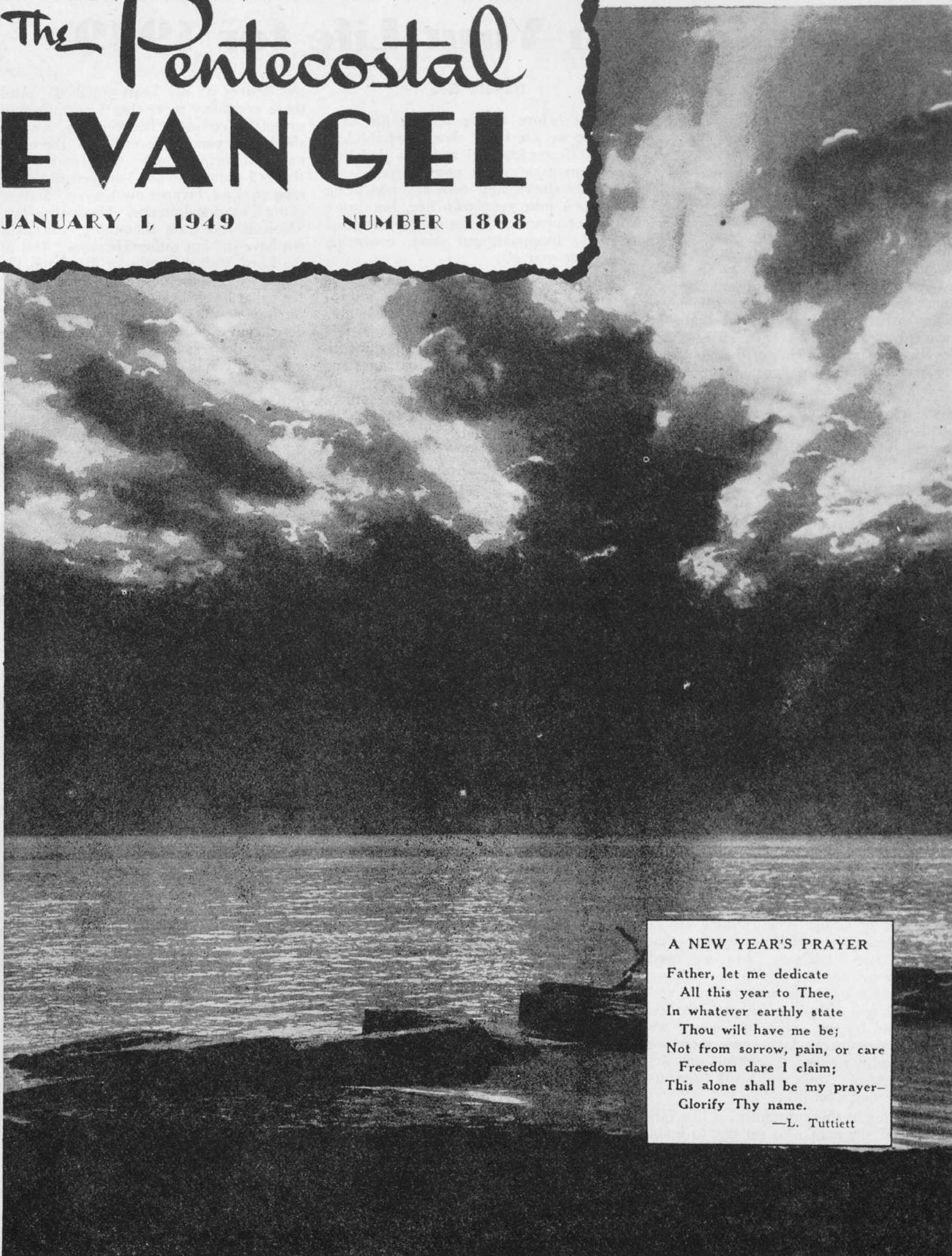


NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD

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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Father, let me dedicate
All this year to Thee,
In whatever earthly state
Thou wilt have me be;
Not from sorrow, pain, or care
Freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer—
Glorify Thy name.

—L. Tuttiett

How to Plan Your Life for 1949

Donald Gee

MY SUBJECT is *The Planned Life*, and I want to refer briefly to Paul and his plans, taking for our lesson the passage found in 1 Corinthians 16:5-9.

Some think you cannot plan and be Pentecostal at the same time. Some have the idea that if you are really led by the Spirit your life is a sort of jig-saw puzzle, absolutely plan-less; that you never know what will happen next and you are liable to the most unexpected and amazing impulses. While it is true that we never know what may happen, and that our heavenly Father does have all sorts of lovely surprises for us, yet that does not mean we should not live a planned life.

You will note from our text that Paul made plans; he said, "I will come," "I shall pass," and "I do pass." God has a course for every life. Paul, at the end of his life, said, "I have finished my course."

When crossing the Atlantic I noticed that the passengers were all interested every day in looking at the "track chart" which had marked on it a line showing the definite course of our vessel from Europe to Canada. Every day we would look to see just where we were that day, and we noted that we kept to the course marked out till we came to our desired haven. So I believe God has a course for every life.

If there had been a disaster and an SOS our captain would have been quite willing to answer the emergency call; and I believe we, too, as Christians, should always be glad and willing to answer any SOS call that comes. But that doesn't mean that my life is made up of SOS calls.

Jesus taught us to live a thoughtful life. If I have one criticism to make of our precious Pentecostal folk, I think it would be that we are not thoughtful enough. Some preachers think that the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is a glorious labor-saving device—that when we have that we need not think any more, we need not study or meditate any more. All we need to do is open our mouths wide and the Lord will fill them, they think, for we are led by the Spirit; and hence we become abominably lazy—and then we wonder why we are unfruitful and decidedly stale. May the Lord keep us living a thoughtful life.

Jesus taught this constantly. I like His parable of the man who set out to build a tower but did not stop to count the cost or see whether he had enough money to finish it. The unfinished tower stood as a monument to his folly. So Jesus taught

us that before taking up the life of a disciple we are to sit down and think it over. If you make thoughtless decisions and cannot carry out your purpose, you not only starve your own self and bring weakness into your own life, but bring dishonor upon the Name of the Lord and spread disappointment and confusion wherever you go.

Take another parable, the parable of the ten virgins. I believe the central application is that five of them were thoughtful and five were not. Five of them figured that it was rather a risky thing to go to the marriage without having some spare oil; and so, because they were thoughtful, they went in and the others were left out. All this teaches the value of planning beforehand.

But you say, "Did not Jesus say, 'Take no thought for the morrow'?" We must remember what that means: *Take no anxious thought; don't get overburdened with anxiety and care.*

What are the principles that should guide us in planning our life? No doubt it will surprise you when I say, first of all, that you can ask the Lord for, and then definitely plan to get, your heart's desires. Some people have the idea that to be a Spirit-filled believer you must never have your heart's desire; that if you want a thing *that* is the very thing you will never have. But I rejoice that God has permitted me to have many of

the desires of my heart fulfilled. And there are many more that I am planning to get. You say, "Brother Gee, we are shocked at you." Nevertheless, there are many things I really want and many things I want to do and I am actually planning on these, because my heavenly Father is not a hard taskmaster. He doesn't say, "Now if you want that thing, you shall not have it," but rather He says, "Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Isn't that lovely! Of course, I am not referring now to unsanctified, unsurrendered, unyielded desires. I am speaking of pure desires, holy things; and as for me, I am going right in for them. I am not simply waiting for God to drop them into my lap, but I am actually planning to get them. It is lovely to walk with the Lord and enjoy this sweet, pure, delightful life in the Spirit; and let me remind you that we can bring the desires of our hearts to God.

The next principle I believe we may follow is to have a wide open eye for gospel opportunities. What a wonderful thing opportunity is! The apostle said, "I am going to tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost, for a great door and effectual is open unto me and there are many adversaries." I think it is wonderful when God puts an opportunity before us, but beware of a constant love of change and a spirit of restlessness. Many a person gets out of the will of the Lord through mere restlessness, and many an assembly has made the same mistake. How easy it is simply to be guided by a desire for variety and change. One of the finest evangelists I ever knew, with such an anointing on his ministry that multitudes were saved and one assembly after another was opened as a result, simply walked right out of the blessing and from under the anointing, and to this very day is away on the shelf, out of action, because of a mere natural love of change. A sudden desire to travel got hold of him and he did travel, and he missed his opportunities. May God help you to make the most of your magnificent opportunities. Plan to use every chance God puts in your way.

Another thing we need to take into consideration in planning our life is not to forget the path of duty. You will notice how Paul is making his plans largely because he is taking an offering to the saints in Jerusalem and he is planning for someone to go with him. All the time there is that high sense of duty, a high sense of loyalty to that which means integrity of

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Another Year

How swiftly flows the stream of time!

The days have sped away,
The weeks and months in every clime:
Again it's New Year's day!

A year has gone with all its cares,
Its sorrows and its woes,
Its growth of wheat and growth of tares,
And time, unceasing, flows.

We face another year today,
Its future veiled from view;
What prophet, uninspired, can say
What it will bring or do?

It may be that our Lord will come,
And end this passing age,
And take His ransomed people home,
Though hell may rave and rage.

Lord, help me as I step across
The threshold of the year,
Behind me every care to toss,
And, with high hopes and cheer,
To face the future like a man,
Redeemed and cleansed, made pure!
He who His work in me began
Will finish it, I'm sure.

—J. Narver Gortner.

AS WE enter into the New Year, there is a call for us all to be "forgetting those things which are behind"—the old experiences, the old successes, and the old failures—and to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13, 14. In this third chapter of Philippians, the inspired apostle tells us the longing of his heart: "That I may know Him!" Is this the cry of our hearts—that we may know Him, not merely knowing about Him, but knowing Him, and the *power* of His resurrection? Is it the great longing of our hearts to know the exceeding greatness of the *power* which the Father "wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:20), that *power* which "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together" with Him (Eph. 2:6), that *power* that would lift us "far above all," and make us more than conquerors in Him?

Is the cry in our hearts deep enough to make us "count all things loss" for this special mark? It was not sin that Paul had to surrender, but all that ministered to his own righteousness—his trusting in religious ordinances, his position and high birth, his religious prejudices, his zeal for God, and his blameless life. He surrendered the things which were gain to him. Job cried, "My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go." But when the revelation of God came, it brought Job down to self-aborrence. All that we have counted gain in the past we, too, must surrender if we are to know the fullest power of His resurrection. All past experiences, all our good reputation, all that is "gain to me" is to be counted loss for Christ. Phil 3:7.

Moreover, Paul did suffer the loss of all. Verse 8. Paul could say, "I am crucified" with Christ—and crucifixion means being stripped of everything. Paul speaks of what it means to lose all for Christ, when he says to us in 1 Cor. 4:13, "We are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." His strong religious views and prejudices were swept away. Instead of priding himself on his blameless life, he now felt he was the chief of sinners. 1 Tim. 1:15. His fleshly energy gave place to God, who worked in him mightily. "Not meet to be called an apostle" was ever afterwards his self-estimation.

