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Summer of the Silent Heart...

'Twas summer, and its youngest kiss
 Fell on the rose-red lips of June;
 Veiled in delicious haze, the sun
 Made, for our vale, its tenderest noon.

The gentlest of all gentle winds
 Stole o'er the silver of the stream,
 'Twas summer lapt in autumn's sleep,
 The stillness of spring's stillest dream.

Away, away, among the woods,
 Where winds are rambling, let me too
 Rove, feeding on the summer air,
 Tasting the freshness of its dew.

O summer of the silent heart,
 How rich the song your sunshine sings!
 O luxury of tranquil thought,
 This dreamy hour of sunshine brings!

O sunshine of the laughing lip,
 Soften your colors for a day;
 Take on this mild and mellow light,
 Mingle the quiet with the gay.

O shadows of the pensive heart,
 Glow into sunlight, as the love
 Comes down, in ever-gushing streams,
 From the great heart of God above.

—Horatius Bonar



Miracles and Ministry

IN Acts 4 we find the apostles in trouble. Not because they had been preaching well, but because they had been acting well. Preaching does not often disturb people. But the miraculous working of the Spirit does.

The trouble was that a lame man had been healed. May God fill America with such trouble! He had been healed in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. So Peter and John were arrested and warned not to speak nor teach in that name. What did they do? They gathered the believers together, and prayed, "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings" (Thank God, He beholds all the threatenings), "and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word." With great human oratory? With striking eloquence? No! What is the boldness they were praying for? Listen—"by stretching forth Thine hand to heal." Hallelujah! That was the boldness they wanted. "That signs and wonders may be done by the name of Thy holy child Jesus." "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." God gave them, and gives us today, these confirmatory signs to silence the critics, deliver the sick and afflicted, and promote the glory.

There was a swift answer to that Holy Ghost prayer. We have it in the next chapter: "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people. . . . And believers were the more added to the Lord, *multitudes*, both of men and women." Multitudes! If you want multitudes in revivals, this is the Scriptural way to get them. Multitudes were added because of the miracles, the signs and wonders, "Insomuch that they brought the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a *multitude* out of the cities round about." Another multitude! "And they were healed every one." That is Pentecost. What we find here in the fourth and fifth chapters of Acts (and, indeed, in every chapter) is the pattern

for the church in every age until Jesus comes again.

I want to speak to you about miracles and their place in our ministry. If you will study the Acts you will find that in every chapter there is some manifestation of the supernatural in wisdom or power, or both. Miracles are an essential part of our ministry. Never forget that. The drift of the natural heart is naturally back to naturalism. The church's work is to promote the supernatural. The Lord has brought us into this supernatural experience. Indeed, our only excuse for existing as a separate movement is that we believe in the supernatural. We have been introduced by the Baptism in the Holy Ghost into the realm of the supernatural. When we are done with the supernatural we are little more than breakers of the unity of the church, and we ought to hurry back to the places we came from. As long as we are Pentecostal we must promote the glory, the supernatural. That is what the Lord has called this movement to do.

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Before Jesus left the earth He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. In my name they shall cast out demons." The only condition is believing. "They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." That is for every one of you. When believers went into God's ideal ministry, the Lord confirmed their preaching as He promised, with signs and wonders. A ministry that is not confirmed with signs and wonders is not a Pentecostal ministry. Chapters 12, 13 and 14 of First Corinthians give us the equipment, the supernatural equipment for the child of God and the church of Christ. Hebrews 13:8 shows us that what Jesus was He is today. Christ promised, and ratified His promise, that He would confirm the preaching of His Word with signs following. He has now deputed this blessed trust to us.

The Lord wants us ever to associate the supernatural with our ministry. Pentecost is for everybody. Pentecost is God's normal. There are some people who do not like Pentecost. That is a pity—for they'll have to like it when they get to heaven; for all heaven is Pentecostal! Heaven is all supernatural. They might as well get used to it down here! The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is not given

to take us to heaven. The blood of Jesus takes us to heaven. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost is to bring heaven down to earth before we get there!

In Psalm 74:4 we read, "Thine enemies roar in the midst of the congregations." I believe these typify the modernists, who have come to roar in the midst of God's congregations. "They set up their ensign for signs." They have spurious features to counterfeit God's signs. Entertainments, aesthetics, refinements, rituals, psycho stuff, and the rest of it. The Psalmist cries in verse 9, "We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet." Distressfully true today! Are there no prophets here? Beloved, covet to prophesy. Get so full of the Holy Ghost that you will utter the word of divine revelation by Holy Ghost prophecy.

Talking is not ministry. Preaching is not necessarily ministry. Homiletics is not the important thing. I hope you make your sermons as good as you can; but be sure you have something more than the framework. The sermon is like a basket that holds the seed. The basket is only to hold the seed during distribution. Sometimes a few holes in the basket are not a bad thing. They let a little extra seed drop by the way. I am not much of a homilist—there are plenty of holes in my basket—but, thank God, there is some seed in it. We are called to preach the Gospel, to preach Christ, to preach the Word. It is not mere preaching that God wants. It is not oratory. Nor eloquence. Pentecostal preachers are among the simplest in the world; but thank God they're dynamic unfolders. That is our job—to unfold the Word. To convey His truth and His power to the people.

The church has lost the significance of that simple word "Christ." You students will know that Christ is a Greek word meaning "the anointed one." It's a simple translation of the word Messiah, the Hebrew equivalent. Messiah, Christ, the anointed One, are the same idea in three languages. A Christian is really a Christ-ian. "Chris-tian is really a wrong pronunciation of the word "Christ-ian." A true Christian is a *Christ-ian*, which means an anointed one. An *unanointed* "anointed one" is an anomaly. Remember that to



be anointed means to be a deliverer. Jesus was not a mere preacher, though He preached; He was not an orator, though He was divinely poetic; He was a Deliverer. He came for no other purpose than to deliver the people. He was anointed for no other purpose. You are not anointed to charm with oratory or fine sermons. You are not anointed to entertain with fine music. These things may have their place. You are anointed as Jesus was anointed to deliver the people from sin and Satan and disease and hell and demons.

When Jesus stood in His little Nazareth synagogue, turning to the scripture, He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised." Thank God for the Deliverer. Now the *Christ-ian* and the *Christ-ian* church must be like Christ. It must be a deliverer, or retire and close up shop. The church that is not a deliverer is a
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Pentecostal Phenomena

INSTANCES OF SPEAKING IN KNOWN LANGUAGES

E. Hunter Richardson

MANY sincere Christians have been led to believe that the supernatural phenomena of Pentecost finished in Apostolic days and that manifestations of any kind today have to be shunned and even despised. This is wrong. The scriptural exhortation is to "prove all things."

Here is an experience which might prove helpful to those who are willing to "Search the scriptures" and ready to see the hand of God in assemblies of His people.

Some years ago in a Southern England town a gentleman came to me after a Sunday evening service asking if he might be introduced to the young Egyptian lady who had interrupted the meeting. During the service a sister had spoken in a tongue and an interpretation had been given.

"We haven't an Egyptian lady," I replied, and was about to explain the position when the sister in question came down the aisle on her way out. "Sister," I said, "here is a gentleman who would like to speak to you."

The visitor began to ask questions in Arabic but was met with the answer that she did not understand the language. "But you spoke in that tongue in the service—how is it that you don't understand now?"

Then we had to explain the teaching of the Word of God relative to these things. 1 Corinthians 12 to 14.

The perplexed one had to admit the truth and wonder of such ministry, and confessed that God had spoken in quite a definite way to him. The following Sunday he, his wife, and daughter all came to the service and publicly accepted Christ.

EXPERIENCE OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

While in South Africa I happened to repeat this story to one of Cape Town's leading citizens, a Pentecostal brother, who invited me to his home and there re-

lated a similar experience. Years before, as an unsaved man, a lover of the world and its varied activities, he was startled out of his sinful state by a most unusual happening.

His wife had come into contact with a former college friend, well known for her social life and worldly ways. This woman was now a changed person. From theaters and dance halls, cards and drink, she had turned to Christ; she was full of joy and possessed of an earnest zeal for all services.

This lady invited her friend to what turned out to be a Pentecostal service. Her first reaction was one of amazement at the spontaneous joy and liberty, so different from the usual formal services of the ordinary churches. She became a regular attendant and was beautifully saved.

Sitting under the ministry of the Word of God she early realized the importance of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:4), waited calmly on the Lord, and was sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13.

During this time the young convert was quietly witnessing to her husband, who regarded these witnesses in an amused way and as so much fanaticism which eventually would die out.

PRAYING IN LATIN

One evening on retiring to their room this sister began her devotions quietly, praying for her husband and pouring out her soul to God. Her husband waited until her prayers were ended and then startled her by asking, "Where did you learn Latin, Lily?" She stared at him and confessed that she was totally ignorant of that ancient tongue. "Well," he replied, "you have been praying here tonight in Latin."

Years before, as a chorister in the cathedral, he had learned Latin, and possess-

ing a splendid golden tenor voice had been chosen to sing solo parts in that tongue. Many of the old hymns came rushing back to his mind during his wife's prayer and he determined to fathom this mysterious gift. His dear partner took him into her confidence and explained the truth of Pentecost with the accompanying gifts of the Holy Spirit. So curious did this man become that he attended services in order to prove the matter to his own satisfaction. He heard the gospel of the grace of God, saw the supernatural workings of the Lord, and was led to accept Christ Jesus as his Savior.

Since that time, although occupying a most prominent Government position, he has labored in the Pentecostal truth. Assemblies have been opened under his ministry, sound teaching building them up and a mature experience guiding them into the liberty of the Holy Ghost.

THE NORWEGIAN WOMAN SPOKE CZECH

Later, in Capetown, I was able to help a Norwegian brother with a few formalities and to him I related the foregoing. "Brother," he said, "I know of a case in our own land of Norway that runs in the same channel."

There was an illiterate old Norwegian woman who attended some Pentecostal gatherings and though so ignorant was saved by Jesus. She grew in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and was desirous of God's best for her poor life. She heard in course of time that the promise was "to all that are afar off" (Acts 2:38, 39), and was beautifully baptized in the Spirit and spoke in new tongues. According to the New Testament, the agent does not count in the ministry of the supernatural but the Administrator (1 Corinthians 12:1-7), so this dear old lady often exercised the gift of tongues.

On one occasion there walked into the service a Czech gentleman. The service was foreign to him but he looked on in quite an interested way. Imagine his amazement at hearing a fiery utterance from a feeble woman near the front and the feeling of oneness when he realized that his own beloved mother tongue was being used. His own thought was that one of his compatriots was attending here and was resident in the town.

He sought out the speaker and was confronted by the aged illiterate Norwegian, who through an interpreter had to confess that she was ignorant of the tongue but who proudly confessed the work of the Holy Spirit. The gentleman was left to the personal appeal and heart searching on salvation lines.

Pentecost did not finish; it still goes on. The experiences of thousands prove the blessedness of this truth. Souls are led to God through the gospel; the spiritual gifts are sometimes used to lead people to the gospel.—*Redemption Tidings*.

Man's Vain Attempts to Destroy Israel

THE Bible is much more up-to-date than tomorrow's newspaper. In this Book the Spirit of God has given us prophetic pictures of the momentous happenings of our day, and also of the things that shall shortly come to pass.

