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O God, I thank Thee for each sight
Of beauty that Thy hand doth give;
For sunny skies, and air, and light:
O God, I thank Thee that I live.

—C. A. Mason

The NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD
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Following the Cloud

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THE PILLAR of cloud by day and fire by night represented to the people of God, all the millions of them, the actual presence of God. God promised them, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." But nobody supposed that the structure of the tabernacle itself, wonderful though it was, was the presence of God. This church is a very beautiful structure. But it is not the presence of God. This is not even the tabernacle. It is just a kind of umbrella to keep the weather off the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched. You are the tabernacle.

But when that glory light filled the dark Holy of Holies, then they were assured that in that glory the Lord Himself had presenced Himself with them. That Shekinah was the actual presence of God. For at that moment God began to speak supernaturally with His naked voice from under the wings of the cherubim (representing the gifts of the Spirit in the church). They knew they were now in the actual presence of the most Holy God. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

Moreover, the pillar of cloud by day, and the fire by night, represented to God's people a constant miracle. They were in the presence of the supernatural day and night; every moment, every hour, every day, and week, and month, and year—a continuous experience of the supernatural. That was a miracle cloud from heaven. Not a spout of natural smoke, as from a factory smoke stack. That fire was not kindled on earth by lucifer matches or tinder boxes. It was a flame that hurtled right down from the throne of God where burns forever a most dazzling Shekinah flame. It was all supernatural. They were in the constant experience of the miraculous. As you are, or ought to be, since you were filled with the Spirit! And what a glorious experience it is, this supernatural into which the Holy Ghost has ushered us. How mighty! And how safe! This was the wall of protecting fire—the glory that was upon them for a defense. Woe to the alien who would dare to molest the people who were resting under that divine glory. "Touch not Mine anointed, and do My prophets no harm!"

When they were abed at night and heard the scream of the hyena, or the

roaring of a lion, or the furtive sound of some depredatory footstep, Rachel would awaken her husband and say, "Jacob, I hear something in the camp. I am afraid. I wonder if all is well. Just look around." So Jacob would turn in his bed, lift the curtain of his tent. "All's right, my dear," he would say. "Jehovah is with us still. Jehovah Shammah. The cloud is on the tabernacle, the fire is still there. God is with us. He hasn't deserted us." "What time I am afraid I will trust in the Lord."

And so in the middle of the day, in the welter of daily duties. Since the cloud was over the tabernacle they knew that all was well; God was with them. Thank God for the cloud. Thank God for the Baptism. You know that God is with you by this mighty cloud and this glorious fire of the Spirit. They lived in the sense of the Presence—the miraculous, the safe, the protecting Presence—all the time. Beloved brothers and sisters, never leave that blessed sphere where God can work for you in miraculous power. Never slack in your desires and prayers for blessed manifestation of God's miraculous power and splendor. For that very purpose God has brought us into this Baptism in the Spirit. Has not Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe!" Do not relegate your Baptism, with the supernatural experiences that are associated with it, to the limbo of a distant past. Do not, like some, cherish a historic Pentecost that is little more than a faded memory. Follow the cloud. Live

**If any man thirst, let him
come unto me, and drink.**

John 7:37.



in the fire. Keep always the glory.

Without that cloud, without that fire, without that miraculous manifestation, they were in a structure, a system, a movement, an experience that was poor indeed. The Amalekite, trekking through the wilderness on his way to worship his false gods in his gorgeous temples of alabaster and gold and ivory and silver, set in the beautiful landscape among the everlasting hills, could mock at this building, this tabernacle of the Most High. "Is that the place where your God lives, Jehovah! How tawdry! Come and see our temples!" Yes. They might lay claim to better temples, more glamorous ritual, more aesthetic accompaniments, but there was one thing they could not mock at—it was this glorious Presence in miraculous splendor and power represented by the cloud and fire. And so today, with our simpler anointed Pentecostal procedure among the more ornate ecclesiastics outside. They might despise us somewhat and superciliously criticize our simple reality. They may easily excel us in architecture and wealth and learning and splendor; but we have the glory that excelleth, the sensible presence of a miracle Comforter, the splendor of heaven in our services and our anointed hearts. They will find it difficult with conviction to mock at that, or to imitate it. Lord increase the fire!

I pray daily for more supernatural fire. For miracles and signs and wonders. In these days of subdued fire and failing supernatural, brethren, pray with us daily for a revival of Fire, a recrudescence of heavenly miracles and signs to offset the devil's fire that is burning ever brighter over the doomed world.

William Booth was not a fanatic. He saw the need, and sang—

'Tis fire we want, for fire we plead,
Send the fire.
The fire will meet our every need:
Send the fire.

Wesley was another fire merchant. "If you want a revival," he said, "get on fire, and people will come to see you burn!" Something attractive about a fire! As a boy I got up many a night and ran after the fire engine to see the fire burn, the faces glow, the flames leap up!

Bunyan was a fire merchant, too. He expresses it in his inimitable way in *Pilgrim's Progress*, something like this: Christian and his friend went into the House of the Interpreter. The Interpreter, you must know, is the Holy Ghost. The Interpreter showed them many wonderful things, as the Holy Ghost after your Baptism will show you many wonderful things in the Bible and the kingdom of God and in Jesus, that you never saw

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From Presbyterian Pulpit to Pentecost

John E. Kabisch

I WAS born and reared in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and lived there until after I was married. When our oldest boy was about one year old he contracted whooping cough which developed into pneumonia, and the doctor advised us to take him to the country in order that he might have fresh air and build up. So we bought a little tract of land and built a home outside of Fort Wayne. While we were out there Mrs. Kabisch discovered that cottage prayer meetings were being conducted in a home where a woman had been an invalid for eighteen years. Later on this was turned into a regular evening prayer meeting and finally a minister was invited to take charge.

Some friends of ours from Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Purfield, came out with the minister to conduct the prayer meeting, and Mrs. Purfield invited me to attend. But I said, "Nothing doing. If I want to go to church I will go to the big church down town." I had been a member of that church for years. I had been baptized in the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne, and I wouldn't condescend to go to a cottage prayer meeting; but I never interfered with my wife and so she attended.

The minister, Mr. Potts, came to our home. I didn't like preachers and one day I said to him, "Now you may come here as often as you like, just so you do not talk to me about giving up smoking or about religion. I don't want anyone to interfere with me. I belong to a church and that satisfies me."

My mother belonged to a Presbyterian Church and for two hundred years back my folk were Presbyterians. But these people began to pray for me that I might be saved, and before long something began to happen. I began to think about eternity; I wondered where I would go if I died, and a fear came over me as I realized that were I to die suddenly I would be lost. For months and months that fear was in my heart—that fear of having to meet God without Christ and without hope—and still I refused to admit my need of salvation. So these friends continued to pray.

One night the preacher held the service longer than usual, and I was waiting for my wife to come out so that I could take her home and carry the baby. Peering through the window I saw the service was still going on and I listened. He was speaking of something I had never heard before; of Jesus Christ coming back to this earth. Well, the next Thurs-

day night I made it my business to get there early to listen again. But I didn't want anyone to know I was out there listening; and as soon as I noticed anyone looking I would walk down the sidewalk, pretending that I wasn't listening.

The next week I went again, but this time I ventured in, and there I sat and listened to the marvelous teaching of the Word of God. I continued to go, and I remember so well the Thursday before Christmas in the year 1909. About forty people were present. I shall never forget it. Again the minister talked about the coming of the Lord and I realized that if Jesus should come that night I would not be ready to meet Him. When he gave the invitation I knelt down and gave my heart to Jesus Christ and I was truly born again. I praise God for the new life that came into my heart that night. God gave me something that He has never taken away.

I never knew what it was to pray and I never owned a Bible up to this time. Upon reaching home that night I knelt to pray and, against my own will, I found myself praying that the Lord would send me out to preach the gospel of Christ. I became frightened at my own prayer; I really didn't want to be a preacher, but again I prayed to be sent out to preach the gospel. I was conscious that something took place that night. I believe God called me then to be a witness for Him. I never doubted, from that time on, my call to the ministry.

But I went on with my business; I

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.

John 4:14.



was working with the telephone company and on the side I did personal work. Pastor Potts opened up a mission in Fort Wayne and I helped in the work. Many a time I stood on the street corner in front of that mission, when it was ten and fifteen below zero. Every night for months and months you could have found Mrs. Kabisch and myself in that rescue mission trying to win souls and testifying to the mighty power of Christ. I have never lost the desire to be a witness for the gospel.

Finally we felt the time had come to venture out and believe God, so we sold all our furniture and left for Chicago in order to attend Moody Bible Institute. During the winter of 1913 and 1914 Mrs. Kabisch often found opportunity to go to The Stone Church and I went occasionally, but I was informed that these Pentecostal people were dangerous, that what they had was of the devil, and so I said, "I will stay away from them."

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church met in Chicago, and I received an invitation to go out as one of their workers into the State of Indiana. I accepted their proposition and for several years held the position of preaching and setting churches in order. Then, feeling I needed more training, I entered the seminary in Cincinnati. After three years I graduated and accepted a call to the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church. When I took the pastorate there were only twenty-five members—just a handful. That was in September, 1919, and by January of the following year forty members joined the church. God so richly blessed my ministry there that after ten years that church ranked fifth in membership gain. A manse was built, costing \$12,000, and we were able to meet all the bills. We outgrew our church building and a new edifice was built. It was in a community where lived business men and cultured people and we had no trouble with finances.

But my heart was hungry for God and I was not satisfied. I had been taught in the seminary that when one was converted he received the Holy Spirit, and I stood on that ground, as many ministers do today. And yet I felt God had more for me and my heart cried out to Him. Often I would go on my knees in my study and cry for His best.

About this time I read about the Keswick Convention in England and how they taught that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was a second definite work of grace.

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A Last-Day Picture

THERE lived in France in the nineteenth century an artist named Jean Meissonier, whose pictures were sold at fabulous prices. He had the genius of putting great scenes into very small compass. One of his gems was a beautiful landscape, showing a group of horses ascending a mountain—a great scene painted in exquisite perfection on a canvas no larger than a man's hand. In the second Psalm we have also a marvelous miniature, a vast prophetic scene and a heartsearching message to all earth dwellers, condensed into the small compass of twelve short verses.

A Significant Question

At the beginning the Psalmist-Prophet asks, "Why do the nations rage, and the peoples meditate a vain thing?" The kings and rulers of the earth are all in council together against Jehovah and His Anointed, declaring, "Up! Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away from us their cords!" What bands? What cords? God tells us through Hosea, "I drew them with cords of a man (the Man, Christ Jesus), with bands of love." (We are quoting from Delitzsch's translation throughout this article.)