What caused this revolution in his inner life? It was that revelation of Christ on the road to Damascus. The sight of that divine face had made his soul a furnace of intense desire to win Christ in His deepest fullness. He could say, "Christ Jesus, my Lord" (verse 8), for he possessed Christ and Christ possessed him; his cry now was that he might be wholly ef-

Pressing Toward the Goal

faced, hidden, lost sight of, in the glorious Son of God.

"I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness" ("not having a righteousness of mine own," R.V.). ". . . that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection," now sums up Paul's supreme desire. All earthly wisdom gained at the feet of Gamaliel seemed as foolishness. It surely was foolishness compared with "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."

But knowledge without life is fruitless. Our practical need is not only to know Christ and His resurrection, but to experience the power of His resurrection life within us. But in order to know the energizing power of the risen life of Christ we must realize our share in His death. Before Paul could say, "Christ liveth in me," he declared, "I am crucified with Christ" (or, as the Revised Version has it, "I have been crucified"). Gal. 2:20. And he points out to us our identification with Christ too, saying to us in Rom. 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" On Calvary's cross our "old man was crucified with Him." Rom. 6:6, R.V.

Paul tells us in Gal. 6:14, R.V., "The world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world." With no uncertain sound Paul affirmed his death with Christ, as he shared with us the good news that we were crucified when Christ was crucified; and He bids us daily to reckon ourselves dead unto sin, but alive unto

God. The ever increasing knowledge of the power of Christ's resurrection is the sequel to this established fact that when Christ went to the cross He took us to that cross also. When we believe this fact fully, we shall experience the working of the risen life within us that will develop into greater fullness day by day.

It is just here that so many make a mistake. They dwell so much on the death part, forgetting that death is but the negative side; but so few pass on to the resurrection side of Christ, and live in the power of His endless life. He tells us in the second chapter of Ephesians: "But God, being rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with Him, and made us to sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:4-6, R.V. If we are willing to count all things loss, and to recognize the sentence of death upon all that we are and have (2 Cor. 1:9), then the Lord simply bids us to take the place that Paul did, and maintain the unswerving attitude, "I have died." And we must look daily to our risen Lord to manifest "the power of His resurrection" in us day by day.

Our perplexity comes from our difficulty about our feelings. We measure God's fact by our experience, rather than resting upon God's fact in His written Word, and expecting Him to prove it in His own time and way. Paul says, "Death worketh in us" (2 Cor. 4:12), but it is not a death that means turning us into stone—a *callousness* of feeling. It is known rather by a deep *calmness* in God, an utter absence of self-seeking, self-sensitiveness, and resentment under injury, for though we weep as Christ wept, we weep not for ourselves as the injured, but for those who injured us, and pray as He did, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

The full longing of Paul's heart was expressed in those words, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." The risen Christ within us will give us power to suffer and endure as He endured. Christ's life on earth was the life of a Lamb led to the slaughter. The power of Christ's resurrection precedes real fellowship in the sufferings of Christ, for the flesh is incapable of it. The flesh suffers for itself. The new life suffers (Continued on page eleven)

Revival Ahead

Twelve years ago Charles S. Price wrote: "Of one thing we are very, very sure. There will be a full restoration of the apostolic gifts and the full power of Pentecost before the coming of the Lord. To the faithful few who are true to God, to those that place their all upon the altar of a full consecration, God will pour out in fullest measure the power that was given to the disciples on the day the church was born. We believe there will be miracles of healing, supernatural manifestations of God's mighty power, that will break even the most calloused hearts. There is to be another outpouring—this time a cloudburst of latter rain! Of that we are convinced beyond measure. God has wonderful things in store for His people."

But remember this! All great revivals began with prayer. All over the world God's people are arranging for a special week of prayer from January 2 to 9. Let us ask great things from God and expect great things from Him.

Our Daily Bread

A Message for the New Year

ISRAEL was fed day by day with manna from heaven, but there was one thing that was essential—they must rise early and gather their portion, for when the sun waxed hot the manna melted. Christ spoke of “the hidden manna” which is to be the portion of His people. Rev. 2:17. The manna that came to Israel was not hidden but was seen. But that which was seen was just a picture, a parable, of the unseen provision which the saints in this age can receive morning by morning. How much manna came to Israel? Enough to meet all their requirements. Enough for all! How much of the hidden manna is provided? An all-sufficient portion for every member of the body of Christ.

The Slothful Man

If there were those of Israel who were slothful, who lay too long in their beds, who occupied themselves early in the morning with various minor things they considered important and neglected to go out to gather their portion, they would be too late. The Spirit of God sends us a solemn warning against slothfulness: “How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: so shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth (as an evil traveler), and thy want as an armed man (as a swift courier).” Prov. 6:9-11. “Drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.” Prov. 23:21.

Neglect

There are many today who do not realize that they cannot live by bread alone, by natural bread, but that they need every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. They need a spiritual provision to meet their spiritual requirements. As Israel had the natural manna, so God has provided the spiritual manna to meet the spiritual needs of His saints. Those who fail to partake, who are sluggish, who are slothful, who are lazy, who are negligent, who are asleep, and fail to feed on the provision that God has so lavishly made, must inevitably fail.

Eating the Roll

Jeremiah testifies: “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.” Jer. 15:16. We can readily believe that the prophet was not slothful, but every morning was searching for and finding his daily portion. And what a joy it was to him to feed on the Word of God and to make it a part of himself.

The Lord said to Ezekiel, “Open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.” And the prophet tells us: “When I looked, behold, a hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein.” And the Lord said to him, “Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll.” Then came the further word, “Go speak.” (Before we can give forth God’s message we must become partakers of it.) And the obedient prophet testifies, “So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll.” After he had eaten, the Lord commissioned him once more: “Go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with My words (the words that Ezekiel had received were now a part of him) unto them.” Ezek. 2:8 to 3:4.

Early Hours with God

As the New Year opens, purpose in your heart, like Daniel, to eat none of the “dainty meats” that the god of this world is serving, and ask the Lord to give you a wholesome appetite for the pure “pulse” of the Scriptures of truth. Arise early every morning and eat a goodly portion of the inspired Word of God. It is always nourishing, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Do not sit up late at night and engage yourself in things pleasing to the flesh, but get to bed early and ask the Lord to wake you early. The Psalmist said, “Early will I seek Thee.”

Read through the Old Testament and you will see that all God’s great men were early risers. George Muller, that mighty man of faith, arose each morning at four o’clock and gave himself to the Word and to prayer, reading the Scripture through four times each year (a very simple thing to do if you will but average thirteen chapters a day). No wonder he was a man of great faith, for faith comes by hearing what God has to say in His Word.

No Lack

Today there are many slothful, indifferent, lukewarm, self-sufficient ones. They are like the five foolish virgins who did not see the necessity of having ample provision for the time of His coming. What was the result to the foolish virgins in Christ’s parable? *They were shut out.* What will be the result to those who do not live by Him who is the Bread which God sent down from heaven? They will be as the unfruitful branches of the vine—severed from Him. They have no life, for apart from Him there is nothing. And the unfruitful branches will be gathered for the burning. But Christ gives us the challenge: “If ye abide in Me, and *My words abide in you*, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” John 15:7.

The saints need to live by Christ, feeding continually on Him who is the Bread of Life, drawing on Him who is the True Vine, partaking continually of the words which He gave, the words which are spirit and life.

In this coming New Year may each one of us be able to constantly say: “Thy testimonies . . . are my delight and my counsellors.” Psalm 119:24.—S. H. F.

MANDY’S EXPERIENCE

Mandy Smith was a mighty woman of God. It was in the days of the old-fashioned camp meetings that one of the saints said to her, “Mandy, you need to get wholly sanctified.”

“What is that? Something else I can get?”

“Yes.”

“I want it. How do I get it?”

They said, “You get wholly sanctified when you put everything on the altar, Mandy.”

Mandy went home and began to think about it. She put her wash-tub on the altar and said, “Lord, send the fire.” No fire came. She put the washboard on the tub and said, “Lord, send the fire.” No fire came. Then she climbed into the tub, sat down, and said, “Lord, it is all here now.” And the fire fell.

When we give all we have and ourselves thrown in, it is the delight of our God to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

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An Oak in the Making

John F. Hall, French West Africa

MIGHTY OAKS from tiny acorns is God's process in both the natural and the spiritual realms. That fact is evidenced in God's admonition not to choose a novice as leader of God's people. Too often, in the missionary's eager haste to make a showing and to get church organization started, he puts mushrooms in authority where he ought to wait for God's oak. The best oaks are formed under the stress and strain of storms and winds, heat and cold, rain and drought. Over a period of years we have been watching the formation and growth of one of God's oaks in Mossi Land, French West Africa.

The Sprouting Acorn

Saga Payitaba Wédraogo is from the village of Gondologo, near Ouahigouya. The Wilsons had done extension work in the Sudan and had encouraged Wéntégeda, a Mossi worker from Kaya, to begin an outpost at Ouahigouya. Saga's father who is an old councilman of the chief, became a nominal Christian. Saga accepted Christ as his Savior and learned to read. During the first great outpouring of the Spirit in Yako, Saga received a mighty Baptism in the Spirit. He had a revelation of eight persons in Ouahigouya to whom Brother Wilson and Wéntégeda ought to go. But no one knew where Wéntégeda was. Saga, eyes closed and under the power of the Spirit, started running towards the "bush." Spirit-led, he went straight to the secluded spot where Wéntégeda was alone in prayer. Brother Wilson took the two to Ouahigouya, as the Spirit had directed, and seven of those eight turned to the Lord.

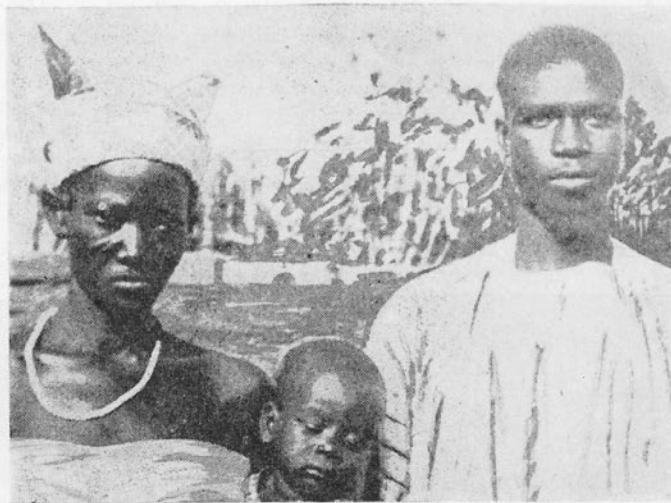
The Oak Develops

Through the manifestations of the Spirit in Saga's life, two brothers and two sisters turned to the Lord. Only last year his mother became a Christian. Few women in that Mohammedan area have turned to the Lord. A young girl who, despite the opposition of her people, accepted Christ, agreed to marry Saga in the face of her people's hatred of the gospel, and the two decided to enter the Lord's work. Saga and Sibidou have had only the local missionary's teaching and their own hunger for the Word has led them to private study. To them and many other Mossi, the Moré New Testament published by the American Bible Society is a precious book.