In the Psalms we have twelve songs of "Asaph the seer," who, though he lived in the days of King David, foresaw and foretold the future apostasy of Israel and the judgments of God that would follow. In the last of these Psalms, the 83rd, we have a prediction concerning ten nations that can easily be recognized as the Moslem peoples of today. They are uniting together to destroy Israel. Their attitude is shown in verse 4 where they declare: "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance." Even though there may be a temporary truce between the Moslems and Israel because of the pressure of the United Nations, this truce will in no wise change the attitude of "perpetual hatred" (Ezek. 35:5) that the Moslem nations have towards the people of Israel.

FIGHTING GOD HIMSELF

Realizing that Israel's enemies are God's enemies, we hear the seer saying in the first three verses of this psalm: "Keep not Thy silence, O God: hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God. For lo, *Thine* enemies make a tumult: and they that hate *Thee* have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against *Thy* people, and consulted against *Thy* hidden ones."

The Holy Spirit clearly shows us in these verses that those who are opposed to God's people (and Romans 11:1 shows us that Israel is still God's people) are antagonistic to Him. God is so identified with Israel that those who afflict them touch "the apple" (the pupil) "of His eye." Zech. 2:8. Pharaoh sought to destroy them and was drowned in the Red Sea. Haman tried to overthrow Israel and was hanged on the gallows he had prepared for a Jew. In our day, Hitler endeavored to annihilate them, but he perished in the downfall of Berlin. It is a solemn thing to realize today that all who hate Israel, all anti-Semites, will have to share a like fate.

MOSLEM HATRED OF CHRISTIANS

When there has been persecution of

Israel down through the years, true Christians have likewise met with destruction. The Roman Catholics of Spain sought to liquidate the Jews, and at the same time hundreds of lovers of Christ were martyred because they rejected Romanist errors. During the past ten years when so many Jews have been done to death, a great many Protestant saints have met with martyrdom.

The latest issue of *World Dominion* contains an article entitled, "Martyrs for Christ in Central Asia." It tells of a gracious work done by Swedish missionaries in Turkestan. In 1933 there came to that country a new Moslem leader, Emir Abdullah. He called three of the missionaries to him and said, "You have preached against and disturbed our religion and our people. You are robbers of religion, and according to our law you must die." This article states: "Hermanson, who was nearest the door, was driven out first, pushed to the ground, and received many kicks from the soldiers. Arell and Nystrom came after. Nystrom had a few kicks from the furious Emir. The soldiers formed a guard around the courtyard, and those who stood in front rushed forward and surrounded the missionaries. Then the Emir pulled off Nystrom's sun helmet and struck him on the head with it so that it split. Then he went to Arell, struck him on the head, and took away his spectacles. The hands of the missionaries were then tied behind their backs, and the Emir took his sword and lifted it up ready to slash at Nystrom. At this moment a Mohammedan who was a representative of the British Consulate at Kashgar, came forward and urged the Emir to desist. He was no friend of the missionaries, but evidently thought that trouble might arise if the Emir killed them."

This Emir had no hesitation in destroying the native Christians. When two Swedish missionaries returned to their former stations in Turkestan last year (the pro-Soviet officials refused to let them open them), they found that all the five hundred Christians were scattered. Most of them were believed to have been killed.

THE UNITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

There is a solemn prayer in this 83rd Psalm against those who hate Israel. It is a terrible thing when the Holy Spirit prays against any people. There are

unfortunately those who speak of many of the Spirit-inspired utterances in the Psalms as "inconsistent with the spirit of the New Testament." In making such a statement they surely overlook the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! . . . Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Matt. 23:29, 33. It is the New Testament which tells us of "indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil" (Rom. 2:8, 9), and which also informs us that the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed from heaven "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord." 2 Thess. 1:8, 9. Read the book of Revelation and see the judgments that are coming on the ungodly. The same Holy Spirit who speaks so often of judgment in the Old Testament speaks yet more severely in the New Testament of the retribution that will overtake the unrighteous.

JUDGMENT AND MERCY

Read carefully the prayer of judgment against the enemies of Israel, who have declared: "Let us take to ourselves in possession the habitations of God." We quote the reading of the Revised Version, "O my God, make them like the whirling dust; as stubble before the wind." The prophet Jeremiah later prophesied of this very happening: "Behold, the whirlwind of the Lord goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord shall not return, until He have done it, and until He have performed the intents of His heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it. At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. . . . I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built. O virgin of Israel." Jer. 30:23, 24; 31:1, 3, 4.

But the very judgments that come to these enemies of the Lord are clearly shown to be part of His mercy. "That they may seek Thy name . . . that they

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may know that Thou alone, whose name is Jehovah, art the Most High over all the earth." It is when God's judgments are in the earth that the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isa. 26:9.

GOD'S PROMISES OF RESTORATION

Turning to Romans, chapters 9 to 11, we have the vision of God's ultimate for Israel, the fulfilling of the glorious promises given to them in all their prophets. It is expressed in Ezek. 11:17-20, "Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: that they may walk in My statutes, and keep Mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."

The blessing that shall come to Israel shall be as "life from the dead" to all nations, for as the prophet Zechariah declared, "Many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be My people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent Me unto thee. And the Lord shall inherit Judah His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again." Zech. 2:11, 12.

PRAY FOR ISRAEL

With this vision in mind we hear Paul declaring: "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Rom. 10:1. We are bidden, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Psalm 122:6. But the Holy Spirit prays: "Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion." Psalm 129:5. In Isa. 62:6, 7. R. V., we read: "Ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers, take ye no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." Shall we not unite in prayer for the salvation of Israel in these very critical days of her history?—S. H. F.

BESTOWED ALREADY

Dr. Fisher once wrote to his friend, Lord Eldon, asking him a special favor. Lord Eldon answered: "Dear Fisher—I cannot today give you the preferment for which you ask. I remain your sincere friend, Eldon. Turn over." Then on the other side he wrote, "I gave it to you yesterday." Our heavenly Father similarly answers some of His children's requests. We beg for blessings—peace, power, and plenty—which are ours already in Christ.

A Church at Prayer

J. Rutherford Spence

THE city of Sainam has a population of fifty thousand and is situated thirty miles from Canton. The work there was opened in 1914 and, despite bitter opposition, the cause of Christ gradually prevailed and there was a fine group of Christians there in 1924 when we were asked to take charge.

There had just been an influx of influential young people among whom were two foreign trained nurses. The Sunday School was too large for the chapel buildings, seating well over two hundred people.

One night an urgent message came for our two young nurses to cross the river to Naam Sha to wait on a woman. An urgent case. And good money was promised. So, despite the bad reputation of the place, they decided to go and it was not

talk of the city, but as Wednesday night was prayer meeting night we decided to pray first.

When we got to the chapel we found it full and all were surcharged with excitement. The church had not \$2,000 and would not pay it if it had. That left the only resource—God. So after singing a hymn and reading a portion of the Word, the whole church got down on its knees to beseech God for the release of the girls. And such prayers! Heaven was stormed that night not by one but by three and four at a time pouring their hearts out to God. Time was forgotten. It was just about midnight when there was a simultaneous note of praise and we arose to our feet, sang the doxology and went home.

Very early in the morning I heard a knocking at the iron gate of the compound. Knowing that it must be someone with news of the captives I rushed down. Yes it was news, glorious news.

During the night the two nurses had again been blindfolded, put into a boat and when the bandages were removed they found themselves near their place of work, Dr. Wong's clinic. They were surprised.

At noon that day we had a great prayer and praise service. Our God is still able to deliver. And in the midst of it all one of the nurses consecrated her life to the service of the Lord, became Sunday School Superintendent and was a great blessing.

The heathen had to confess that the God whom we serve is the true God, for whoever heard of such a thing, a bandit setting free two captives held for ransom and that without a cent being paid? Our own Christians had a wonderful stimulus to their faith.

God can change not only the hearts but the minds of kings and bandit chiefs. And so when one is at the end of his resources God is left and He is always enough.

CANTON, S. CHINA

ZEALOUS FOR GOD'S GLORY

One of Wesley's biographers said, "He was out of breath pursuing souls." Whitefield's cenotaph has carved upon it a blazing heart. The seal on Adam Clarke's grave is a candle burned down to its socket. The passionate zeal of these godly men reminds us of Him who poured out His life on the cross for man's salvation. They could truthfully say, "The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up." Can we say the same?



That which I see not
teach Thou me

Job 34:32

long ere they were being rowed across the river. When they got off the boat on the other side things began to happen. They were blindfolded, taken away, and when the bandages were removed they found themselves in a room prisoners.

Next day early a messenger came to announce that on payment of \$3,000 they would be released. What were we to do? Of course the ransom money could never be paid, firstly, because we did not have it, secondly, because even if we could pay, it would simply mean an endless game of kidnapping and our Christians would suffer.

We did, however, send for Mr. Lau, an ex-bandit himself—now one of our Christians—and he consented to be the go-between. On his return he informed us that the nurses would be released on payment of \$2,000.

Meantime our Chinese brethren were urging us to see the Magistrate of the District. Others said I should go to see the British Consul in Canton and get gunboats to release the girls. Everyone was excited and of course the affair was the

Build Higher

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

A SICK woman in England from her bed one spring saw two birds building a nest in a bush near by. "Oh, birds," she cried, "build higher!" Later, when little birds were in the nest, a cat became busy, and all that was left of that brood of birds was a handful of feathers.

The trouble with most of us is that we are building too low. We are too much occupied with things that pertain only to this life. God sees our low plane and says, "Build higher," for He knows that unless we build higher our end will be destruction.

There are those who have built higher. The apostle Paul wrote, "For our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change the body of our humiliation, that it may be fashioned like unto His own glorious body." Then he exhorts, "Set your affection on things above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Paul practiced what he preached. This is shown by his parting testimony: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day." We are living either for time or for eternity. If for time only, our end will be bitter disappointment; if for eternity, we have promise of abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Peter and John were put in prison. They had done no evil, but were accused just the same. Then an angel, knowing they had done no wrong, went to the prison, opened the gates, and set them free, to the astonishment of all who learned about it. Then the angel said, "Go, stand in the temple, and speak to the people all the words of this life." The life they were to tell the people about was the life of the Spirit that God gives to those who choose eternal life rather than material blessings only. Peter and John knew what this life was because it had come to them when they were filled with the Spirit at Pentecost. And we tell you of this same life.

I heard a radio forum on the subject, "Is Christianity succumbing to materialism?" As I listened, I discovered that each speaker looked on Christianity as a system, a code of ethics and nothing more. Christianity brings with it its ethics, but it is more than ethics. It is a life. A great mistake is being made in trying to reduce Christianity to a system. Christianity is Christ, taking our life and infilling it with the life of God.

If you do not have the life of Christ which is the life eternal, will you not seek the same by asking God to take your life and fill it with Himself? Jesus said, "For this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

My dear friend, Jesus came into this world that you might have life and have it more abundantly. When He speaks of life, He speaks of that life which is eternal. How would you like to die just as you are? Have you assurance that it would be well with you beyond the grave? If you do not have such assurance, will you not accept Christ as your Savior now? Ask Him to come into your heart and give you life that will endure. You have a soul; it will live forever either among the redeemed or the lost. It is worth saving, for it is your own never-ending self.

MIRACLES AND MINISTRY

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spurious imitation of Christ. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him." Jesus was anointed to deliver. We are anointed for the very same purpose.

