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*"For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior
which is Christ the Lord..."*
—LUKE 2:11



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

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"Born Is the King of Israel"



ONE GENERATION after another has greeted the Christmas season with the glad strains of the beautiful old carol:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

So old are the words (and the music, too) that no one knows who wrote them. In every land, at Christmas, the cry is heard again. "Noel! Noel!" It is a shout of joy at news of a welcome birth.

Again our homes and cities will resound with the echo of this beautiful carol; but this year, with a Jewish State in existence once again, the words take on a new meaning. It is the first Christmas in more than 2,000 years that Israel has been numbered among the nations of the world.

The new Israel is a democracy, not a monarchy. She has no royal throne. But her King is born, though at present, because she rejected Him, He abides in exile. He was born over 1900 years ago. Soon He shall return—and God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David, as the angel Gabriel announced.

Let me show you from the Scriptures when it was that Israel's throne became vacant, and why it is that Jesus of Nazareth has the sole right to occupy the throne. This subject is of paramount importance, for the occupation of David's throne is the only lasting solution to the otherwise irreconcilable struggle between labor and capital, and every other international and international.

David, the youngest son of Jesse, was anointed king of Israel about 3,000 years ago. In the early chapters of 2 Samuel we have the record of the full establishment of David's kingdom. In chapter 7 we read of the unconditional promise that God made to David, as respects his family, the throne, and the kingdom.

God covenanted with David that his family, the throne and the kingdom would be established forever. This same promise was repeated to David's son, Solomon, after he succeeded his father to the throne. But note this very important difference: to David it was an *unconditional* promise (that is, there were no *ifs* and *buts*), but to Solomon it was a *conditional* promise (that is, it was contingent upon his behavior). Listen to it:

If thou wilt walk before Me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have

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commanded thee, and wilt keep My statutes and My judgments:

Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

But if ye shall at all turn from following Me, ye or your children, and will not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods, and worship them:

Then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house which I have hallowed for My name, will I cast out of My sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all people. (1 Kings 9:4-7)

Did Solomon keep his part of this covenant? Did his children? Ah, no. On the contrary, over the history of most of the kings who followed in David's train, including Solomon, are these indicting words: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord."

Forced Abdication

For more than 400 years the Lord God proved Himself longsuffering and full of compassion, but finally He dethroned a king, a direct descendant of Solomon and David. Jehoiachin, also known as Jeco-niah and Coniah, was removed from the throne. God said through Jeremiah:

No man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah. (Jer. 22:30)

Since that day the family of David has been "broken down," the throne of Israel has been empty, and the kingdom dissolved.

I want to call your attention to a most remarkable prophecy in this connection. The prophet Hosea wrote this 2800 years ago, when a king was reigning over Judah and when there was no evidence that the throne would be empty. Listen to it:

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days. (Hosea 3:4, 5)

Notice the word *afterward*. That afterward is now in the course of fulfillment. The children of Israel are returning. Not in their whole history has there been such a movement toward Palestine as we are witnessing these days. Soon they will seek the Lord their God, and David their King; soon they will fear the Lord and enjoy His goodness forever.

How glad I am that there is this silver lining in the dark cloud hanging over the Jewish people. Not only does this



Cabinet Ministers of the new State of Israel sing "Hatikvah," the Jewish national anthem, in the Tel Aviv art museum on May 14, 1948, at the commencement of the ceremony at which the creation of the new State was proclaimed. Picture on wall above is of Theodor Herzl, founder of Zionism. (This Wide World Photo was sent from London to New York by radio.)

prophecy in Hosea reveal a silver lining, but the fact that the promise made to David was unconditional causes us to know its fulfillment is not dependent upon David's faithfulness or Solomon's faithfulness, but upon God's faithfulness. Oh, for a remnant of this broken-down family! Oh, for a Seed of David to build again the ruins thereof! Oh, for One whose right it is to fulfill that threefold unconditional promise made to David by the Lord God!

Not the "Big Three," but the "Big One"

The day is not far off when the Lord God will overthrow these great Gentile world powers. Instead of a "Big Three" there will be a "Big One" ruling the world—not by veto power and compromise but in absolute righteousness. Wars and desolations will continue periodically until this threefold promise to David is fulfilled. There can be no lasting universal peace so long as Gentile powers rule the world. No lasting peace can come to this sin-sick and war-torn world until *He come whose right it is.* Ezekiel 21:27.

Who is this coming One? He is the promised Messiah, the Son of David. He appeared in Bethlehem of Judea 1900

years ago. His name is Jesus (Jeshua) of Nazareth, *the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.* Matthew 1:1. Before His birth God announced *to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house (family) of David:*

Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David:

And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. (Luke 1:27-33)

Four Out of Seven Fulfilled

Note the seven things said to Mary:

1. You will have a virgin-born Son.
2. His name shall be called Jesus.
3. He shall be great.
4. He shall be called the Son of the Highest, the Son of God.
5. The Lord God shall give Him the throne of His father David.
6. He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever.
7. His kingdom shall have no end.

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hope of present and eternal salvation, struggles on in the vain attempt to achieve the impossible. Thank God, in spite of the din of godless demagogues and the noisy purveyors of belligerent ideologies, the true import of the angel message will strike a responsive chord deep in the inner consciousness of myriads, and to the human urge to make the world safe and livable there will be added a passion to make men holy and obedient.

It might bring us closer to the real spirit of the season if we call to mind at least one thing that is absent from the angel song. There is no plaintive lamentation over the injustice and inequality so deeply ingrained in the social order. Certainly the heavens are neither unmindful of nor indifferent to sorrow and oppression. Perhaps these jubilant singers from the upper reaches of God's happy universe could not adapt themselves to the minor strains of a sighing, sinful world. I am inclined to the opinion that the minor chords belong exclusively to a realm where sin and tears are set to music.

What then is the meaning of this jubilant song if it does not mean that these celestial visitors were dispatched to inspire our hopes and tune our hearts to dream and sing of realities higher and more compensating than temporal good—a Savior, Christ the Lord. Not a Savior of decadent Judaism nor of abstract human freedoms, but a Savior of sinners "from their sins."

I am not unmindful of the mighty impact of the Christian gospel on world order. Yet this is not the theme of the angels' song, neither is it the theme of God-anointed ministry. The salvation that the Bible proffers to the world is personal and individual, and it comes only to those who personally believe from their hearts in the Savior, whom angels worship and adore.

Wonderful story of love! Whatever the condition of the environment, there is jubilant song for all those who are wise enough to follow the Christmas star. What if the social and economic system is off balance? We need not wait for a changed order. Our first and pre-eminent need is a changed life, a change that will banish gloom and despair, bringing peace and good will, a song, a mission, a goal.

The Angels' Song

W. J. Gaston

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

THE DAY is drawing near when we shall once again commemorate the birthday of the world's Redeemer. More and more people will be thinking and speaking of Christmas. The streets and stores are all dressed up for the happy celebration. No ruler of earth, at the very apex of his popularity, ever received such universal acclaim as will be accorded the Babe of Bethlehem, though nineteen centuries have slipped between. The press, the radio, the school, and the home will, after a fashion, conspire with the church in heralding anew the incarnation message. The spirit of kindness and good will, again will tug at the heart strings of uncounted millions as they listen to the sweetest story ever told.

How can the angel message of peace and good will be applied to the divided passion-inflamed world of today? The answer is plain if we turn the pages of history and consider the sorry plight of the world when the blessed event attracted the angel choir of Bethlehem.

Israel, the chosen nation, was under the heel of a cruel despotism, and half of the

inhabitants of the world were in virtual slavery, when Joseph and Mary wended their way over the Judean hills and came to rest in the friendly habitat of cattle.

When human rights and hopes were at an all-time low, the pure, sweet notes of the angel song supplied the missing link between the discord of earth and the harmony of heaven. Peace on earth was predicated upon giving glory to God in the highest. The present-day bedlam of confused voices from the capitals of world disorder would lead the thoughtful soul to believe that arrogant independence of God is basically responsible for the present chaotic state of world affairs.

Peace, prosperity, and happiness apart from God and righteousness is neither possible nor desirable; yet a rebellious world, ever since the advent of its one



The Stranger of Bethlehem

IT IS written in Psalm 119:19, "I am a stranger in the earth." When the Son of God, of whom it had been promised, "The Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David," came to this world, He did not come in a manner befitting His royal parentage. He who was of the true line of David was born in a stable and cradled in a manger. For there was no room for this wee stranger in the inn.

Herod sought to destroy all the babies in Bethlehem—there was no room for this little stranger in the land. But God outwitted the wicked king; He forewarned Joseph by a dream, and Joseph took the tiny stranger to Egypt. The gold necessary for their journey and sojourn was provided by strangers from the East who came to worship Him who was born king of the Jews.

At the death of Herod, Joseph and Mary returned from Egypt; but forewarned of God, they went not to Bethlehem but to the despised city of Nazareth, the city that was held in such great contempt that men said, "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" There the Son of God was hidden—"a stranger in the earth."

At a later date He said: "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests: but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." After He ministered in Jerusalem we read: "Every man went unto his own house. Jesus went to the mount of Olives"—a homeless stranger.

