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STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

Lord, by Thy favor Thou hast made my
mountain to stand strong. Psalm 20:7.

I could not do without Thee,
I cannot stand alone,

I have no strength or goodness,
No wisdom of my own;

But Thou, beloved Savior,

Art all in all to me!

And perfect strength in weakness
Is theirs who lean on Thee!

—F. R. Havergal

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

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Andrew Murray

on DIVINE HEALING

ANDREW MURRAY, whose writings have been a great blessing to so many, was a godly minister in the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa. He was called to his reward in 1917. Though many have not been aware of the fact, Mr. Murray believed and taught Divine Healing for more than thirty years.

An English book by W. M. Douglas, now out of print, tells how Andrew Murray himself was graciously healed in 1880. Due to throat trouble, Mr. Murray lost his voice and was unable to do much preaching for two years. First he underwent medical treatment in South Africa, and submitted to several weeks of absolute quiet, during which time he wrote the book, "With Christ in the School of Prayer." Then he resumed preaching, only to suffer a relapse. He went to England to consult a specialist, hoping that the voyage and rest, together with expert medical attention, might bring a recovery of his health. So serious was his condition at this time that many of his relatives in South Africa said good-by expecting to see his face no more.

The book states that when in England, he was led to consider afresh the whole question of Divine Healing, a subject on which he had often thought since his student days. After much prayer and consideration, and after consultation with the widely known Pastor Stockmayer, Mr. Murray decided to enter Beth-shan, a home opened in London by Dr. Boardman for such suffering believers as wished to be instructed in Biblical teaching on disease and healing, in answer to the prayer of faith. Here he remained for three weeks, and in the mercy of God left it, completely healed, so that never again was he troubled by any weakness of throat or voice. His throat, in dependence constantly upon the Lord for its use, in spite of the heavy strain imposed upon it for the rest of his life, retained its strength till the end, and his voice retained its clear, musical, penetrating quality.

On his return home to Wellington, he had an immediate opportunity to exercise his faith in the divine power and willingness to heal. An old and tried friend of the family, Miss McGill, was lying seemingly at death's door. She said to Mrs. Murray: "I am waiting only to hand over my charge to you before I die."

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Murray, "God needs you still in South Africa. He will restore you in answer to prayer." At first she was doubtful, but later on was led to claim by faith her healing, and God graciously heard and answered the prayer, and she was spared to work for years in the Y.W.C.A. in Capetown.

Many questions have been asked and not a few misstatements made on the attitude of Mr. Murray towards what is generally called Faith Healing. It is an unfortunate term, and has led to sad misconceptions. Those who first used it had no thought of any healing by faith apart from the Almighty God who was the object of faith. Divine Healing is a better name and sets forth more clearly what was taught by those men of God who influenced Mr. Murray's mind and action, and what Mr. Murray himself

*The prayer of
faith shall save
the sick. James 5:15*

taught and believed till the end of his life. As Mr. Murray understood it, it is not faith that heals, but faith is the hand that receives the gift from the Heavenly Healer.

Some quotations from the letters which Mr. Murray wrote to his congregation in South Africa, while he was in Europe, are very helpful. He said:

"When Pastor Stockmayer prayed with me the first time, he made use of the expression which occurs in 1 Corinthians 11:31, 32, saying, 'Lord, teach him to judge himself, that he may no longer be judged or chastened.' In that whole passage we find the main thoughts concerning sickness and cure. Disease is a chastisement, because God judges us in love so that we may not be condemned with the world. If we judge ourselves in such a manner as to discover the reason for which we are being chastised, then, as soon as the reason for chastisement is removed, the chastisement itself is no longer necessary. The disease was designed to bring us to complete severance

from what God disapproved of in our life, and when the Lord has attained this purpose, the disease itself may be removed. It is not necessary for me to say that God judges us sometimes (though not always) for some definite sin. This may be lack of complete consecration, the assertion of one's own will, confidence in one's own strength in performing the Lord's work, a forsaking of the first love and tenderness in the walk with God, or the absence of that gentleness which desires to follow only the leading of the Spirit of God.

"It is difficult to express what a sight we sometimes obtain of the unutterable tenderness and sanctity of the surrender to which we are called, when we ask the Lord for healing by faith. It fills the soul with holy fear and reverence when we ask the Lord truly to impart to the body the eternal youth of His heavenly life, and when we express our readiness to receive the Holy Spirit in order to infuse health into the body which He inhabits, so that we may live, every day, in complete dependence upon the Lord for our bodily welfare. We begin to understand how complete the surrender of the body to the Lord must be, down to the very smallest particulars, and how the Lord in thus giving and preserving health by faith, is really effecting the most intimate union with Himself.