Answering God's Call

After waiting on the Lord, Saga felt that the Lord would have him open a new work in the town of Baraga, fifteen miles northeast of Ouahigouya. Many turned to the Lord, including young people, and forsook the traditional ways of the Mossi tribe.

Like the Ephesian silversmiths, the medicine men and tribal priests became angry when their revenue declined sharply. They talked it over together. One day Saga heard his name called. Appearing at the entrance of the Mossi yard, which the Christians from Ouahigouya had helped him to build, he found the place surrounded by angry men with spears, clubs, hoes and sticks. They said,



Saga, his wife Sibidou, and son Dasabsewendi

"If you don't clear out of town we will kill you; we're tired of this Jesus teaching."

Saga raised his heart to God for guidance (there was no police to call) and he answered, "Come and kill me. I know you didn't ask me to come here; God called me to come. I know my spirit will go directly to God's country, but you will go to the fire-country because the same Book from which I'm teaching you about God says that murderers do not go to His country." There were some furtive glances from one to another as they murmured among themselves, then they began leaving in groups of three or four. Thus God saved Saga from a tense situation.

Sickness Tests the Young Oak

To preach divine healing and suffer severely one's self, is an acid test to faith, especially in Africa where all native medicinal practices involve sacrifices to the

spirits. Saga became afflicted with that awful trachoma that swells the granulated inner eyelids with stringy pus and makes the least ray of light bring excruciating pain to the sufferer. Blindness often results. Sometimes the heathen take particular and malicious glee in going by a Christian's hut and saying, "Hope he goes blind; he'll learn." Day after day Saga lay there on his grass mat in the darkness of his round adobe hut beneath the cone-shaped grass roof. During this time the Filani herdsmen allowed their cows to over-run his fields and eat up his corn—a tragedy to Mossi farmers.

In answer to prayer, his eyes began to clear up. As soon as he was able to see he took up his Mossi New Testament. It "happened" to fall open to 2 Corinthians 11, the enumeration of Paul's sufferings. He said that after reading this he knelt and cried and asked God to forgive him for thinking he had suffered anything for Christ's sake.

A Test Harder Yet

Saga's firstborn son was named Dasabséwendi (Don't - ridicule - God) because the heathen were ridiculing the gospel. One day he was taken deathly ill. The heathen were eager for him to die so they could have the malicious satisfaction of saying that it served Saga and wife right for forsaking the ways of their fathers. They hoped this Jesus way did not have any more power than their own medicine men, witchcraft, sacrifice and juju.

Saga was agonizing in prayer in the little adobe church, built by the Christians without cost to the Mission, when his wife came and touched him on the shoulder, saying, "Husband, our boy is dead." With a cry of anguish, he ran into the little, round, grass-roofed hut. There lay his son, limp, with glazed eyes. Saga felt him and said, "Sibidou, I don't think he is dead." She reaffirmed her previous declaration. Saga then rushed back into the adobe church. He cried out in the anguish of his spirit, beseeching God to vindicate his preaching of the gospel to his Mossi people. (We have seen Saga in the grips of intercessory prayer until perspiration dripped from his cheeks and the elbows of his up-stretched arms.) Like Jacob of old, his cry was that he would not let go except God blessed him.

He felt a firm hand on his shoulder. Looking through his tears, he saw the excited, happy face of his wife. "He's alive, he's alive," she cried with joy, and ran out. Saga followed with shouts of Hallelujah! The heathen were robbed of their gloating and silenced for a time.

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The Pivot of Eternity

Bartlett Peterson

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

ALL TIME and eternity, past and future, whirls around *this present moment*. How incomprehensible, therefore, is its value! It has become the moment that determines destiny. Because what we do this moment may determine our entire future, it becomes to us the very *pivot of eternity*. In recognition of its value, Queen Elizabeth, when facing death, cried out, "All my possessions for a moment of time!"

At this season we stand at the middle of the hour glass of time. The grains of sand have almost run through. The empty space above represents the well spent, waning yester-year; the heap of sand below, the unknown and uncertain future; but the middle, where we stand today, represents *this present moment*. On this present moment pivots the full weight of responsibility for a decision which will determine our entire future.

The value of the present is emphasized in Isaiah 55 in the words, "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." In the sixth chapter of Corinthians, the truth is stated in this manner: ". . . behold, *now* is the day of salvation."

There are those who prefer to guess as to where we came from, and others who choose to speculate as to where we are going, but the fact still remains that *we are here!* If you have any doubts as to where the river rises and where it empties, the *fact is that you are riding upon it*. We are *here* but are *lost here and hereafter* unless at this moment we have Christ as our Pilot. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life!

The corridor of human history painfully throbs with the voice of suffering. Dread tragedy has befallen our race because of man's disobedience to God. God's laws have been broken and His justice violated; as a consequence the age-old sentence is heard: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Again the Word declares, "The wages of sin is death"—*eternal death, the second death from whence there is no escape!* Christ as the DOOR is the only escape. Take advantage of Mercy's open door and *escape now*.

In consideration of the danger of neglect, the writer of the Book of Hebrews has said, "For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation. . . .?"

Is life really worth living? That depends on what kind of life you live. If the grim reaper called DEATH should grasp for your slender thread of life this moment, what

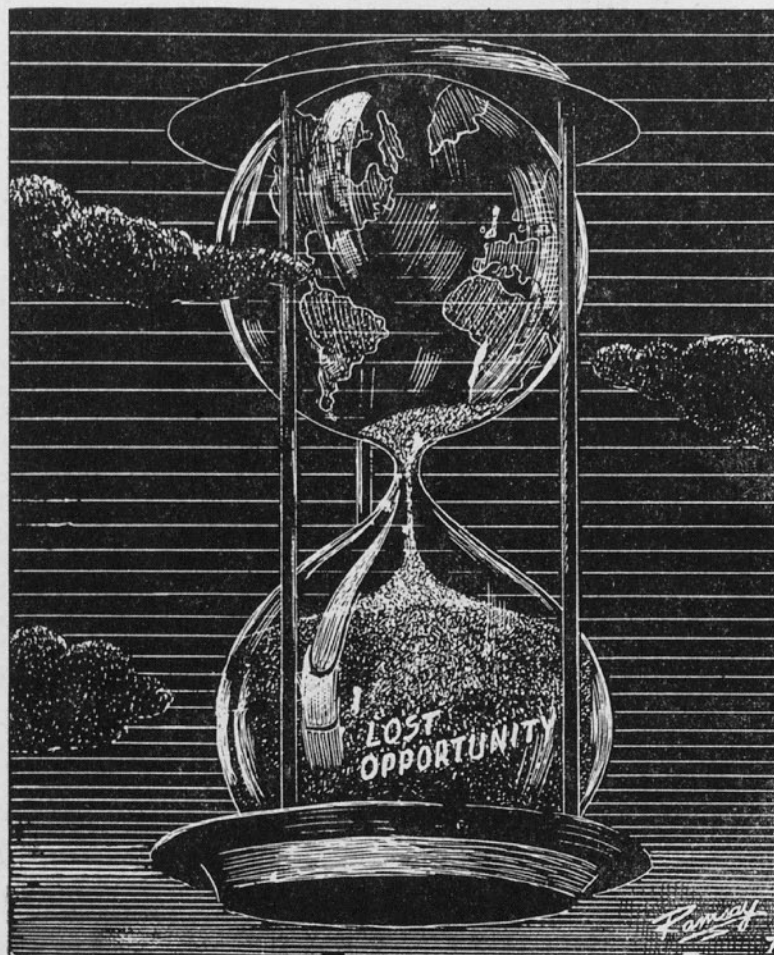
could they chisel on your tombstone and what would the record in heaven reveal? Multitudes who hear me this day rejoice and find life worth while because they have made Christ the master of their lives. Others must confess that the somber pages of sin are filled with weariness, heartaches and disappointments. To such I must say, eternity without Christ will be far worse than an earthly life without Christ.

The grave is not the period at the end of a sentence called life; it is but the conjunction to a life beyond—a life of eternal bliss or eternal damnation. Voices of truth in all the earth join in saying that your soul will have an existence beyond the grave. There is an old book among your family keepsakes, with worn leathern cover and pages stained by Mother's tears. It has become the tenor of all other voices of truth declaring God's message to you! What preparation have you made for *eternity*? Come to Christ now. *Upon this one abbreviated moment rests your entire eternity of endless ages.* "Behold *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation."

Hear the voice of the Savior tenderly saying now, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man will open unto Me, I will come in and sup with him and he with Me." Hear Him say, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Why will you die? Unload your burden of sin now and escape the judgment to come. Will you bow your head or kneel by your radio? Come to Jesus now, as we pray.

What will you do with your life in 1949?

"Time Shall Be No More"



Why I Am a Christian

D. Leroy Sanders

MY PARENTS named me David Leroy. Each of us nine children was given a Bible name.

As his namesake, I've always greatly admired David, and found that many personal experiences correspond to his in a measure.

His testimony in Psalm 16:6 is mine also: "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places. I have a goodly heritage."

There are three specific reasons why I am a Christian:

1. *I Live in America—a Land of Christian Opportunity.*

My wife and I have traveled quite extensively. We have just returned from a 35,000 mile tour of Africa and Europe. We have always loved America but we love it more dearly now. Most of Europe and much of Asia is darkened by the grotesquely evil shadows of Communism on the one hand and Catholicism on the other. The rest of Asia and all of Africa is blighted and benighted by pagan practices and superstitions. South of our own American borders we find heathenistic idolatry under the flowing garb and guise of Christian religion, falsely so called. Knowing all of this, I now realize more fully that I have been left a goodly heritage.

As he spoke, David doubtless was thinking of those enslaved Israelitish elders in Egypt who, under God, rebelled and ventured the pilgrimage through sand and sea to secure a place where their posterity could be free from shackles of soul and of body. In a country so young, memories of heroic struggles and sacrifices were fresh in his mind. Only by blood and sweat and tears had his homeland been secured for posterity, and David, with thanksgiving, was enjoying it.

So from the evils of tyranny and intolerance those spiritual stalwarts, our Pilgrim forefathers, hopefully sailed for these shores. The first civil document they drew up in this new world gives us an insight to their motives and aspirations. That Mayflower Compact read: "In the name of God, Amen. We . . . having undertaken, for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian faith . . . do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic," . . . etc.

By God's grace America has come to us as a goodly heritage, extending more opportunities and encouragement to her citizens to

become Christians than perhaps any country in the world. I must reiterate: I have a goodly heritage!

2. *I Was Reared in a Christian Home.*

I do not mean that it was simply a nominally Christian home. One must work at Christianity to make Christianity work. In our home we worked at it. The Bible was our daily guide book and always our final authority. Did it teach tithing? Then, we must all tithe! How well I remember those earlier years of Pentecostal pioneering. Though I was only a child, a deep impression was left upon me. My father, being the minister, often picked up the Bible after the congregation had laid their tithes upon it and found the amount discouragingly small. But regardless of the small amount and the large family, the tithe was always taken out first and put aside. It would seem under the circumstances, that we could not afford to tithe. But we were taught rather that we could not afford to fail to tithe. And God never failed to wonderfully supply every need!