A Companion

It is further written in the same 119th Psalm: "I am a companion of all them that fear Thee." Verse 63. Christ was a companion to Lazarus and Martha and Mary, and they delighted in His companionship. There were those who left all and followed Him—to them He became a close companion and friend. What great wonders these disciples saw Him accomplish as He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil! What gracious things were witnessed by the three of the inner circle—Peter, James and John. They saw the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and His marvelous transfiguration! And what a

companion John, who leaned on His bosom, found Him to be! This "stranger of Galilee" is still a warm companion to all who fear God.

A Servant

In this same 119th Psalm we read this statement: "I am Thy servant." Verse 125. This is He of whom God has said: "Behold My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth." Isa. 42:1. He said to His disciples, "I am among you as He that serveth." And this same Lowly One will ever delight to serve, for He declares concerning His faithful ones: "He shall gird Himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." Luke 12:37.

Small and Despised

It is written further concerning this "stranger," this "companion," this "servant": "I am small and despised." Verse 141. In Psalm 22, that wonderful Calvary Psalm, we hear the Crucified One saying: "I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people." Verse 6. Others might aspire to greatness; He was willing to be the lowliest—a worm, one despised and rejected of men.

In Isaiah 14 we have Lucifer boastfully declaring: "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will be like the most High." Verses 13, 14. Contrast this "stranger in the earth," "a worm," "small and despised." It was said to this one who would exalt himself, "Thou shalt be brought down to hell;" but of this One who went lower than the lowest,



it is written, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:9-11.

"I Am Thine"

We read also in this 119th Psalm, "I am Thine, save Me." Verse 94. Turn again to Psalm 22, that Calvary Psalm, and listen to the cry of the Crucified One to His Father, reminding Him of that day of His birth at Bethlehem: "Thou art He that took Me out of the womb: Thou didst make Me hope when I was upon My mother's breasts. I was cast upon Thee from the womb: Thou art My God from My mother's belly." And then we hear Him cry, "Save Me from the lion's mouth." He adds, speaking out in faith, "Thou hast heard Me from the horns of the unicorns."

Did God respond to this cry, "Save Me"? Listen to the word of the Holy Spirit later on in this psalm, as He calls us all to exalt our God: "For He hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the Afflicted; neither hath He hid His face from Him; but when He cried unto Him, He heard." Verse 24.

In Psalm 110 we read the words of God the Father to His Son: "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool." That is God's answer to the cry of His Son.

What Are We?

We read in 1 John 4:17, "As He is, so are we in this world." Strangers in the earth? Yes, pilgrims and strangers. We are ambassadors of heaven, where our citizenship is; passing through this earth, with an important word to the earth-dwellers: "Be ye reconciled to God." But during our brief sojourn here, where we are pilgrims and strangers, we are companions to all that fear God, joying in the fellowship of fellow-saints.

In addition to this, we are servants of God and servants of all, delighting in the lowest service He can choose for us, men belonging to the Order of the Girded Towel, whose life is one long foot-washing service.

Let us not seek earth-honors, earth-praise; but as pilgrims and strangers let

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"That Ye May Marvel"

Zelma Argue

A TOUCHING story is told about a little lad who lived in the slums. His parents were dead, and he was left in charge of a drunken woman who beat and half starved him. The greatest delight in his life was to gaze at the beautiful toys in the shop windows at Christmas time. He knew of course, that these toys were not for him. He could not even touch them—there was always the glass between—but he loved to just stand and gaze on them in childish wonder.

One day the little fellow was run over, and taken to a hospital. While there, he saw other children playing with toys they had received for Christmas. How he longed to do the same! After a few days he was able to sit up in bed—when, wonder of wonders, some toys were put on the bed for him! It seemed too good to be true! Timidly he stretched out his hand, and touched them. "Why, there's no glass between!" he joyfully exclaimed.

Our Christ is the Wondrous One!

Prophets and sages gazed in wonder, as, through the Spirit, they beheld His coming and His glory.

Mary marveled as she heard Gabriel's wonderful message about His birth.

Joseph marveled as the angel appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife."

Angelic hosts marveled as they sang, "Glory to God in the highest," heralding His birth.

But when the fulness of time was come, and God sent forth His son, born of a woman, it seemed almost too good to be true! The Messiah was here—"no glass between"—oh, wonder of wonders! "And His name shall be called *Wonderful*."

Men marveled as He healed the sick, cleansed the leper, gave sight to the blind, and raised the dead. "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God . . . saying, We have seen strange things today."

Christ's mighty works on earth were planned and wrought out that men might marvel. This Jesus Himself declared. "He will show greater works than these, that ye may marvel." John 5:20. And still He is the same, willing and ready to save, to heal, to deliver, to liberate, to restore all that may have been stolen by the enemy, that men still may be caused

to marvel. The thing that grieves our tender, compassionate Lord is that evil heart of unbelief that is in men, which hinders the flow of His gracious power and robs Him of the glory due His mighty name. Over this, even Jesus marvels. "And He could there do no mighty work. . . . And He marveled because of their unbelief." Mark 6:5, 6.

Not only His miracles move the heart to marvel, but His condescension, His grace, His love for sinners. None were too low for His mercy and forgiveness. None too vile but His blood can cleanse and cover. As He sat by Jacob's well, talking with the woman whose record was so dark, we read, "Upon this came His disciples, and marveled that He talked



with the woman." John 4:27.

In the ages to come, this will be His glory in the eyes of all heaven—that He has stooped to lift the lowest, and raised them to fellowship with Himself. How we love to sing those lines:

*"Marvelous grace of our loving Lord;
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt:
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*"Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe;
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?"*

Such a theme is a worthy one. Such an attitude is fitting for sinners such as we were, once stained with sin but now washed and made white through the precious blood of the Lamb. Most themes can eventually be exhausted, but never that which voices the redeemed sinner's adoration and wonder over saving grace.

Eternal ages will be none too great, nor will they scarce suffice to satisfy the redeemed hosts, who at the continually unfolding glories of the majestic Son of God will be constrained to sing songs of adoration, and to cry, "Wonderful!" "Marvelous are Thy works!" Psalm 139:14.

In the center of that timely and profound book, the Revelation, which we are exhorted to read, we find a great interlude. When tribulation scenes are at their height, when the sharp sickle is being thrust in to reap the harvest of the earth, when the judgment seals have been broken and the vials of wrath are being poured out, when the earth is being scorched with fire and men are blaspheming, there is a great parenthesis. Our eyes are lifted up from the dreadful sights of earth to behold a glorious scene in heaven. We see a sea of glass mingled with fire; and standing on it, having the harps of God, are the host of those who have gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name. They sing the song of Moses and the Lamb. They marvel with great wonder, as they exclaim, "Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints." Rev. 15:3.

That is a remarkable picture. It reveals to us that, at the climax of tribulation woes upon the earth, to the discerning heart God's inscrutable ways still are worthy of praise. He knows the end from the beginning; and, taken as a panorama, the great picture is indeed wondrous, and full of His glory.

To the contemplative heart even now, the knowledge of Christ's omnipotence and omniscience answers many questions. The destroyer of souls, who is also the accuser of the brethren, will not permit God's pilgrim band to march unmolested through this wilderness journey. To each one, strong or weak, young or old, mature or immature, he will be diligent in presenting suggestions to distract and allure the triumphant soul from its serene enjoyment of the wonders of the holy Son of God, and his absorption therein, which alone can carry us through this vale in spiritual victory.

Standing as we do on the very brink of such scenes as the Book of Revelation depicts, we do well to guard carefully, and cherish, this inner attitude of heart. There are always plenty of earthly things seeking to occupy our minds. Only by diligent and heedful care will we surmount them. Our conversation will reveal where our meditations center. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Do you remember the occasion when Jesus healed a man, and he went his way, and published it abroad, and as a result many were moved to marvel? "And he departed, and began to publish . . . how

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Our Lord Returneth

Bartlett Peterson

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

GOD HAS always had a message for His people! Whether the occasion was the expelling of the fallen pair from the garden; Jacob asleep on a pillar of stone; an Israel in Egypt; or the weary Moses in the wilderness. Whether one peers over the shoulder of Isaiah, and beholds him pen his magnificent 53rd chapter; or walks the hopeless Emmaus road; or looks with Mary into the empty tomb; or is exiled on John's Patmos . . . it is evident that God always has a message for His people!

With the approach of the ascension of Christ, staggering bewilderment and unprecedented disappointment were registered by the disciples, for they had hoped that He would then restore the kingdom to Israel. He led them out as far as Bethany, lifted nail-scarred hands of benediction upon them, and departed, ascending into heaven. Angelic messengers appeared, saying to the sorrowing, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." *The discouraged had suddenly been armed with the quickening promise of His return!*

The sacred page records a time when Israel, in Egyptian seridom, waited, prayed and groaned for deliverance. There are three reasons why Israel knew her deliverer would come:

1. She felt the need of His coming! Living 'neath the slave-master's cruel lash, enduring the presence of unrestrained sin and persecutiou, made Israel feel the need of a coming deliverer!

2. Israel had earnestly prayed for deliverance.

3. God's covenant-promise guaranteed deliverance! Israel was not disappointed, for Moses came and with him came deliverance!

As graphically described in Romans 8, we are now waiting for the coming of our Deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ. We know He is coming for the same three reasons:

1. All truly born-again believers are vexed with the unsurpassed sinfulness which characterizes our world, and must feel the need of His coming again.