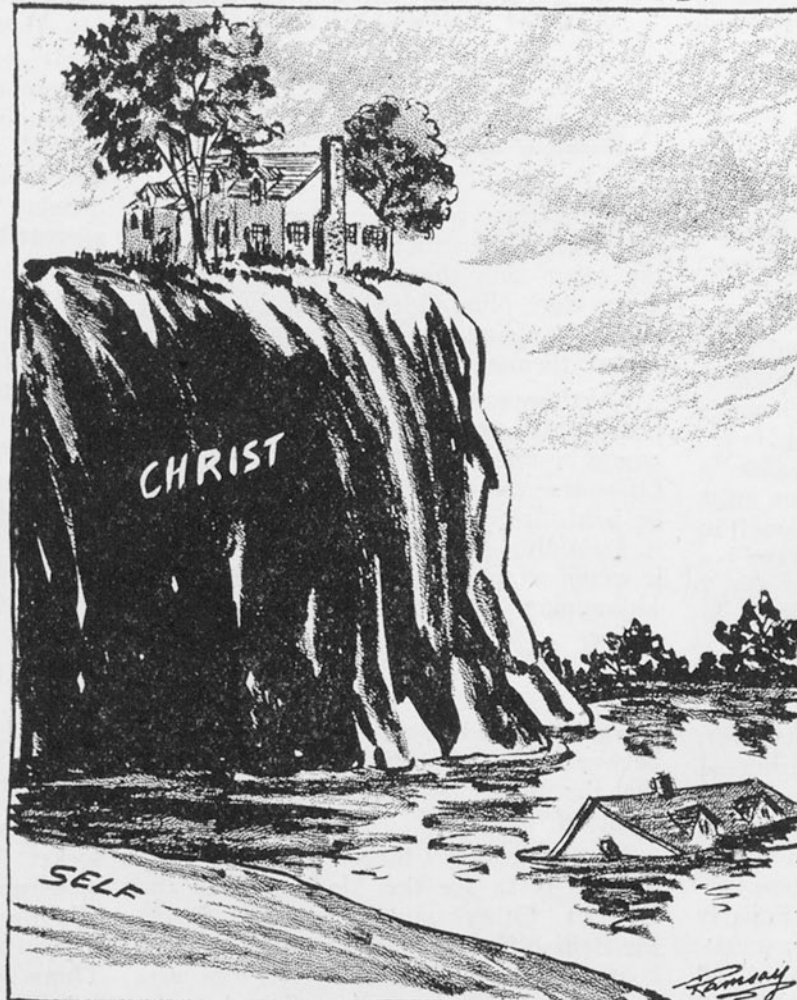
The church of Christ is not a social rendezvous. It is not an institute of academics, nor a society of liberal arts. Retain the heavenly aspirate. The Lord give us liberal anointed hearts rather than liberal arts. The church is not an entertainment bureau, a college of homiletics, a sports club, a religious amusement house, a school of

education. The church of Christ is a DELIVERER! Some of you wear a little fishhook in your lapel. It is the wrong symbol. Christian "fishing" is not a matter of bait and hook; it is a matter of net and cast. You must not bait people. That is wrongly understood. When they fished in the New Testament, they found the fish in shoals and hurled the net at them. That it all. They got them. Do not plan to attract people into the church by any means other than the cross of Christ. The Lord said that when He was lifted up, He would draw all men unto Him. Don't misinterpret that. Sometimes the Lord draws men unto Him by drawing them away from us and our meetings and our movement—that is, if we cease to be Pentecostal. The Lord does not promise to draw men into "Pentecost." It depends upon what "Pentecost" is. He promises to draw unto Him. He's the bait, He's the hook, the Fisherman, and All. Take your gospel net unbaited, fling it in faith, and trust it.

How crowds intrigue us! Crowds were nothing to Jesus. He ran away from them. When they told Him all the world was running after Him, He said, "Let us go to the next towns." We on the contrary banner the streets, print display advertisements in the local journal, provide added attractions, hire the largest halls. When they told Jesus the crowds sought to make Him king, He went to the hillside to pray. A crowd to Jesus was just a multiplication of individuals in need, seeking Him. The only crowd He encouraged was the crowd that followed Him for days and nights, not for daily bread, but for heaven's food. He fed those, and then He taught them. Promote heaven, not earth. The best of earth is no degree of heaven. Art, music, architecture, poetry, philosophy, science all belong to earth. They cannot lift you one inch above the earth. Everything that lifts to heaven comes from heaven. When Elijah went up, he did not ascend by anything from earth. Horses, chariot, wind, breath, fire—everything that took him up to heaven came down from heaven. You will never get to heaven, you will never lift anybody to heaven, by any earthly means.

Oh, deliver the people. You've got it in your hands. Jesus said you may do even better than He, if only you believe. The Acts of the Apostles is crammed with the supernatural and the miraculous. In chapter 1:4, 5, you have the command to wait. That was before the Holy Ghost was given. "Being assembled together with them, He commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of me." Beloved preachers in other denominations, attention for a moment! Please receive this graciously. You have no scriptural authority to preach until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost. If anybody was ever ready to preach, those disciples were. They had listened to the Son of God, and witnessed His mighty works for three and a half years. Surely they were ready to hurry to the mission field or into the pulpit! Jesus said,

WHERE ARE YOU BUILDING?



The Tallith

Steady! With all your knowledge you must be anointed. Wait till you get your baptism. Thank God, all you students are full of the Holy Ghost, or going to be. Never let God go till you are. Never preach a sermon till you have power.

I have a Wesleyan friend. He had never been to a waiting meeting. He knelt one night at the bedside of his wife. "Amy," he said, "Brother Horton tells me I can be baptized with the Spirit. I am not baptized with the Spirit. Brother Horton says I can have the gifts of the Spirit. I'm not going to get up from my knees until God fills me with the Spirit, and I speak with tongues." Then he began to shake, the bed began to shake, his wife began to shake, his lips began to shake, and he began to speak with tongues! His son came to see if his father were dying! He had just begun to live! You see, we are not desperate enough. If you want the baptism, compel God to fill you. God is sovereign, but He invites us to invade His sovereignty. Invade it! Desperately! Storm the battlements! The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent "snatch" it by force. The command is to get the power from heaven. They needn't have tarried for the ability to talk. Too much talk! Too many preachers! Jesus began both *to do* and to teach. And *to do* first. When the disciples came to Jesus, they told Him what they had *done* and what they had taught. Just the same as Jesus. There's something to do before you teach. Jesus made His sermons out of what He had *done*. May the Lord help us to do the same. The baptism, as I told you, ushers us into the realm of the supernatural. Pentecost is not an option. It is an obligation. For everybody!

Acts 1:8 promises power, power to witness. "But ye shall receive power after 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 parts of the earth." How to witness? That is much misunderstood or insufficiently understood. That power was not merely to help them to preach brighter sermons, or to give them livelier testimonies, or brighter singing. The Lord wanted them to "witness" as He had witnessed. Not only with words, but also with supernatural works. That is the power that comes by the baptism. Again I repeat, the baptism ushers us into the realm of the supernatural, the more than natural. The witness in the Acts of the Apostles is miracles and signs and wonders. What Peter got when he was bold was not courage to talk. He could have talked plenty without the baptism. It was power to work miracles. The moment he was filled with the Spirit he began to work miracles—he spoke with tongues and healed the sick. That was the boldness Peter asked for. That was the boldness he got.

Now it is good to be filled with love. Be as full of love as you can. But the baptism is not to fill you with love. Jesus was full of love before His baptism. So may you be. Love does not work miracles. Holiness does not work miracles—though miracles occur in the superlative degree with that delightful combination. The *Gifts of the Spirit* are to work miracles, following the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Without a miraculous ministry we are helpless. The devil is busy with signs and wonders all over the world, in Christian Science, Spiritism, and witch-doctor craft. Satan is working daily miracles. We must meet him with our superior,

JEWISH men in the Orient customarily wore a robe called the Tallith—a square piece of woolen cloth (somewhat similar to the abaya of the Arabs) in which they used to wrap themselves. In the course of time, the Jews, adopting the costumes of the lands of their residence, no longer wore this outer garment, but restricted its use to the Synagogue and during their daily prayer. Today, among orthodox Jews from the age of 13 years, it is worn about the shoulders as a shawl.

According to Numbers 15:38-40, the custom of attaching a fringe (Tzitzith) to each corner was commanded "that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring." These fringes of 613 threads correspond to 613 oral laws claimed to have been given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The first act in the morning prayer is to put the Tzitzith (fringes) to the lips and kiss it to acknowledge the obedience of the worshiper to the whole law. Mark 7:6.

God commanded the children of Israel that they "put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue." This blue cord entwined in the fringe is the heavenly color reminding the Jews of the power and glory of God. The use of the blue is thus explained in the Talmud: "Because this color resembles the sea; the sea resembles the sky; and the sky resembles the Chair of Glory." The methods of dyeing the threads sky blue was a secret of the people of Acre, Palestine. After the dispersion, the art was forgotten by the Jews of the Diaspora

heavenly, supernatural works to put him to rout. Throughout the Acts of the Apostles miracles are always associated with ministry, as in the life of the Lord Jesus. "And a great multitude followed him" (because they saw what a fine preacher He was, what a grand orchestra He was leading about? No!) "because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased." John 6:2. Hallelujah! Jesus' advertisements were miracles and signs and wonders. Announce your meetings; but do not boast about them, like the world. So with the disciples. "They went out, and preached that men should repent, and they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them." That's what He told them to do. And they did it. Miracles were associated with their ministry right through. Miracles stirred the world. Miracles built this Pentecostal movement. Jeffries, Price, McPherson, Wigglesworth, and others gathered crowds, not because they were great preachers, but because they were heavenly doers. When Stephen Jeffries was in Bristol the crowds lined up at 7 in the morning and waited for the afternoon meeting. Not because of the preaching, Jeffries was no more of a preacher than I am. But his hands were full of divine dynamic. He healed the sick in Jesus' name. And because of the healings the throngs could not get into the hall, though it was the largest hall in the city. I was at the Branham meetings a few days ago in Kansas

and, in view of this fact, white is used exclusively.

The fringes, which end at each corner of the garment, are put in a hole about an inch from the edge of the Tallith. The manner of their attachment in knots and 39 windings correspond to the numerical value of the letters which spell, "The Lord is One," since each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has numerical significance. Bars of blue are dyed in the prayer shawl of the Jews today in substitution for the blue cord—or, in some cases, black is used as a sign of mourning for the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.

In obedience to the command of God, the world's greatest Jew wore this outer garment 1900 years ago. The blue in the borders thereof represented His heavenly origin, His power and glory, His Deity! The fringes in the four corners of His Tallith informed the Jews of His day that He knew and kept the commandments of God. In fact, the Scriptures describe Him as the ACTUAL FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW! One day, a Jewish woman with an issue of blood pressed through a thronging crowd to touch the borders of this great Jew's garment, and she was made "every whit whole." In touching the sacred fringes and the blue cord of His Tallith, she expressed her faith in the One who wore it, and acknowledged the power, the glory, the Deity of Jesus Christ, her Messiah! Matt. 9:22 THE RESULT OF TOUCHING THE BORDERS OF HIS GARMENT IS STILL THE SAME TODAY! Praise the Lord!

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

City—2,000 people crowded the place, not because of the preaching. The sick were healed. But let me repeat what I told you yesterday: if you dare to launch out into the supernatural all the devils of hell will be after you. You will get into trouble if your ministry is supernatural in word or power, as Jesus did, and His apostles.