"When faith healing is regarded from this point of view, one of the chief objections against it is removed. We are so apt to think that the disease and the chastisement bring us the blessing, that the thought hardly finds an entrance that the recovery from disease may bring even greater blessing. And if the recovery consists in nothing but the removal of the disease, our view of the matter would be justified. But if the disease is removable only after its cause has been discovered and removed, and after a closer contact with the living Lord, and a more complete union of the body with Him, has been attained, then we can understand that such a recovery brings infinitely greater blessing to the soul than the disease could convey.

"One of the first things that struck me as being in conflict with my expectations was that in some cases slow progress is made with the healing process. I thought, and others have expressed the same opinion, that if healing is an act of God's almighty power, there can be no reason why it should not be perfected at once. This point I discussed with Dr. Boardman and others, and the reply was somewhat as follows:

"First of all, experience has taught that, at the present time, many cases of healing are subject to this rule; so that, even though we cannot understand why it should be so, we have merely to observe

what God actually does. Then, too, we have to notice that this gradual recovery stands in close connection with learning to trust in the Lord and to continue in constant dependence upon Him. It is as though the Lord, by this slow and gradual process, is educating His child to the increasing exercise of faith, and to a continuance in communion with Himself.

"This leads me to tell of one of the most important lessons which I have learned. When I arrived at Beth-shan my mind was chiefly set on the *healing*; faith was a secondary consideration, which was to be employed simply as a means of healing. But I soon discovered that God's first purpose was to develop faith, and that healing was a secondary question. God's purpose with us, as with Abraham, is first of all to make us true believers. Disease and cure, to His mind, derive their importance from the fact that they can awaken in us a stronger faith. Faith, again is of value in His eyes, not merely as the means by which we obtain a blessing, but especially as the pathway to a fuller fellowship with Himself and a fuller dependence upon His power. There are simple souls who, with child-like faith, cast themselves wholly upon the Lord, and recovery sometimes comes to them at once. But there are those whose minds must be brought to believe by the way of reason and conviction, and the Spirit of God must, as it were, bear patiently with their needs, and take time to teach them fully the lesson of faith, so that they obtain not only the blessing of healing by faith, but the much greater blessing of a closer union by faith with their Lord.

"So we see that in faith healing there is the same contrast as in the spiritual life between feeling and believing. The body must be brought under the same law of faith as the mind: it has been redeemed, and it is now possessed by the Holy Ghost, in quite the same way as our spiritual man. This idea is founded upon the expression which Matthew the evangelist quotes from Isaiah, 'He healed all that were sick, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses.' Matt. 8:17. In the well-known fifty-third chapter of Isaiah sins and sicknesses are placed alongside of each other in a very remarkable way, and are borne together by Him in the suffering of which the chapter speaks. By bearing both He overcame both, and received power to deliver from their sway. We have severed

the one from the other, and have accepted the redemption of the soul from sin as the fruit of Christ's sufferings, but without regarding the deliverance of the body from the disease in like manner as the fruit of His sufferings. The faith which says: 'He has borne my sins to free me from them,' must also learn to say: 'He has borne my sicknesses in order to deliver me from them also.' In the world there will be trial, and affliction, and temptation in abundance, from which the believer must expect no deliverance; but from the disease of the body there can be deliverance through the Spirit who dwells in the body as His temple. . . .

"From these brief accounts you will perceive that faith healing has a much higher aim than the mere deliverance of the body from certain maladies: it points out the road of holiness and full consecration which God would have us follow."

The following outline on the subject of Divine Healing appeared in a small book which Mr. Murray wrote in Dutch:

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Are not these glad tidings that reach us from different quarters, that the Lord is again making Himself known to His people, as of old, by the name of *The Lord thy Healer*? The number of witnesses daily increases, who can affirm from their own experience that there is still truth in the promise, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Hearts are filled with the glad expectation that this is merely a sign that the Lord is in the midst of His people, in order to bless them with His presence and with the fullness of His Spirit.