2. True Christians everywhere are praying for His speedy return. The Lord's illustrious pattern prayer included a petition for His return in the words, "Thy kingdom come." New Testament writings are punctuated with petitions for His return. Prayer reaches the zenith of impassioned pleading in the closing words of God's Book, imploring, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

3. We too have God's covenant-promise. In 260 New Testament chapters the promise of our Lord's return is given emphasis by frequent repetition . . . it is referred

to no less than 318 times. From the first prophet of the Old Testament to the closing verse of the New, the truth of His return is shouted!

Jesus employed one of the strongest principles of logic when He said, "If I go . . . I will come again." His going away is testified to by men, angels and Scripture. Thus, He fulfilled the first half of His promise; it is therefore reasonable that He should fulfill the last half. He is coming again!

Jesus went home but left the door ajar! To keep it ajar, through centuries of hostilities, He securely placed a promise between the door and the threshold: "I will come again."

When will He come? The Scriptures solemnly answer, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." His coming is at the very door! This announcement is a source of joy to the victorious Christian, but to the unsaved it brings apprehension and consternation. He is coming to "reckon"; and, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?"

When He was upon earth in merciful, humble, human form, possessing gracious lips which spoke words of pardon, hands which were laid in tenderness upon little children, and a heart of truest compassion, religious leaders were afraid of Him. Sinners were conscious stricken in His presence. Pharisees cowered before His voice and eye. *If when He was here as a merciful Savior, men were afraid, how will you feel when He comes again, in power and great glory, as a righteous Judge of all who know Him not? How would you feel if, at this very moment, He should come? Open your heart now and receive Him as your Savior ere He comes as your Judge.*

God Chose a Manger

G. P. Raud

IN THE fullness of time, Scripture declares, Christ was born. The few words which disclose the place of His birth indicate that He was born also in the spot chosen of God. A home of a village carpenter, simple as it must have been, was not lowly enough for Him who came to be perfect Man as well as God incarnate. The inn at Bethlehem, providing at low cost a bare shelter to whoever might require it, was not poor enough. The chosen place for the appearance of the incarnate Son of God in this world was lowlier still.

Crowded with people arriving in Bethlehem for the census, the inn could accommodate no more when Joseph pleaded the urgency of a night's shelter for Mary. The innkeeper felt no need to trouble himself to the extent of turning out some of his lodgers to make room for the humble pair, as he would have done had Joseph and Mary been persons of known importance.

Mary's plight, however, did procure them quarters for the night. The inn itself, like Eastern inns of today, probably consisted of a number of bare rooms or access openings into a central courtyard where the traveler's animals were secured. Attached to the inn was the stable for the animals, which frequently was a cave cut out of the limestone rock. Both Eastern and Western churches hold an ancient tradition that in such a cave Christ was born. Not the inn, then, but the still meaner place where the animals were kept, was the spot in which the Son of God chose to be born into the world. Since the flocks at that season were in the fields, the stable may have been empty of animals that first Christmas night.

For the people filling up all available space in the inn the night passed as uneventfully as any other night. To Herod in his palace, to Augustus Caesar in his imperial splendor at Rome, was divulged no inkling of what God had just wrought in the little town of Bethlehem. Only believing shepherds heard the angel's praise and, beholding the babe, out of full hearts gave glory to God. Not the acclaim of kings and emperors but the true faith of simple shepherds attended the birth of Christ.

The ways of God are ever contrary to man's, and never more manifestly so than in the birth of Jesus Christ. The shadow of the cross lay upon His manger, but also the glory of a perfect Manhood which could find no place too mean to humble itself before God who only is worthy to be exalted.

"Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who being originally in the form of God, counted it not a thing to be grasped to be on an equality with God, but emptied Himself, taking the form of

CHRIST'S HUMILIATION AND EXALTATION

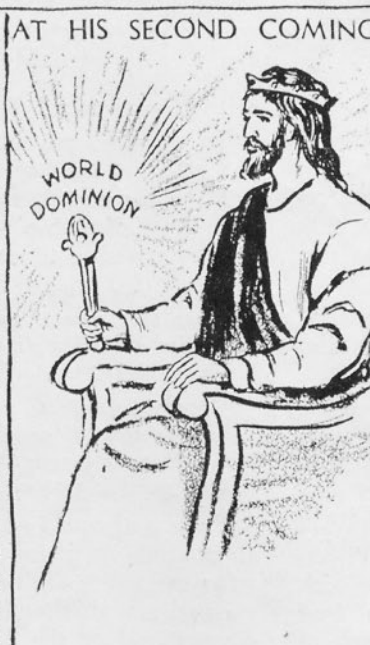
AT HIS FIRST COMING



And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

Matt. 27:29

AT HIS SECOND COMING



At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Phil. 2:10, 11.

Raud

a bondservant being made in the likeness of men." Phil. 2:5-7, E. R. V. Here for us is the message of the manger. Too often we who are His followers cling to pride in our position, pride in our reputation, pride in our abilities, pride in our family, pride in our children, and even pride in our own will. Not a single thought of pride ever stained our Lord's heart, though He is Creator, Redeemer, and Eternal Sovereign. Let us love the lesson of the manger; let us love the lowly places, the humbling experiences, recognizing in them the tender hand of God which

seeks to remove all our self-exaltation that He may make us like His Son.

As deep and complete as was the humbling of Christ, so high and comprehensive is His glory now, at the right hand of the Father, and in that day when He shall reign on earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.—*Prophetic Word.*

For He Was a Jew

Marie Allen Kimball

IT WAS cold, so cold that the frost-covered panes of the little cabin on Sugar Loaf shut out the sight of the curling smoke wreaths of the awakening town.

A small girl was trying, with half-frozen fingers, to kindle a fire in the rickety old stove, while the twins, Isaac Abraham and Abraham Isaac, watched her from the corner. There were so few sticks of wood, and Rebecca knew there was so very little meal for the mush that she dreaded to touch them.

"Oh," she thought with half a sob, "if father would only come today."

It was three weeks now since the Jew peddler had gone away across the "Divide." Three weeks, and he meant to stay only one. It seemed three months to the children left alone in the cabin.

In the warm weather they went with him and camped in a tent, and had great times of playing, but now the steep trails and coming snow had made him leave them in this strange town while he went to the farther camps for his Christmas trade.

"There now, Aby and Ikey," Rebecca said, trying to make her voice cheery, "sit up and eat your mush, then we'll go out on the hill and get some wood, for like as not father will come today and we want a nice fire for him."

"Where's yours?" asked Ikey, tasting the hot mush.

"Oh, I'm busy now," answered Rebecca, hastily concealing that she was breakfastless and the last bit of food in the house gone.

She buttoned them into their thin little coats and then the three black-eyed children trudged off over the snowy road, dragging a rough sled behind them. They were cutting the frozen boughs and loading them on when the sound of merry voices came on clear, cold air.

A party of gay children laden with holly berries and greens came up laughing.

"Hello, Sheenies," called out a boy in a furry coat, "see our Christmas things! You can't have any Christmas 'cause you're Jews."

"Why?" flashed out Rebecca, turning to face them.

"'Cause it's Jesus' birthday," answered another, "and your people killed Him."

"You're Sheenies! Sheenies!" taunted the first boy.

"They never, they never," cried out Rebecca,

her black eyes flashing, "my people never killed anybody."

Instinctively the twins had come closer to her.

"Ain't you ashamed, Rob?" said one of the girls; "let them alone; they can't help being Sheenies."

"No; you can't have any presents, or tree, or candies, because they did. Sheeny! Sheeny!"

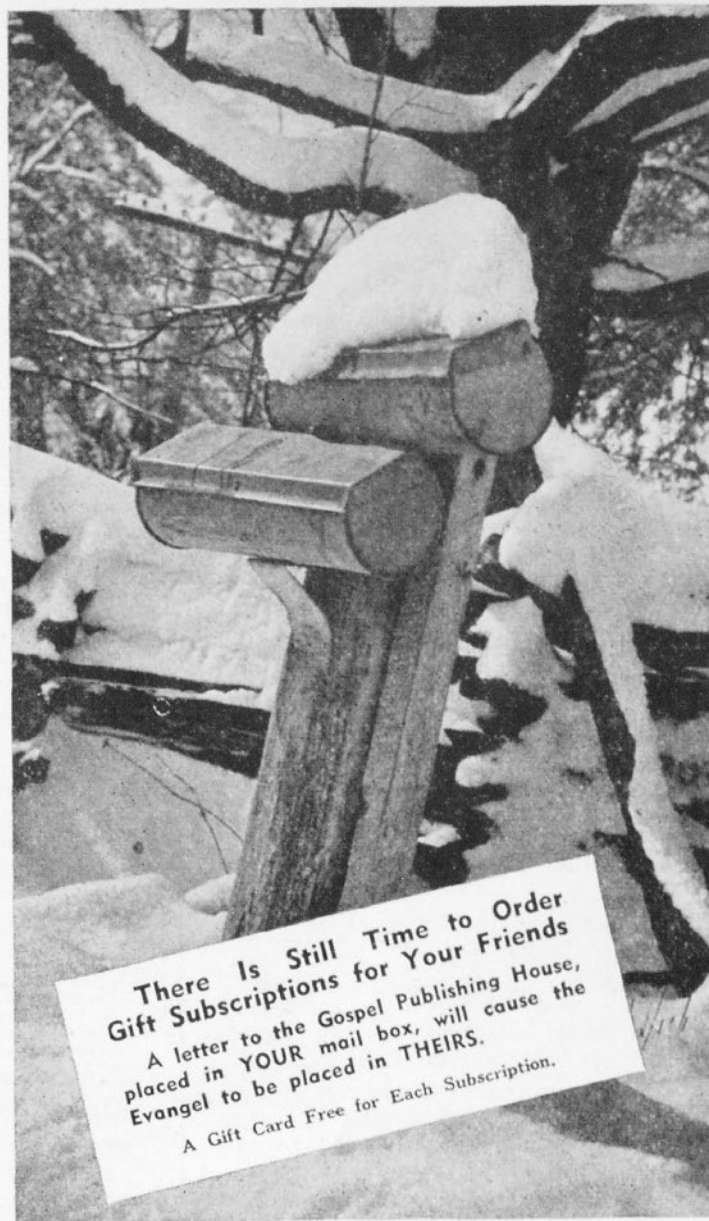
The girls drew them away, and when they had passed with their sweet load around the curve of the road, Rebecca bent again to cut the tough boughs with the old hatchet. Her eyes were full of tears; she was so cold and hungry, and those children were so cruel; they had everything—warm clothes, good breakfasts, and hot fires, while she and poor little Aby and Ikey had nothing to eat any more.