In Acts 2 we have the fulfillment of the promise. They spoke foreign languages. Had they attended schools of languages? Taken courses in linguistics? No. What had happened? God is a linguist! He imposed His linguistic ability supernaturally on stammering tongues, and fishermen began to speak like professors. Hallelujah! Miracles and signs and wonders. The baptism in the Holy Ghost turned helpless peasants into miracle workers. Miracles turned devout people into saved people. For the streets of Jerusalem were filled with devout people, religious people, on the day of Pentecost. The miracle of Pentecost saved them. The Lord saves some by shock. At Pentecost He shocked 3,000 into the Kingdom of God. Do not be afraid to use the gifts of the Spirit. Shock is a part of the plan of salvation. They were confounded, amazed; and marveled. They said, "What meaneth this?" Not, What meaneth this strange confusion in Jerusalem? But, What meaneth this unaccustomed eloquence pouring from the lips of a peasant? What meaneth this miracle? Astounding! Simple folk speaking in languages they never had opportunity of learning! What

meaneth this? Peter took that as his text. This is that you read of in Joel. How easy to tell what Pentecost is to those who ask us honestly! We can stand up and unfold the Word as Peter did. This is Jesus! He came to save you. You rejected Him, crucified, buried Him. God raised Him. He ascended, pleaded for the promise of the Father, and in mercy shed forth this you are asking about. That's what "this" is! How grand to have a miracle for a text. How easy to preach. Peter's sermons were not great sermons. They were just mighty comments, anointed Scriptural comments, on a miracle. May God give us a miracle for a text, or at least a miracle to confirm every text we unfold. Miracles are Pentecost. There isn't any Pentecost without miracles and signs and wonders. A beloved Methodist brother wrote a book, "On the Way to Pentecost"—honestly titled; he was on his way but he never got there. Commenting on Acts 2 he said that the wind and the fire and the shaking and the tongues are gone, but Pentecost remains! Indeed! George Stevenson invented the steam engine. The first locomotive that did any good was the "Puffing Billy." You can see it now in a museum in England. There it is, splendid in green and red paint and nickel plate on its pedestal. The water's gone, the steam's gone, the fire's gone, the movement's gone, but the Puffing Billy remains! Unfortunately it doesn't puff any more. It's static. It is no more a locomotive. Beloved, without the wind and the flame and the tongues and the supernatural there isn't any Pentecost. Lord, save us from becoming a museum piece, a denomination, an establishment. Lord, keep us moving.

Miracles were Jesus' credentials. The only credentials, to His Messiahship were His miracles. John Baptist as he stood in Jordan got his sure revelation. "This is He!" But poor John got into prison. He wasn't so sure then. He wasn't sure at all. So sure in the blaze of popularity, you know, with the revival and the multitudes and the stir! But he got into doubt, and said, Go and ask that man if what I said about him is true. "Art Thou He, or look we for another?" Poor heart. Have you got into some measure of discouragement, cloud, difficulty? Are you not now so sure whether you are saved, baptized, called, supernaturally endowed? So they came to Jesus. Before Jesus answers at all He gives us the background. "And in that same hour" (note what was taking place) "He cured many of their infirmities and 'plagues' (that was the answer to the question; that was His credential as the Messiah) "and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind He give sight. Go your way, and tell John what things ye have *seen* and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Jesus' credentials are Pentecost in evidence, and your credentials are no other. You must have Pentecostal evidences if you are going to be received as the authentic up-to-date representatives of Jesus. You must have miracles and signs and wonders.

Jesus went into the temple. He found it full of the traffic of the world, intended to improve the services. Beware of attractive "holy" additions to the services. "And Jesus went into the temple . . . and cast out all . . . and the seats of them that sold doves." What's wrong with

doves? Innocent cooing birds! They attract the people and make the place so tranquil. Doves! Symbols of peace and meekness! What's wrong with doves? What is wrong with entertainments? What is wrong with amusements? We must keep bright! If we begin to entertain the people, though they come into the meetings, they will stay on earth. If you had taken sandwiches and coffee and ice cream and amusements down to the pig sty, the prodigal never would have come home. His empty stomach drove him to his father's house. As you introduce the traffic of the world into the meetings, the Holy Ghost flies out of the window. "Take these things hence." When the last bull had gone bellowing out of the place, the last sheep bleating; when the last dove had flown out of the courts flapping its wings, then, *then*, THEN (note well!) THE BLIND AND THE LAME CAME TO HIM IN THE TEMPLE, AND HE HEALED THEM. What do you want? Doves or miracles? You cannot have both. You have to sacrifice one. Lord, save us from doves, from carnal attractions. O Lord, give us the Holy Dove, the mighty Spirit of God, with His mighty signs and wonders!

Chapter 3 shows us the commencement of individual anointed ministry. What a chapter it is! Here in the forefront of apostolic ministry is a mighty miracle to begin with. And this is the pattern for all time. You couldn't be simpler than Peter. You couldn't be less learned. God grant we shall not be less mighty and less wise in the Holy Ghost. The servant of God should have something to give—something supernatural to give. The world asks for the natural only. That bundle of derelict humanity slung at the Beautiful Gate, was passed by priests. But fishermen, full of the Holy Ghost, stopped. The true minister and the true church have not what the world asks—the natural. Seek it not. "If it's dollars and dimes you want," said Peter, "I just haven't got them. I'm Pentecostal." Young men—don't look first for a bride and a car and a parsonage and a salary. These will come. Pentecost is a solemn affair. It is not a career. It is sacrifice, not indulgence. "The things you ask for, poor man," said Peter, "I just haven't got. But don't you think I'm bankrupt." Never suppose Pentecost is bankrupt because it hasn't got steeples and Latin and vestments. "Such as I have give I thee. And he took him by the right hand" (stronger faith helping weaker faith) "and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God." He improved the service by checking the ceremonial. He interrupted the responses, the chorales, the matins, the sung eucharists. He laughed and danced and leaped. That is really what the services are for—to accommodate the praises of those who are delivered! I wonder sometimes how we can keep our seats when we remember we who were bound for hell are going to heaven; who once were blind and lame and leprous and dumb. I wonder we are not beside ourselves with joy and glory.

What this man needed was not alms but restoration. He got it. It wasn't a pair of crutches, a meal, a wheel chair, an endowment policy. Limbs he wanted. Legs! And it's in the power of the anointed child of God to give legs to the cripple. When Jesus was come out of Nain he found a weeping woman, breaking her heart

for the loss of her last darling. Jesus was moved with compassion. He did not call at Sears and Roebuck to buy her a dozen linen handkerchiefs to wipe her tears away. He did not promise to buy her a grave stone and make the place pleasant with flowers. He did not promise a companion in sorrow, or a widow's pension. He worked a miracle for her. He dried her eyes by giving her back her son restored to life. Beloved, what a ministry we have. Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, cast out demons, raise the dead. Jesus did not say, "You men, when you find anybody sick, just ask Me and I will heal him." He said, "You heal the sick, you cleanse the leper, you cast out demons, you raise the dead." Thus when Peter and John saw this man, they didn't say, "This is an occasion for a forty-day fast." Neither did they say, "We had better have a word of prayer about this case." Neither did they pray, "O Lord, if you can do anything for this man, do it." You know what they did. They healed the sick, as Jesus told them to. They had something and they knew it. "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Hallelujah!

In Bournemouth, England, my wife and I went to hear Brother Carlisle, leader of the Church of England Evangelicals. He certainly was not a fanatical Pentecostal. He told us this story: One morning a certain vicar went to his church when he found to his dismay that the verger (janitor, you call him) was hilariously vaulting over the gloomy pews. "William," he said, when he could get his breath, "I'm sorry to find you doing this in the house of God!" "I'm sorry too, sir. I did not expect you here just now. Let me explain. A few minutes ago a poor man came in here to rest. I found he wasn't saved. I told him the way of life. He gave his heart to the Lord. I was overjoyed. I had led my first convert to Christ, sir. I couldn't help leaping for joy." "That so?" said the vicar, "You've led your first soul to Jesus? Then let's leap over some more pews. I'll help you. Over we go! Hallelujah! And again, Hallelujah! and again, Hallelujah!" That's what pews should be designed for—not to sit on, motionless and mum, but to help in the joy of the delivered. Stand on them, shout on them, leap over them, you happy pilgrims to glory. May God keep you full of the Holy Ghost, with a mighty dynamic from heaven, with a ministry of miracles and signs and wonders, emulating your beloved Master and obeying His blest commands.

"TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN"

Sunday evening, March 21, at the close of the evangelistic service, as I finished preaching, two powerful messages in tongues with interpretation were given. I noticed a man run from the building. His father-in-law, who is an Assemblies of God minister, came to me with this report. He stated that his son-in-law had studied extensively to be a Catholic priest. He was excommunicated from the church on his marriage to a Protestant girl. This son-in-law stated that the first message was given in the purest Latin that he had ever heard, the second message was given in the purest Greek that he had ever heard, and the interpretations given by the Holy Ghost were as verbatim as he would have translated the messages, as he was able to speak and understand both languages.

Incidentally, there were 26 at the altar for salvation in that Sunday evening service.—Pastor J. Paul Bruton, Delano, Calif.

The Passing and the Permanent

SCATTERING TRACTS BY PLANE

A Minneapolis tract society plans to scatter a million gospel tracts by plane this summer. Three self-styled "sky pilots" will sound the cry, "On target! Tracts away!" as they spread the printed messages over many of Minnesota's communities.

SUNDAY IN KOREA

The Korean Christians believe in keeping Sunday as the Lord's Day. When the U. S. Military Government and the U. N. Commission set Sunday, May 10, as the day for the elections in the southern zone of Korea, the Korean Christians flooded General Hodge's office with petitions of protest, and the date was changed to Monday, May 11.

EVANGELICALS TO MEET IN SWITZERLAND

There will be an international meeting of evangelical leaders in Switzerland, August 7 to 11, sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals in America. The purpose is the development of a spirit of unity among believers, a frank discussion of problems of mutual interest, and the forming of a world-wide united front against modernism and apostasy.

THE WEALTH OF THE DEAD SEA

At present, the Dead Sea lies in the midst of Arab territory, but its hidden wealth already is being tapped by a Jewish chemical firm, and the day is coming when its riches will be coveted by nations far and large. The value of these chemicals is so great that it cannot be expressed in dollars and cents—for there is not that much money! A learned doctor has said: "All the money ever minted since the days of Julius Caesar would not equal the cost price of this chemical treasure, if it had to be purchased in the mass."

THE FIGHT AGAINST WEEDS

"Ever since man started cultivating plants, weeds have been about as popular as head colds," says an editorial in *Saturday Evening Post*. "To eliminate them without sweat or tears has been man's dream for centuries. . . . Now it seems about to come true. By 1950 both farmers and home gardeners should be able to erase hoeing and hand weeding from their list of chores." And the *Post* goes on to extol the merits of 2, 4-d, and IPC, and other chemicals which science claims will solve the weeding problem.

Science has done much to ease the agriculturist's lot, but Genesis 3:17-19 still stands: "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth; . . . in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." The ground is cursed because of man's sin. But Christ has redeemed us from the curse, and when He returns to reign for a thousand years the earth also shall be redeemed from its plague of "thorns and thistles." Until that time, man will continue to "sweat it out" in the battle against weeds.

SWEDISH CHURCHES PLEAD FOR PEACE

According to *Religious News Service*, the Pentecostal people of Sweden have joined the Lutherans and five other major religious groups in Sweden in petitioning the heads of the American, British, and Russian governments to negotiate their problems "to prevent the catastrophe which a new world war would bring."