The Church has grown so unaccustomed to this action of the Spirit in curing the body, she has for a long time

ascribed the loss of this gift to the counsel of God rather than to her own unbelief; she has so persistently overlooked all the utterances of Scripture on the subject, or has explained them from the viewpoint of her own feeble life, that the truth has remained hidden even from the eyes of many pious expositors and theologians. Let us adduce from the Bible the chief reasons why we believe in Jesus as the Physician of the sick, and then the main conditions upon which a sick person may obtain health from the Lord.

I. *The Grounds for Faith in Jesus as the Physician of the Sick.*

1. Because God's Word expressly promises the cure of the sick by faith: "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." James 5:15. "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:18.

2. Because the Lord Jesus, our Surety, has borne our sicknesses as well as our sins in His body. "Surely He hath borne our griefs" (margin *sicknesses*). Isa. 53:4. "Himself bare our sicknesses." Matt. 8:17.

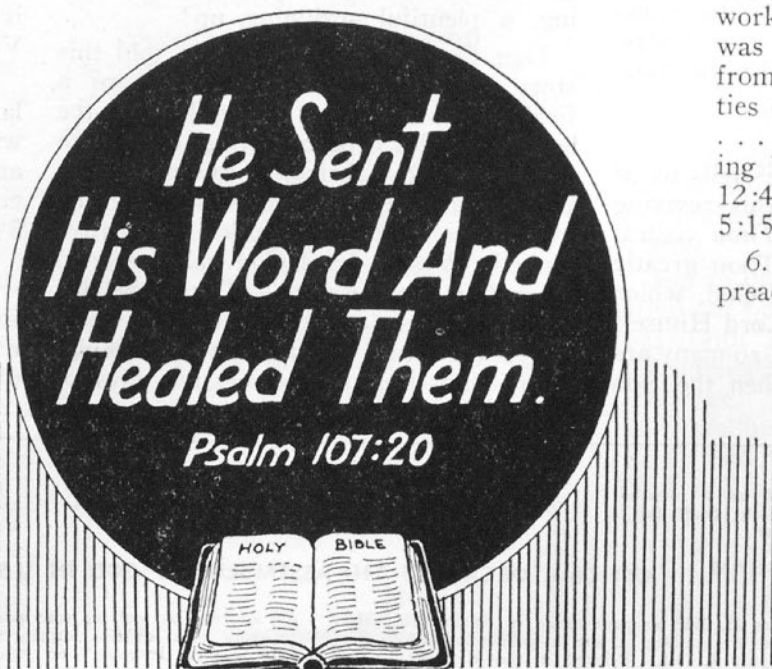
3. Because Jesus has shown that it is His work, no less than His desire, to heal diseases as well as to forgive sins. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, preaching the gospel . . . and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Matt. 4:23. "Jesus said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee. . . . Arise, take up thy bed and go into thine house." Matt. 9:2, 6.

4. Because Jesus commanded and empowered His disciples both to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. "Then called He His twelve disciples together . . . and sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." Luke 9:2. See also Luke 10:9 and Mark 16:15, 18.

5. Because this is part of the work for which the Holy Spirit was given and has come down from heaven. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit . . . to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit." 1 Cor. 12:4, 9. See also Acts 9:30, 31; 5:15; 14:3; 19:11, 12; 28:8, 9.

6. Because the apostles preached healing as a part of the salvation by faith in Jesus. "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth doth this man stand here before you whole . . . neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10, 12.

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GOD'S VISITATION

THE 65th Psalm is one that tells us of the reviving latter rain showers that bring forth an abundant harvest for our God. In the early part of this psalm David declared, "Iniquities prevail against me," but immediately afterwards he seemed to get a vision of that great sacrifice which was to be made by the Son of God on Calvary to take away our sins; and then he cried out in faith, "As for our transgressions, Thou shalt purge them away." That is the very thing our lovely Christ came to accomplish, and the holy record declares that having "Himself purged our sins," He "sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."

Gifts from Above

In that wonderful Pentecostal Psalm, the 68th, David saw in vision our Lord Jesus Christ ascending on high, and receiving gifts. As a result he sent up his thanksgiving to God saying: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits." Let us not be so taken up with the blessings of yesterday that we miss the load of benefits He has today. In the ninth verse of the 68th Psalm we read: "Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain whereby Thou didst confirm Thine inheritance when it was weary." Are you weary? God has a reviving rain for you. The next verse declares, "Thou, O God, hast prepared of Thy goodness for the poor." It is the poor in spirit, the one who is hungry and thirsty after righteousness, that He fills with goodness. But the rich, the self-satisfied, the lukewarm, He sends empty away.