"They never—they never—killed anybody," thought Rebecca, indignantly; "our father is good, and grandfather was, and the uncles—they wouldn't do such a thing and those boys would never dare to say it if father was here." Oh, if he would only come! If he didn't, what should they do? She would have to go down and beg, and would the people in those houses call her "Sheeny" and drive her away? Must the little boys go hungry? Maybe father would never come; he might be lying hurt or dead, down in some deep ravine with the snow over him.

"Don't cry, sister," said Aby, awkwardly trying to wipe away the falling drops, "when I'm big I'll whack them boys."

They drew the load of sticks home and fixed the fire, but it was yet so cold they had to huddle under the bedclothes, and the little girl told stories, made up games, and tried to quiet their clamoring for something to eat. Father would be sure to come and bring a beefsteak and some potatoes and a loaf of bread. They would all have supper together, up close to the fire, and as for now, they would just play it was a fasting day.

At last the children went to sleep, but Re-



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becca lay there wide-eyed and troubled. Tomorrow she would have to beg; they couldn't starve. Oh, if it weren't Christmas time and they wouldn't think her people had done something dreadful to the man they call Jesus.

The short winter light slanted fainter and fainter into the cabin window; down in the town in the great hall the sparkling chandelier was lighted. It shone on the Christmas trees laden with gifts and tinsel. The spicy greens sent out a sweet fragrance and a genial warmth came from the large stove.

A party of ladies were just finishing their work.

"I wonder now if every poor child is provided for," said Miss Lucy Stone, anxiously. "I ordered a dozen extra things on purpose, so no one should be overlooked."

"There are the peddler's children," said the minister's wife. "I heard he left them here in the cabin on the hill while he went across the Ridge, but like as not they're gone now or won't come tonight."

"Well, I'll go up and see," said Miss Lucy.

A protest arose. "Why, you're too tired; you don't need to do that. If they come we'll find

out their names and hang up some of these things."

Miss Lucy was buttoning her coat. "I guess I'd better go; like as not they will come if I ask them. Christmas comes but once a year."

"Just like her!" exclaimed the ladies as the little woman went out of the door.

It was a steep climb over the crusty snow up Sugar Loaf Hill. The cabin looked so dark and cold that Miss Lucy told herself she had had her trouble for nothing. Coming nearer she heard a sound of sobbing and hurried quickly and opened the door. Three little black heads bobbed up eagerly from the bedclothes.

"Oh," cried Rebecca, "I thought it was father."

"And we're so hungry!" wailed the twins.

It did not take Miss Lucy long to learn the poor little story. She was bundling them into wraps while the tears stood in her kind eyes.

"You poor little things! you're coming right home with me to have a good hot supper, and then you're going to the Christmas tree and have lots of pretty things."

"The boys said we couldn't," sobbed Rebecca, "because we were Sheenies, and—and our people killed—Him."

"Dear, dear!" said Miss Lucy, "how naughty! He loved little children and said to let them come unto Him. Why, child, He was a poor Jew Himself."

"Oh, I'm so glad," said Rebecca, the smiles breaking over her troubled face.

As they went down the snowy hill Miss Lucy told them the beautiful story of the Christ-child, how His dear loving heart is large enough to shelter and care for every little child.

Such a happy evening as it was, for to crown it all father came home. He had been sick and snow-bound in the depths of the mountains, and greatly troubled over his children.

Little Rebecca, warmed and fed, went to sleep that night thinking of the Christmas story, and saying over and over in a comforting manner, "For He was a Jew."

THE STRANGER OF BETHLEHEM

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us be content to be "small and despised" all the days of our pilgrimage. Let us not have any desire for our names to be written in "Who's Who," that book of the illustrious of earth. It is sufficient that our names are written in the Lamb's book of life. We shall find that in the measure that we humble ourselves during the days of our pilgrimage in that measure we shall be exalted in the day when the Lord shall be exalted as King of kings and Lord of lords.

We too can say to God our Father, and to the Son, and to the blessed Holy Spirit: "I am Thine." Realizing that salvation is all of Him, we add: "Save me." And He declares concerning those who are His: "Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation."—S. H. F.

What Jews Celebrate at Christmas Time

Ruth Specter

AROUND Christmas time the Jewish people celebrate an eight-day holiday known as *Chanukah* (Hebrew—"dedication") in memory of the rededication of the Temple in 164 B.C. by Judah Maccabaeus after it had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphanes, the Syrian king.

In the temple the priests left a light burning in obedience to the command of God (Ex. 27: 20, 21), but when they prepared to rekindle this light after the victory, it was discovered that there was only enough oil to last one day. According to tradition, this oil miraculously lasted eight days until olives were obtained and fresh oil was made. Therefore to the present time in Jewish homes, lights are kindled eight days, the number of lights increasing by one daily, from one to eight, in order to magnify

HE HAS COME!

*He has come! the Christ of God;
Left for us His glad abode,
Stooping from His throne of bliss,
To this darksome wilderness.*

*He has come! the Prince of Peace;
Come to bid our sorrows cease;
Come to scatter with His light
All the shadows of our night.*

*Unto us a Son is given!
He has come from God's own heaven,
Bringing with Him from above,
Holy peace and holy love.*

—Horatius Bonar

the event. The kindling of the lamps is accompanied by the singing of songs extolling God as Israel's deliverer. *Chanukah* is a time of great rejoicing, games, riddles and the exchanging of gifts.

In John 10:22 we read of One who walked on Solomon's porch on this day (Feast of Dedication—*Chanukah*) who has won a victory for us greater than that of Judah Maccabaeus. He has loosed us from the hands of our enemy, Satan, and has cleansed the once polluted temple with His own precious blood. And Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world, has lighted every man who comes to Him that he might not walk in darkness. This Light lasts not for one day, or eight days, but forever! We, who are redeemed, rejoice at this Christmas season in the Gift of all gifts, our wonderful Messiah, the perpetual Light, and the Hope which ever burns brightly in our souls! Hallelujah!

"THAT YE MAY MARVEL"

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great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel." Mark 5:20.

To Moses God said, "Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels." Moses proved this true. Job exclaimed,

"He doeth marvelous things." David said, "Hath done marvelous things," and, "It is marvelous in our eyes." From the time that Miriam and the women rejoiced with their timbrels and danced and sang God's praises on the far banks of the Red Sea, saints of all ages have marveled and rejoiced to acknowledge the wonders of His way.

Stars have their orbits. Seas have their tides. Years rotate in their appointed seasons. The wild geese find their appointed course through the trackless air. Creatures of the deep know their habitation in the great waters. The beasts of the jungle know their proper home and mourn when torn from it.

Even so, the child of God has a proper orbit, and responds to the tidal pull of the soul. His true home and habitation is that sphere where the soul finds its tranquil, undeviating delight. Here fretting cares lose their power to disturb. Here griefs and disappointments diminish and dwarf in their stature.

For this realm is the realm of contemplation upon the glories and majesty of One whose ways are altogether wondrous. It is the realm of resting in the One whose very name is Wonderful, of contemplating much upon Him, and finding delight continually in His love.

With the myriad hosts above, and with the hosts of true-hearted warriors below, we join in adoration of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the earth: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. . . . Blessing and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

"O Lord, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; Thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth." Isaiah 25:1. "This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working." Isaiah 28:29.

*"O come let us adore Him,
Christ our Lord."*

THE FINAL TRUMPET

Is the "last trump" of 1 Cor. 15:52 identical with the seventh trumpet of Revelation 11:15? The two trumpets are quite distinct. The differing contexts in the two passages make this clear. The fact that in 1 Cor. 15:52 the trumpet is called "the last," and that in Rev. 11:15 the seventh trumpet is the last of the series in those chapters, affords no ground for identifying them. In 1 Cor. 15:22 the subject is the same as that in 1 Thessalonians 4; namely, the removal of raised and living saints to be with the Lord, who will receive them to Himself and bring them into the Father's house. In Revelation 11, the subject is the vindication of God's righteous judgments upon the world and the setting up of the Kingdom of Christ on earth. There is no Scripture which teaches that these circumstances will all take place at the same time.