Did the Bible teach healing for our bodies? Then we must practice faith for healing. We learned by word and deed that healing belonged to God's children. He alone was our family physician.

The church completely absorbed our interests. The Sunday School was our alma mater. Come clouds or sunshine, we never missed. Our parents never sent us; they took us!

The alpha and omega of our every day was the family altar. It is impossible for me to stress this sufficiently. *Consistency of Christian character can only come from consistently contacting Christ!* That holds true for youth or age. It was at morning and evening prayers that we children learned how to pray; how to commit our way to Him and trust in Him to bring it to pass. Malice and other evils were left daily at the altar of prayer. School time, work time, or pleasure time was always second to God's time! The family altar was the fountain of our Christian beginnings, the foundation of our Christian experience.

In such a Bible pattern home it might well be expected that the children would early turn their steps Godward. Of the nine children, including eight boys, all of us are Pentecostally saved. I believe we each accepted Christ before reaching our teens. And to God's glory, none have swerved despite temptations of higher schooling and military experience and all the usual vicissitudes of modern youthful living.

My youngest brother was just attending the kindergarten when the teacher decided to teach the class of five-year-olds to do a childish dance. When he obstinately refused to join the exercise despite her persuasions and threats, she asked why. He piped up, in his childish voice, "Don't you know that we Pentecostals don't dance!"

Verbal teaching alone in the home has little effect. Children are more affected by what they see in the daily living of their parents. A smile, a shout, or a testimony in public may influence others; but it influences the family only as it corresponds to the home life they know so well. Parents must either live a consistent, Christ-honoring life before their children or be prepared to lose them to the world at an early age.

Dr. William Dugdale offers a striking illustration in comparing the offspring of godly

parents and that of ungodly parents. Of 1900 descendants from a licentious marriage union in 1877, 300 were paupers, 771 were criminals. The Jukes family became infamous as thieves, murderers and lewd-livers. Aggregate prison terms were 1300 years. They cost New York State \$2,700,000 to prosecute and maintain them in prisons and poorhouses. By contrast, the Edwards family were sincere, clean-living Christians. Many of the descendants, including Jonathan Edwards, became useful and famous for good. Of 1344 descendants, 78 were college professors and presidents, 186 ministers of the gospel, 101 lawyers, 80 state governors, 1 vice-president of the U. S., while others were congressmen and senators, army officers, authors and leading business men. In the entire family group not one was ever arrested or tried for a crime.

3. *I Have Personally Found Christ All-Sufficient and All-Satisfying!*

David's summation in Psalm 16 is mine: "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore."

More than 50% of the hospital patients in the U. S. are mental or nervous cases. A steady

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
Help me to live this day
Quietly, Easily;

To lean upon Thy great strength
Trustfully, Restfully;

To wait for the unfolding of Thy will
Patiently, Serenely;

To meet others
Peacefully, Joyously;

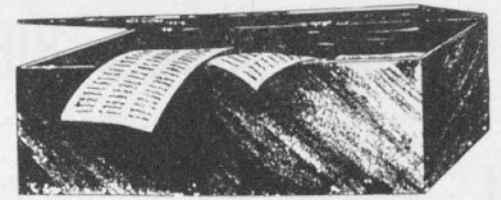
To face tomorrow
Confidently, Courageously.

stream swells the number because life is foggy, uncertain, full of perplexity and anxiety. They strive to solve their problems, and when they cannot their nerves or their minds give in. How happy and fortunate are we who have learned to cast all our cares upon Him.

At nine years of age, I definitely gave my heart and life to Christ. Through the ensuing years, Christ has not just kept me; but He has kept me happy and satisfied! My wife has also given her whole life to Christ. When someone suggested that by so doing perhaps she had missed something in life, she agreed. "I have missed heartaches, regrets, remorse of conscience and wasted years," she said.

So for these reasons in particular and others as well, I am today a Christian. But regardless of your native country or of your youthful upbringing, I challenge you to give your Lord and Savior a chance to prove in your life, as He has in mine, that He is actually and wonderfully all-sufficient and all-satisfying!

Rebuild the family altar. Don't fail to have family devotions every day in 1949.



A Copper Box . . .

. . . will have an important part to play in the 7th National Sunday School Convention, March 6-10, 1949, in Springfield, Missouri. Names of all the Sunday School pupils who have contributed their offering toward the erection of the new building for the Gospel Publishing House will be put into this copper box which later is to be sealed inside the cornerstone of the administrative unit. A special service will be held during the Convention at the construction site, and this box will be displayed, as well as a large illuminated panel on which the names will be mounted. Sunday Schools throughout the country will wish to take up a special offering for the building. Be sure to send in the names of everyone contributing so that these names may be placed in this copper box and sealed into the cornerstone.

HOW THE METHODIST REVIVAL BEGAN

On December 11, 1738, John Wesley (who was then at Oxford) heard that George Whitefield had returned from Georgia. At once he hastened to meet him. Next day, he says, "God gave us once more to taste sweet counsel together." When John Wesley returned from the Moravian Settlement of Hernhutt, in Germany, he found that the little Society in Fetter Lane, London, had increased from ten to thirty-two members.

Here on New Year's Day, 1739, the Wesleys, Whitefield, Ingram, Hall, Kinchin, Hutchins, and some sixty others held a lovefeast. "About three in the morning, as we were continuing instant in prayer, the power of God came mightily upon us, in so much that many cried out for exceeding joy, and many fell to the ground. As soon as we recovered a little from that awe and amazement at the presence of His majesty, we broke out with one voice, 'We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.'"

THE CLOCKMAKER'S COUNSEL

One New Year's Eve the pendulum stopped—in contemplation of its work for the new year. "The task is too great," it said. "I find I have to swing back and forth 31,536,000 times this year. It can't be done!" And it rebelled against the clockmaker.

"But," said the clockmaker, "it is easy enough. Nobody wants you to do that all at once. Just keep on going—one swing at a time. You can do that. You are a sturdy fellow. You certainly can swing *once* in a *second*. And this is all that is asked of you.

The pendulum knew it could do that, so it proceeded—one swing at a time, the whole year through, and found it easy. At the end of the year it had accomplished the remarkable feat of swinging 31,536,000 times. Yet it had not even noticed the hardships and difficulties which it thought impossible.

LING KUANG BIBLE SCHOOL OPENS

James Baker, Southwest China

LING Kuang Bible Institute in Kunming, Southwest China, was opened as planned on October 8. Missionaries and Chinese Christians in many parts of the province are praising God for this answer to a long-standing prayer. With an enrollment of twenty-two students, the school has made a very good beginning.

The formal opening of the school was held during the same week the Pentecostal missionaries held a united conference in Kunming. This made it possible for Swedish, Finnish, German, and British missionaries to attend along with our own missionaries and many Chinese national workers. It was an unusual privilege to have present Howard Osgood, now superintendent of the China Assemblies of God, Donald Gee, of the British Assemblies of God, and Mr. Woodford, missionary secretary of the British Assemblies of God.

Seated in the large, open court of the school compound, the congregation heard words of greeting from each of the teachers and Mr. Woodford; group singing by the students, and then a warm message of encouragement and exhortation by Donald Gee who spoke through an interpreter. Following this Mr. and Mrs. Osgood sang and Mr. Osgood told the group how this school was the result of many prayers and plans over the years. His address on the thought of humility before God and man laid a fine foundation for the spiritual progress of the students.

The students have taken up their daily schedule of classwork and study with real seriousness. Some have been waiting a long time to begin their training. Others have been saved only a short time, but are certain they want to do full-time work for God. Among the group are two former Buddhist monks who, a few months ago, were serving in a famous temple near Kunming. One young woman has had to give up her family ties to enter Bible School and serve the Lord. Not all of these young people are Yunnanese of this province. A few have come from as far as Shanghai and North China.

All the students are poor. They eat simple meals of rice and a few vegetables, with meat not more than once a week. They sleep on board beds and are quite pleased with their bare, undecorated rooms. The Lord willing, we hope to be in buildings of our own next year.

Mr. Ku, who recently escaped from Chinese Communist territory in North China, is our fine Chinese dean. We believe he was definitely led of God to join our teaching staff, as were Mr. Yrjola and Mr. Holder.

While training this first class of students, we are making plans for the future second and third year classes. Ling Kuang Bible Institute is sure to grow, and our crowded, expensive, rented quarters here in the city will not be sufficient or practical very long. As soon as possible we want to move outside the city where we own a fine piece of land. Join us in prayer to this end.

A Poland Petition

K. Fugowski, Poland

THE work of God in Poland is making progress. New Assemblies and meeting places are being established, for which we praise the Lord. I consider it a great privilege to be in Poland. God has visited Poland with His blessings already, but we are looking for a still greater outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

All churches and religious organizations enjoy complete and equal liberty under the present Polish government. There is no longer domination by the Roman Catholic church, which formerly had greater privileges than evangelical churches and lorded over the people's consciences.

Our brethren are working very faithfully in spite of the many material needs which they have. The great shortage of literature and finances are a real handicap. But with God's help we are pressing onward, and are praying that the necessary funds will be made available in order that His glorious gospel will penetrate every city, town and village. We have every reason to believe that He will hear us. We solicit your earnest prayers on behalf of God's work in Poland.

During a conference held in Legnica there was unity in the Spirit among the brethren. On the very last gathering of the conference, twenty-two people asked for prayer and salvation. You can appreciate our great joy when we saw the sinners kneeling before the Lord in repentance. The chairman, Josef Czerski, informed me that more than 200 have already been baptized in water this year, for which we thank God.

INDIAN MINISTERS EXPRESS THANKS

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

We deeply appreciate the sweet fellowship and hearty co-operation to help our work in South India that we found during our ministry in your midst. We know that you will be glad to hear that our Bible School has started again with thirty-one consecrated students in attendance.

We are planning to develop the schools and the churches as soon as we receive sufficient funds. We need your prayers and help to carry on this great work. We are encouraged for we know that as we return to

our field of labor you will continue to pray for us to advance the message of salvation in the many thousands of villages in India.

We are looking forward to that **blessed hope** when we shall meet you again. Many thanks for your many kindnesses.

Your brothers in Christ,

Pastors A. C. Samuel and C. Kunjammen

Please send your offerings designated for Bible Schools, church buildings and literature for the Assemblies of God of South India to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Mo.

FLYING THE SEABEE

Dewey Hale, Liberia

The airplane is a great time saver here in Liberia. Since we put the Republic Seabee together, I have flown over 3,825 miles, a distance something like that from New York to Los Angeles. This was over swamps, low jungle, high jungle, rivers, etc. Think of yourself walking this distance and you can get an idea of how much time has already been saved. The missionaries really appreciate this mode of transportation. You know how people like to get letters; well since I carry the mail, you can imagine what a grand reception I receive at each port.