CHRISTIANS IN FIJI

According to *Alliance Weekly*, the recent census of the Fiji Islands reveals that almost half of the Fijians are Christians, the remainder being divided between Hindus (nearly 40%), Mohammedans (about 5%), and heathen (about 5%). Of the professing Christians, more than 80% are adherents of the Methodist Church, and the balance are practically all Roman Catholics. A wonderful missionary work has been done in years gone by, in turning these energetic and interesting people from heathenism to holiness, and from cannibalism to Christ.

MILK AND HONEY

A health magazine recently reported that a combination of milk and honey constitutes a human diet that is almost complete and perfect. Scientists of the University of Minnesota tested this diet on five people for a month—a quart of pasteurized milk and a quarter of a cup of light honey daily, supplemented only by Vitamins B and C. At the end of the period no dietary deficiencies were noted, so the health magazine commented that the Biblical promise to the Israelites of a "land that floweth with milk and honey" might well have been advised by a present-day nutritionist.

GIVING GOD THE GLORY

Referring to the creation of a Jewish State in May, Rabbi Stephen Wise says: "The first words ever tapped over the newly invented telegraph wires, centuries ago, were, 'What wonders God hath wrought.' Man could not have wrought this wonder without God; God hath not wrought this wonder without man. The sons and daughters of Israel have not, could not, have wrought this miracle of miracles which is being beheld today without the help of God, without the prayerful and sustaining faith which makes men fellow creatures with the Eternal. God bless Eretz Israel. God give the ancient and new Land of Israel His safeguarding benediction."

TRASHY LITERATURE

Literary standards have fallen to a new low during the past few years. A recent issue of a trade paper, *The Retail Bookseller*, confidently predicts that a certain novel will be a best-seller because "it has everything that made its predecessor sell: horror, sex, madness, and depravity—all handled with dignity and restraint." The Word of God warns that "in the last days" men shall be "unholy, without natural affection." 2 Tim. 3:1, 2. There can be no doubt that the end of the age is near. It will give place to a better, purer age when Christ shall reign and trashy literature will surely be prohibited.

DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED

The death penalty has been abolished in Great Britain by the House of Commons. Among those who voted against its abolition were Winston Churchill and Prime Minister Atlee; but there are many Bible-honoring Christians who see this as another national step from God. The Bible says, "Surely your blood of your lives will I require. . . . Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed." Genesis 9:5, 6. Where there is no death penalty, murderers will multiply.

RELIGION IN BRITAIN

D. M. Panton, an evangelical editor in England, says: "Britain is in a spiritual coma. Nothing seems to arouse her. The horrors and perils of war, the growing postwar unrest, the awful shadow of impending chaos, fail to turn her to God or stop the mad rush after pleasure. Religion has little attraction for the masses, who ignore the churches and fill the moving picture theaters even on Sundays." Pray for Britain. No nation has done more for the defense and propagation of the gospel in years gone by, and a Holy Ghost revival in that land would send waves of blessing to the ends of the earth.

PENTECOST IN GERMANY

David J. du Plessis, of Basel, Switzerland, writes: "In the middle of March, Brother Kinderman and I set out for a tour in Germany. We traveled 2,500 miles in 14 days and visited two important Pentecostal conferences. There must be several dozen independent Pentecostal groups in Germany. There is a wonderful revival spirit. Germany is ripe for the gospel, and we are trying hard to get the various groups united.

"We visited the Easter conference of the 'Internationale Volksmission.' In Stuttgart alone they have baptized more than 600 people in water during the past ten months. Since the war Sister Gassner, assisted by Brothers Karl Fix and Karl Keek, have opened eight churches."

On Easter Monday morning they attended a youth conference where 150 young people belonging to another Pentecostal organization were gathered. John Lindvall, who was with them, writes: "This work is led by Herman Lauster, a German brother who was converted in the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) in America. In 1936 he returned to Germany and began doing missionary work. Before the war there were ten assemblies but these were all closed. Brother Lauster spent time in a Nazi concentration camp, then served in the German army, and later spent time in a prisoner-of-war camp in England. At the present time they have eight organized churches and twelve out-stations.

"The next day there was a meeting called by Brother Kinderman, where representatives from several groups met to discuss their problems and consider ways of working in closer cooperation.

"We also went to Frankfort, where we visited some Pentecostal believers. At Frankfort Brothers Kinderman, du Plessis and myself had the pleasure of meeting Chaplain Maddox, Chief-of-Chaplains for the European Command of the U. S. Army. Chaplain Maddox is a fine Christian gentleman belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention. We had lunch with him and enjoyed discussing the situation in Europe. He encouraged us greatly in regard to our Pentecostal work in Germany."

Witnessing to India's Jews

Dorothy Whitner, Calcutta.

SINCE coming to Calcutta to witness among the Jewish people, Miss Cheek and I have been greatly encouraged. In the first place God has moved upon Christians to introduce us to their Jewish friends so that we have in most instances had a natural point of contact. Imagine our delight upon our very first visit to find ourselves in the midst of a Jewish family who, having seen Him as their suffering Messiah, are now looking forward with us to the Second coming of Jesus as their King.

The head of the family, the son of a rabbi and a Hebrew scholar, began presenting to us the arguments we had come to present to him, and to mourn over the fact that the Jews are still wandering in darkness having as he said "missed it." We asked him what he was doing with the light God had given him and he confessed that he has not had the moral courage to step out for Christ. We have prayed much for this family and on more recent visits have found them willing and even anxious to help us bring in Jews for Bible study in our home.

We were introduced to another Jewish man in the neighborhood who asked us to come for dinner, and sent for us an hour early so that we could "talk." During the discussion which lasted until after nine, the dinner being forgotten in the meantime, he asked us many searching questions to which we gave him the answers in the Old Testament as well as the New. During a part of the conversation he mentioned that since Christ was human He could not have been infallible. We showed him Isaiah 9:6 and he agreed that here in his own scriptures is prophesied One who will be human and yet divine. He looked

in amazement from one to another of us and said, "You know, I am hearing these things for the first time." When we left him he said, "Thank you for the talk. I will read what you have given me, and then we'll see." We do truly pray that he will see!

Another visit that touched our hearts was an old Jewish man. We offered him a New Testament in Hebrew. His eyes gleamed as he glanced at it, and he said, "I must get my cap. It is the Holy Bible." We were moved with compassion to see such great respect for the Word, the literal Word, when we consider that he does not know the Living Word! We asked him to read to us from the Hebrew Bible, Isaiah 53. He did so first in Hebrew and then in English. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities . . . and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquities of us all." We asked him to whom this referred. He said, "I don't know, madam." Then we asked if he thought these words were written concerning Messiah, to which he replied, "Yes!" Through this and other scriptures we presented to him the fact of a suffering Messiah in the Old Testament.

He promised to read the book of Matthew, and invited us to come back and see him next Saturday at which time he will tell us what he thinks of it. We are sure that we shall find him ready and standing outside of his gate, dressed in clean clothes watching for us to come, as we found him this Saturday. Our hearts yearn that he might soon be clothed in the "clean clothes" of His righteousness.

We recently heard that one of the leading Rabbis here went to a minister friend to purchase a Hebrew New Testament. Another Jewish man wanted to purchase some fifty to

give out to friends. Surely there is a stirring and the good Shepherd is after some of His "Other Sheep" from among the Jewish fold here. We covet the prayers of all who are interested in praying for and witnessing to Israel.

S. S. RECRUITS

Bessie Mae Pate, Chile

AS THE believers in San Bernardo meet with their many problems, they seem to think that "las Senioritas" have the solution immediately, and so we have opportunity to try to get them to rely on Jesus. The Lord has saved two in recent Sunday night services.

A man was determined to take his life because of difficulties in his home, but he first dropped in for the C. A. service. The Lord spoke to him, and he remained for the main service also, and found peace with God and his plans were changed. Another young man in his teens who has been attending the services for some time was saved.

Yesterday afternoon we took the accordion and some backdated Sunday School cards and went to another part of town to "make propaganda for the Sunday School," as is said in Spanish. With one squeak from the accordion children seemed to drop out of the very air and come huddling around.

After singing, giving out cards, and inviting, we dismissed that group "until tomorrow at Sunday School time." But most of them wouldn't be dismissed, but waited for us in the street while we visited in some homes, then accompanied us further on to do more inviting.

Pray that the seed sown will bear fruit for eternity. There is much work to be done, and the liberty given in Chile is a blessing from God and an opportunity to "bring the wandering ones to Jesus." Pray for us here, and for the raising up of workers with a vision.

● MISSIONARIES GATHERED FROM AROUND THE WORLD to be in attendance at the Missionary Conference at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, Missouri which was held June 9 to 13. Noel Perkin, Foreign Missionary Secretary, Mrs. Perkin, and G. F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, are on the front row.



Hawaii's Need

Glen Emberson, Hawaii

WE TOOK a sampan load of Japanese girls into Hilo to a special service. The Lord touched their hearts and when the altar call was given all the 14 girls went to pray. We do not count them all as converts for time will reveal what the Lord did in their lives. Pray for each of these girls.

Recently, we had our first communion service with a precious moving of the Spirit in the whole meeting. During the service a young Japanese lady said that she had given her heart to the Lord at home so she wished to partake with us. At the close of the service she came forward to pray and asked that we pray for her unsaved family.

Another Sunday School has been added to our schedule for which we ask that you pray. The first Sunday there were twenty-one present.

Here in Pepeekeo last week a man from another section of the Island gave his heart to the Lord so we trust this will help make an opening for missionary work in that district. His family seemed delighted with the step he took. Please pray for his wife who still holds to ancestor worship.

The following incident occurred in Pepeekeo before the Word of the Lord came. A young girl was dying and realizing that she was about to depart she cried aloud, "Mamma, where am I going?" This question she kept repeating in her distress until she was gone. No one could tell her, so she slipped out into eternity's night with no hope. Such hopeless entry into eternity will continue to be the portion of many souls for it is not possible for the few missionaries here to reach all the villages. Please continue to pray for Hawaii and its great spiritual need.

Last evening we had the privilege of reaching another group of folk with the gospel. It was a memorial service held for a Christian girl who was a member of a Buddhist family. We had Christian songs in the Japanese language. The message was given in English and then in Japanese. We tried to stress the fact that unless her Savior were accepted they could have no hope of seeing her again. She knew where she was going and her heart had been filled with peace when the departing time came, for her Lord is living. There were forty or more at that service.

Please keep the missionaries of Hawaii on your prayer list so that a mighty revival such as Hawaii has never known will take place.