The language in 1 Cor. 15:52 is figurative of a military signal. The assembly in Corinth would be quite familiar with the significance of the phrase in that connection, rather than with the seven trumpets about which the apostle John would write at a much later date.—W. E. Vine.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STORY

One day Queen Victoria said to her great Prime Minister, W. E. Gladstone, "What is the most beautiful story you have ever read?" He answered, "The most beautiful story I have ever read or heard, Your Majesty, is the story of the Nativity, as given in the Gospel of Luke."

EUROPE'S CHILDREN

In Hamburg, it is reported, half of the girls up to seven years of age never have held a doll in their arms, half of the children never owned a picture book, and almost two thirds never have seen a colored pencil. Toys of a more complicated type, of course, they never have known. The same is true in most parts of Europe. Be thankful your children are in America, where they can enjoy the delights of childhood.

SOMETHING TO LIVE FOR

Each year, 122,000 people in the U. S. A. attempt to take their own lives, and approximately a fifth of them succeed. Three research members of the Chicago Psychiatric Institute recently made a survey and hinted in their report that "family ties and strong religious relationships are helpful" in preventing suicide. It is Christ who gives men and women something to live for. Soul-winners who have pointed people to Christ have thereby prevented suicide more often than they realize.

THE KINGS OF EARTH

A distinguished visitor recently asked King Farouk of Egypt how many kings there will be in the world 25 years hence. King Farouk replied, without hesitation: "Five: the King of England, and the Kings of Hearts, Diamonds, Clubs, and Spades." In other words, he expects every monarchy to be dissolved except England's. It may be, however, that even England's king will be deposed before another 25 years has rolled by—for a greater Monarch is coming from heaven, and at His coming all the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Rev. 11:15.

MODERN PHARISEES

According to a survey published by the *Ladies' Home Journal*, the average U. S. citizen is quite well satisfied with himself. The usual questions were answered in the usual way: 95% said they believe in God, and 76% claimed some church membership, though not attending as they should. Then they were asked: "If you yourself followed Christ's rule of love *all the way*, what would you do differently? That is, how would it change your life?" Surprisingly, more than half said that they would not change their lives at all! It reminds us of the smug, self-righteous Pharisee in the parable of Luke 18 who prayed, "God I thank Thee that I am not as other men." What is needed is more preaching of the Word of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to show people how they stand in the sight of God!

A JEWEL FOR JESUS

Someone has donated a handsome ring to the Southern Baptists for the cause of world evangelization. If Baptist officials are able to sell the ring for its full value, the proceeds will be sufficient to keep a missionary on the foreign field for twelve months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY MAIL

The Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church has organized "Sunday School by Mail." All expenses will be borne by the denomination, including postage used in returning corrected work sheets and in sending new lessons. The slogan is, "Reach the Unreachable." For children in isolated rural areas it is the next-best thing to personal Sunday School attendance.

A GLOOMY PROSPECT

James D. Forrestal, U. S. Secretary of Defense, says: "In my opinion this state of tension will continue for the rest of our lives and those of our children." It is a gloomy prospect, but the cloud has a silver lining: our earthly lives may be cut short at any moment by the shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trump of God as the advent of Christ to a strife-torn world is announced for the second time.

DANIEL WEBSTER'S SAVIOR

This story is told of Daniel Webster when he was in the prime of his manhood. He was dining with a company of literary men in Boston. During the dinner the conversation turned upon the subject of Christianity. Mr. Webster frankly stated his belief in the divinity of Christ and his dependence upon the atonement of the Savior. One said to him, "Mr. Webster, can you comprehend how Christ could be both God and man?" Mr. Webster promptly replied: "No, sir. I cannot comprehend it. If I could comprehend Him, He would be no greater than myself. I feel that I need a superhuman Savior."

WHERE PEACE IS FOUND

It is said that a saintly gentleman went into a great art gallery and stood some time before a picture of Jesus Christ. As he looked, his heart warmed within him; he became joyful, and he said aloud: "Bless Him! I love Him!"

There was another man standing near by, a Russian, and he said, as he walked to the man's side: "Bless Him! I love Him, too, brother!"

Then there came a German; and he looked at the picture of Jesus, and he said: "Bless Him! I love Him, too!"

Another came, until there were about ten nationalities around the picture of Jesus Christ. There was no hatred there. They were brought together by Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God for the assurance that a day will soon dawn when all the nations of the world will gather around Him; and then shall the prophecy be fulfilled: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Isaiah 2:4.

TRANSMITS BOOKS BY TELEVISION

One of the latest inventions is Ultrafax, an electronic-photographic device which transmits books across space by television. A book of more than 1,000 pages can be flashed, page by page, for long distances, and reproduced, by high-speed photography, in two minutes. In this way books may be made available in any part of the globe in less than an hour's time. What books will it be—Bibles and other books of life, or volumes full of false teaching and literary carrion?

THE FREETHINKERS IN ISRAEL

David numbered the fighting men of Israel but never did he number the freethinkers. That he left to the Government of the new State of Israel.

There is to be a census, to determine the religious status of the Israelis, among other things, and one of the groups listed on the census questionnaire is "agnostics." It is believed there are many in this class.

Results of the census may strongly influence the religious policy of the Jewish State. Orthodox Jewish groups have consistently demanded that rabbinical authorities be given powers in the State similar to those held by the clergy in some European countries where there has been a strong union of Church and State; but other elements desire a clear separation of Church and State as found in America.

ISRAEL'S MESSAGE

David Ben-Gurion, Premier of the new State of Israel, said at a recent interview:

"We would not have taken on this war merely for the purpose of enjoying this tiny state. There have been only two great peoples; the Greeks and the Jews. Perhaps the Greeks were even greater than the Jews, but now I can see no sign of that old greatness in the modern Greeks. Maybe, when the present process is finished, we too will degenerate, but I see no sign of degeneration at present. Suffering makes a people greater, and we have suffered much. We had a message to give the world but we were overwhelmed, and the message was cut off in the middle. In time there will be millions of us, becoming stronger and stronger, and we will complete the message."

When asked what the message is, Ben-Gurion replied, "Our policy must be the unity of the human race."

Donald G. Barnhouse comments: "This is extremely interesting to the student of the Word of God. The truth is, of course, that the message that is not finished is the message of redemption. The unity of the human race is the great message which will be preached by the Antichrist. Israel is going to have a terrible time in years to come. The message which God is going to give through Israel will not come by their own strength, but out of the midst of their last great weakness.

"The whole present position, however, is one which is in absolute line with all of the prophecies. The tendencies that are set forth in the Word of God are all present. The boasting, self-confident attitude of the people, their possession of part of the land in unbelief, their announcement of a Satanic ideal are all in line with the prophecies. We may expect all of the rest to come to pass in their time; and every indication would lead us to believe that the time is not too far distant."

Meetings in the Hills

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy, Venezuela

TOGETHER with national workers, we arrived at the isolated coffee-exporting pueblo of Aguada Grande. The brethren took turns preaching, and the very atmosphere was charged with the power of God. In every service there were visible results.

Sunday morning, after walking an hour and a half, we arrived at an open rain-water pool where Castillo Mora, the national pastor, baptized nine believers. In the afternoon, we tried to help the church catch the vision to support its pastor. The gasoline-powered loud-speaker heralded the messages from mountain to mountain and God confirmed His Word with signs following. At midnight, the hammocks were hung in the church, but there was not time for sleep as everyone was praying. One lay worker, fairly well-to-do in this world's goods, was convicted of robbing God; another man was delivered of an evil spirit.

Antonio Silva had come eleven hours on foot from his home in the mountain fastness. He pleaded with us to come help him. So on Monday, some followed Antonio across the mountains by mule, and the rest of us with the loud-speaker equipment and light baggage went around through the burning desert of Carora up the ravines. Even with our mountain guide, three times Brother Cruz's Jeep and our Speed-the-Light Chevrolet lost the way because the would-be-road we had to follow was only a dry creek bed. At eleven that night we came to our destination, badly shaken in body but confident in Him.

The priest of this region travels on a circuit and September 4 is the day of the Saint of Curari—weddings, confessions, baptisms, confirmations—and all are saved for this great week. During these days of fiesta, liquor and blood flow freely.

A few months back, Satan lost four of his choice disciples in Curari to the One who said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Antonio, his wife, his sister, and her husband had accepted Jesus. Satan was furious, and he inspired the priest to say, "As you have allowed the 'evangelicos' to enter our town and preach their gospel, I will not visit you to give you your fiesta until they are driven out."

We were ignorant of his threat but you can imagine our reception! All afternoon we drove the Jeep through the brush country singing and preaching the gospel. In one place when we were returning down the trail we passed a dwelling whose owner was raising a large white cross to ward off the evil spirits of the gospel messengers. A tree trunk was placed across the path and a gang of men were hidden near by with rocks in their hands to attack us when we got out to remove the tree. Instead of alighting, we drove the Jeep through the brush around the tree.