Man's Folly

Can puny man thus defy God and His eternal purpose? No. The Lord laughs at their defiance. One day a well-known novelist, who is an infidel, challenged the existence of God. At the close of a lecture he said, "If there be such a being as God, I defy Him to strike me dead within the next five minutes and thus prove His existence to this audience." Arthur Brisbane commented: "Out in the desert two ants came across two very long steel rails. One of them questioned, 'What are these?' The other explained, 'This is a railroad track. There is a railroad company called the Santa Fe that runs trains over this track. At the head of this company there is a man they call the president.' The first said with a sneer, 'I don't believe there is any such thing as a railroad company. And if there is such a being as the president, I

defy him to come down to the desert and prove his existence by putting me to death within the next five minutes.' The president of the Santa Fe railroad would probably smile and not take much notice of this defiant speech. He might remark, 'Let the poor ignorant little creature live.'"

But look out, little ant, if you should be sitting defiantly on that rail when a Santa Fe streamliner comes thundering down your way!

God's Judgments

The Psalmist continues:

5 Then will He speak to them in His anger, And in His hot wrath thunder them down:

6 "... And yet have I established My King Upon Zion, My holy hill."

Though rebellious man may crucify His Son, we know the sequel. Concerning that Son, Jehovah has said, "Sit Thou at My right hand until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool."

And the Record also tells of the severe judgment God will send upon the rebellious nations: "The Lord at Thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of His wrath. He shall judge among the nations. He shall fill the places with the dead bodies." Psalm 110:5, 6.

An Apostolic Prayer Meeting

When the rulers of Israel threatened the apostles not to speak at all nor to teach in the name of Jesus, they did not hold a conference and appoint a committee to draw up a resolution of protest to send to Caesar. No, they had a prayer meeting. And there they reminded the Lord that the very things spoken in Psalm 2 were fulfilled before their eyes. Against the Lord and His Christ, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, and the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered. And the apostles prayed for the Lord to behold their threatenings, and to grant them boldness in speaking His Word, that signs and wonders might be done by the name of His holy Child Jesus. In our day, the Con-

gress of the World Council of Churches may send a bunch of resolutions to the United Nations, but God's dear saints should be resorting to prayer meetings, and crying to God for boldness of testimony for God's Word to go forth in power, and that He will confirm the same with signs following as at the beginning.

The Voice of God's Son

In the next three verses of this 2nd Psalm we hear Christ speaking: "I will tell of a decree! Jehovah said unto Me: Thou art My Son, I have this day begotten Thee. Ask of Me, and I will give Thee nations for Thine inheritance, and Thy possession shall be the ends of the earth. Thou shalt break them with a scepter of iron, like a potter's vessel Thou shalt dash them in pieces."

The present political mess in the world cannot be mended. There came a day of such apostasy and sin in Israel that God declared, "There was no remedy." 2 Chron. 36:16. Vainly will the United Nations Council, and their religious friend, the World Council of Churches, seek to compound a curative concoction. The rod of the Son of God will dash the nations of the earth to pieces as a potter's vessel. Nebuchadnezzar was given a like vision twenty-five centuries ago, and Daniel told him: "And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." Daniel 2:44, R.V.

A Last Plea

But God is gracious and merciful. In the last three verses of this 2nd Psalm we hear His pleading voice to the rulers and judges of earth to be reconciled, and to "kiss the Son" in lowly homage. The Father has committed all judgment to His Son, that all men may honor the Son as they honor the Father. "He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father." John 5:23. The Psalmist terminates with the word to us as individuals, "Blessed are all they that take refuge in Him." Are you a refugee from this coming cataclysm? Are you taking refuge in the Rock of Ages? If not, utter that simple prayer of Psalm 61:2, "Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I." Little coney, flee to the Rock. —S.H.F.



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Continue to Pray for Revival

F. B. Meyer

THERE IS a remarkable similarity between our experience today and the early years of the eighteenth century. A withering blight seemed to have passed over the churches. An ecclesiastical historian, describing the condition of that time, says that most of the churches of Great Britain and America were in a low condition. Conversions were almost unknown. So profound was the arrest on the progress of the gospel, that *groups of God's people were stirred up to unusual wrestling with God*; and, as the result, the frost began to break up, and the south winds to blow, the flowers began to spring, and the tokens of a blessed summer time appeared.

In 1744 the Revival entered on its most important stage. A call to prayer was drawn up by some godly ministers in Scotland on the subject of *united prayer for the Holy Ghost*. A copy of this document was forwarded to Jonathan Edwards in America. At once it commended itself to him. The idea of a *great prayer-union*, with a definite purpose and aim, struck him, and led him to write a treatise on the subject entitled, "A Humble Attempt to Promote an Explicit Agreement and Visible Union of God's People through the World, in *extraordinary prayer for the revival of religion and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom on earth*, pursuant to Scripture promises and prophecies concerning the last time." This manifesto called for *united and extraordinary prayer*, and pointed out the force of Scripture promises and the urgency of God's call to His people.

Jonathan Edwards and his people prayed. This resulted in revival. After an all night of prayer, hundreds were saved in Jonathan Edwards' church.

Forty years after the publication of this appeal it fell into the hands of Andrew Fuller of Kettering, England, and led to his issuing a small publication, entitled, "*Persuasive to Extraordinary Union in Prayer for the Revival of Real Religion*." Andrew Fuller did more than incite others to pray. In his diary we find such entries as these: "Devoted this day to fasting and prayer, in conjunction with several other ministers." "Spent the

day in fasting and prayer for the revival of our churches and the spread of the gospel." "Some outgoings of heart in prayer today for the revival of real religion, first in my own soul, and then in the churches in general."

In 1857 intensive prayer was made for revival. Revival first swept through America, then through Ireland and later through England. Thousands were swept into the kingdom.

Is not this the supreme need of the hour? We can demonstrate our faith in the Bible by argument, and eloquence, and enthusiastic crowds; but the supreme vindication of the Book would be that Aaron's rod should bud; that beneath its spell the skeletons in the valley of Vision should rise, and become an exceeding great army; and that the "Yea" of the Holy Spirit may be heard and felt. Then, as the Fire of God fell on the altar of *twelve stones*, suggestive of a united church, we should hear the thunder of a multitude that none could number, ascribing blessing and honor and glory

and power unto Him that sitteth on the Throne and to the Lamb forever and ever.

A World Prayer Union was the suggestion of God's honored servants already mentioned. Has not the time come for the insistence in each of our great gatherings for earnest, intense, prolonged prayer that the living Spirit of God might not only be powerfully present at the vast demonstrations, but that each one of us, who is pledged to the integrity of the Bible, should also be pledged to private, personal, definite, and heaven-moving prayer, not only that the eternal God should vindicate His Book, but that there should be a loosening of the long winter, and the irresistible up-rush or down-coming of a *world-wide Spring-time of Revival*. "Awake, O north wind, and come thou south. Blow upon the garden that the spices thereof may flow out; and let our Beloved come into His garden, and eat His pleasant fruits!"

What a blessed result would accrue, if every reader of this article, and especially every minister of the gospel, would resolve that not a day should pass without earnest and concentrated prayer for these specific twin objects—*first*, for the unchallenged supremacy and divine authority of the Bible, and *second* for the mighty corroboration of the Holy Spirit, so that His affirmation may come in the form of a gracious heaven-sent revival.



PRAYER

Prayer is the incense of a holy heart,
Rising to God from bruised and broken things,
When kindled by the Spirit's burning breath
And upward borne by faith's ascending wings.

Prayer is the mightiest force of earth and heaven;
Prayer is the very dynamite of God;
It moves the hand that all things moves, and turns
The living wheels that sweep through earth abroad.

Teach us to pray! Move on our hearts, O Lord,
Till God's own passion all our being move!
Teach us! Pray in us, till our prayer shall be
God in us answering to the God above!

—A. B. Simpson.

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The Foundation for Paul's Faith

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

AN INFIDEL lay dying. A friend, holding the same view, stood by his side trying to comfort him. "Don't be frightened," he said; "hold on, man; hold on to the last." "Yes," replied the dying man, "that's all very well, but what am I to hold on to?"

When we speak of the foundation of Paul's faith, many will think of his experience when he saw Jesus on the way to Damascus and heard His voice. But the foundation was laid much earlier than that. May we call to your attention his testimony when he was brought before the Roman governor Felix. "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets." Paul accepted the entire Bible as inspired of God. He believed its warnings and its promises. Through his belief in the entire Bible he formed firm convictions concerning life after death and the need of preparation: "and have hope toward God . . . that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust." For the just there is to be a resurrection to peace and a heavenly home; for the unjust, a judgment and eternal banishment to the blackness of darkness forever.

Perhaps you say, "The resurrection is far in the future; I need not worry about it now." Let me quote to you also the declaration of this man of faith concerning life immediately after death has altered this body. To the Philippians he wrote, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." "For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better: nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

Paul had the assurance that death was not the end of man; that as soon as life departs this body, the spirit goes to meet its Maker. This faith was built into his heart by the Holy Scriptures. And what kind of man did it make him? Because of his faith he says, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man."

We hear much about juvenile delinquency. In too many instances it points back to delinquent parents, and back of that to the undermining teaching they have received in our institutions of learning. My hearer, believe the Bible. Seek the God of the Bible. Put your trust in the Christ of the Bible. Your time here is limited. Eternity is extremely long. What will it profit you if you gain the whole world and enter eternity an un-

believer, to discover too late that your unbelief has wrought your ruin?

The Scriptures are God's message to us. They tell us of God, the source and means of creation; of man, His creation; of sin, and man's fall; of Christ, who gave Himself that He might bear our sins, thus bringing to us forgiveness and restored fellowship with God; of eternity, with its heaven or hell. The Scriptures exhort that we accept Christ as our personal Savior. This places on us responsibility for the choice we make. My hearer, listen to the Word of God. Take Christ as your Savior today so that you may enjoy eternal blessedness. Let us pray.

FROM PRESBYTERIAN PULPIT TO PENTECOST

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I said, "That is what I am after." They told us that to receive this blessing we must put all of self out of our lives, consecrate everything to God, and then ask Him to baptize us. We were to accept Him by faith and then praise God that we had received. Well, if I did that once, I must have done it a thousand times. Over and over again I was down on my knees, consecrating and yielding and pleading with God.