Merlin I. Lund
South Africa



Mrs. M. I. Lund
South Africa

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Derr recently arrived in the States from Tanganyika, Africa.

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From Takoradi, Gold Coast, came the cable, "Arrived safely December 2. All is well." Eric Johnson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merlin I. Lund left for South Africa about November 15.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Dowdy on the birth of a son, Jonathan L. Dowdy, born on December 4, in Barquisimeto, Venezuela, S. A.

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Sunday School picture cards and other Sunday School material is needed in Ceylon. If you have any material available, please send it direct to Rosa Reineker, Assembly of God, Station Road, Jaffna, Ceylon. Mark the package: "Used Printed Matter. No Commercial Value."

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Additional funds are needed to purchase a new truck for the Puerto Rico Bible Institute. Please send your offerings designated for this purpose to the Foreign Missions Department, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

AKRON MISSIONARY CONVENTION

The annual missionary convention of the First Pentecostal Church of Akron, Ohio, was held from October 19 to 24. From the very first service, there was a splendid attendance, with the church often being filled to capacity. John P. Kolenda, of Brazil, brought inspiring messages in the evening services that stirred the hearts of all to greater missionary vision and fervor. John Hall and Mrs. H. B. Garlock represented the dark continent of Africa.

James H. Andrews presented the need of China, and Central America was represented by Adele Flower of Guatemala. Ruth Le Fevre, who is planning to go to China, also added her testimony. On the closing day, offerings amounting to \$1,500 were given to forward the cause of missions in various parts of the world. James W. Van Meter is pastor of the assembly.



1949 Missionary ADVANCE

"Every member a contributor"

THIS is a strategic year for our missionary forces around the world. It is a period when advances must be made, or there is danger of being forced to curtail activities in certain fields.

With this in mind a plan has been made whereby ten of the major field projects will be combined into an over-all program to be called the 1949 Missionary ADVANCE. Funds will be solicited for the one fund, the 1949 Missionary ADVANCE. The projects will then be developed as money comes into this

fund. The greater the response to this project by our fellowship, the greater progress can be made in the development of the fields which are represented with these projects.

Sunday, February 20 has been selected as the day for the presentation of the 1949 Missionary ADVANCE to the churches throughout our fellowship. A special effort will be put forth on that day to reach every member of the Assemblies of God so that they may have an opportunity to contribute to the ADVANCE fund.

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS for November, 1948

Belgian Congo	\$ 5,150.70	Colombia	631.40
Dahomey	858.12	Paraguay	434.00
Egypt	8,770.45	Peru	3,446.55
French Togo	230.00	Uruguay	325.00
Gold Coast	10,271.48	Venezuela	2,453.72
Liberia	8,692.14	British West Indies	3,376.76
Nigeria	14,856.21	Burma	751.71
Nyasaland	1,627.50	Fiji Islands	511.00
Sierra Leone	847.56	Hawaiian Islands	1,184.50
Tanganyika	441.00	Japan	1,216.39
Union of South Africa	5,503.03	Malaya	429.48
Upper Volta	10,580.60	Netherlands East Indies	2,206.46
China	31,224.42	Philippine Islands	3,103.36
Ceylon	2,861.51	Samoa	141.25
India	40,796.12	Retired Missionaries	1,430.00
Europe	25,415.14	Entertainment of Missionaries	2,041.85
Palestine and Near East	1,262.91	General Transportation	15,613.84
West Indies	10,813.46	Spanish Literature	202.00
Mexican Work in United States	406.50	Non-Council Missionaries	6,634.19
Mexico	2,001.38	Miscellaneous	5,438.95
Central America	5,848.63		
Argentina	3,114.63		
Bolivia	2,730.00		
Brazil	14,131.88		
Chile	1,828.40		
Total Disbursements	\$261,836.18		
Charged from Held Accounts	57,007.42		
Total Receipts	\$204,828.76		

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS November, 1948

Alabama	1,690.96	Nebraska	2,621.62
Arizona	1,153.86	Nevada	81.03
Arkansas	3,212.34	New Hampshire	112.60
California	29,571.76	New Jersey	3,288.18
Colorado	4,660.38	New Mexico	1,602.82
Connecticut	917.56	New York	8,419.72
Delaware	434.91	North Carolina	313.53
District of Columbia	1,797.00	North Dakota	3,594.63
Florida	5,232.63	Ohio	14,302.35
Georgia	602.09	Oklahoma	15,027.73
German Branch	3,607.96	Oregon	9,139.81
Hungarian Branch	80.00	Pennsylvania	18,722.71
Idaho	1,777.21	Polish Branch	10.00
Illinois	7,452.34	Rhode Island	153.06
Indiana	5,001.18	Russian Branch	57.00
Iowa	3,136.57	South Carolina	386.28
Kansas	8,460.86	South Dakota	2,211.30
Kentucky	546.19	Tennessee	742.79
Latin American Branch	142.54	Texas	15,646.60
Louisiana	824.24	Ukrainian Branch	789.18
Maine	625.63	Utah	11.00
Maryland	1,317.75	Vermont	81.00
Massachusetts	753.63	Virginia	1,189.39
Michigan	7,312.56	Washington	17,478.64
Minnesota	7,939.70	West Virginia	327.85
Mississippi	652.68	Wisconsin	5,166.34
Missouri	11,581.53	Wyoming	690.87
Montana	3,704.61	Alaska	72.00
		Canada	379.76
		Foreign	229.89
		Legacies	2.05
		Miscellaneous	16,398.23
Total Amount Reported	253,440.62		
District Fund	11,042.17		
National Home Missions	1,851.07		
Office Expense Fund	3,019.06		
Literature Expense Fund	114.94		
Given Direct to Missionaries	32,584.62		
Amount Received for Foreign Missions	204,828.76		
Amount Received for Home Missions	8,104.25		

Such A Serious Step

Melvin L. Hodges, El Salvador

MOST missionaries are impressed with the significance which the convert to Christianity in a foreign land attaches to water baptism.

In Central America water baptism is looked upon not merely as a rite of the Christian church, but as a step of supreme importance in which the convert makes a final and open break with his past life and former religion and assumes the responsibilities of full church membership. Up to the time of his baptism, he is considered a "learner," but once he has been baptized, he is received into full membership of the Assembly. His baptism signifies that he has met the standard of the assembly for Christian living and that the true fruits of repentance have been seen in his life.

It is interesting to note that former friends and religious leaders will sometimes make a determined attempt to win the new convert back before he is baptized, for they feel that once he has been baptized he will be lost to them.

Recently, I attended a baptismal service in a country church and could not but be moved by the evident sincerity and deep emotion of the candidates. One especially, a young man of Indian descent about twenty-three years of age, when asked to give his testimony at the

water's edge, read Romans 6:4 and said something as follows:

"Today God is granting me the privilege of entering the waters of baptism. In my past life, I have been very wicked and have committed many sins against God and man. Then I did not know this blessed Way. . . . O God! I did not know! I did not know!" Here heavy sobs choked out his voice. When he was able to continue, he said, "I have been an ungrateful and wicked son." Turning to the audience, he called, "Mother! Mother!"

One of the women replied, "Here I am Son." "O Mother, I have been most disobedient and rebellious. I have disobeyed your counsel and committed much wickedness. O Mother, forgive your son!"

"I forgive you, Son," answered that happy woman, weeping for joy.

Then with tears in his eyes, he turned to the Christians and requested their prayers for him. "I am entering a new life now. I am very unworthy. This is such a serious step. We cannot play with God."

Pray for him and the dozens of other converts that are turning to the Lord each month in these republics. They have great temptations to meet and great obstacles to overcome. Every true Christian here is a moral miracle and a testimony to the power of the gospel.

Venezuelan Sparks

W. C. Stepp, Venezuela

The climate of Venezuela is summer the year round. Night comes at 6 p. m. and it becomes cool enough that the windows and doors are kept closed.

There are very few flies and scarcely any mosquitoes in Caracas. Few homes have either screens or glass windows.

One of the greatest menaces in the city of Caracas is the "cucaracha," cock-

roaches which are often as large as a half dollar.

Standard Oil and Shell gasolines sell at 8c a gallon in Venezuela and there is no tax.

Most of the Americans in Venezuela read the morning paper in the evening of the same day as it is flown from Miami by the Pan American Airline in eight hours.

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

THE NEGLECTED BOOK

President W. O. Thompson of Ohio State University said: "In a state university a young man may enter and go through a four-year course and leave the day of his graduation as completely ignorant of the ethical and spiritual teachings of the Bible as when he entered." And yet, what textbook is as vitally needed as this neglected book?

READ IT REGULARLY IN 1949

Seeing an unused Bible lying about in his home, a small boy asked his mother whose book it was. "It is God's Book," she replied. "Well," said the boy, "don't you think we should return it? Nobody seems to read it!"

If you have been neglecting to read your Bible, don't get rid of it. Start the New Year right by reading a portion of it at least once every day and see what a change it will make in your life.

ON THE BLACK MARKET

"The black market in Germany sometimes takes unexpected turns," observes *U. E. A.* "For instance, a few thousand Bibles, on India paper, were sent through regular trade channels. They were sold out in just a few days. A week or so later the pages, carefully separated, appeared on the Hamburg black market as cigarette papers. It would have been better to send them to an individual or a church rather than through secular trade channels."

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Jerome Katz hadn't been to a Synagogue for many years, but when the Jewish New Year rolled around he decided to start doing better. So he went to a Synagogue, and joined in the prayers for Divine pardon and blessing. And he had an experience which he describes as follows:

"Strange that I should get to thinking of Jesus in the Synagogue. I have often thought about Him, and particularly of that saying of His: 'If ye forgive not men their sins, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your sins.' He was a dreamer, for He not only insisted that we love our neighbor, but also our enemy. It's hard enough to love our neighbor—let alone our enemy! And yet we expect God to forgive us when we are not ready to do so to others.

"I looked in the direction of Joe Levy. He's my competitor, and we haven't spoken to one another in many a moon. 'Try the Jesus idea on him; he's your enemy and you must love him.'

"When I walked over and extended my hand, he almost collapsed. To my wishing him a Happy New Year, he rejoined, in a voice trembling with emotion: 'The same to you, and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life.'

"I was glad I went to Synagogue."

Let's learn a lesson from these Jews. Let's start the New Year right by forgiving one another and praying for others that their names may be inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

THE WAYFARER BIBLE

The Bible House, headquarters of the American Bible Society, stands on one of the busiest corners in New York City. In a window on Park Avenue the Bible Society has maintained a Wayfarer Bible for more than ten years. The Book is lighted all through the night. The page is turned every day, and an arrow points to a specially chosen passage.

WHAT WILL THEY READ?

Frank C. Laubach, well-known educator, says: "In the next 25 years half of the 1,200 million illiterates (or one fourth of the human race) will learn to read. If we give them Christian literature they will follow Christ and be safe for freedom and the world. If they become educated without becoming Christian, they will be a menace to mankind."