That night our meeting was held in front of a grocery store. During the preaching, the atmosphere was tense, but there was little disturbance. Although God was moving on the hearts of some, it could be seen that fear had them dominated. After the service, the cars were safely secured for the night, and as we were returning to eat before retiring to our hut at the edge of the village, the rowdies began to shoot rockets at us. All passed close and one exploded at my side, but not a hair of our heads was harmed. There were about twenty men congregated in the street, and God put it in my heart to talk to them personally. The ring-leader told me the town didn't want the gospel, for we had robbed them of their fiesta. They listened to a personal testimony, after which I went into the store where the others were anxiously waiting the outcome.

As the liquor began to flow again, they began to stone the house, shouting insults and asking us to come out. All night long they were circling the house, brandishing their revolvers and machetes (a two-foot native knife). We remained in those cramped quarters until daybreak. They were afraid to attack us then, and we were able to leave unmolested. While there were no new additions to God's family in Curari, there were sixteen who confessed salvation or were reclaimed in those five days of meetings in the hills. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the visit. We covet your prayers that the work in Venezuela will have a Pentecost and that the remaining two of our sixteen Bible School students will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

United Effort

T. Hollingsworth, Costa Rica

Now that peace had been restored to Costa Rica, we are trying to reach more new fields.

The gospel is making marked inroads into the thinking of the Costa Rican, but as we see progress we also see resistance and hindrance. To claim faith in the gospel is to separate yourself from friends and to join the humble minority of Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The resistance we experience is driving the fundamental Evangelical Christians closer together. Just recently, it was our privilege to co-operate in a great Evangelical Congress of the Caribbean Countries. In some services between 1,500 and 2,000 people crowded into the large auditorium to hear in testimony, song, and message what God is doing in Latin America. The Assemblies of God representatives to this convention were Ralph D. Williams, our field superintendent, Walter Haydus, and myself. We appreciated the warm Christian fellowship and also the opportunity to express views and opinions in open roundtable discussions.

Your earnest prayers are needed for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Costa Rica. From time to time we experience the "mercy drops, . . . but for the showers we plead."



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First Impressions of Takinogawa

Margaret E. Carlow, Japan

SUNDAY, September 26, was the culmination of ten years of hoping, working and praying. For in response to Pastor Yumiyama's introduction, I had the joy of giving a brief testimony in Japanese, telling how God had called me to this land when I received the Holy Spirit, at Sweet, Idaho. Again in the evening, I gave brief greetings. All day long I was in the presence of that same "joy unspeakable and full of glory" which gave the impetus to go to Japan.

Only real joy from God could cause the shabby but happy crowd of young people that attended the service to give such glowing testimonies! It was difficult to keep from crying when one young Tokyo college student in a frayed shirt, barefooted, with eyes revealing malnutrition and too much study by poor light, came and offered to help me with Japanese. Pray for this young man.

My "Kan kei kai," or welcome meeting, was another time of fulfillment. I spoke in Japanese concerning "Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God," and was understood, for in the earnest prayers that followed the people asked to receive this power and wisdom.

Mrs. Nagaoka explained that her country since ancient times had been poor; that her people had never been light-hearted and merry; but now, learning from my country the source of real Christian joy, she hoped Japan would be completely transformed!

Brother Kunoki exhorted me in English to teach the young people about God in my English Bible class, and added that they were praying and knew I'd be a blessing in the church. Marie Juergensen concluded the speaking with a sermon explaining the meaning of giving the bread of life to those without Him.

Takinogawa! Indeed, this is a place of activity for God! Kindergarten and Bible School are in session daily; prayer meetings and choir come once a week. On Thursday, two large groups study the English Bible. I am teaching the advanced students. I covet your prayers that the class will grow and particularly that God will manifest Himself to the students who are coming. Two boys from a high school attend and desire to correspond with friends in America. Young people, if you want to write letters for God, contact me immediately by air letter and you can give your testimony in Japan!

Activity! Yes, and refreshings from on high as well! The Bible School classes meet in the room next to mine, and often my study of Japanese is interrupted by the blessing of God falling on the other side of the wall! I can't refrain from having my portion, and the characters go better afterwards anyway.

The students are busy in the Sunday Schools, for two are held each Sunday morning and one on Saturday! The lack of space limits the Sunday School attendance to those below the sixth grade! Twice a week a group of young people go out for street services.



Verne A. Warner
Dominican Republic



Mrs. V. A. Warner
Dominican Republic



R. E. Miller
Argentina



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NEWS FLASHES

Mrs. Hugh P. Jeter returned to the States from Cuba on November 19.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller and family sailed from New Orleans for Argentina on November 5.

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Elsie Strahl sailed from New Orleans on the "Del Monte" on November 30 en route to Brazil.

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Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warner left Miami for the Dominican Republic on November 30.



Elsie Strahl
Brazil

NOTICE FOR PASTORS AND MISSIONARY SECRETARIES:

It will soon be time to begin figuring the per capita giving for 1948. In order to accurately compute the statistics for all our churches, we would appreciate your sending to the Foreign Missions Department the latest figures you have for **your church's average attendance.**

Please send this information immediately as the office will need to use it right after the first of the year.

Without this information, we will not be able to give your church the most accurate record of its per capita giving, since we will of necessity have to use the figures that are on file at present.

Converts in a Hard Field

V. G. Plymire, Northwest China

SOME time ago we wrote concerning some young students who had been saved. Their teacher threatened to put them out of school if they continued coming to church or if they accepted Christ. One student told the teacher that Chiang Kai-shek and Madam Chiang are Christians, and asked why they could not be. Another told the teacher, "You can put us out of school but we have Jesus in our heart and you cannot put Him out of our hearts."

For some weeks these students did not attend services. Then one Sunday one or two came to the morning service and again to the afternoon meeting. Later in the day, Mrs. Plymire and I met them in another courtyard and encouraged them to keep on with the Lord, and we told them that their teacher could not harm them. We met them in this way so as not to get them into more difficulties. Last Sunday morning a number were present and again at the afternoon service. Saturday evening some twenty came to the prayer meeting, as they would not be so easily suspected at that time. We

are praying for these young boys, and solicit your prayers in their behalf.

A young girl had been coming quite regularly to evening prayer meetings. Some weeks ago in a woman's meeting she came forward and knelt in prayer for salvation. It was not long before her mother gave her a severe beating. She has not been to the services since. The local court judge has forbidden his wife to attend our meetings and also to accept Christ. There is considerable persecution for those who step out, but we are happy to see some really stand. We have labored so long and now God is working. Do pray for us and for these young converts.

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BUILDING THE NEW GOSPEL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Hart R. Armstrong

In visiting the new building that is going up, I have been fascinated by several of the strange machines being used. Surely it was a clever inventor who figured them out.

For instance, as the concrete is poured into the forms for the walls and pillars, the workmen put into use a long hose-like device that has a steel tip on the end. It looks like some kind of vacuum sweeper. Actually it is a pneumatic agitator. When dropped into the wet cement it begins to shudder and shake violently, until one can hardly hold on to the hose. Its work is to jog and shake down the cement so there will be no empty spaces or air holes in the walls or pillars. When concrete is poured into a form that may be ten or twelve feet deep, it can be seen that such a machine is most effective.

Almost all of the main floor of the building now has been poured. As the concrete is dumped out onto the floor forms, and is spread out to form the floor, an interesting spider-like affair is used to smooth the concrete and give the floor a level and polished surface. It is run by a small gasoline motor, and has three blades set in a circle which revolve constantly and rapidly. The skilled workman pushes this smoother along and it finishes the floor to a fine surface.

It will not be long before this portion of the work is done and the superstructure of the building will begin to appear. Already some of the giant steel I-beams have been placed on the finished part of the floor, and will soon be hoisted into place to form the rafters of the building.

What a grand day it will be when the presses can be moved in and production started at the



Workmen prepare to lower the strange jogging machine down into a pillar form to settle and jog down the concrete which is going into the form to make the pillar. Notice the circular reinforcing steel.



The cement-smoothing machine simply whirls its blades around at high speed, giving a smooth and level surface to the newly-poured concrete floor on which the big printing presses will be placed.

new location. Should the Lord tarry, that day will come, and then we believe the Gospel Publishing House will be entering new doors of enlarged service for the Lord and the gospel. There are so many calls for printed gospel literature; God is expecting us to do our best to fulfill them and to respond to the great need.

We believe that God is laying the need of the financing of this new building project upon the hearts of His people. Already many are responding, but many more must do so if the work is to be carried on with vigor and victory. This is a great work for God, and we are asking our friends everywhere to stand with us in prayer and in giving that every need shall be met.

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"BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL"

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The first four of these things were actually and literally fulfilled in the coming of Jesus Christ 1900 years ago. Mary conceived and brought forth a Son. His name was called Jesus. He was great. He was called the Son of God. The last three things have not as yet been fulfilled, but just as surely and as literally as the first four were fulfilled at Christ's first coming, just as surely and literally will the last three things be fulfilled at His second coming.

And here is something very important which I want you to notice: If Christ had not been born of a virgin, thereby fulfilling Genesis 3:15, and becoming the *Seed of the woman*, He would have been the seed of Joseph, a direct descendant of Coniah (Matthew 1:12), and then He could not occupy David's throne. As the Seed of Mary, who is a direct descendant of

David through David's son, Nathan (Luke 3:31), He is the Seed and Son of David, and is the only One who can build up the broken family, and occupy the throne, and establish the kingdom.