I went to Winona Lake hoping I might find that for which my soul longed. Time and time again, with other preachers, I went out to an old Indian mound to receive the Baptism of the Spirit, and for a few days I lived on the mountain top, enjoying the blessings of God; but when I went back to my church it

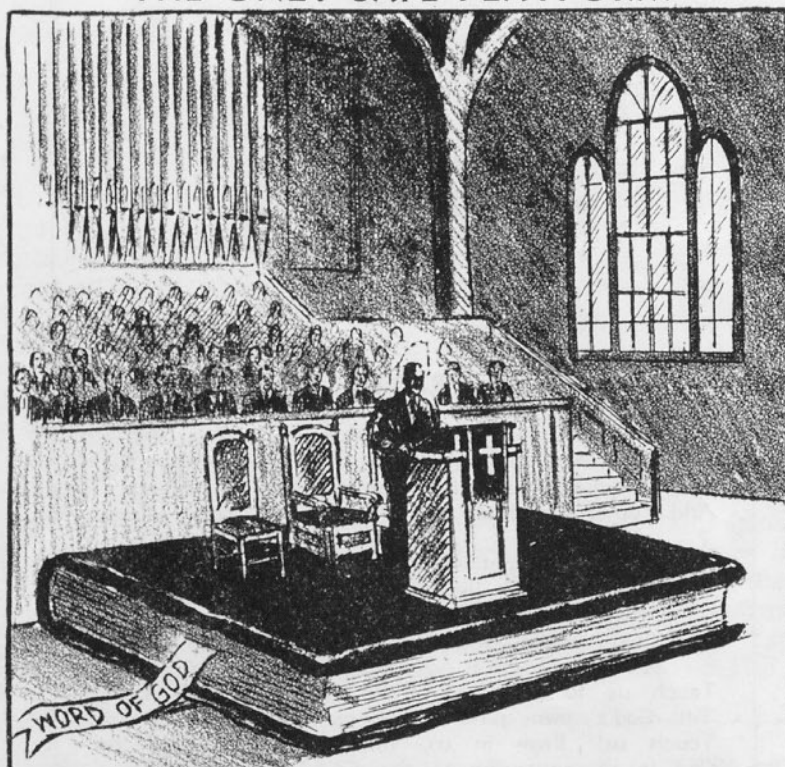
was the same old story. Oh, that hunger that was never satisfied! But thank God, there were those who were praying for me. Mrs. Purfield, before referred to, would write me letter after letter and say, "I am praying for you that God will fill you with His Spirit," and then she would quote Scripture. Then God sent a woman to our church who had been in a great revival in Canton, Ohio, where she had received the Baptism of the Spirit, and she said that when she came through the doors of our church God spoke to her, saying, "I want you to stay here and pray for this minister, that he might receive the Baptism." For four or five years she stayed and continually prayed for the hour to come when the Lord would baptize me. I knew there was something different about her, but I gave her no encouragement: and yet she remained faithful in praying.

Mrs. Kabisch's mother on the West Coast became seriously ill, and finally we moved to California so that Mrs. Kabisch could take care of her. I resigned as pastor of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, after being there for nearly thirteen years. I transferred my membership to the Los Angeles Presbytery and preached in various churches. After my mother-in-law passed away we were free to accept a call.

One Saturday night Mrs. Kabisch and I were walking along the streets of Long Beach and we heard about fifty young people singing gospel songs. Something attracted my attention. As I turned to see who they were, something seemed to grip me and I felt God was speaking. I listened as these young folk began to testify. One young man told how he had been a drunkard for years and God saved him; and not only that, but God had filled him with the Holy Spirit. A young lady testified how she used to dance and smoke, and one day she came to this Gospel Tabernacle where God saved and filled her with the Holy Spirit. I turned to Mrs. Kabisch and said, "These people have something for which I have been seeking for years. Tomorrow we will go to their church and worship."

So on the following morning I gathered the family together and we went to that Long Beach Gospel Tabernacle. As I stepped across the threshold God spoke to me, saying, "This is of Me." We sat down, my three sons, my daughter, Mrs. Kabisch and myself. The service went on and soon I discovered I was in a Pentecostal meeting. They began to shout and clap their hands and I said, "This is terrible!" I decided it was no place for a Presbyterian minister and so I, with my whole family, walked out of the service. I am ashamed of it now. However, I felt they had something, and the next Sunday morning found us back in that very same church. As soon as they began to praise the Lord and shout I became nervous and felt I could not stand it, so with my family I walked out a second time. I determined I would never go back: but I did go back, for somehow there was an attraction.

THE ONLY SAFE PLATFORM



But the Word of the Lord endureth forever.
And this is the word which by the gospel
is preached unto you. 1 Peter 1:25

Ransay

Some time later I received a call to a church in Iowa. It was a beautiful church having a wealthy congregation. They offered me a good salary and a beautiful manse furnished. Then they said there was a wealthy man belonging to the church who was connected with the banks; that just before Christmas time he always came around to give the pastor a check for \$500. So I accepted the pastorate. They told me I would have only one service a week, the rest of the time being my own when I might go hunting and fishing; that I would have six weeks off in the summer; and that this rich banker would give me a vacation in Florida in the winter time.

I set out for Iowa; but as I went down to the depot to purchase the tickets, and even after I got on the train, God was dealing with me. Finally I felt so condemned and convicted about accepting that call that I got off the train and sent a wire stating that I could not accept the call. I wrote Mrs. Kabisch telling her that I was returning to the Coast and my only reason was that I believed God wanted me to come back.

Shortly after arriving back in Long Beach I heard that a friend, who attended the Moody Bible Institute the same time I was there, had pitched a tent and was conducting meetings, so I said, "We will go and hear our friend." It was on a Friday night when Mrs. Kabisch and I drove over. We found a large tent seating about 15,000 people. I listened to my friend preaching, and when he gave the altar call a number came to the front for salvation and reconsecration. Then he said, "Now we shall pray for the sick." I thought to myself, "What does he mean!" They anointed them and laid hands on them and the power of God came upon them. I became frightened for I thought he was hypnotizing them. I couldn't get out so I just remained till the service was over.

I determined to have a talk with my friend, so I went into the little prayer room and said to him, "What does this mean?" He began to talk to me about the power of God. I had never experienced the power of God and didn't know anything about it. He told me how he had received the Baptism of the Spirit just as they did on the day of Pentecost in the upper room and in the house of Cornelius. He convinced me that with the Baptism we must have the evidence and I said, "That is what I have been looking for." The next Sunday afternoon we returned and Mrs. Kabisch and I were the first to go to the front. I was there with my English cut-away coat but we went down on our knees in the sawdust that afternoon. And I tell you, something took place. A power came upon me that I had never experienced before. For six hours the power of the living God was upon me.

It was announced that they were having tarrying meetings and Mrs. Kabisch and I decided we would attend these. It was the second time we attended that the Lord graciously baptized Mrs. Kabisch and she spoke in another tongue. That convinced me more than ever that it was of God and I became very hungry for the experience.

I can remember so well, while I was tarrying, the enemy would come and say, "You had better be careful. You will receive something you will be sorry for." But the Father showed me that He would never give something else to those who asked Him for

the Baptism of the Spirit. Then the enemy would say, "You are a fine Presbyterian minister! What will your friends think of you!"

Yes, there is a price to pay for the blessings of God, and the Lord asked me if I was willing to give up my Presbyterian ministry and forsake all these things which I had so treasured. Was I willing to give up the Presbyterian pension system in order to receive the Baptism? In my agony I said, "O Lord, don't take from me my Presbyterian Church or my friends!" But the Lord said, "Are you willing to go all the way for Me?" I struggled on for several months and then finally made up my mind that I would rather have God and His blessings than to have the whole world.

On April 10, 1934, I attended the Los Angeles Presbytery being held in a church where I had often preached, and there before the entire group I stood up and told them I wanted freedom to go out and preach what God commanded of me. They did not want to release me. My friends said, "Oh, don't take a step like that!" The pastor of one of the large Presbyterian churches waited upon me and tried hard to hold me, but I said, "No, I must go on with God and I am willing to forsake all that I might receive all that God has for me." The next day, the 11th of April, the Presbytery released me.

It was on the 17th of April when a tarrying service was being held, and I planned to go; but while I was getting ready to go an auto drove up to the house and a lady asked if I would come and pray for her husband who was very sick. I said I would go, but in my heart I was very much disappointed for I did want to go to that tarrying meeting. I really had to ask the Lord to forgive me for feeling that way. Mrs. Kabisch and I drove over. I thought we would hurry and pray for the man and then go to the prayer meeting. But after arriving, we sat and waited for the elder to come. Finally he came, and God healed the man so that he rose from his bed and shouted the praises of God. We returned to our home, my heart sore within me. But I went to my knees and while praying that very time, God graciously baptized me in the Holy Spirit and I spoke in other tongues.

The Lord Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." How true it is!

Shortly after I received the Baptism I was asked to lecture for a well-known organization, and later on I received an invitation to be a professor of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Los Angeles. As I stood in the office of Dr. Matthews who had asked me to take charge of the student body and also do evangelistic work, I said, "Dr. Matthews, what will it require?" He said, "You will have to become a Baptist and you must not teach this tongues business, nor Divine Healing." I said, "God has given me something and I cannot sell it nor forsake it, and I shall not deny it," so I refused to become a teacher in the school.

These last few years of my ministry have been greater than I have had in all the years of my connection with the Presbyterian Church. I have seen souls saved, multitudes of them; I have seen God heal; I have seen the deaf hear and the dumb speak. I have seen cancers and other incurable diseases healed and God glorified through the endowment of the power of the Holy Spirit upon countless lives.—Whittier, Calif.

ADVENTURES OF MR. BI

W. F. C. Austin

At a recent church meeting the Panhsien (Kwei.) Christians discussed how they might reach the heathen of the district with the gospel. As a result they decided to gather on the market each week and preach. Usually some twenty Gospels are sold and many tracts distributed. Two of the men have been out on a three-week preaching trip, and returned with a list of thirty names of those who wanted to trust the Lord Jesus; four families took down and destroyed their idols.

Mr. Bi, a tall man from Shantung, gave his testimony one night at our gospel meeting. As an officer in the army he had gone to Kunming and later to western Yunnan. While there he fell ill and was left behind when his company went on to India. As he had but little money and knew no one there, he had to get back to Kunming as best he could. One day he walked forty *li* and fainted beside the road. On coming to, in desperation he prayed to God; he had never believed in the idols, neither had he ever sought the Lord before. After praying he immediately fell asleep, awaking an hour later and, to his amazement, found himself no longer ill and weak. He arose and felt so strong that he threw away his stick and began to run.

After dark he came to a village, but of course knew no one there, and he had no money. As God had helped him that far, Mr. Bi thought he could do no better than to pray again, which he did, asking God for food and shelter. In the village he met an old man, and suddenly remembered he had a lump of salt that he could sell. The old man did not want the salt and could not understand his northern dialect, but pointed to a large door opposite, indicating that Mr. Bi should go in. He pushed the door open and found himself in a large courtyard which was brightly lighted and full of tables at which guests were seated. He approached the host and asked if any one there would buy his salt, but the host led him to a table and invited him to eat! It was a sumptuous feast and Mr. Bi was thanking God in his heart and wondering what to do next when a gentleman opposite remarked on Mr. Bi's fine hat—made of thick felt and uncommon in that place. The gentleman asked Mr. Bi if he would sell it, and Mr. Bi, having no money, said he would be glad to.