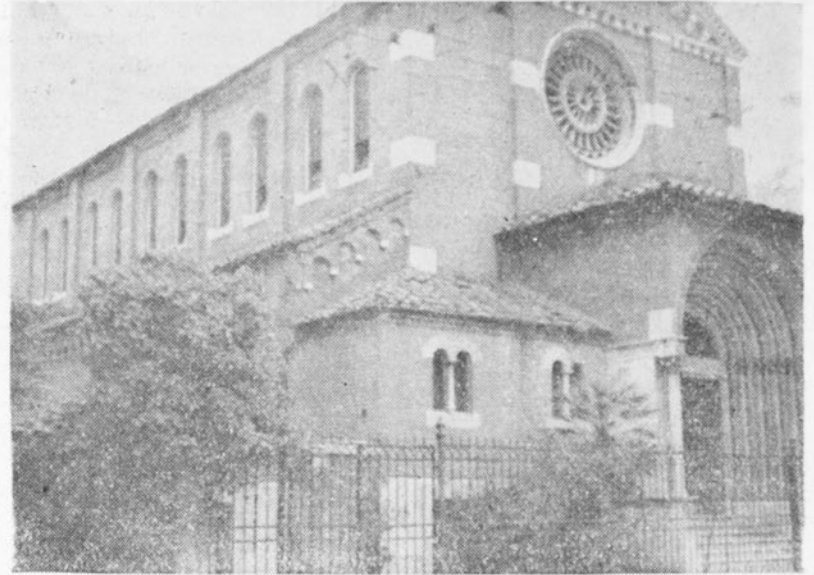


Floyd Horst
Southwest China



Mrs. Floyd Horst
Southwest China

● Recently in Rome, Italy the Assemblies of God purchased this Church of England edifice. It will provide a headquarters for the Assemblies of God in Italy and a place of worship for the Italian believers.



Securing a Church in Rome

ALONG with the Pentecostal revival that has swept much of Italy, there has come a definite need for church buildings. Some 90 pastors, representing 160 assemblies, gathered at a convention sometime ago and organized the Assemblies of God in Italy. As a headquarters for this body, a church property in Rome was sought.

At the present time negotiations are being completed for the purchase of a former Church of England building near the center of Rome. The edifice has not been in use for several years and was recently offered for sale. It is located nearby the former palace of Mussolini. Its construction is of granite and marble and has a seating capacity between 500 and 1000.

The purchase price for the property is \$50,000. Umberto Goriatti, Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Italy, estimates that the land alone is valued at this price. At present, something like \$25,000 has already been raised for the church property.

The Italian government recognizes cer-

tain places of worship as official and gives freedom of worship to those places. As the Pentecostal Christians have had no church buildings in which to worship, they have suffered persecution since they lack the protection of the government. However, it is believed that by the purchase of property that has been officially recognized there will be a more favorable attitude shown toward the Assemblies of God in Italy. This church will be used as the headquarters for the work and U. Goriatti will also act as the representative of the Assemblies of God, U. S. A. in Italy.

At the present time Mr. Goriatti is traveling in the United States and will be here until August 12.

It is desired that the remaining \$25,000 needed for the church at Rome be raised as soon as possible. If you have a gift for this project, please designate it "For the Assembly in Rome" and send to the **Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.**

AIRMEN WANTED

There is a need for pilots, mechanics, navigators, and radio operators who will volunteer for gospel missionary service.

The Foreign Missions Department, with the help of the C. A. Speed-the-Light Campaign, has been able to secure two large transport planes, in addition to a number of smaller planes, for missionary service. For the time being we expect to operate only one of the C-46 Curtis-Wright planes, using the other as a reserve for emergency needs. It may be however, that this program of transporting our missionaries by air may lead to greater use of the airplane.

We are happy to report that a working agreement has been established between the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God, the Scandinavian Missionary Flights of Stockholm, Sweden, and the Lutheran World Federation of Shanghai, China, whereby missionary personnel and supplies may be transported to the major airports of the world. The Scandinavian and Lutheran missions have been operating large transport planes in international travel, including Europe, Asia, and Africa, in the interests of missions, with considerable success.

In order that we may have a list of our Pentecostal airmen who are qualified to serve with the Foreign Missions Department should their services be required, we would appreciate it if each airman would write to us describing his experience and the certificates he holds. We are particularly interested in securing the names and addresses of men who are C.A.A. certificated Airline Transport pilots, C.A.A. certificated Aircraft and Engine mechanics, C.A.A. certificated Navigators, and C.A.A. certificated Radio operators. Correspondence should be addressed to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

NEWS FLASHES

Ruth Schoonmaker and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schoonmaker arrived in the United States from North India in June.

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Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Horst sailed for China Saturday, June 12.

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Mrs. Forrest Barker and children have reached the States. Mr. Barker preceded the family in coming home on furlough from Peru.

TWO GREAT CONFERENCES IN EUROPE

David du Plessis has sent us a glowing report of two great conferences in Europe which he was privileged to attend recently. The first was in

Toulon, France

where the General Conference of the Assemblies of God in France was held in April. In 1938 there were about 40 assemblies in France; today there are more than 100 assemblies, with about 5,000 adult members. Brother du Plessis writes:

"With Donald Gee, John Lindvall, and Howard Fox it was my privilege to minister to the French brethren, both in the Council meetings (which were attended by scores of pastors and delegates) and in the open services (which were attended by up to 800 people). Quite a number were saved and healed during the services.

"Judging from reports, it is clear that the Lord is sending increased blessing upon the work, but the laborers are few, and places of worship either are too small or are unobtainable. I visited several assemblies, including the one in Paris. This assembly is still worshipping in an upper room above a factory, where there is not even room for all the members of the church. What a pity, in view of the great opportunities! Pray much for France."

Crossing the English Channel he traveled to

Skegness, England

where the annual General Conference of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland

was in session. The missionary vision of the British brethren is most praiseworthy. There are only about 400 assemblies in the fellowship, and most of these are small, but they are supporting 107 foreign missionaries and hope to send out more. During the Conference a missionary offering was taken which amounted to 1,140 pounds (\$4,560.00). It was reported that during the year 1947, in spite of the economic hardships, the British assemblies contributed over 21,000 pounds (\$84,000.00) to missionary work.

"All of the 350 pastors and delegates were housed in the Y.M.C.A. institution which was set aside for that week solely for the use of the Conference. It seemed like one great family at home. The songs of Zion rang through the rooms, corridors, and assembly hall, from early until late.

"The business meetings seemed like good Pentecostal services. Difficult points on the agenda were settled almost as simply as though it were a testimony meeting. The loving unity and fellowship was most remarkable. I was present at the 1947 General Conference and that was glorious, but the Lord is doing something in the British Isles which made this year's Council even more wonderful. A spirit of real deep revival is evident, which we pray shall develop into a mighty visitation from the presence of the Lord on a large scale.

"There was great rejoicing when the chairman announced that the Assemblies of God, Elim Foursquare Churches, and the Welsh Apostolic

Churches, instead of each having a separate hymn book, have formed a united joint committee which has compiled a common hymn book, to be ready for all three groups to begin using next year. This is but one of the signs that a wonderful spirit of fellowship and unity is developing among the Pentecostal people of Great Britain."

Among the Assemblies

CHESTOPA, KANSAS—We praise God for the successful revival meeting just closed with Evangelist J. E. Denton. A number were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit, and there was a mighty working of the power of God among the saints.—W. T. Mason, Pastor.

MERCED, CALIF.—Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit and there were some definite healings during the meetings which Evangelist and Mrs. H. W. Marney of Dallas, Texas, conducted for Pastor T. E. Woods of this city.

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.—We recently closed a 3-week revival meeting at the First Assembly of God, with Evangelist Lois Sparks Alexander and her husband, Bird Lee Alexander. Ten were saved and 24 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. These evangelists are diligent altar workers; they did our church much good in many ways.—W. R. Evans, Pastor.

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.—We recently concluded a 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris of Fort Morgan, Colo. Some were at the altar for salvation and some for reconsecration. The anointed ministry of these evangelists was an inspiration to all. We feel that the church has been strengthened through this revival meeting.—W. J. Smith, Pastor.

LONE PINE, CALIF.—The Lone Pine Assembly recently closed a 2-week meeting with Evangelist Philip Tiger and family of Long Beach. Four were saved, one was reclaimed, two received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, and the saints were strengthened. The Lord also blessed in healing. We praise God for the ministry of Brother Tiger; he preaches the Word of God under the anointing.—Pastor and Mrs. Chas. W. Barrett.

CLARKSVILLE, ARK.—The Lord has given us a very successful revival campaign with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. We had the largest attendance here in the city that we have ever had, with the blessings of the Lord in every service. A number prayed through to salvation and also were filled with the Holy Ghost. All appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Ogden.—Clyde Daniel, Pastor.

SELMA, CALIF.—Some few weeks ago we concluded a revival meeting with Evangelist Starland W. Thomas. Numbers were saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many were healed. There was one outstanding healing, that of R. W. Beezley, who was healed of cancer on the side of his face close to his ear. We praise God for this healing and for the revival spirit in the church.—Thomas Ming, Pastor; by George F. Day, Secretary-Treasurer.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA—We have just concluded a very profitable series of meetings with Evangelists G. B. McDowell and Paul Glover. God richly blessed and confirmed the preaching of His Word. Around 30 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4. Several have testified to receiving a definite healing touch during the meetings. One man was healed of deafness; another of hernia.

Before the meetings came to a close we moved to the Grand Theatre Auditorium where hundreds came to hear the Word of God preached. While Brother McDowell was in Calgary he also spoke at the Youth for Christ meeting in the High School Auditorium, and his ministry was a blessing to all.

The blessings of God continue in our midst. In the week-night service following the revival, two were graciously filled with the Holy Ghost.—Fleming May, Pastor.

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By John Homer Miller

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Somewhere in the pages of this book, you will meet yourself, and—take our word for it—it will be an adventure! In these stimulating pages the author, a minister, holds up the candid mirror of self-analysis. He shows how life can be transformed "by the renewing of your mind, by the changing of your attitudes." Facing frankly the little quirks that keep you from developing your full potentialities, he presents simply, point by point, the ways you can overcome these weaknesses and live more abundantly. Here is a book that will help you to help yourself, and to help others. Subjects discussed are as follows:

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Mastering Your Emotions
Making A Weakness Your Greatest Asset
Living Without Appreciation
Living One Day At A Time
How To Be Decisive

How To Succeed
Look at Your Average
Your Right to Be Well
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BEACON, N. Y.—Louis Kaplan, Christian Jewish Evangelist, 22-50 49th St., Astoria, N. Y., accompanied by Paul Lawson, Texas Gospel Singer, recently conducted a 10-day revival meeting. There were many outstanding testimonies of healing. In one instance, a woman who had been bedridden for thirteen months and was half blind, got out of bed and walked, and testified that the Lord had touched her eyes and that she could see better. One night 15 persons responded to the altar call. During this revival the pastor's wife received the Baptism.—M. Dorn, Pastor.

SIoux CITY, IOWA—On April 20th Evangelist Arthur S. Arnold of Los Angeles, Calif., came to us for a 3-week revival. God met with us in old-fashioned Pentecostal power; 50 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and 30 were saved or reclaimed. Eight received the Baptism one night. Brother Arnold's preaching was forceful and effective and the altars were filled with seekers; 380 was the high mark in our Sunday School attendance. A number of healings were reported. God continues to pour out His Spirit since the meetings closed.—A. M. Alber, Pastor, The First Assembly of God.

CAMPBELL, MO.—On May 22 Evangelist E. L. Slavens came to us for one night to conduct a short Divine Healing service. The power and blessing of God rested upon this meeting in a wonderful way, and many have reported that the Lord touched them.

On March 21 Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden came for an Easter revival. The Sunday School attendance reached 263. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Large crowds came and the glory of the Lord rested upon the meeting.—A. A. Bradley, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—This is a new work which we started in a new field 23 months ago, with about 6 people and without even a piano. We made a personal loan of \$417 to buy a small building, 12x30. In less than three months we outgrew it and now have a beautiful church, 36x60, and our record attendance is 140. Our Sunday School attendance stands at an average of 115. We have secured a lot on which to build a mission, 20x32, about a mile and a half from our present church, in another addition, so that the young people of our church will have a place to work and the preachers in the church a place to develop their ministry. God is doing great things for us, for which we are glad!—Richard M. Sparks, Pastor, Eagle Ford Assembly of God, 2617 Raleigh Place, Dallas 9, Texas.