It is when Christ returns, as both the Old and New Testaments clearly affirm that He will, that these last three things announced to Mary will be fulfilled. At that time the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David; He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and His kingdom shall have no end. Then shall Israel be secure as a nation; then shall she be the head of the nations, instead of the tail, and become a blessing to the whole world.

How Long, O Lord?

How much longer will the Jewish people continue without a king? How much longer will it be before Christ comes back to accomplish these wonderful things? It may be but a short time. In Luke 21 He tells what shall be some of the signs pointing to the time of His return:

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Ah, but unless you, as an individual Jew or Gentile, have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation now, the second coming of Christ will be your damnation, and not your redemption. Unless you believe the record that God has given of His Son both in the Old Testament and in the New, His return will not mean your eternal joy, but your everlasting sorrow.

During this day and age God is dealing with individual Jews and Gentiles alike. *There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek (Gentile) for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him.* Romans 10:12. God asks you to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, as well as the Son of David, and that He was manifested 1900 years ago to die for our sins and rise again, according to the Old Testament Scriptures. All who believe this, whether Jews or Gentiles, are His heavenly people and comprise the true Church of God.

In this present age *God is visiting the Gentiles, "to take out of them a people for His name. And to this agree the words of the prophets: as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle (or family) of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up."* Acts 15:14-16. Here we have the positive statement, in very plain language, from the Word of God. After this present age has run its course, Christ will return to fulfill both that covenant made to David, and the announcement made to Mary, and much more besides.

God grant that, if you have not already done so, you will heed this gospel message and be visited with His salvation today. If you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah who died for your sins, and will call upon Him in repentance

and faith, you positively will be saved for time and eternity, and spared from the wrath that is surely coming upon the earth. *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved* (Romans 10:13).—*Message to Israel.*

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

After the unfortunate automobile accident on the morning of October 8, I passed through some severe trials, especially when I heard my wife had taken ill in Europe. Wherever the saints heard of my predicament they began to pray, and God began to drive the clouds away until I could say I knew *all* things (even these trials) work together for good to them that love God. Romans 8:28.

The Pentecostal Fellowship of North America made it possible for my family to come to the States, and they are now safe with me. Words fail me to express my sincere gratitude to the many churches, pastors and friends who sent cards and wrote such encouraging letters, some enclosing sincerely appreciated gifts.

The Lord has touched my body so that I hope to be released from Raleigh General Hospital, Beckley, W. Va., in the near future and join my wife and five children in Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pennsylvania.

I am also happy to report that my companion in the accident, Paul H. Walker, State Overseer of the Church of God in West Virginia, has almost completely recovered. He joins me in saying, "Thank you and God bless you" for your interest and prayers in our behalf.—David J. duPlessis.

SERVING THE SERVICEMAN

Nine Assemblies of God chaplains, of a total of thirty-four who were commissioned during World War II, now remain on extended active duty with the Department of the Army.

Three of our brethren, Dudley Q. Boyd, James K. McConchie, and Walter Ptashnik, are overseas with occupation troops. The remaining six are all stationed in the States.

Chaplain Ptashnik is stationed in Germany. In addition to his manifold military duties, he has aided in distribution of quantities of food and clothing among the Slavic-speaking displaced persons yet living in Germany.

Chaplain McConchie is currently working with troops at Ft. Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska. He is expending every effort to take the gospel to his men and to help fill their evenings of the long winter nights with thoughts of God.

Chaplain Boyd is privileged in having his family with him in Japan. "We consider ourselves foreign missionaries for the Lord," he says, as he writes of his varied contacts with civilians. He is gradually learning the Japanese language and is looking forward to assisting our Assemblies of God missionaries in that land.

Chaplains, as well as missionaries, have learned that they have been able to accomplish more for God when the church at home supports this ministry to servicemen with prayer. There are times when the chaplain feels that no one is willing to hold up his heavy hands. Victory and prayer march hand in hand. If you should ask, the chaplains would tell you that they desire

your prayers that the Holy Spirit might quicken the Word sown in the hearts of the men of their chapel audiences, for so often the audience contains more sinners than children of God.

Two peace-time editions of the Service Bulletin, REVEILLE, supplied by the Servicemen's Division of the C. A. Department, have been printed since the close of the war and are in the hands of our Assemblies of God Chaplains as well as those of other Protestant faiths.

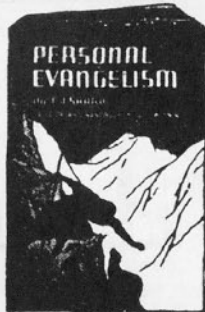
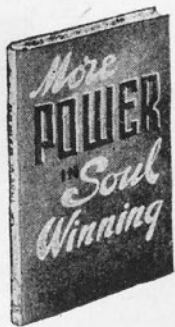
In addition to the publication of REVEILLE, the Servicemen's Division is once again building its mailing list to servicemen. Forward the names of your friends of the Navy, Army, Marines or Air Force to the C. A. Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri, if you desire that they be added to the Servicemen's Directory. A copy of a peace-time edition of REVEILLE will be sent to all names submitted, and an effort will be made to carry on a personal correspondence with them.

Members of the armed forces call for our prayers both at home and overseas.

THE HARVEST

"Make haste about cultivating a Christlike character. The harvest is great; the toil is heavy; the sun is drawing to the west; the reckoning time is at hand. There is no time to lose: set about it as you never have done before, and say, 'This one thing I do.'"—Alexander Maclaren.

Are you living for time or for eternity?



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"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is WISE." Proverbs 11:30

MORE POWER IN SOUL-WINNING

By David M. Dawson

This book, despite its emphasis on the practical, is bold to declare that a soul-winner can be powerful only when he is dependent upon his enabling God—the God who said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." Price \$1.50.

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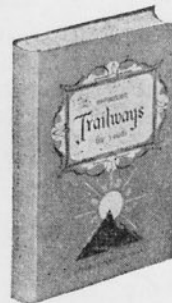
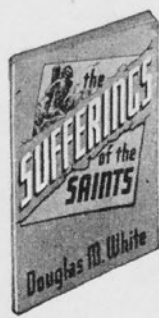
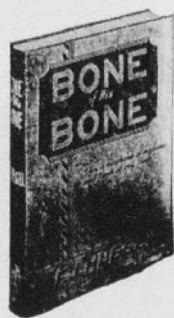
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CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL IS IN SESSION

Ding! Dong! School bells are ringing. Not for the kiddies only, but for all who desire a fuller knowledge of the Word of God.

Are you a housewife? Are you a minister? Are you a laborer? Do you have a profession? If so, you are just the one for whom the Correspondence School has been provided. Have you heard about the Bible Home Study Program in which six courses are now being offered—Pauline Epistles, Prophetic Light, Hebrews and the General Epistles, Dispensational Studies, Pentecostal Truth, and Divine Healing? Nearly two hundred people have enrolled in the Correspondence School and are earnestly pursuing their studies. M. R. Hayworth, of Thornton, Texas, has already completed the course in Pentecostal Truth and has received the certificate. Others are advancing very rapidly, and are doing excellent work.

In a recent survey of the occupations of the students it was discovered that 43 are housewives, 24 ministers and missionaries, 25 laborers, and 11 have professions, in addition to many who have various occupations which do not come under these classifications.

Prophetic Light

We should like to interest you in the course on Prophetic Light, written by the Director of the Correspondence School, Frank M. Boyd.

What is the fundamental difference between the Bible and the sacred writings of other religions? The sacred books of all other religions have not a word of prophecy or a prediction of future events, while the Bible is full of such predictions—some already fulfilled, others in process of fulfillment in our day and time, and still others to be fulfilled in the future. Since these prophecies are included in God's Word, we therefore assume that He must have deemed it necessary for us to study them. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts." 2 Peter 1:19.

Yet Bible Readers usually find it difficult to study prophecy in their general Bible reading, because the words of prophecy are scattered all through the Bible. The textbooks on *Prophetic Light* take these prophecies from their various sources and discuss them in their proper relationship to each other. They show that those prophecies, which have already been fulfilled, have been perfectly fulfilled even to the most minute detail. We are assured, then, that those remaining will be just as perfectly and completely fulfilled.

Note some of the chapter titles—

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- Interpretative Laws of Prophecy
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- Messianic Prophecy
- Covenants of the Bible
- The Church
- The Restoration of Israel
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- The Judgments
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Brother Boyd has not speculated on modern-day fulfillments of prophecy, nor set any dates,

as do many interpreters. Rather he gives a view of the MOUNTAIN PEAKS which the prophets saw through the eye of revelation—the prominent themes of the whole prophetic Word.

Write for information to The Correspondence School, General Council of the Assemblies of God, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

Among the Assemblies

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—We have just closed a wonderful revival meeting at the Central Assembly of God, 904 Louisiana St., with Wm. F. McPherson of Oklahoma City, Okla., as the evangelist.—Robert C. Sellers, Pastor.

