during the conference.

For accommodations write John M. Lewis, Chairman, Entertainment Committee, Metropolitan Bible Institute, Broadway and Summer St., Paterson, N. J.—Nicholas Nickoloff, District Secretary.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Ukrainian Branch Council will be held at the Ukrainian Evangelical Assembly of God, Protection Ave. (opposite Eureka Ave.) Herkimer, N. Y., May 27-29. Devotional services 9:45 a. m., 1:45 and 7:30 p. m. Business sessions will follow morning and afternoon devotional period. Young people's twilight service, 6:30 p. m., Chaplain Jos. P. Lukowski in charge. Fred Vogler expected to be present.

For accommodations write Ukrainian Branch Assemblies of God, 9 East 7th St., New York 3, N. Y.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent.

TEXAS DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Thirty-third Annual Texas District Council will convene in the First Baptist Church Auditorium, Austin, Texas, June 1-4. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, night speaker. C. A. Rally, night, May 31; Phinis Lewis, main speaker.

For room reservations phone or write: E. M. Putnam, 2701½ E. Second St., Austin, Texas.—E. B. Crump, District Secretary-Treasurer.

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