WHERE JESUS WAS UNKNOWN

Far back in the mountains of Pennsylvania, a Christian worker came upon a tiny settlement where none of the people owned a Bible and all admitted they never had heard of Jesus Christ. "Very few strangers pass through here," they explained, "and we feel sure no one by the name of Jesus has gone through."

Bibles were immediately supplied for these people by the American Bible Society, and by means of the printed Word these mountain people were introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ.

ASKS PRAYER FOR CHINA

Peter Chang, founder of the Peiping Student Christian Association has asked that Christians all over the world pray for China. "The Nanking government is bad," he says, "but the Communist is worse. If the Communist controls China, that means the gospel cannot be preached in China any more." He said that neither more missionaries nor more money can accomplish what the effectual fervent prayers of God's people can achieve. "We are all in the same spiritual struggle," he declares. "The fight against secularism and paganism is now world wide. Only Christ Jesus can conquer it."

THE CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

The prayers of Peter Marshall, chaplain of the U. S. Senate, often are unique and pointed. "O God our Father, we pray that the people of America, who have made such progress in material things, may now seek to grow in spiritual understanding, for we have improved means but not improved ends," he prayed recently. "We need Thy help to do something about the world's problems: the problem of lying, which is called propaganda; the problem of selfishness, which is called self-interest; the problem of greed, which is often called profit; the problem of license, disguising itself as liberty; the problem of lust, masquerading as love; the problem of materialism, the hook of which is baited with security." To which we say *Amen!* As we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we may expect our prayers to be answered.

PRAYER FOR JOSEF STALIN

Ernest Brown, former Health Minister in the British Cabinet, wants everyone to pray every day for the conversion of Premier Stalin to Christianity. "It would do more good than the United Nations," he told a church conference at Hastings, England.

D. E. Hoste, successor to J. Hudson Taylor as Director of the China Inland Mission, was a great man of prayer and he used to pray daily for Stalin's conversion.

ASSIGNED TO THE WAR CRIMINALS

A most unusual assignment was that given to Chaplain Henry F. Gerecke, U.S.A. He was appointed to be the spiritual advisor at Nuernberg, Germany, to the high Nazis on trial for their crimes against humanity. For almost a year, this godly chaplain ministered spiritually to the twenty-one defendants. With a sincere heart and heaven-sent wisdom, almost daily he entered the cells with the simple story of the love of God as manifested in Christ.

King's Business sums up the reaction which, generally speaking, was excellent. Mr. Sauckel, who was the German labor chief, prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and meant it. Fritsche, Von Schirach and Speer earnestly asked God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. Admiral Raeder became an ardent Bible student. Chief of Staff Kietel, with tears in his voice, said, "May Christ, my Saviour, stand by me all the way." Some, like Ribbentrop, were courteous but cool concerning the Christian faith. Goering, apparently, resisted Christ to the end. Such is the story of the last days of the German war lords.

How gracious is God's provision, enabling these men, whose hands were drenched with human blood, to be given these opportunities to receive the Savior who came from heaven's glory to save such sinners!

FAMILY PRAYER

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I., says: "The foundation of our democracy was built upon a firm faith in Almighty God. As our nation grew and prospered, as it overcame vicissitudes and adversities, its people never lost faith in a personal God.

"Our generation, it seems, has allowed old faithful religious practices to slip into oblivion. As a result, family life has been weakened. The nation has suffered and many of its children have become spiritually starved.

"A Godless home is built upon sand; it is an inviting breeding ground for moral decay and crime.

"My hope for the future of this nation is predicated upon the faith in God which is nurtured in the family. No outside influence of a constructive nature can overcome the lack of a guiding light in the home, and the spark of this light must be the knowledge of God; the fuel must be the strength of prayer.

"This is the first day of a New Year—a year in which great things will be accomplished, we hope. But the greatest thing we, as individuals, can do for ourselves and for our country will be to keep our families together in peace and happiness. There is no better way of doing our part for home life in America than by re-establishing the daily practice of family prayer in our homes, because families that pray together, stay together."

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REALTY DEALER SAVED FROM PRISON

Tom M. Olson

The Seattle *Post Intelligencer* relates the incident concerning Walter R. Dinwoodie, a real estate man from Vancouver, B. C., who was fined \$500 for illegal entry into the United States by Federal Judge John C. Bowen.

He was also given a 15-month sentence at McNeil Island Federal Penitentiary—suspended on condition that he pay the fine.

Dinwoodie, 30, reappeared in court and disconsolately told Judge Bowen to send him to jail; he couldn't get the money out of Canada to pay the fine.

Judge Bowen thereupon ordered the U. S. Marshal's office to take Dinwoodie away. Up came Deputy U. S. Marshal James Schwerdfeld with the handcuffs. He looked at the Canadian puzzled.

"Why are they sending you to jail?" he asked.

"I couldn't pay my fine," Dinwoodie told him.

"Why, man!" Schwerdfeld practically shouted. "Some guy came in this morning and paid your fine. You don't have to go to jail!"

Dinwoodie held his breath while the marshal went down to check the records. Then

he came back, and sure enough, he was right.

Somebody—nobody knew who—had come in, paid the fine and quietly left.

Dinwoodie, dazed and grateful for being saved from prison at the last minute, spent the rest of the day trying to find out who his unknown benefactor was.

What an illustration this is of the righteous way in which God delivers sinners from the prison house of the lost!

Man has broken God's holy law and is unable to pay the law's demands. He deserves the just punishment of that law, but the Lord Jesus Christ steps in and pays it all with His death upon the cross for our sins.

"All thy sins were laid upon Him,
Jesus bore them on the tree;
God, who knew them, laid them on Him,
And believing, thou art free!"

Mr. Dinwoodie ultimately learned who paid his fine, and reimbursed him. We cannot possibly repay the Lord Jesus for His death and resurrection on our behalf, but we can express our deep appreciation by our worship and service and changed life.

Like the Psalmist, each believer can say: "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my

soul. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful." Psalm 116:1-5.—*Now.*

PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL

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for others without one thought of itself. We shall only grow in the knowledge of Christ as we are led on in the pathway of the Lamb.

"Being made conformable unto His death," being "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29), does not mean molding the old life to the likeness of Christ, but having yielded the old life to Christ, having *died* with Christ, the power of His resurrection life is now free to work in us—free to lead us on into the fellowship of His sufferings, and work into the very fibers of our being the life and disposition of the Lamb Christ Jesus, conforming us unto His death. As we rest upon the foundation fact of our death with Christ, and on the resurrection side of the cross, we yield confidently in implicit obedience and simple faith in the effectual working of His risen life within us. And we find that as we have been planted in the likeness of His death, we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Paul further tells us, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfected: but I followed after." It is as much as to say, "I have not yet gained all there is to gain, but my soul follows hard after Christ for all that He has for me." Let us gather up his expressions in this third chapter of Philippians: "I follow after;" "This one thing I do;" "For-

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getting those things which are behind;" "Reaching forth" (or stretching forth) "unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." It is as much as if he would say, "I cannot take a glance behind. I stretch forward eagerly, and lay hold of all for which Christ has laid hold of me."

It is never safe for us to slacken this *eager stretching forth*, never safe to rest on past blessings, never safe to sit down and count up our spiritual riches. After all the revelations of the Lord that Paul had, he says, "I count not myself to have apprehended." That vision of Christ on the way to Damascus, that death with Christ which ended Saul the Pharisee, that day when he was filled with the Holy Ghost, was only the beginning of the real life in God. On the resurrection side of the cross, the pathway an ever widening vista, he cried: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection."

"Let us therefore . . . be thus minded" (verse 15). Whatever point we may be at in the spiritual life, let us mind this same thing, let us press on to deeper and deeper depths in the knowledge of Him and the power of His resurrection.—J. P. L.

The Lord's Healing

HEALED OF CANCER

I want to praise the Lord for healing me of cancer. In January, 1946, it came on my face. About a year later it began getting much larger. It itched terribly and became very sore. If I happened to touch it, it would pain me and sometimes would bleed.

In March, 1937, I was anointed with oil by Pastor Robert C. Sellers and he prayed that God would heal me. Soon I noticed it was beginning to come loose and it was very hard. There still remained a place on one side where it was fast to my face, until the night of May 3, 1947. That was Saturday night and the next morning was the time for Communion service, but I felt I could not go to church and partake of the emblems of Christ's suffering for my healing with that cancer still partly clinging to my face. After I lay down that night I began praying and praising God, and all at once the thing slipped off. My face is now smooth and there is no sign of the cancer. To God be all the glory.—Mary Vaughan, 504 Spruce St., Little Rock, Ark.

(Pastor Robert C. Sellers, 1522 W. 24th Street, Little Rock, Ark., states that Sister Vaughan's testimony is true and that there is now no trace of the cancer she had on her face.)

HEART TROUBLE REMOVED

For many years I suffered with heart trouble, and several times I nearly died. In the spring of 1947, due to worry, it grew worse. I could not lie on my left side at all. If I lay on my back I would nearly smother.

In July I went to Columbus, Georgia, to visit a friend, Mrs. J. L. Murfee. They were having a revival at the East Highland Assembly of God Church, where Brother J. D. Stevens is

pastor. On Friday evening they had a Divine Healing service. I had been prayed for before, and had become no better, but this evening I decided to go forward to be prayed for again.

I knelt at one of the front seats. Brother Stevens and the evangelist, Brother Carl C. Haas, both laid hands on me and prayed, anointing me with oil according to James 5:14. I could feel the power of God. I just blacked out. I don't remember getting to my feet at all, but the first thing I was conscious of was standing, with upraised hands, and shouting at the top of my voice, "I am healed, I am healed, by His stripes I am healed." I never shouted like that before or since. I didn't even realize I was healed until I heard my own voice shouting it.

I went home with my friend. We had a midnight lunch and I went to bed and slept soundly on my left side. I am still doing it today, seventeen months later. No longer do I go to bed at night wondering whether I will ever see the sun rise again. God has healed me, and I believe He did it so that I may keep on doing personal work for Him, talking to people about my Jesus.—Florence E. Pakorny, Lynn Haven, Florida.

(This testimony is verified by Mrs. J. L. Murfee, 1206 20th Street, Columbus, Ga., and by Mrs. L. L. Tew, Box 655, Lynn Haven, Fla.)

AN OAK IN THE MAKING

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Then came a further test, the reproach of his wife bearing twins. The Mossi call twins or triplets by the same name as that of small evil spirits, for they think them the cause. One of the twins died after a while and the heathen nodded in satisfaction. Then while Saga was 135 miles away, in language committee session with us revising the Scriptures, the news came by carrier that the other twin had died. Our hearts went out to him. He held steady, and instead of hurrying back home decided to remain through the important work of translating Scriptures (as the baby was buried the day it died). We found out later that in his absence the old heathen women had done their best to induce his wife to resort to heathen practices in the absence of her husband. They cruelly played on her mother-heart, but she, with no other Christian woman to comfort her, bravely replied, "I am not following Christ just for my husband's sake." We honor her for that stand in the face of sly, heathen temptation.