The sale was made for five thousand dollars—enough to take our friend back to Kunming. While there he sought out a gospel hall and was soon in possession of a New Testament. His heart was ready for the good news of God's love to him in Christ, and he accepted the Lord Jesus as Savior at once.—*China's Millions*.

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Chinese business man, when examined for water baptism, said: "I studied all China's religions and found they did not satisfy. Then I heard the gospel and read the Bible. These religions were as small lamps that flicker and go out—but now I've found the Sun."

INTERNATIONAL SUICIDE

It is the opinion of Sir Stafford Cripps that the atomic bomb makes war "certain national and international suicide." He says: "There can be no victory. It must be final and disastrous defeat for all."

Report from the Moluccas

John C. Tinsman, Netherlands East Indies

WE have a vast field in the Moluccas in which to labor, and there is an increasing desire in our hearts to see the work of the Lord go forward in this part of the Dutch East Indies.

After a period of adjustment and language study, Mr. and Mrs. Cavaness left Ambon for the northern part of the Moluccas to establish a work on the island of Batjan. Before the war, a work had been started on this island, but because the former missionary is now laboring on the island of Borneo, the Cavaness family were encouraged to open the field again. For some time they were hindered because their preaching permits were held up in Batavia. The permits have come through now and Mr. and Mrs. Cavaness will be able to launch a more effective effort throughout that vicinity. God has blessed them with a good Sunday School which has a fine attendance and a splendid response has come from the children.

To the north of Batjan, laboring on the island of Ternate, are two families from the Pentecostal Church of God of America. Thalia Devin has been working with them, helping in language study, interpreting and house-to-house visitation. The report from Ternate is that God has been moving among the people and the field is ripe for a harvest of souls. They are branching out from Ternate, having meetings on the near-by island of Halmahera and other places which are open to the gospel message.

On the island of Ambon God has blessed in establishing two good works. At Kate-Kate, where Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Devin live, there has been a gracious moving of the Holy Spirit among the near-by kampoengs. There have been a number saved and filled with the Spirit, and in spite of continued persecution these converts are now building their own church. We are amazed at the zeal of these people and rejoice in the work of grace which is operating in their lives.

Along with the Devins we hope to open the Bethel Moluccan Bible Institute at Kate-Kate on January 15, for the training of native workers. We are trusting the Lord for potential spiritual leaders among the young men, so that when properly trained we can use them to thoroughly evangelize the Moluccas.

The other work on this island is in the town of Ambon (also the name of the island). Throughout the last two years we have witnessed a steady moving of the Holy Ghost. The faithfulness of the saints to witness, and their constancy in prayer, has caused this spirit of revival to continue. We are made to feel our absolute dependency on the Holy Spirit to minister to the spiritual needs of these saints. It is undoubtedly true that in a land where for hundreds of years the people have been given over to such things as ancestor worship, animism, and black magic that the powers of darkness... spiritual wickedness in high places... has a greater grip on the souls of men than in a more enlightened country. The only effective means

of combating this evil force is in the power of the Spirit.

The last several weeks there has been a special moving of the Holy Spirit among the people in the church in Ambon. After a recent Sunday night meeting there was an outpouring which continued until two o'clock in the morning. Children were agonizing in prayer and shaking under the mighty power of God, adults were seeking God in a way that comes only under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the young people were wonderfully blessed. Three were baptized in the Spirit, and among this number was a young man who had just been saved in the morning service.

Last Tuesday night at the prayer meeting, there was an unusual demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power. One of our young people was slain under the power and was given several messages with interpretation to the effect that there was one among us who had in his home a book of instruction in the use of black magic. The Spirit, through this young lady, strongly admonished this person to hurry home, get the book, and bring it to the church to be burned. Though no one had been named, we felt led to speak to one young man and he admitted that he had a book of this kind in his home, though it didn't belong to him. We asked him if he understood what it was that the Holy Spirit had revealed and if he was willing to obey the Lord. After he told us that he wanted to be rid of the book, we hastened to his home, got the book, and returned to church where it was burned, while the saints praised the Lord around the fire.

And so we are rejoicing in Him! God is fighting the battle for us! We give Him the glory for these visitations of the Holy Ghost and the assurance we have in our hearts that this is only the beginning of a fuller ministry among the people in the Moluccas.

Out of This Life

OUT of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make.
All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on this earth must stay.
Tho' I 'have toiled for a painting rare
To hang on the wall, I must leave it there
Tho' I call it mine, and boast its worth,
I must give it up when I leave this earth.
All that I gather, and all that I keep
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.
And I often wonder what I shall own
In that other life, when I pass alone.
What shall they find, and what
Shall they see, in the soul that
Answers the call for me?
Shall the Great Judge learn
When my task is through,
That my spirit has gathered some riches
too?
Or shall at last it be mine to find
That all I'd worked for I'd left behind.

Author Unknown

NEWS FLASHES

Mrs. H. M. Skoog and daughters arrived in the States from the Netherlands East Indies in November.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mattson returned from Jamaica to the States in December.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clifford and children, of Ceylon, arrived in New York on December 8.

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The AMBASSADOR arrived in Springfield on December 22. Returning to the States aboard the plane were Mr. and Mrs. George Flattery and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanders and son, and Marie Johnsrud, of Upper Volta; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Furman and children, of the Belgian Congo; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jackson, and Lillian Bach, of Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Friend and children, of the Gold Coast.

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Helen Gustavson has returned to the States from China and is now in Seattle.



SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

THANK YOU!

From our mission fields around the world come words of gratitude and appreciation for the Christmas gift which was made possible by your offerings to the Christmas Fund. The gifts helped to cheer the missionary family when many of them were separated from home and loved ones. Thank you for your generous offerings.

Upper Volta Workers Meet

R. Schirman, Upper Volta

WE recently had the privilege of having a joint workers meeting here at the Yako station. Workers from our two neighboring stations, Koudougou, where Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fox are laboring; and Ouahigouya, where Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sanders work, were in attendance. Besides, nearly fifty ministers were there as well as many national Christians.

One of the classes was a study of the life and works of Jesus which was taught by Mrs. Harold Jones. This proved an interesting and profitable study. During the evenings Mr. Jones showed colored slide pictures taken from both the Old and New Testaments. Our people enjoyed this very much, and we know that they won't soon forget the gospel story which they saw and heard.

But as of old, the Lord kept the best wine until the last. Besides the time of study, we also had short devotional services both morning and afternoon which were led by the various missionaries. At the close of the message on the last afternoon, God began to

open the windows of heaven and a great burden of prayer and a desire to seek God came upon the national ministers. We had been praying and asking God to meet us, and to send an awakening to Mossiland. Praise God, He has begun to do that very thing. We were happy and could hardly contain our joy when God graciously filled five with His Spirit. Oh, if our co-workers at home could just have glimpsed the glory of the Lord as it radiated from the black faces as they were filled or refilled with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. These are the times when the bond of brotherhood in the Spirit tugs at the missionary's heart more than ever.

In spite of the fact that we have been having much rain in the natural during this rainy season, we had known and felt a spiritual drouth, and knew that we must have rain. Somehow we felt assured that rain was coming. Now we can see the cloud, larger than a man's hand, in the sky. We beseech you, as we say in the More language, "Nyoké Winnam seegé ton' Mossi néba yiŋga," which means literally to seize the side of God for our Mossi Christians.

Fiji Island Advance

Mr. and Mrs. Heetebry, Fiji Islands

A YEAR ago we landed in Fiji from our furlough in the United States. A few weeks ago we reopened another Sunday School in Lami which we had discontinued during the war. This makes the eighth branch Sunday School we have opened since our return twelve months ago. Various workers are in charge of all these branches. Our full-time workers are developing and making good, and all are kept busy.

The reinforcing iron for the building which we are planning to erect is not yet available but we expect to get some from England in December. We cannot afford a builder, so will have to do the work ourselves. A friend attending our Sunday night services has offered to draw the plans for our building as a gift to the mission, thus saving us several hundred dollars. This is most appreciated as building materials will cost far more than we anticipated. Pray with us that every need will be supplied. In the meantime we are continuing with the excavating for the building which will be 62x45 feet.

A very sad case has come to our attention. A mother sick in the Tuberculosis Hospital left seven small children at home with their father. Then he took sick and died. We feel we should do something about the children to care for them. We are willing to share our food and make it stretch somehow, but we cannot clothe them from our personal allowance as we are hardly able to make ends meet with the present high prices. It may be some of our friends will be pleased to help us share the financial burden and care for these children. We believe that the Lord will bless and provide in this matter of practical Christianity, and we solicit your prayers in behalf of the children.

Egyptian Church Growing

Florence Christie and Karlene Burt, Egypt

THE Sohag Assembly of God, the Egyptian District Council's most southern church and the one deepest in the heart of Egypt, is growing rapidly. It is one of the finer churches of our Assemblies.

The church was not so encouraging, however, when I visited there ten years ago. I remember the days of struggle... the small offerings... the cracked mud walls... the sagging roof... the platform which was not very steady for any excited preaching. The church was young then, but the young church has grown.

Since coming to Tahta, we have been regularly visiting Sohag two Wednesdays a month for the women's meeting in the afternoon and the men's meeting in the evening. This is in addition to our regular visits to some fifteen other churches. This month we shall try to double our efforts at the request of the pastor at Sohag.

Today, we stood in the new place of worship before a crowd of possibly three hundred well-dressed, educated young women in a beautiful and modern church building. It was as fine a sight as any American pastor would desire. The building was erected mainly with

Egyptian money, the sacrifice that comes with fruitful Christian lives.

An overwhelming "hallelujah" came to our lips as we praised God for the wonderful way that He has honored the present pastor, Botrus Boktor, to build this solid, spiritual church. Mr. Boktor is a fine teacher of the deeper Bible truths and his people have a keen appreciation for the Word of God.

There is no less than 11 pounds or 30% difference in weight between a "measure filled to the brim," and one filled according to the Bible method when it is "pressed down, shaken together and running over."

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Summers in Palestine are practically cloudless, hence "a cloud received Him out of their sight" was a more remarkable event than we at first suppose.



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THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

WITNESSING AT THE LIBRARIES

The Seventh Day Adventists have voted to place a set of books concerning the history and teachings of their church in all leading libraries in the United States and Canada. How many communities have Assemblies of God literature witnessing in their public libraries?

ABDULLAH, "KING OF PALESTINE"

It is reported that a conference of Palestine Arabs, meeting at Jericho in December, proclaimed King Abdullah of Transjordan as king of Palestine. Abdullah would like to be king of a "Greater Syria"—a merger of Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan—but the leaders of other Arab lands are too suspicious and jealous to lend him their support.