FRANKLIN, TEXAS—We have just closed a series of special meetings with Brother and Sister Roy Tumlinson of Waxahachie. The Lord's presence was manifest from the beginning. When the Holy Ghost began to be poured out, some while at work sought for the saints to pray with them to be filled. Some were baptized in their homes when at prayer; others at the altar in the church. Our Sunday School attendance reached a new record and we feel that God has repaid us a hundredfold for every sacrifice we have made in trying to establish this new work. We have been here about 18 months but have only had a church since last August. We have seen the bountiful hand of God providing us with a church building and we are now living in the parsonage which will have five rooms when finished.—E. R. Mason, Pastor.

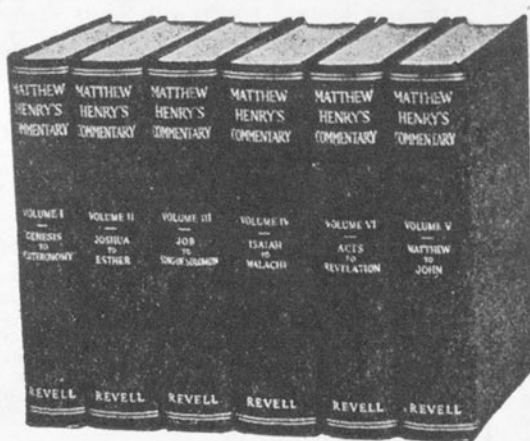
POLISH BRANCH COUNCIL

The Polish Branch held its Fifth Annual Council at 2 Atlantic St., Boston, Mass., May 28—29; J. Nykiel, Host Pastor. The entire convention was blessed by the presence of the Lord, as the Word was given out by speakers anointed with the Holy Ghost. We enjoyed the ministry of Roy Smuland, Superintendent of the New England District, who visited the convention. We were especially happy to have a guest from Poland, Dr. Konstata Najder, Superintendent of all Protestant work in Poland, who brought a stirring missionary message from the Word of God.

A great door is now open in Poland; people are really hungry and crying for the Bread of Life, amidst their poverty. A letter which was read from our missionary, K. Fugowski, stated that every week there is a baptismal service, as great numbers follow the Lord in water baptism.

The following officers were elected: T. Wojciechowski, Superintendent; N. Steciewicz, Secretary; A. Jasinski, Treasurer; J. Nykiel and B. Kowalewski, Presbyters. J. Nykiel, Editor, "Dobry Pasterz."—N. Steciewicz, Secretary.

MATTHEW HENRY'S COMMENTARY



This famous six-volume commentary has just been reprinted from new plates and is bound in rich morocco-grained fabrikoid.

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years old it comes to modern ears with just enough quaintness to make a pleasing and lasting impression.

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—This work, the Lighthouse Assembly of God, was started with three adults in March, 1947. We began preaching in their homes to their neighbors and friends. From the first meeting God put His approval upon the work by confirming the Word with signs following. We now have a tile brick building, 28x48, almost finished, and we do not owe anything on the building. This is just a village at the south gate of the Naval Air Station, 18 miles southeast of Corpus Christi. Our congregation is made up of fishermen, carpenters, painters, and truck drivers—just working-people who have families to support. Our Sunday School record is 45. Although some have moved away and one dear sister has been laid to rest, we still have everyone we started out with and many have been added to the church. God has wrought many miracles in our midst. Several persons have been delivered from demon power. A man who had been bedfast 5 months with ulcers of the intestines, was healed, and he and his wife and daughters were saved. Another with an affliction in his arm was made whole.—Wendeline Nelson Pastor, Route 4, Box 69.

GARY, IND.—We are very happy to report the blessing of God on the work at Glen Park. From the time we came here, in December, 1946, until November, 1947, we could hold services only on Sundays and Thursdays, until the people from whom we were buying the church moved out. During that time we contacted folk, prayed and worked against many obstacles, and believed God for great things. After obtaining possession of the building, we began to repair and alter it to suit our need, and finally completed it May 22, 1948. We now have a lovely auditorium and a very attractively decorated basement with sufficient space for ten Sunday School classes.

God blessed and answered prayer; a number of souls have been saved, 12 immersed in water, 14 are tarrying for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and 35 have united with the church. The Sunday School enrollment has grown from 17 to 105, with an average attendance of 85.

On May 23 the church was dedicated. District Superintendent Roy H. Wead preached the Word in the morning, and Wilfred A. Brown in the afternoon and evening. The power of God was present in a marked way, anointing the Word as it came from the lips of these men of God. A lovely offering was given at this service to clear the remaining repair bills. Council brethren are always welcome when passing through Gary.—Anthony Vigna, Pastor, Glen Park Assembly of God.

CHEYENNE, WYO.—New Year's Eve we began a meeting with Evangelist Christian Hild, and God honored the services with His presence. Large crowds attended. At least 75 sought salvation. This meeting was followed by a "Youth for Christ" revival for one week, with Evangelist Mary Warren of Denver. In this meeting the young people were drawn closer to God and a number sought the Lord for salvation. Since December, 1947, the Sunday School has been witnessing a healthy growth; on Easter Sunday we reached 331.

We have just closed one of the greatest revivals that this city has ever witnessed. Starland Thomas of La Mesa, Calif., was our evangelist. Great healings took place. People came from distant cities to be prayed for; a large group came from Laramie, Wyo., and everyone that was prayed for was healed. Great miracles took place. Crippled people walked; those who wore glasses wore them no more; cancers were healed; people with arthritis were delivered. A number were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.—Joseph and Helen Dunets, Pastors.

WEBB CITY, MO.—The Lord has given us a very successful 4-week revival meeting with Evangelists Iva Harris and Thelma Denney of Shawnee, Okla. Twenty-eight were saved and 22 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Most of the converts were adults, and this has greatly strengthened the assembly. Four men were delivered from the cigarette habit when they were saved; two of these were veterans of World War II, and while praying through to salvation they threw away their cigarettes and then received glorious victory from the Lord. Some who had been backslidden for several years were definitely converted and are rejoicing in the Lord. After 3 weeks of meetings, 25 were baptized in water. The Sunday School attendance is between 120 and 135 or more each Sunday, and is still growing. Easter Sunday without any contest whatsoever we had 147 in Sunday School—the highest attendance in the history of the church. We have arranged four fine Sunday School rooms within the church to adequately care for the needs of the growing school.

Besides the Sunday School doubling in attendance during the past six months since we have been in charge, the regular church services of the week and on Sunday have increased likewise.

The blessing of the Lord upon the assembly is due to the wholehearted co-operation of every one in the church in a desire to work, pray and give for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost.—Albert D. Pyle, Pastor.



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DENTON, TEXAS—It has been our privilege to have Evangelist H. Donald Skelton of Dallas with us for a 3-week revival meeting in Faith Tabernacle. His anointed preaching was a blessing to all. Several were saved; each night there were from 5 to 12 at the altar seeking the Lord. The messages to the church were a great blessing and many were inspired to go deeper with God.

On Wednesday of the last week we engaged the City Auditorium for a North Texas Holy Ghost rally and Divine Healing service. The pastors of this part of the section co-operated. All available space on the first floor was taken, folk were standing at the back and in the hall, and half of the balcony was filled. We enjoyed a great service and message by Brother Skelton. Several were prayed for.

At present we are adding a Sunday School building to the back of the church, size 28x50.—H. A. Johnson, Pastor.

EUGENE, ORE.—It is with grateful hearts that we look over a 10-week revival meeting with Evangelist V. J. Gardner of Wenatchee, Wash. It was a time of visitation from God, a season of ingathering of precious souls. Over 170 sought salvation, scores of them praying through to a glorious assurance in their hearts; many later testified to deliverance from deep sin and habits of long standing. About 50 were baptized with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. The power of the Lord was present to heal, and as faith reached out to the Lord during the Divine Healing services, many were instantly healed of afflictions, such as deafness, arthritis, asthma, tumors, and so forth. Great crowds filled the building night after night; many nights there were 500 present by actual count, and sometimes close to 600. Our Sunday School attendance has more than tripled in a year, and recently a record attendance of 234 was reached.—Gordon Kamper, Pastor.

TULARE, CALIF.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle has just witnessed an outstanding revival; it was the best-attended series of meetings in over 20 years; many of the older members stated that not since the days of A. G. Garr, the founder of the church, have such crowds packed the church to hear the gospel preached. Starland W. Thomas of La Mesa was the evangelist used

of God during some four weeks. Many nights the auditorium was filled, the choir loft, the platform, and the orchestra rostrum; all available space was occupied. One night 9 visiting ministers were in attendance.

Upwards of 100 found Christ as their Savior, and 26 received the Baptism. The mighty power of God was present to heal; hundreds of people came as far as 100 miles and more, to be prayed for and healed. Many with heart disease were delivered. A woman who had spent over \$3,000 with doctors was healed. Persons suffering from appendicitis, gall bladder trouble; crippled folk, those with stiff neck, with eyes needing glasses for years, were healed. People testified to having had cancer removed through the name of Jesus. Mere numerals fail to express the amount of good with was done. The church still feels the effect of the very wholesome ministry of Brother Thomas.—Paul B. Franklin, Pastor.

ITALIAN BRANCH CONVENTION

The first convention of the newly organized Italian Branch of the Assemblies of God was held on May 31 in Brooklyn, N. Y. The presence of the Lord was very real, and a spirit of co-operation and understanding permeated the meeting. J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, was present and his wise counsel was of immeasurable help during the convention. Nicholas Nikoloff gave a short, informal talk.

The meeting was highlighted by the presence of U. N. Goriotti, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Italy, who had recently arrived from that country. His description of the dire needs of Italy, both spiritual and material, stirred the hearts of all who were present. He declared that Italy is now an open and ripe field for the propagation of the glorious Gospel of Christ. While in America, Brother Goriotti will be visiting many of our Assemblies of God churches. Any pastors who would like to invite him to their churches should write at the address below. Brother Goriotti can present first-hand information regarding the actual situation in Italy in regard to religious liberty.

The newly elected officers are: Superintendent, Quirino Grilli; General Secretary, Dominick Lisciandrello; Treasurer and Missionary Secretary, Alexander Mauriello. Those elected to the General Presbytery include Felice Rizzo, Louis Tarantino, Louis Grilli, and Anthony Piraino. A monthly paper entitled "Good News" will serve as the official organ of the Italian Branch of Assemblies of God.—D. Lisciandrello, General Secretary, Assemblies of God Italian Branch, Box 31, Bushwick Station, Brooklyn 21, N. Y.

Coming Meetings

Due to the fact that the Evangel is made up 15 days before the date which appears upon it, all notices should reach us 18 days before that date.

ROCKY FORD, COLO.—Eastern Colorado Conference, Latin American District Council, July 28—29.—Joseph Giron, District Secretary.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.—"Amazing Grace" Revival, July 7—; Charles O. Neece, Evangelist.—M. W. Roll, Pastor.

NORTHBRIDGE, CALIF.—July 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. G. L. McKinney, Siloam Springs, Ark.—O. T. Killion, Pastor.

LEES SUMMIT, MO.—July 13—; W. M. Stevens, Evangelist. Address: 610 S. Green St., Lees Summit, Mo.—John H. Waugh, Pastor.