Some Mossi preachers have succumbed to the temptation of making money with a sewing machine, or trading, or leather-working, so they may have nicer clothes, bicycles, etc., but Saga has held true to the principle that "those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Though his clothes may not be as plentiful as some, his depth of spirituality is evident from his victories in the tests of life.

Lightning Strikes the Oak

Every dry season, we had a Bible Training School for Christians of all ages, and the preachers of the Ouahigouya district helped in the classes and preaching and prayed with those seeking the Baptism. At one of the night services, Saga was preaching. His words became incoherent; he grasped the old packing-case pulpit and then fell to the floor on his

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back. I rushed to his side and felt his wrist—no pulse. I put my cheek to his nose and mouth—no breath. I called for the elders to come quickly, and appealed to the audience to pray. My, what a volume of loud, concentrated prayer arose. As we laid hands on Saga's head and chest we could feel the clammy death-sweat, but we continued to call on Him who says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

After an unlocked time of prayer, there was a shudder through his body and Saga spoke, "My hands; my feet!" Immediately I felt his wrist and the pulse throb was there. What a shout of Hallelujah went up to the Almighty God who had once more proven Himself to be the true and living God. Tears of joy! Shouts of triumph! Who could contain himself in such an hour? Saga sat up, and wanted to go back to his preaching. He continued to preach and teach throughout the Bible Training period.

Oaken Influence

The younger Mossi men entering the Lord's work in Ouahigouya district came under the steady, wholesome influence of Saga in the monthly fellowship meetings. Through that association they are adopting long-range policies which are going to stand the test of time. Proof of the worthiness of their decisions and methods was shown during the long years of war when the mission station was closed. There has been a turning to the Lord there in Baraga.

Our worst opponent, the son of the former

chief, is now saved and also has received the Baptism.

In collaboration with such stalwarts as Filip and Boafiga, about whom we shall write later, Saga cared for the work in Ouahigouya during the absence of missionaries. The preachers were not dependent on our sending them funds, nor on obtaining commercial products for trading to make money. They farmed, doing hot, back-bending, hand-callousing hoeing, to meet the daily food needs of their families, and their supplies were supplemented by the agricultural tithes of Christians who are experiencing the blessings and remuneration of systematic tithing. We give glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who in His infinite love is calling out from among the heathen Africans such oaks as Saga, a man with whom we delight to fellowship, Mossi New Testament in hand, in the things pertaining to eternal life.

HOW TO PLAN YOUR LIFE FOR 1949

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character in everything. I am staggered and indignant when I hear men and women who insult the Holy Ghost by saying that He has led them to neglect the ordinary duties of life. God does not do things that way. I meet husbands who dare to say that the Holy Spirit has led them to neglect their precious wives, and I meet children who think God has led them to neglect their duties to their parents. I find citizens who think that God has led them to neglect their proper duties in obeying the laws of their country. I believe that the Spirit-filled man or woman, following the path of duty, is always in the will of God.

Every assembly is blessed when it has those who are doing their job from a sense of duty. What a fine thing it is to have a certain brother there early to open doors, and to know you can depend on him 100 per cent. When you ask some to sing in the choir, teach a Sunday School class, or do anything in the work of the Lord, they say, "If the Lord shows me;" or perhaps they promise and then break their promise and say the Lord told them otherwise. But my Bible says, "Let your yea be yea, and your nay nay." I like people who put themselves out to keep their word, people who are prepared to suffer financially in order to keep their word.

My duty is a sacred one, and when I am making my plans I always want to have one eye on that which is my straightforward, simple duty, and then keep my appointments.

Then we should be guided by our love for others. You will notice that in chapter 16:12 Paul says, "As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time." Now of course the lovely background is that Paul and Apollos were rivals for the affections of the people at Corinth. You know the multitude is very strange: they always have their ideals and some said, "I am of Apollos," and others, "I am of Paul," and still others, "I am of Cephas." And then there are those ultra-spiritual people, little jugs of cream, who say, "I am of Christ," and many times they are the most difficult. One finds these groups everywhere. The wonderful thing was that Paul and Apollos were loyal to one another and refused to be dragged into the

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personal feelings of the people. And although Paul knew that Apollos was his rival at Corinth he said, "Apollos, you go to Corinth. You have a lovely ministry and you will be a blessing." But if Paul saw a priest of Israel in Apollos, Apollos saw another priest in Paul and he said, "No, Paul, I am not going." Some ministers I know would have moved heaven and earth to keep Apollos away from Corinth, and others would have quickly seized the chance of going, but Apollos said, "No." How good it is when we are guided by love and respect for one another, and have the spirit of co-operation and not competition!

Now I have laid down the principles that should govern the making of our plans. But let me finish with something that is important and rather comforting, and I shall give it in the words of verse seven—"If the Lord permit." Yes, I am sure it is right to make plans, but as we make them we must always write over them in great big letters of flame, "If the Lord permit." Have you done that with your plans?

If you say that and really mean it, it reveals the attitude of your heart towards God, which is very important. It will reveal whether or not you have made Christ the Lord of your hearts. Some Christians are delighted to get all they can out of salvation but they haven't given the Lord the throne.

My mind goes back to the church in which I was saved and grew up as a boy. I remember very well a hard young man—a church member, but even in those days I wondered if he was saved. I remember the old debates they used to have in the literary society, and how one of the favorite quotations of this young man, was that poem,

*"I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul."*

I used to think that was a fine poem, that it displayed real power, but I am glad to say that I have surrendered my will and my life to another, and Jesus is the Master of my life. I was shocked and yet not altogether surprised when, just a few months back, I learned that

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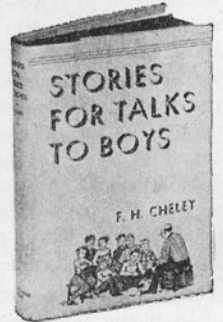
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that very fellow was serving a term in prison for a serious embezzlement. I thought, "I am not surprised. He has been the master of his fate and the captain of his soul and he has landed himself in prison." I might have been the same but I am glad that the Lord has been my Captain and He has kept me out of prison.

Our very best plans may fail and sometimes they do. I have had plans that have gone all wrong. When our plans go wrong, what do we do about it? I know what we ought to do; we ought to take refuge in Romans 8:28 and realize that if our plans have failed He has something much better in store for us.

I want you to think of some of Paul's experiences; first when he was shipwrecked on the Island of Melita. That shipwreck was certainly not of Paul's planning. That was never on his program, but it *happened* and it was a

real 100 per cent shipwreck; they only got to shore by swimming or on broken pieces of raft. But read the story and tell me whether God was not making all things work together for good. Those barbarians on the Island of Melita had three months of Paul's apostolic ministry. Do you imagine that they had any doubts whether or not it was God's will for that shipwreck to take place? And I believe Paul had no doubt about it either when he left Melita, after the shipwreck. If you have had a shipwreck in your life and will yet keep sweet in God, you will thank God for the shipwreck, for He is letting all things work together for good.

Then there is that other mysterious passage in the 16th of Acts where Paul tries to preach the gospel in Bythynia but the Spirit suffers him not. His plans are all being stopped by God and at last that little party of four perplexed missionaries come down to Troas, and

that night a vision comes of a man of Macedonia, saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" All of Paul's plans had gone wrong, but God had a better one, and because of that the gospel came to Europe; and because it came to Europe it came to America.

Are you feeling miserable and sad because your plans have failed, and you cannot understand it? May I again remind you of that glorious, victorious verse. "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." I am certain that when we get over yonder one of the greatest joys will be to see God's hand just as much in the disappointments as when we had the desires of our hearts fulfilled; that His hand was just as mighty when our plans all failed as when they were successful. When we get over there and see life's finished story, we will praise the Lord for all the way He has led us. And meanwhile, I shall go on making plans.

Among the Assemblies

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—We recently closed a 2-week revival meeting at the First Assembly of God. At least 11 were saved or reclaimed, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. The church derived real benefit from this revival. The anointed messages brought to us by Evangelist Howard Jones, Highland View, Fla., were enjoyed by all.—E. Turner, Pastor.

MADISON, WIS.—We have just concluded revival meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. E. N. Stanley. Some were saved, many testified to having been healed, and 10 or more received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, speaking with new tongues. Brother Stanley's clear-cut teaching on the subject of faith was very timely and helpful to our Assembly.—W. L. Williams, Pastor

ENNIS, TEXAS—This is a small Assembly of God which was started as an outstation from Southwestern Bible Institute under the supervision of M. E. Collins. We have just completed a very successful revival meeting under the ministry of Peggy Richards, a 19-year-old girl evangelist, who is being used in a remarkable way in the ministry of soul-saving. Her gospel messages and intensive sincerity reach the heart of sinners in convicting power.—M. E. Collins.

CORTLAND, N. Y.—We of the Cortland Assembly of God have just ended two weeks of meetings with the Kellners of Binghamton. Four Pentecostal groups of the city and vicinity cooperated to make them a real success. God's presence was very real in every service. Twelve precious souls were born into the kingdom and we were very much blessed. Each and every message of Sister Kellner was heart searching and touching. Brother Kellner did not preach due to his illness. God did mightily anoint our sister.—L. Storms, Pastor.

BRANSON, MO.—A one-week evangelistic meeting was held recently at the Assembly of God Chapel, and God blessed in a remarkable way. Twelve sought the Lord for salvation, and 9 followed the Lord in water baptism. The church was strengthened by the anointed ministry of Thos. F. Zimmerman of Springfield, and also edified by the ministry in song of the National Radio Male Quartet, the CBI Male Quartet, and other workers from Springfield who assisted with the services. The Sunday School attendance reached 105 during the meeting.—Roy C. Lewis, Pastor; by John Shannahan, Secretary.

SELMA, CALIF.—We had a summer revival meeting with the Youth Evangelists, Betty Coleman, Lora Leedy and Charlene Marshall. A number were saved, especially among the young people. The blessing of the Lord was on the meeting.

Then we had a revival campaign with Evangelist Virgil E. Whitmire, 15709 Ryan Ave., Bellflower, Calif. This too was a good meeting, as the Lord blessed many souls, and many were healed. One man was healed of tuberculosis.—Thomas Ming, Pastor, Full Gospel Tabernacle; by George F. Day, Secretary-Treasurer.

FROZEN CREEK, KY.—We are rejoicing in the Lord for the good revival held here at Mount Lebanon. The first week of November we had District Superintendent A. C. Trimble with us for a week of meetings. God richly blessed in every service. Fifteen were saved, 5 reclaimed, and we feel that a wonderful work was done in the hearts of the Christians.

This work having been a mission station for over eight years, it was felt by all that it should become a church. In the last service of our revival meeting, fifteen of our Christians lined up in front of the church to be among the charter members. A number of these had been faithful to the work from the beginning.

During the meeting we broke our Sunday School record, with 101 in attendance. We recently started having our C. A. meeting on Friday night. For the first service there were 24 present. The young people are showing good interest. All are enjoying taking part in the meetings. Your prayers are coveted for the Mount Lebanon Assembly of God.—Pearl M. Foster and Mary J. Lewis, Pastors.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—We recently concluded a 3-week revival campaign with Mark B. Paddock as the evangelist. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way, and Brother Paddock's messages greatly encouraged and strengthened the church.