A DANGEROUS ENEMY

Fire, an enemy when out of control, may be expected to take 10,000 lives and destroy \$690,000,000 in property during the next twelve months, according to insurance men. But when properly used, fire is a great blessing to mankind. Similarly the flames of hell are a terror to the wicked—but they are a blessing to men and women who, through fear of hell, are brought to Christ and saved before it is forever too late.

STOLEN PROPERTY

According to the F.B.I., hold-up men took an average of \$218 in each robbery during the first six months in 1948, while the loot in the average burglary was \$125, in the average larceny \$62; and the average car stolen was valued at \$848. The police recovered 93.8% of the stolen cars and 21.5% of other stolen property—but who will recover the souls of the thieves who fell into sin when they yielded to the temptation to steal? Who will pray for the restoration of these lives that have been stolen by Satan?

"JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES" IN AFRICA

W. F. P. Burton writes from the Belgian Congo, saying that when the African Christians have their gatherings they like the white missionaries to be present and to minister "lest they come under Government suspicion. Why? Because a dangerous and subversive secret society is at work. Professing to be a religious organization, they use certain texts in the Bible to bolster their ideas, and practice baptism by immersion as an initiation. They call themselves 'Watch-Tower' and 'Jehovah's Witnesses,' and often threaten with death and torture those who refuse to join them, or who give witness against them. They hold secret sessions in the forests at night and incite the people to murder the whites and to take the reins of government."

It is true that "a great door and effectual is opened" to the gospel in Africa, but it is also true that "there are many adversaries." Will you pray that God will confound the opposing power and give victory to those who are preaching the message of the Cross?

THE JEWS WANT JERUSALEM

It has been said that from an economic and strategic viewpoint, the site of Jerusalem is not suitable for a metropolis. Its problems of supply even in normal times have made it a difficult city to develop industrially and commercially. "But Jerusalem does not owe its fame to material affluence," says a Jewish paper. "Its place in history rests upon simple people who were prophets, and from whose city there went forth the Law, so Jews will never abandon Jerusalem, however severe the fight."

FAINTING FAD

The newspapers recently told how pupils in Trico Consolidated High School, in Illinois, have been practicing what they call "red-out," the fad of holding their breath until they faint. The principal has threatened to expel any student caught taking part in it.

Some girls had to be treated by a physician to regain consciousness, and said they were "chased by monsters" while unconscious. This is dangerous business. Satan might take advantage of such a fad by destroying the life or making it the habitation of evil spirits.

AMERICAN HEATHENISM

Caspar A. Heimann, Cleveland priest, has invented a device so that "Catholic motorists can say their rosary while driving their cars. Plastic clips on the horn ring take the place of the usual beads." A Catholic now can enjoy a Sunday drive and at the same time do penance for the sins of Saturday night! Though such things are done in the name of Christ, they seem very little better to us than the practices of heathenism. In African heathenism the people depend on witch doctors, charms, and sacrifices to ward off evil spirits. In American heathenism the people depend on priests, rosaries, and blessed medals of St. Christopher to forgive their sins and to protect them from danger while traveling.

A HOME FOR AGED MISSIONARIES

An anonymous Chinese Christian businessman in China has sent a million dollars to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions to build a settlement for retired missionaries. He said the gift was "in gratitude to God for my Christian education and life, and in appreciation of the service your missionaries have given China."

A home for aged Assemblies of God ministers and missionaries is sorely needed, but no million-dollar gifts like this have been forthcoming as yet. Most of the money needed to provide such a home may have to come from smaller offerings of believers of more modest means. If you can send a dollar, five dollars, ten dollars, or any amount to the Department of Benevolences, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri, your gift will help, and it will be a blessing to those who have given their lives for the gospel and now have no adequate means of livelihood.

A PLANETARY CREMATORIUM?

A recent editorial in the *Saturday Review of Literature* says: "Scientific genius has discovered the techniques for creating radioactive rain. It has discovered the techniques for dispersing from the sky vast quantities of radioactive dust particles, not only contaminating entire cities but neatly prolonging the killing ability of atomic energy far beyond the comparatively limited time privileged to the atomic bomb.

"'The cheapness of man,' said Emerson, 'is everyday's tragedy.' We can now kill more in a single day than used to be killed in generations of perpetual conflict. We are on our way towards removing the last barrier that prevents man from converting the earth into a planetary crematorium."

PREDICTION AND PROPHECY

The following prediction is made in the *Review of World Affairs*: "Palestine will become the scene of a struggle far more desperate and significant than the quarrel between Jews and Arabs. Partly because of the oil located in this area, and partly for other reasons, Russia's 1950-1960 moves will be in this direction, having first exerted herself against Persia and Turkey. We predict that Russia will move towards Palestine between 1950 and 1960, and that she will there meet her final defeat. Most of this is now well recognized in Washington, and a good many preparatory ideas to meet the situation are already taking shape."

This is merely a prediction. Man's predictions often fail, but when they agree with Bible prophecy they are worth our attention. The prophecy of Ezekiel tells us that one day the armies of Gog shall meet their fall on the mountains of Israel. Ezek. 39:4. Whether it shall come to pass by 1960 we shall not know until the time comes.

WORKING AMONG FRENCH JEWS

George T. B. Davis of Philadelphia would like to publish 50,000 French New Testaments in French and Yiddish for the Jewish people of France. While in Switzerland a few weeks ago he met a pastor who is working among the Jews in French-speaking Switzerland and in France. This pastor, when he was saved, did not love the Jews. He read in the Bible about the deep love of Moses and of Paul for the Jews, and that we were to give the gospel "to the Jew first." He cried earnestly to God for such a love for the chosen people. God answered his prayers, and he has a great zeal for the salvation of the Jews. During the recent war the pastor and his wife, who were then in France, took Jewish people into their home, and gave them food and shelter. They led a number of them to the Lord. The Nazis heard of their hospitality to the Jews. The pastor and his wife had to abandon their home and flee quickly into the woods. They almost starved. One week they had only about two meals. The pastor was finally captured by the Nazis. They were planning to shoot him. But his guard found a New Testament in his pocket, and when the Nazi officers were not looking the guard let him escape. The pastor now has a church in Switzerland, but spends much time visiting Jews in their homes. He loves the Jews greatly, and the Lord uses him to win them to Christ. He needs New Testaments—both in French and in Yiddish—for Jewish people. He says there are 2,000 Jews in Lausanne; 20,000 in Geneva; and 300,000 in France.

FOLLOWING THE CLOUD

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before. But the Interpreter showed them nothing quite so lovely and desirable as a room with a great fire blazing in it. What a fire! Grand indeed. They were so cold. They had just come through a dark, damp, cold valley and were perishing with cold, blowing their nails and beating their hands to try to get a little warmth into their aching bodies. And now this lovely fire! Oh, Glorious! "Oh, Mr. Interpreter," they said, "this is simply grand! We were so cold, ready to die almost." What a pleasant sight is a roaring fire on a cold night! How charming to come out of a cold world into a room with a warm fire! Isn't it just delightful to come out of a cold denomination into a place like this, full of fire! Fire leaping from all your hearts and heads and tongues! Fire all over. I could warm my hands by every one of you! How heavenly to be in a movement where there is fire! Lord, increase the fire.

While they were enjoying the fire in the Interpreter's House there came a curmudgeon of a fellow with a bucket of water. He looked enviously at the fire, and then hurled the bucketful of water at it. And another, and another. Then he walked off proudly as if he had accomplished something! Have you ever met them? Emissaries from the formalistic water works! You know them. "How dare you say Amen!" they say with a scowl. "How dare you shout in the meeting! Who was that who said Hallelujah! Shhhh! Was that someone laughing? Who was that audibly responding? Be sober. Not so loud, sister. Don't shout, brother. Don't dare to stand when everybody else is sitting. No clapping of hands here please, nor waving of hymnbooks. Shhhh! Let your women keep silence!" Haven't you met them? What's in your bucket, friend? Are you a fire merchant or a water hose? I've seen in public halls in England rows of red buckets hanging on the wall, painted prominently with the words, Fire, Fire! But when you dip your finger in them you touch cold water. Don't carry water in your fire bucket. Keep the fire blazing. You pastors will have flocks and meetings just as warm or as cold as your own hearts. A refrigerator can never be used as a central heating system. But thank God that a Pentecostal furnace will melt a spiritual ice-field.

"What did he do that for?" asked Christian of the Interpreter. "Oh," said he, "that's his business. When he's not putting out fires he's out of work. On the dole. He's a professional putter out of fires." Ever meet them? "But how is it that the fire doesn't go out?" asked Christian. "Come, and I'll show you. Please come this way, behind the fireplace. Here." The Interpreter led them behind the fireplace. There was an excellent gentleman with a face shining with glory. He too had a bucket; he was holding it up towards heaven and crying, "Oil! Oil! Oil for the fire!" When his bucket was filled with oil there at the back of the fire he poured on the oil, while the miserable fellow at the front poured on water! And that is why the fire did not go out!

*Oil, oil, I have found oil!
I'll sing it and shout it,
Tell others about it,
Till no one can doubt it,
That I have found oil."*

Have you found oil? What's in your bucket, brother, sister? Keep it ever full of combustible, heavenly, Pentecostal oil.

That pillar of cloud by day and fire by night represented to the people of God a dual agent of divine guidance. It was intimately connected with a knowledge of the will of God. Apart from that they had no sort of notion of where to go or when or where to stay. There were no roads, or lanes or hedges or walls or indicating signs in the wilderness. But in spite of that they knew perfectly well how and when and where to go because the cloud led them by day and the fire by night. God said He was One who "went in the way before you to search out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night to show you by what way you should go, and in a cloud by day." So the Holy Spirit, said Jesus, shall guide you into all truth; He shall bring to your remembrance all things that I have spoken unto you; He shall show you things to come. What a blessed agent of guidance is this baptism in the Holy Spirit! We cannot assume that we shall be foolproof for heaven even when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, and we cannot boast in a flawless knowledge always of the sweet will of God. But what a mighty Guide is the Spirit! Get your baptism in the Holy Spirit and let God thus guide you with His supernatural light and inspiration and voice into more and ever more of the truth, and the way.

The Spirit kept them in a constant state of uncertainty, because the Lord wanted them in a condition of constant readiness. They never knew when they had to go, and they never knew when they had to stay. They had to await the guidance of the Spirit. When the cloud moved, they moved; when the cloud stayed, they stayed. The same with the fire. Led by the cloud of the Word and the fire of the Spirit. Some are so anxious to move that they, as it were, shoot the cloud from the tabernacle roof in their human haste. Wait for the cloud; follow the cloud. If you miss the heavenly cloud you are left with the mere sticks and cloth and skin of the structure, the denomination, the form without the glory. Wait for God to lead you; follow promptly when He does. Sometimes they had to wait a day, two days, a month, a year, two years, but they were sure when the cloud moved that that was the divine will, and that when the cloud stayed they too must stay. Do not be in a hurry, and do not lag behind.