FORDYCE, ARK.—July 18—August 8; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Otis Hubbard, Pastor.

(Near) NEEDHAM, ALA.—Rock Springs Church, July 18—; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler.—Hubert Loper, Pastor.

LEPANTO, ARK.—Speedway Assembly of God; meeting in progress; James O. Johnson, Evangelist.—E. Joe Wilmoth, Pastor.

MILES CITY, MONT.—July 20, for 2 weeks or longer; Floyd E. Heady, Cape Girardeau, Mo., Evangelist.—Chas. H. Jackson, Pastor.

NEW ENGLAND, N. Dak.—Canvas Tabernacle, July 18—August 1; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Reuben W. Will, Pastor.

TROY, ALA.—July 18, for 2 weeks or longer; Dallas D. Bryant of Brundidge, Evangelist.—W. T. Wilkins, Pastor.

DALLAS, TEXAS—City-wide C. A. Youth Revival, State Fair Grounds, July 12—17; Bert Webb, speaker; Elyn Ray, choir director. Thirty churches of Dallas co-operating.—J. Curtis Carlin, Director, Dallas Section C.A.'s.

MEMPHIS TENN.—East McLemore and Somerville. Dedication of new church building and home coming of nonresident and former members, July 25. Services 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m. Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, main speaker.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.—Home Coming Day, First Assembly of God, August 1. All former pastors, evangelists and lay members especially invited. J. O. Savell, a former pastor and now Superintendent of Texas District, guest speaker. Services 10 a.m., 2:30 and 7:45 p.m.—A. L. Wolfe, Pastor.



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SELMA, CALIF.—Youth revival, July 18—; Betty Coleman, Laura Leedy, and Charlene Marshall, graduates of Glad Tidings Bible Institute, Evangelists.—Thomas Ming, Pastor.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—William B. McCafferty of Southwestern Bible Institute will conduct a 2-week Bible School, July 25—Aug. 8, at Central Assembly of God, 904 Louisiana St.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT YOUTH CAMP
STORM LAKE, IOWA—Annual West Central District Youth Camp, July 19—23. Ages 13—35. Opening service, July 19, 7:30 p.m.—Gene Bell, District C. A. President.

LOUISIANA DISTRICT COUNCIL
12th Annual Louisiana District Council, High School Auditorium, Bossier City, La., July 27—29. General Superintendent Ernest S. Williams, night speaker. District Christ's Ambassadors Rally, same auditorium, night, July 26. For reservations or further information write Pastor E. W. Davis, Box 71, Bossier City, La.—L. O. Waldon, District Secretary.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP
Rocky Mountain District Camp Meeting District Headquarters, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo., August 3—13. T. J. Jones, principal of NCBI, morning teacher; D. P. Holloway of Cleveland, Ohio, evening speaker.
For information write R. G. Fulford, Secretary-Treasurer, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

GOOD SAMARITAN CAMP MEETING
Good Samaritan Farm Camp, near Hammondsville and Bergholz, Ohio, July 21—Aug. 1. Take highway 164 out of Salineville, look for sign along country roads. H. C. McKinney, Camp Evangelist and Bible Teacher. Cafeteria on grounds; some rooms, cottages, and tents for rent. For information write Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McCausland, Route 1, Hammondsville, Ohio.

LONG ISLAND BIBLE CONFERENCE
Long Island Bible Conference, Huntington Conference Grounds on Birchwood Drive, July 18—August 1. Wilfred A. Brown, Evening Evangelist; Ralph M. Jeffrey and R. D. E. Smith, Bible Teachers. July 18, afternoon, Missionary Service conducted by Robt. T. McGlasson; S. S. Rally, afternoon, July 24, under direction of C. A. Denton; C. A. Rally, afternoon and evening, July 30; and MBI Day, afternoon, July 31.
For accommodations or further information write L. W. Colbert, Secretary, 115-47 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica 4, N. Y.

LIVING WATERS CAMP MEETING
Fourteenth Annual Living Waters Pentecostal Camp Meeting, Eastern District Council, Cherry Tree, Pa., July 23—August 8. D. H. McDowell, Bible Teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Caldwell in charge of Camp Bible School; ages 12—18. A. N. Chase, Camp pastor. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Balliet in charge of C. A. services. Thomas Johnstone of Toronto, Canada, Camp evangelist. Foreign Missions, August 1, 2:30 p.m., John Horn in charge. Home Missions Rally, July 25. EBI Day, July 31, 2:30 p.m. Other ministers will assist. For further information write R. F. Bender, Camp Chairman, 220 Arden Rd., Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh 16, Pa.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUTH CAMPS
Southern California C. A. Youth Camps:
Camp Sierra, August 7—14. Located 55 miles N. E. of Fresno, between Huntington and Shaver lakes in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Camp Evangelist: Kenneth Schmidt. Teachers: C. M. Ward and Mrs. Irving Harrison. Vesper services, Doyle Opie. Room and board \$17.75. For reservations write Earl Draper, 463 N. Fresno St., Fresno, Calif. Send \$5.00 for each reservation desired.
Camp Seelye, August 21—28. Located at Crestline, 18 miles north of San Bernardino, near Lake Gregory, Camp Evangelist: Paul Boyer. Teachers: C. M. Ward and Mrs. F. C. Woodworth. Vesper services, Ralph Love. Room and board \$17.75. For reservations write Wayne Turner, P. O. Box 682, Elsinore, Calif. Send \$5.00 for each reservation desired.—L. B. Lewis, Southern California District C. A. President.

EASTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING
29th Annual Eastern District Camp Meetings open at Green Lane, Pa., with two-day Prayer Conference, July 16—17; meetings continue through Aug. 15. First two weeks: Arthur Graves, Bible teacher; A. N. Trotter, evening speaker. Second two weeks: Milton Wells, Bible teacher; H. M. Strickland, evening speaker. First period C. A. meetings under the direction of Arlene McQuillan and Marie Griffith; last two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. David Howe. Camp Bible Schools and VBS directed by Hilda Simokat. Home Missions Sunday, August 1, J. Clifford Hall, speaker. Foreign Missions Day, Aug. 8, John Horn in charge. EBI Day Aug. 7, 3 p.m.

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MICHIGAN DISTRICT YOUTH CONFERENCE
Fourth Annual Michigan District Youth Conference, Pa-Ho-Lo Park Camp Grounds, Grass Lake, Mich. August 9—20. Ages 15—35. W. A. Brown, Springfield, Mo., evening speaker.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

ILLINOIS CAMP MEETING
Illinois District Camp, Old Salem Chautauqua Grounds, near Petersburg, Ill., July 23—August 1. Wm. E. Kirschke, Camp Evangelist; T. J. Jones, Camp Teacher. Vesper services daily, 6:30 p.m., under supervision of G. E. Mandel, C. A. President. GLBI Day, July 28; Children's Home Day, July 25; Missionary Sunday, Aug. 1.
K. L. Marshall, Carlinville, Ill., in charge of hotel and

cottage accommodations. M. M. Brewer, 76 E. Jennings St., Wood River, Ill., Camp Manager. Requests for accommodations should be made early. Everyone taken care of, either on grounds or in Petersburg.—W. R. Williamson, Superintendent.

LAKEVIEW GOSPEL CAMPS
TROUTBURG, N. Y.—Lakeview Gospel Camp, New York-New Jersey District summer schedule: Boys' and Girls' Camp, July 24—31; ages 8—13. C. W. Denton, Director.

17th Annual Pentecostal Camp Meeting, July 31—Aug. 15; A. H. Graves, Bible Teacher; Bert Webb, Evangelist. Opening rally, July 31, 8 p.m.; Missionary rally, Aug. 1, 2:30 p.m. Camp Junior Bible School for young people, ages 12—20. Daily vacation Bible School. Concerning accommodations write N. J. Kenyon, 39 S. Grove St., East Aurora, N. Y. Concerning Junior Bible School and Boys' and Girls' Camp write C. W. Denton, Box 22, Dansville, N. Y.—Frederick D. Drake, Camp Committee Secretary.

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NEW ENGLAND CAMP MEETING

New England District Camp Meeting, District Camp Grounds, Auburn Street, Framingham, Mass., July 28—August 8. Albert L. Hoy, Bible teacher; Ernest Sumrall, camp evangelist. For reservations write Camp Committee, 7 Auburn St., Framingham, Mass.—Lyle W. Butler, District Secretary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT MINISTERS' SEMINAR

Third Annual Michigan District Ministers' Seminar, Fa-Ho-Lo Park Camp Ground, Grass Lake, Mich., August 9—13 and 16—20. District Superintendent Chas. W. H. Scott, Principal. Special instructors: R. M. Riggs, Springfield, Mo.; T. A. Kessel, Zion, Ill.; A. L. Hoy, Battle Creek, Mich.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

MOUNTAINVIEW GOSPEL CAMP

SHERBURNE, N. Y.—Mountainview Gospel Camp, New York-New Jersey District, July 18—August 1. John Wharton, Camp Evangelist; Herbert Kelchner, Bible Teacher. Missionary rally, July 18; MBI day, August 1. For reservations write Frank Reynolds, P. O. Box 127, Canandaigua, N. Y.—Norman G. Love, Secretary.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Michigan District Camp, Fa-Ho-Lo Park, Grass Lake, Mich., July 24—Aug. 8. W. I. Evans, Bible teacher; Arthur Arnold, evening speaker. Credentials Day, August 3.—D. G. Foote, District Secretary, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.

SOUTH CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE

The Arkansas District Council has organized a Bible College at Hor Springs, Ark. The school will comprise three departments: Bible School, Bible College, and Junior College. School will open September 7. For particulars, write Oattie E. Gaugh, Box 436, Hot Springs, Ark.

MONTANA YOUTH BIBLE CAMP

Sixth Annual Montana Youth Bible Camp, Beaver Creek Playground, Bear Paw Mountains, near Havre, August 4—12. Ages 10—20. Speakers: older group, Paul Hild; younger group, Mrs. Roy Munger. Mornings devoted to classes, afternoons to recreation, evenings to meetings. For further information write W. A. Buck, Box 89, Havre, Mont.—Paul Williscroft, Director of Christian Education.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—2625 Tenth Court, Vero Beach, Fla.—Harold J. Snelgrove.

NEW ADDRESS—2014 Broadway, Bellingham 21, Wash. "We have accepted the call to pastor the Assembly of God here."—John A. Westman.

NOTICE—"Have accepted the pastorate of the Assembly of God in Seymour, Mo. Present address: 2434 N. Campbell, Springfield, Mo."—Pastor and Mrs. Paul J. Young.

WANTED—Qualified Christian high school teachers for fall term. Contact Canyonville Bible Academy, Canyonville, Ore. A limited number of student applications are also being accepted. Write for information.—Robert Shaffer, Secretary.

WANTED—Names and addresses of relatives or friends living in this atomic city and needing Pentecostal ministry. We are taking over the pastorate of a new Assembly of God. Have moved from Ft. Worth, Texas, and our new address is P. O. Box 932, Los Alamos, N. Mex.—E. R. Anderson.

NEW ADDRESS—P. O. Box 102, Bruni, Texas. "After being on the evangelistic field for a number of years, we have accepted the pastorate here. Council ministers cordially welcome."—Pastor and Mrs. A. R. Kennedy.

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John W. DeVasher, 1322 Crawford, Parsons, Kansas—"I have recently come from Los Angeles, Calif. Am now ordained with the Kansas District. Reference: Geo. Hanley, 405 N. 17th, Parsons, Kansas."

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