Since our taking over this pastorate in June, 1948, God has greatly blessed. We have had a substantial increase in Sunday School attendance and all of our hearts have been warmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit. We thank God that He has made it possible to build a 5-room parsonage which is nearing completion.—Vernon E. Wilson, Pastor, 218 Chalmers St.

STATESVILLE, N. C.—We have had two good revival meetings this fall. Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas Paino conducted a 2-week meeting from September 19 to October 3. Brother Paino's ministry was well received and a good increase in spirituality and numbers was experienced. Then Evangelists T. C. Anderson of Mississippi began a meeting on October 21 and continued it through November 7. His sincere ministry was a great help to the church. The Sunday School record was broken during both meetings and we believe the revival spirit will continue in this community.—B. H. Conant, Pastor.

MIDLOTHIAN, MD.—We just concluded a very successful revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Samuel Clutter, East Liverpool, Ohio. We experienced a real moving of the Spirit in Pentecostal power. Holy Ghost conviction rested over every service, and still remains. A number received the Baptism and a number were saved. Our altar services continued until late at night. Brother and Sister Clutter's messages in song were just as anointed as their ministry of the Word. We are inspired to press on, realizing as never before that God has not changed and He is still moving in the midst of His people.—Harold L. Zuch, Pastor Trinity Pentecostal Assembly of God.

PORTUGUESE CONVENTION

The Portuguese speaking people of the Assemblies of God in California held their annual convention, November 25—28. From the first meeting to the last, God's power was manifested in a mighty way. Frank Stalter, pastor of the church at Newman, preached the opening message, and God blessed. A woman came to the altar and was wonderfully saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Friday night, the message was given by Sister Camara, pastor of the church at Berkeley, and again the power of God fell and there was great rejoicing. Brother and Sister Camara will be leaving for the Azores islands next summer, as missionaries to the Portuguese people.

Paul Rizzo, a young Brazilian minister, preached a soul-stirring message Saturday afternoon, which everyone enjoyed. The Saturday evening service was devoted to Divine Healing, with F. M. Silva bringing the message and praying for the sick. Many testified to instant healing.

Sunday morning we had a communion service, with J. I. Rogers bringing the message, which ended with much praise to God. Sunday afternoon was devoted to the Christ's Ambassadors, with Evangelist Bobbie Clark delivering an inspiring message. We ask all readers to pray earnestly for the Portuguese people, as the need for workers is great.—F. M. Silva, Watsonville, Calif.

FINDLAY, OHIO—Thanksgiving Day will mark the end of five years of ministry as pastors of the First Assembly of God in Findlay. We were asked by the District officers in 1943 to come here and take over this work. When we arrived things did not look very encouraging.

For 37 years they had worshiped in a hall that formerly was used as a saloon. The old bar rail was converted into an altar rail where penitent folk knelt and found Christ. This hall was right by the railroad track. At one time, under the able leadership of T. K. Leonard, the founder, and for 35 years the pastor, they had enjoyed a great and wonderful growth, sending forth ministers and missionaries to many parts of the Lord's harvest field. But the work in later years had gone down, and the people had become discouraged, until many of them had gone to other churches, and the rest were just ready to give up and quit. Many of them wept as they told us of the glory of the old days.

After a 2-week revival meeting, in which a number of souls were saved and some filled with the Spirit, and much prayer and waiting on God, we felt that the Lord was leading us to accept the church as our field of labor. So we took over the work with the understanding that they

would get a new place of worship as soon as possible. When we came they had \$2,300 in the building fund, and immediately we began to encourage the people to pray and to give. Money began to come in. Then in July, 1946, we received notice from the owner of the building where our hall was, that we had to vacate by September 1, as he wanted to enlarge his furniture store. We could not find a place to rent or buy, but the Lord opened the way for us to have services in the auditorium of the YMCA. There we had our Sunday services for 9 months, having to meet in the homes of the members for our mid-week services. But God helped us, so that we did not lose even one from our church or Sunday School.

Then on May 17, 1947, we purchased a very nice church building for \$22,000. We had to borrow \$4,000, but we knew the Lord would supply the need. The first of June this year, some of us felt that the Lord wanted us to raise the remaining amount and pay off the indebtedness. We set Thanksgiving Day as the date when the money was to be in to finish paying off the note. The Lord gave us the money by October 31. And now we are free of all indebtedness. We are having our mortgage burning service November 28.

We have just concluded a very good revival campaign with Evangelists Cordelia Donnell and Mildred Holler. A number were saved and 5 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost.—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pepper, Pastors.

HOPE, ARK.—The Hope Gospel Tabernacle has just completed one of the greatest years in its history. Substantial progress was enjoyed in all the departments of the church. Many souls have been saved, baptized in the Spirit and in water, and added to the church. The active membership is the largest in many years. The Missionary goal for the year was \$10,000, but actually went over \$13,000 for both Home and Foreign Missions. The total receipts for the year amounted to over \$40,000; one-third of which was spent in ministering to others; one-third was used in enlarging the facilities of the church; and one-third was spent for the ministry of the church locally—pastor, assistant, secretary, evangelists, etc.

During the year the church bought and paid for an excellent frame building 32' 8" x 84' from a local government project. The building, set down on lots directly in front of our present church building, cost over \$8,000 and is now being used as a "Fellowship Hall." This building affords a place for times of fellowship for every department and group of the church. The Lord has given the Hope Gospel Tabernacle a very wonderful year. To Him be all the glory.—H. Paul Holdridge, Pastor.

Coming Meetings

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

BAYARD, NEBR.—Jan. 2, for two weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Neale Sheneman.—J. M. Peck, Pastor.

TULSA, OKLA.—Home Garden Assembly, 4225 W. 5th St., Jan. 2—; Lee Krupnick, Evangelist.—J. A. Linn, Pastor.

COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS—New Year's Day Rally, Southeast Kansas Section, Assembly of God, 11th and Beech Sts., Jan. 1. Speakers: W. A. Brown, General Treasurer; V. G. Griesen, District Superintendent; D. D. Underwood, District C. A. Vice President. Meals will be served.—Owen C. Carr, Sectional Secretary.

ILLINOIS MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

The Annual Ministers' Institute of the Illinois District Council will be held at the First Assembly of God, 24th and Grand, Granite City, Ill., January 11—13. H. G. Griffin, Host Pastor. W. A. Brown, General Treasurer and A. E. Gidman, Indianapolis, Ind., guest speakers. Rooms provided for all ministers as far as possible. Applications for accommodations should be sent to Pastor H. G. Griffin, P. O. Box 125, Granite City, Ill., as soon as possible. Neighboring churches will co-operate in providing rooms.—W. R. Williamson, Superintendent.

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OHIO MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

AKRON, OHIO—Northeast Ohio Ministers' Institute, First Pentecostal Church, North Howard and York, Jan. 10-12. James Van Meter, Pastor. Speaker: John Warton, New York, N. Y.—David M. Hogan, Secretary-Treasurer, Northeast Ohio Fellowship, Elyria, Ohio.

TENNESSEE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Mid-winter Bible Conference, Tennessee District, Faith Chapel Assembly of God, Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 25-27. G. R. Kelly, Host Pastor. Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, main speaker. Accommodations furnished by the church as far as possible. W. G. White, Superintendent.—H. E. Darnell, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 385, Madison, Tenn.

SECTIONAL C. A. RALLY

OKMULGEE, OKLA.—All-day Fellowship Meeting and C. A. Rally, First Assembly of God, Dec. 31. C. A. Rally begins at 7:30 p.m. Dramatized Sermon by S. J. Scott. Special Music and Chalk Drawing by Mrs. Scott. Specials by C. A. Groups. Half-hour Gospel Singing by original "Healing Waters" Trio. Main Message by Wesley R. Steelberg, National C. A. Director. Candle-light Communion Service. All nearby Assemblies urged to attend.—Douglas J. Friesen, Sectional C. A. Representative.

SOUTHWESTERN PRAYER AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Eleventh Annual Prayer and Bible Conference, First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Dallas, Texas, January 18-20. Sponsored by the Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, West Texas, and Texas Districts. Monday, Fellowship Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Then 3 services daily: 10 a.m., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Closing service Thursday 10 a.m. For room reservation write Room Committee, First Assembly of God, Box 804, Dallas, Texas.—A. C. Bates.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK.—Two-week Seminar, South Central Bible College, Jan. 3-14; Ralph M. Riggs and David Burris, teachers. This seminar open to all ministers and Christian workers. For additional information write Ottie E. Gaugh, Executive Vice President, South Central Bible College, Box 436, Hot Springs, Ark.

Convocation service at South Central Bible College evening, Jan. 17, in connection with opening of second semester of school, Ralph M. Riggs, speaker.—Ottie E. Gaugh.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

The Tom B. Myers Party is now making up its 1949 itinerary. Pastors desiring city-wide or district-wide Divine Healing services, please contact this party before February 1. Address: The Tom B. Myers Party, Route 10, Box 3818, Sacramento, Calif.—E. Judson Cornwall, Campaign Manager.

Pastoral

Pastor and Mrs. J. E. White are open for calls, as pastors. Brother White is ordained in Kansas District. References. Address: 2152 S. Waco, Wichita, Kansas.

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—Route 2, Sodus, N. Y. "Anyone wishing to contact us may do so at this address. We are in the New York-New Jersey District. Good references."—Evangelist Bernard Bullock.

NOTICE—Will contact friends or relatives at any of the Naval Bases in Key West, Fla.—Pastor D. T. Newman, 801 Georgia St., Key West, Fla.

NEW ADDRESS—1411 Spaulding, Alton, Ill. "Have accepted the pastorate of the Edwards St. Assembly of God in upper Alton."—James C. Kofahl.

NEW ADDRESS—303 South Line, Ruston, La. Phone 1799 W. "We have accepted the pastorate of the First Assembly of God here."—Pastor and Mrs. O. J. Neighbors.

NOTICE—After more than 8 years of pastoral ministry in the Pacific Northwest, we are returning to the evangelistic field. Address: 7316 N. John Ave., Portland 3, Ore.—Pastor and Mrs. L. H. Sheets.

NEW ADDRESS—801 Georgia St., Key West, Fla. "Have left the evangelistic field and accepted the pastorate of Glad Tidings Church here."—D. T. Newman.

NEW ADDRESS—Brimson, Mo. "After pastoring at Milan, Mo., for two years, we have resigned and accepted the pastorate here."—George and Nellie Shepherd.

NEW ADDRESS—4th and San Antonio, San Jose, Calif. "We have accepted the pastorate of the Upper Room Mission in San Jose, Calif. Max Freimark is retiring."—F. T. Curry.

NEW ADDRESS—After pastoring the First Pentecostal Church, Long Branch, N. J., we have resigned to accept the pastorate of Calvary Tabernacle, 248 High St., Watertown, N. Y. Date of change Jan. 3, 1949.—Pastor and Mrs. Allan E. Mitchell.

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