Do not feel that you must move on to a new ministry after a certain period of time. Do not hang on to a defunct ministry long after the glory has departed. Neither stay nor go without the sure guidance of the Spirit. Read about the trumpeters in chapter ten. They had firewatchers in that day, as we had in England in wartime. The difference was that in England the firewatchers were to put fires out, whereas these firewatchers were to keep fires in. They stood in day and night shifts, their trumpets by their sides, waiting until the cloud trembled on the roof of the tabernacle, or the fire began to move; they then lifted up their trumpets and blew a blast that waked the camp, if it was at night, or arrested them in the midst of their most important duties in the day time. They had then to pack up the pieces of the Tabernacle, cover them, get into orderly procession according to God's plan, and move on until once more

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the trumpets blew announcing that the cloud or the fire had stopped at the new site. What a blessed thing it is to be led by God, and what a trumpet voice we have in our hearts since the Lord baptized us with His Spirit! "Go or stay, night or day, in the Lord's own way," was the message of the cloud and fire.

Again, what a wonderful circumstance this is. On the day of Pentecost, in the holy city, in the holy temple, they were keeping the authentic Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Pentecost. Reading the appointed Psalms, singing the appointed hymns appropriate to the Feast. But the Holy Ghost rejected all that splendor, because the dispensation had just come to an end. Rejecting the glory of ancient ritual, the Holy Ghost as it were walked up the dusty stairs of the upper room and descended in miracle torrents of wind and flame upon the heads and hearts and tongues of 120 simple people who were obedient enough to obey the command and wait for the promise of Jesus. Yes, the glory fell, not on the splendid ceremonial of the temple, but on the simple reality of the upper room. So today. The temple missed it. The Pentecostals got it. Beware how you imitate any degree of that splendor which God has repudiated and superseded by the glory of the anointing. The old Mosaic ceremonial and all its paraphernalia has gone forever. But how the natural heart still craves for it. The Lord the Spirit has come to fill simple people and the simple halls in which they worship with the glory of His presence and the might of His Spirit.

Now I suppose that for about 150 years that glory remained in the early church. Think of what the church of Rome was in early apostolic days. Read the Epistle to the Romans and see what a mighty Pentecostal company they were. Filled mightily with the Spirit and endowed with the gifts of the Spirit. But look at the present-day counterpart in ceremonial Romanism! Where has the glory gone? Little by little they added this folly, corrupted that glory, substituted this imitation, until what was Paul's lovely Roman church is now a horrible system of deception and mockery and mummery. Clinging to the rags and the sticks and the skins of the dead denomination, the regulation, the forms, there was nothing left for them to do but to simulate glory with human vanities. The trumpet blew. The cloud moved. Their eyes were unanointed, their ears were filled with carnal dust. They missed the glory. Now they imitate it with all sorts of tinsel formalism and tawdry idolatry. The purity and power are swallowed up in spurious shams. The Lord save us in Pentecost. Our hearts are no different from theirs. O God! We do not want this mockery of imitation that is threatening us. We want the real thing, the divine thing. We must have the cloud, the fire, the unction, the inspiration, the revelation, the glory, the mighty Spirit of the Lord and all His supernatural movings and workings.

Then came Luther and the reformers. With anointed ears they heard the silver trumpet blow. They rejected the empty skin of ceremony and sideshow, and followed the cloud. For centuries the reformers kept the glory. Again the trumpets blew. The cloud moved on. They missed it. Their unanointed ears were deafened with a new introduction of formalism and worldliness. Failure and wreckage again. Then came along Wesley and Whitefield, the

Methodists and Nonconformists. They heard the silver clarion. They said, "We will not have this horrible dead splendor, this musty empty sham, this barren formalism, this defunct regulation, this denominationalism, this refinement of death. We want the glory. We seek what is in the Book." So they took anew their pilgrim staff, deserted the religious cemetery, and followed the cloud. For a century and a half they enjoyed the glory. Where are they now? Once more through modernism, worldliness, entertainments, intellectualism, the churches missed it. Indeed they deliberately escaped it, for they did not want the supernatural which is the life. The trumpet blew. They were deaf with formal dust.

Then arose a flaming evangelism with trumpets and drums and banners and blood and fire. They said, "We do not want this splendor of cathedral aisles and cultured aesthetics. We want the fire." The Spirit of the Lord was with them. For half a century they blazed a trail of glory. In dusty barracks and open street they drove their triumphant chariot. Where is the glory now? Uniforms, formalism, a too insistent emphasis on philanthropy, entertainment, popularity, have deafened their ears. The trumpet blew. The cloud moved. They missed it.

Then came along those simple people that God brought out of all sorts of holes and corners and sects and denominations, the somewhat despised people called Pentecostals. Forty

years ago they looked around at the churches. "We will not have this miserable formalism, this Bible criticism, this mischievous worldliness, this dead splendor, this dry ceremony, this wearisome barrenness. We want the glory!" They heard the trumpet blow. They saw and followed the cloud and fire. So all over the world there broke out this blessed manifestation of the supernatural that has resulted eventually in this most amazing Pentecostal movement, full of glory and ecstasy and power. Hallelujah! What shall we do with it? What is going to be next? History teaches that the glory of revival usually ceases in 30 or 40 years. Every revival has begun right, but every revival has begun to go wrong when people have departed from God's pattern. When men lose the cloud and the fire they are reduced to the necessity of simulating it with carnal aids. The glory has departed. They must have imitation glory. So they decorate the structure. They gild the pillars of the tabernacle (so to speak), electroplate the posts, dye the curtains, shear the skins, paint the altar, festoon the laver, electrify the candlestick, floodlight the ark, and imitate the cloud and fire with stinking pagan incense sticks—and that is always how the glory departs. What is Christianity without some sort of glory? If you have missed the real thing you introduce the sham to cover its nakedness. You put your preachers into vestments, load them with titles and degrees and all sorts of decorations and earth prestige. You dignify the human and glorify the natural. You have a spire or a tower and colored windows and altar cloths and crucifixes and crooks and rochets and palls and all that sort of rubbishy counterfeit and sham. Lord, help us!

Thank God we have the glory! Hallelujah! We've finished with it for good. Have we? Have we really? Oh, be done with earthiness and amusements and philosophy and human baits and carnal attractions and concerts and movie shows in the sanctuary. Can we not see that this sort of thing is coming once more to corrupt the people and supplant the glory? Once again, the Lord help us! You simply cannot imitate the glory, but you can promote it and follow it. Ezekiel saw the glory depart from the temple in Jerusalem, from the city of Jerusalem, from the mountains of Israel. But it never departed from him, for he never departed from the glory. He was as much in the glory in Babylonian captivity as he was when in Jerusalem. He was seeing things through holes in the temple wall as if he lived there. We need never lose the glory. The movement might lose the glory. Assemblies of God may lose the glory. I trust not. O God, I trust not! We need never personally lose the glory. I want the glory. I want the glory! I want the cloud. I want the fire. Jesus is coming soon. Oh, may He find us filled with the Holy Ghost and ablaze with the glory when He comes!

Finally, that cloud and fire gave to all who dwelt under it a foretaste of heaven itself. Though their feet were walking desert sand, their heads and their hearts were already in the glory. That cloud, that fire, were not of earth. They came from heaven. A breath of the very atmosphere of heaven. All of those millions were enjoying a foretaste of glory. I believe they all had that same unction, that same thrill that the high priest had when one day in the year, on the Day of Atonement, he alone went into the Holy of holies and there

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basked in the mighty presence of God. I believe every one of them substitutionally had that sense of glory, the same kind of glory that you felt when you were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Yes. This Baptism in the Spirit gives us a foretaste of heaven's rare glory! Hallelujah! And Jesus is coming again in that sort of cloud, that sort of fire, that sort of glory. He is coming with clouds and great glory! I am not looking for thunder clouds and gloomy fog. I'm looking for the heavens to burst with the glory of the Lord. He is coming with the heavens ablaze with heaven's dazzling splendor. We already have in Pentecost a foretaste of that glory. The Lord promote the glory! The Lord help us to follow the glory! To be drenched with the supernatural cloud of the Spirit and guided and inspired with His supernatural fire—till He come; till the final clarion sounds, the Advent Trump, for the last "calling of the assembly," till the pilgrim praisers gather to the final Encampment in the Realms of Bliss, where the matchless splendor burns about the throne, where everlasting joy shall be upon our heads, and everlasting songs upon our lips.

A WONDERFUL MIRACLE

The following testimony was sent to us by Percy S. Jones, Superintendent of the British Columbia Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Mrs. J. Peters of Abbotsford, B. C., writes: "When our only son was just four years old, he contracted rheumatic fever. For days and nights he cried for pain and agony. We prayed that if this should continue, that the Lord would take him home, as we could not stand to see him in such pain. But in a few weeks he was up again, but he could not walk as he should. Then with all the X rays taken the doctors found a disease in his hip-bone.

"He got worse, and at last they put him in a cast, so that I had to turn him in bed. He was in the cast for about ten months. When there were no improvements, but he still got worse, we took him to Winnipeg, to the Crippled Children's Hospital. There they put splints on him, but ordered that the splints must not be taken off, not even for night. But that was very hard on him too.

"We prayed to our Father in heaven. Surely there must be some other way for him to get well. Then we heard of Brother Branham's coming to Vancouver to pray for the sick, the blind, the deaf, the crippled, etc. Those that wanted prayer cards should get them in time. We got our prayer card. And on the card it said, 'It will depend upon your faith.' We prayed to God to strengthen our faith. But we had already seen that our son, now nearly seven years old, had a very strong faith. As his splints broke a few weeks before Brother Branham came to Vancouver, we wanted to fix them, but he said, 'No. As soon as I am prayed for I will not need them any more.'

"From the time Brother Branham prayed for him he never wore the splints once. And he gained in weight, and now he walks and runs and plays."

His pastor, Marvin Forseth, of Abbotsford, B. C., confirms this testimony: "By permission of the parents I am adding my testimony to the healing of this boy, whom I have known personally since coming here. To me, it is one of the most remarkable twentieth century healings I have ever seen. I may add a few details that the parents have omitted. I have

in my possession the X ray showing the condition of the bones in this boy's legs before he was healed. The hip socket was completely deteriorated, causing the other bones also to be moved out of place around the socket. His leg had to be strapped and held together by splints. After being prayed for at the Branham meetings in Vancouver, he was instantly healed, and when the straps and splints were removed he ran for almost two blocks to the car. The joy to boy and parents alike was almost inexpressible. Two weeks later we had him walk up and down the aisles of our church with hardly a limp. It is now a year ago since the healing took place, and the boy is perfectly normal in so much that no one could even think that he had ever been a cripple. To me, the greatest miracle is that the Lord formed a complete new socket and placed it back in the hip of that boy and straightened out all the other parts affected.