TORONTO, CANADA—We are in the fourth week of one of the greatest Pentecostal revivals we have ever had in our Tabernacle under the Spirit-filled ministry of Evangelist Nellie Thurmon of St. Louis, Mo. Scores have been saved and many filled with the Holy Spirit. These meetings remind us of the early outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We have more than 100 Christ's Ambassadors who are on fire for God.—H. R. Pannabecker, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

HACKETTSTOWN, N. J.—After graduating from Southeastern Bible Institute last spring, the Lord led us to Hackettstown, N. J., a town of about 4,000 population without a Fundamental work. The Lord has given us the former Salvation Army Building on Main Street, completely furnished, and seating 150. The Washington Assembly with its pastor, Richard J. Bergstrom, are standing behind the work.—Brother and Sister Elmer Lindale.

BRONX, N. Y.—We have just closed a successful 2-week campaign with Louis Kaplan, Christian Jewish Evangelist, 22-50 49th St., Astoria, N. Y. The first night 10 came forward in response to the altar call, and one backslider prayed through to God. Nearly every night people came forward, with several receiving the Baptism, and many being healed of different ailments. It was wonderful to see the altar filled with young people, hungry for God, tarrying for the Baptism until late. In all the eighteen years of ministry as pastor of the Bronx, N. Y., Assembly, I have never before witnessed the results these meetings have brought forth. Brother Kaplan has a stirring ministry.—W. A. Ellison, Pastor, 820 Hennings St.

HAMMOND, LA.—After years of waiting before God—fasting, praying, preaching, testifying and standing (which was the hardest to do because the powers of darkness are so great here)—we report revival in Hammond. Evangelist and Mrs. R. C. Wales of Longview, Texas, came to visit us and God led us to have them stay and preach for a few nights. God broke through the first night, and very few nights thereafter for three weeks did we fail to have folk at the altar seeking God. One night conviction was so strong that a man almost ran across the church to make confession to two people whom he had wronged. A goodly number were saved, 10 were filled with the Spirit, and we baptized 14 in water. A number were wonderfully healed.—Mrs. M. Connelley, Pastor, Route 2, Box K 25.

BILOXI, MISS.—Since our coming here, the Lord has done great things for us, "whereof we are glad." In the past three months we have seen the Sunday School attendance doubled, two Sunday School busses purchased, a beautiful neon sign erected on U. S. Highway 90 to direct new people to the church, and some of the Sunday School rooms enlarged.

We just closed a revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Hild of Fargo, N. Dak. Thirty were saved, and several filled with the Spirit. The Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high mark. I praise the Lord for the meeting God gave us here; also for the splendid co-operation of the people and the church officials in this great forward move for the glory of God.—Douglas Carroll, Pastor.

VOTAW, TEXAS—We have just closed a 2-week revival at the Assembly of God here, with Roy Richards of Dayton bringing the messages. He is a young man and it was his first revival. The Lord really did wonderful things through his ministry. Several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the saints were refilled. There were four nights when the presence of the Lord was felt in a special way. Everyone was shouting and praising the Lord, and the evangelist did not preach.—W. E. Perkins, Pastor; by Mrs. E. L. Teal, Secretary.

PORTLAND, ORE.—The Lord's hand has been laid upon St. John's Assembly in a special way in recent weeks. Revival fires were kindled in a week of meetings with G. O. Baker of Medford. The preaching on faith was uplifting. Souls were saved. The tide continued to mount as the Gardner Evangelist Party followed up with a 2-week meeting. Sinners came to the altar night after night. Since the campaign closed, souls have prayed through to salvation each Sunday night.

The church has also progressed materially. A new roof has been put on the building, and a 1942 Sunday School bus has been purchased.

After pastoring eight years in the Northwest, we feel a definite urge to return to the evangelistic field. Our party will consist of our family, and we will be traveling with a house-trailer.—L. H. Sheets, Pastor, 7316 N. John Ave.

SANFORD, ME.—We are thanking God for His blessed visitation in our midst during a recent 3-week campaign with Brother and Sister Richard Vinyard of Kansas City, Kansas, at the Sanford Full Gospel Tabernacle. Our brother emphasized the truth of Divine Healing from the Word of God and many responded by exercise of faith when he laid down the faith principle. A woman, who was brought a number of miles to be prayed for, has discarded her crutch, and several of our elderly sisters have had their eyes healed and laid aside their glasses. Numerous testimonies have been given to the stretching forth of God's hand to heal, as our brother prayed the prayer of faith for the sick. Groups came from Portland, Kennebunk, and as far away as Rhode Island to receive touches from the Master. Several sinners repented and believed for the salvation of their souls.

From Sanford, the Vinyards were called to Mars Hill, Me., to minister at the 31st Annual Convention there, where 500 persons were turned away. God again chose to use His servant to minister divine healing, as he prayed for literally hundreds there and at nearby Washburn. He informs us he was conscious of the most precious anointing of all times at the latter place.—Charles Robertson, Pastor.

OHIO PRAYER CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Prayer Conference of the Southwest Ohio Fellowship was held at Dayton, Ohio, October 11-13. From the beginning, the services were marked by the presence of the Lord. The morning hour was a time of prayer; each morning God sent His Spirit, and it was a blessed hour of sweet communion with the Lord. Much was accomplished in the hearts of the saints. Problems were removed, divine guidance was given, and many who knew not which way to go were encouraged to trust their future in the Lord's hands. Each morning the praises of God arose from hearts hungry for a touch of the supernatural, and God filled them with the Holy Ghost.

The evening services were marked by the great liberty and freedom of the Holy Ghost. James Van Meter was a yielded vessel in the hands of the Lord, and the Pentecostal messages God sent us through him will long be remembered. The services nightly were marked by tongues and interpretation. Our brother spoke with Holy Ghost power, calling the people to note the victory they have in Christ Jesus. It was alike a call to arms being given to arise and put on the Holy Ghost armor, and to exercise Holy Ghost power. He reminded us of the danger of this power and demonstration becoming history. Oh, what a glorious move of the Holy Ghost took place when he told us not to be satisfied with the history of the Holy Ghost outpouring, but once more to go on our faces before God and cry and seek Him until we have miracle-working power in our hearts and in all our assemblies, God working with us with signs following. We can say, "Surely our prayer conference was a time of heaven coming down upon our souls."—Irwin W. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer.

Space for address or church announcement

GLEN ALPINE, N. C.—God has been greatly blessing our work here in the last few months, and attendance and interest have increased all along. Most of the good people here in our work were formerly free Holiness and independent Pentecostal believers, and the church had never been set in order. Now we are organized and affiliated with the Assemblies of God, and glad to be a part of this great organization. Our recent revival meeting conducted in a tent near the church, was a great success, with the power and blessings of God falling night after night. The evangelists who preached and assisted in the meetings were Raymond Hoggard of Windsor, Brother Skinner of Virginia, and Coy Brewer of Ft. Worth, Texas. At the close of the campaign, when a count was made, we found 15 had been saved, and about that number had received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. This was an old-time Pentecostal revival, and one which we will long remember.—J. Lewis Powell, Pastor.

BAYTOWN, TEXAS—The Lord has given us a very successful 4½-week revival meeting at the Central Assembly of God with the Smith Evangelistic Party—J. B. Smith, Inez Smith, and Mary Dean Sherrill. A number were saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit, and the entire church was edified by the inspirational preaching and singing. Every service was filled with the presence and power of God, and the last Sunday of the meeting we went over the top in Sunday School with 232 present.—Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Owen; by Betty Lou Laidler, Church Secretary.

REPORT FROM NORTHERN MINNESOTA

Hibbing, Minnesota, under the ministry of E. H. Blomberg, is experiencing a repetition of early Pentecost and the book of Acts. Just this Monday, at the fellowship meeting held there, the church was full—something unusual for Hibbing or any fellowship meeting in the Iron Range country of northern Minnesota. The Spirit of God came forth and confirmed the prophecies and the laying on of hands. Such a melting spirit and honoring of the Word. Leadership was acknowledged too. This revival has been a blessing to the ministers in this part of the state. God is working, and the Holy Spirit is moving. Truly the presence of God meant so much to all who were there. Wonderful miracles of healing have taken place too. The church has doubled in numbers. Other churches throughout Minnesota are experiencing this revival in their midst. We in Bemidji are just in the beginning stage of it ourselves.—George Rasmussen, 1221 America Ave., Bemidji, Minn.

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.

NASSAU, BAHAMAS, B.W.I.—Evangelistic Temple, Dec. 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Martin Luther Davidson. At the close of these meetings, Brother Davidson will conduct brief meetings in several Out Island churches.—Elvis D. Davis, Pastor.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Western Slope C. A. Conference. Rocky Mountain District, Assembly of God, 4th and Grand Sts., Dec. 28—30; J. Harvey Jackson, guest speaker. For information write R. M. Hutchinson, Host Pastor.—Milton Newman, C. A. President.

INDIANA SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

Indiana Sunday School Rally, Laurel Street Church, 1533 Pleasant Run Parkway, Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27—28. District Sunday School Committee and guest speakers from Springfield will participate. Public services each evening, 7:30. John L. Price, Host Pastor.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—On Jan. 2, 1949, the Assembly of God, Inc. (First Church) will open its new Trinity Tabernacle auditorium, located at 7629 Natural Bridge Ave. Services: 10:30 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor, 5736 Etzel Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo.

“He . . . Bare Our Sicknesses.”



“That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.” Matthew 8:17.

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