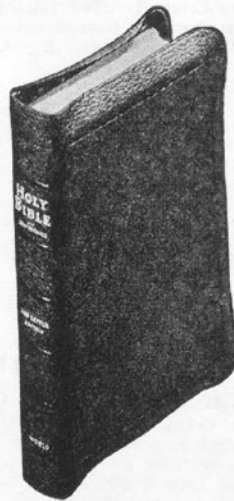
"I may also say that the parents informed me that many of the doctors in U. S. A. whom

they visited would not even touch the boy, and said it was beyond them to think of ever helping or sparing the leg of the boy. We praise the Lord for His mighty healing power, and truly this is also a miracle. We thank God that we can report also many other healings that have taken place in our community and in this church also."

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Ten thousand young missionaries, bent on conquering Africa, are now in training. "These young zealots have pledged themselves to sacrifice time, pleasure, ambition, even life itself, to propagate their faith," it is reported. But they will not preach Christ, for they are Mohammedan missionaries. Would that Africa had ten thousand new missionaries as zealous for the gospel of Christ as these young Mohammedans are for their faith. It is said that they are going as missionaries without financial remuneration, and prepared to live in poverty as natives in all parts of pagan Africa.

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Among the Assemblies

GALT, CALIF.—Evangelist Bill Durbin, former "Cowboy Evangelist," of Hollydale, was with us November 16—December 5. Our hearts were stirred by the messages from God's Word, especially the series on The Tabernacle. The saints were drawn closer to the Lord, and only eternity will tell what God has wrought. This was Brother Durbin's second campaign in Bethel Temple in six months.—Vernon H. Ragsdale, Pastor.

OAK DALE, OKLA.—We are entering the fourth week of a revival meeting under the direction of Evangelist Gladys Lutke of the New Mexico District. Souls are being saved, the sick healed, and God's people brought together in love and unity of the Spirit. Many unsaved and backsliders are coming to church, some of whom have not attended services in months, some even in years. Our Sunday School attendance has nearly doubled and the end is not yet.—Leonard Sturgeon, Supply Pastor.

MILWAUKEE, WIS.—On Thanksgiving night we closed a glorious Divine Healing campaign at the Lakeside Assembly of God with Evangelist Clifton Erickson of Seattle, Washington, as the speaker. The meetings were an inspiration not only to our church but to this entire section of the District. The church was packed to its capacity from night to night, and at the closing service many were turned away. Many came to the altar seeking salvation, and scores were healed of various afflictions.—David M. Carlson, Pastor.

VALLEJO, CALIF.—We have just closed a 2-week "Deeper Life" campaign with Brother and Sister Martin P. Bohnet, former pastors of the church at Santa Rosa. God wonderfully anointed our evangelists and a revival of "old-time Pentecost" was the result. Twenty received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, most of these being teen-

agers and young people. Several were saved and 9 were baptized in water on the closing night. Brother and Sister Bohnet's ministry to the church was a great blessing to us all.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhard, Pastors.

TULSA, OKLA.—The Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fifth and Peoria, has just had a most glorious 4-week Thanksgiving Season revival with Evangelist Ruth Cox. Many found Christ and quite a number received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost; 83 were added to the church membership and 21 were baptized in water. God was also present to heal, and quite a number report definite healings of long-standing ailments. The forceful ministry of Sister Cox attracted good crowds during the entire meeting. A revival spirit prevails in the church.—Glenn E. Millard, Pastor.

SALEM, ARK.—We are very happy to report our fall revival with Evangelist W. H. Shands. About 12 were saved or reclaimed, among them a young couple who also received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost before the meetings closed, were baptized in water, and united with the church. Much lasting good was accomplished among the saints.

Later, Ed. Lackey of St. Louis, gave us a week of special meetings which was surely blessed of the Lord. This was also a time of old-time tarrying and heart searching and a real blessing to our people.—Mrs. Glenna Byard, Pastor.

FRANKSTON, TEXAS—We have just brought to a close a wonderful 2-week meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. William Panos of Ft. Worth. The Lord blessed in every service. Seventeen were filled or refilled with the Holy Ghost. Nine prayed through to salvation. Our church was blessed in every department.

The Lord is still blessing. We were happy to have three students from S. B. I. with us this past week-end. In Sunday School this past Sunday, we had 121 present at Frankston, and 52 at the outstation, Pine Forest. The C. A.'s and the Women's Missionary Council are raising money for a new addition to our parsonage.—Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Tumlinson; by C. A. President.

READING, PA.—We praise God for His material blessings upon the assembly here. The 21-year-old debt against the church has been paid in full. God has been blessing us with spiritual blessing also. David H. McDowell was with us in a 2-week meeting. The altar was filled with earnest seekers each night, and the power of the Holy Ghost was manifested in healing the sick and working a deeper work for God in the lives of the saints. We are indeed happy that Brother McDowell has returned, at least for a time, to the evangelistic field, and that he was able to come to Reading.—J. C. Hall, Pastor, Glad Tidings Tabernacle.

FOSTER, OKLA.—On November 6 we began a 4-week revival meeting at the Pearl Assembly of God, on Route 1, with Evangelist Freodus S. Seal, 618 N. Lamer St., Burbank, Calif. Six were saved, 8 backsliders were reclaimed, and 13 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, speaking with other tongues "as the Spirit gave utterance." On Sunday, at 2:30 p.m., 6 were baptized in Bear Creek, and there were "added to the church daily such as should be saved." Evangelist Seal preached the Word of the Lord in its fullness, and the saints and others in the community were deeply moved for God. Many were praying in their homes for a closer walk with God. There were many outstanding healings during the meetings.—Pastor and Mrs. Finis Wilson.

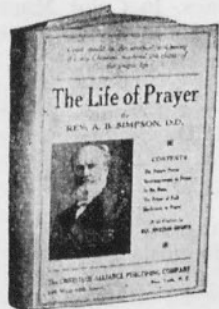
RICHMOND, VA.—We have just concluded what we feel was the best 3-week revival meeting the church has perhaps enjoyed since its beginning. Evangelist H. E. Hardt formerly of Falling Waters, W. Va., was the speaker. Seven adults were received into church fellowship, 6 received the Baptism, a number were saved, and several testified to instant healing. The second Sunday night, about 60 lifted their hands signifying it was their first visit to our church. The evangelist urged the folks to pray each day from 10 a.m. until noon.

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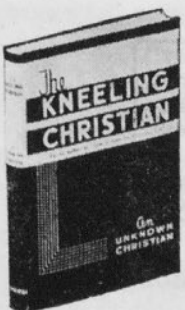
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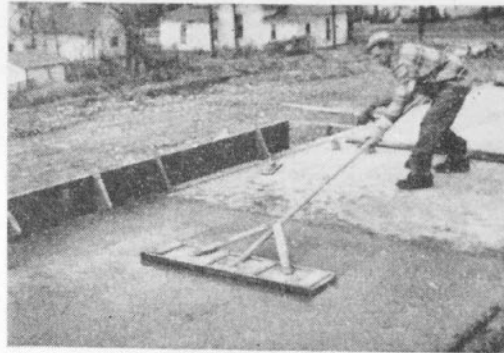
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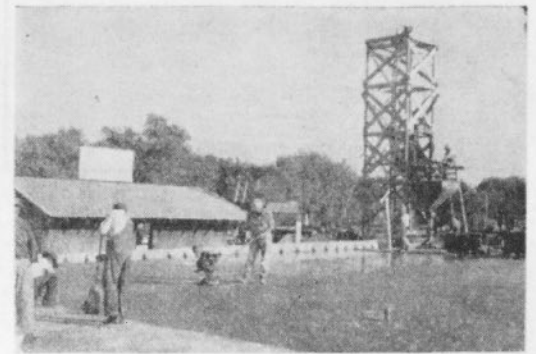
The great main floor of the printing unit of the new Gospel Publishing House is now complete. That is good news for all of us, for it was a tremendous task and has taken a long time. Sixteen different sections of concrete were poured, one at a time, but each has been so attached to the other that the entire floor is one huge slab of concrete, nine inches (and more in places) thick, and completely reinforced with over 300,000 pounds of reinforcing steel rods. All the electrical and plumbing connections have been embedded in the concrete, with their outlets placed where they will be needed.

Carload after carload of cement and sand and gravel have gone into the production of this great floor and the slab is supported every seventeen feet by a stout pillar. Upon it will rest the thundering presses, the whirling folders, and all the other machinery used in sending forth the gospel message by the printed page. Work is continuing rapidly on the building. Already many of the heavy I-beams which will support the roof of the building are in place. We will be telling you more about this phase of construction in future articles.



Rough smoothing is first necessary after the concrete has been poured to the proper height in the section. Here is one of the last sections poured. Note how the workman is standing on one section already hardened and is smoothing the new concrete into the joint.

We are grateful for the many who are seeing the need of funds to carry on this great construction program, and who are sending in offerings to assist in the building. Much more is needed, and we trust that God will lay it upon the heart of every reader to write at once, enclosing an offering to help this work. Send it to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Mo.



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Motorized wheelbarrows speeded up the work of bringing the concrete from the loading tower to the forms. Notice how this wheelbarrow is unloading its concrete automatically. The workman needs only to trip a lever and the machine empties itself immediately.

threw his cigarettes and matches on the pile. Soon another young man followed suit. With their feet on the cigarettes, they denounced the evil habit and were delivered. We believe that earnest, sincere, and consistent prayer will bring the revival that we need.—H. C. Wiles, Pastor, Bethel Full Gospel Church.

ATLANTA, GA.—Five and a half years ago, we resigned the office of State C. A. President of Georgia, and began pastoring in Atlanta. God blessed our efforts at the Cherokee Avenue Assembly of God in an unusual way. The Sunday School attendance doubled during this time, making it the fourth highest in the state, averaging 197 during the past year. Last Easter we had 585 in attendance, which was the second largest in the state. The active membership of the church almost doubled, and the finances more than tripled. A full-size basement, for Sunday School rooms, was built at a cost of \$5,000. A 50-passenger Sunday School bus was purchased also a 5-room parsonage, now valued at \$4,000. New heating equipment installed. Church repainted inside and out. The entire indebtedness of the church now is only \$1,600. Grover Langston has been called as pastor. We have again accepted the office of Christ's Ambassador President, and are giving our full time to this office combined with evangelistic meetings. Mailing address: P. O. Box 117, Scottdale, Ga.—Joseph M. Bell.

SOUTH FLORIDA C. A. CONVENTION

The South Florida District C. A. Department just closed the greatest C. A. Convention ever held in this District. Three meetings were conducted in Bethel Temple, Tampa, Florida, during the Thanksgiving holidays. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed at every service, the presence of God increasing as the convention progressed. As many as ten received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost in one day, and fifteen young people accept the call to be foreign missionaries during the Speed-the-Light service conducted by Mayma Williams, missionary to the Philippines.

The following officers were re-elected on the nominating ballot: Tommy Waldron, President; K. I. Wright, Vice President; Mrs. Tommy Waldron, Secretary-Treasurer.

One of the great contributing factors to the success of the convention was the dynamic ministry of Clifford Burkette of Broken Bow, Okla. His messages were soul-stirring, inspirational, and mightily anointed of God. He is returning to this District in June to be our afternoon speaker at camp meeting.—Tommy Waldron, President.

NAPA, CALIF.—November 17 to 21, Evangelist Wilbur Ogilvie was with us at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in special Divine Healing services, which proved to be a great blessing to many and brought much rejoicing to those who were healed by the power of God. The Lord has graciously given our brother a distinctive gift of healing which is seen and felt in every service. When deaf ears are unstopped, blind eyes opened, and tumors and cancers go, there is victory in the camp. In these meetings eight of our neighboring assemblies and their pastors co-operated. Just a week later, many of our own people stood up and testified that their healings were complete. We want to give Jesus our Great Physician all the glory and praise for what was accomplished.—A. J. Ruedger, Pastor.

MACON, GA.—On January 8, 1947, the Central Assembly of God was organized here. A lot was purchased in the central downtown section of the city, and a building costing about \$15,000 completed in June, 1947. This building has accommodations for a parsonage and for a Sunday School of 200. All the cost of the building has been paid for except a mortgage of \$5,000. The Sunday School had an average attendance of 93 for the past month. We have had several gracious revival meetings under Evangelists H. E. Hardt, W. G. Mizelle, J. C. Newberry, Lura Mae Hatcher, Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Allen, John C. Williams, C. A. Symonds, and J. E. Harvell.

After having pastored this work from the beginning, we are resigning to accept the pastorate of the First Assembly of God, Fenwick and Bohler Sts., Augusta, Ga.—Pastor and Mrs. S. J. Westbury.

LADYSMITH, WIS.—We are thanking God for the special services we had this fall with Brother Kline and Brother and Sister Wesley R. Hurst Sr. God gave us two converts when Brother Kline was here. Five adults came forward in the meetings conducted by Brother and Sister Hurst, and 22 children from the Sunday School came to the altar at the close of the Sunday morning service to give their hearts to the Lord. At present there are about 12 adults waiting for baptism in water.

Brother Kline stirred us up to seek God, and while Brother and Sister Hurst were here, there were hardly two services alike, and many new friends came. Brother Hurst spoke three mornings on the radio and many reported having listened in. On a number of occasions the meeting place was well filled, and the altar services were well attended. Our Sunday School attendance has gone from an average of 50 to 65 in the past few weeks.—Clifford A. Nichols, 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.

SKIATOOK, OKLA.—Jan. 25—; Evangelists Lee and Bonnie Krupnick.—L. D. Roberts.

NICEVILLE, FLA.—Jan. 2—16; Chas. Hurst, Nashville, Tenn., Evangelist.—Jack Stewart, Pastor.

OCALA, FLA.—Jan. 9—; Ethelyn Zellars, Columbus, Ga., Evangelist.—Chas. S. Brown, Pastor.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—3605 Portage St., Jan. 18—; Stanley C. Cooke, Watertown, N. Y., Evangelist.—M. R. Searles, Pastor.

INDEPENDENCE, ORE.—Assembly of God, 5th and C Sts.; Jan. 1, for 2 weeks; Evelyn Molander, Evangelist.—Willis W. Baker, Pastor.

ELGIN, ILL.—Olivet Pentecostal Church, 400 N. Crystal Ave., Jan. 23—; Harvey McAllister, Evangelist.—C. Merrill Johnson, Pastor.

POMONA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 117 W. Monterey; Jan. 2, for 2 weeks; Stanley MacPherson, Evangelist.—R. S. Barnes, Pastor.

(Near) MOBILE, ALA.—Tanner Williams Assembly of God; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Fowler.—Lucine Hart, Pastor.

COCOA, FLA.—Revival and Divine Healing Mission, Full Gospel Church, Jan. 10—23; David M. Wellard, Scotch Evangelist, assisted by Mrs. Wellard, Soloist, Musician and Song Leader.

QUINCY, ILL.—Bethel Church, S. 12th at Jefferson St.; meeting in progress; William A. Ward, Washington, D. C., Evangelist.—Harley Smith, Pastor.

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HARVEY, ILL.—January 23—; W. M. Stevens, Denver, Colo., Evangelist.—W. J. Sawyers, Pastor.

DENTON, TEXAS—Decade Revival, First Assembly of God, 215 W. Maple St., one block west of Highway 377, Jan. 16—23. Pastors and evangelists who have ministered in Denton are especially invited to be with us.—R. E. Ford, Pastor.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—C.A. Rally, Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., January 22, 7:45 p.m. A. A. Caprino, Camden, N. J., speaker. Special musical program by EBI students.—A. A. Marinacci, Chairman.

DALLAS, TEXAS—First Assembly of God, Peak and Garland Sts., Jan. 20, 7:45 p.m. A short (1½ hour) concert of best parts of "The Messiah," by Handel, will be given by 140-voice chorus and 40-piece orchestra from Southwestern Bible Institute Music Department.—C. N. Rice, Director.

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—Homecoming, Lighthouse Assembly of God, 2000 W. Chestnut St., Jan. 16—23. Fellowship Meeting, Jan. 17. All former pastors and members especially invited to attend. N. L. White, Texas City, Texas, guest speaker.—Alvin L. Smith, Pastor; by Mack Thomson, Jr., Secretary.

INDIANA MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

Indiana District Ministers' Institute, Assembly of God, Main and Park Ave., Jasonville, Ind., Jan. 31—Feb. 2. Ralph M. Riggs, guest speaker. Free rooms for ministers and companions. Meals reasonably priced. Write Zella Anthony, 306 S. Park St., Host Pastor, for reservations.—Roy H. Wead, District Superintendent.

GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.—Western Slope Section-wide Divine Healing Campaign, 408 Grand Ave. Jan. 14-21, with the Lummer Party. Services twice daily. James Adams will conduct services 2:30 p.m.; F. R. Lummer will preach and pray for the sick at 7:30 p.m. Contact Ralph Hutchinson, Sectional Presbyter, 408 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, Colo., for further information.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT COUNCIL

South Florida District Council, Mayhall Auditorium, Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 1—3. J. Roswell Flower, General Secretary, guest speaker. Opening Rally, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m., at Chapel of SEBI. The Credentials Committee will meet at the District Office, Lake Bonny Bible Camp Grounds, Lakeland, Jan. 31, 10 a.m. All candidates and those desiring renewals of credentials must meet the Committee on this day.—J. W. Collins, District Secretary, P. O. Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMINAR

CHICAGO, ILL. Sunday School Seminar, Lake View Gospel Church, 3142 N. Racine Ave., Jan. 11—16. Wm. Kirschke, guest speaker at each session. Walter Watkins, Superintendent. 7 to 8 p.m., class period for teachers and prospective teachers. Subjects: "Attendance on the Climb," "Teacher Training on the Climb," and "Sunday School Extension." 8 to 9 p.m., inspirational Sunday School Rally each night. Sponsored by the Lake View Gospel Church. All nearby churches invited to attend.—D. H. Waltermann, Pastor.

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GRANITE CITY, ILL.—Youth Revival, First Assembly of God Tabernacle, 24th and Grand Ave.; Jan. 16, for 2 weeks or longer; Bob Bryson and Kenny Foreman of Texas, Evangelists.—Hilliard G. Griffin, Pastor.

GOODING, IDAHO—Harris Divine Healing Campaign in progress. Services daily: 10 a.m., preparatory service, Bennie Harris in charge; 7:45 p.m., V. A. Harris preaching and praying for the sick.—R. H. Buck Pastor.

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.

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.

SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 912 E. Cota St., Jan. 9—; Bobby Clark, Evangelist.—Leslie C. Eldridge, Pastor.

SEDALIA, MO.—First Assembly of God, 6th and Summit Sts., Jan. 2—16; Leroy Sanders of Jefferson City, Evangelist.—Bird H. Campbell, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI PRAYER CONFERENCE

Mississippi District Prayer Conference, Mississippi Tabernacle, 2300 W. Capitol St., Jackson, Miss., Feb. 15—16. Aaron A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., guest speaker. Rooms as far as possible. For information write Chas. S. Craighead, 157 Road of Remembrance, Jackson, Miss., District Secretary-Treasurer; or Jeff Gibbs, Box 52, Laurel, Miss., District Superintendent.

MID-WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE

Mid-Winter Bible Conference, Alabama District, First Assembly of God, Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 7-9. Arthur Graves, Principal of SEBI, main speaker. First service, Monday, 7 p.m.; then services 10 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m., daily. For reservations write Pastor Carl E. Perry, 24 Polk St., Montgomery, Ala., or T. H. Spence, District Superintendent, Route 1, Pike Road, Ala.—Howard P. Trawick, District Secretary.

TRI-SECTION MINISTERS' INSTITUTE

TULARE, CALIF.—Tri-Section Ministers' Institute and Fellowship Meeting, Full Gospel Tabernacle, Inyo and M Sts., Jan. 17. Combining the North San Joaquin Section, Floyd Hawkins, Presbyter; Central San Joaquin Section, Paul B. Franklin, Presbyter; South San Joaquin Section, C. M. Ward, Presbyter; Services and speakers: 11 a.m., A. G. Ward; Afternoon and evening, L. R. Keys of San Francisco. C. M. Ward, chairman of evening service. F. Hawkins, chairman of 2:30 p.m. service. P. B. Franklin, chairman of morning ministers' forum.—Paul B. Franklin, Host Pastor.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NOTICE—We have resigned the pastorate at Lamont, Calif., and have accepted the pastorate at Calxico, Calif.—Pastor and Mrs. W. J. Higgins.

NEW ADDRESS—1345 S. Elizabeth St., Denver, Colo. "After having pastored here for a number of years, we are entering evangelistic work."—Glen and Katie McClure.

NEW ADDRESS—306 Georgia Ave., Thomaston, Ga. "We have resigned the pastorate of the Bellwood Assembly of God in Atlanta, Ga."—Pastor and Mrs. H. F. Freeman.

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