Let us come expectantly to the crucified, risen, and ascended Lord, each day, for His reviving rain, for His goodness to "the poor of the flock."

His Visitation

The latter part of Psalm 65 tells us of a number of things about this reviving rain. Note the 9th verse: "Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water." It is the Lord Himself who visits the earth; but alas, so many are blind to His visitation. When the Son

of God came to this globe, the religious people of His day did not recognize Him. He who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, was the Lord of hosts, the One whom the prophet Isaiah had seen, high and lifted up, sitting upon the throne in the temple. The unrecognized Lord wept over Jerusalem, and pronounced judgment upon the city that had rejected Him. And the reason is given: "Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation." Luke 19:44. God is visiting the earth, and showering it with blessed showers of rain. Shall it be said of us that we knew not the day of His visitation?

We know what this river of God is: "This spake He of the Spirit." The rock was smitten in the wilderness, and out gushed the streams of water. Our Rock was smitten at Calvary, and the copious flow of the Spirit of God was seen at Pentecost. That same river is just as full of water today. The Spirit without measure! Waters to swim in! Plenty of fish and of fruit where the waters run deep! Ezek. 47:9, 12.

Softening Showers

The 10th verse of this Psalm declares (we quote from the Revised Version): "Thou waterest its furrows abundantly; Thou *settlest* (margin, Hebrew: *lowerest*) the ridges thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers: Thou blessest the springing thereof." The rain saturating the furrows made by the plows of trial; the proud ridges and the hard spirits brought down; our hearts melted with a deep compassion for the lost! And then, as a result of the copious showers of blessing, a plentiful springing up!

Dan Crawford of the Congo told this story. He was passing the edge of a field where a native was toiling in the hard soil, the drouth having baked the rich earth like a brick. Crawford spoke a word of sympathy and regret that the soil was so difficult to work. The native replied, "Yes! a hard God has hardened the soil by denying rain." Ten years later Crawford was passing by the same field, where the same old man was working. There had been two successive days of

rain which had soaked the soil, and the old man's face was wreathed in smiles. The old man was no longer a grumbling sinner, for he had been saved and knew God. In response to the passing word of the missionary, he said, "Truly soft is the soil, for the God who softened my heart also softened the earth. He has rained on my soul as well as on my soil." He will send His reviving rain on your soul too.

Crowning Blessing

The next verse declares: "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness." As the Jewish year began with the Passover, so the sacrifice of Christ, our Passover, must ever be to us the beginning of months. Ex. 12:2. In the 53rd of Isaiah, that marvelous prophetic foreview of Calvary, we see the promise given to the One who died for our sins; that "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied." The year that began with His sacrifice ends for Him with the satisfaction of seeing many redeemed ones brought to glory. Thus the year is crowned with the blessings of a great harvest.

Abundant Harvest

Christ said to His disciples, "Fear not, little flock." There was just a very small flock that followed Him all the way, but now we see at the year's end that "the pastures are clothed with flocks." Verse 13.

Christ was the solitary corn of wheat that fell into the ground and died, but the result is seen here, the abundant crop that has resulted from that sowing; and incidentally, from the many sowings of His saints who down through the centuries have followed in His path of sacrifice. We read, "The valleys also are covered over with corn." A mighty harvest from that Corn of Wheat that died at Calvary! What a happy harvest this is: "They shout for joy, they also sing." Verse 13.

Let us ask for rain in the time of the latter rain. "Behold, the Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until He receive the early and latter rain." James 5:7.—S. H.F.

Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.—Martin Luther.

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Pleasing God

MARIE E. BROWN

"For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit. . . ." Isaiah 57:15.

Truly He is the lofty One, dwelling in the high and holy place, but the greatest evidence of His greatness is His humility. "I dwell with him also that is of a humble and contrite spirit." What, then, is the source of these proud spirits of ours? This "I" which we defend and so jealously justify in all its workings? Surely it is not of Him! For He, who was in the form of God, laid aside *all!* And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself yet more, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. This is the Christ whom we long to be like, and whom we long to follow. But His path from the glory led down through an ever-deepening valley, lower and lower, unto His ignominious death upon the cross.

Thus the "high and lofty One" came not to do His own will, but the will of His Father; seeking no place for Himself, speaking ever only the words given Him of the Father. His spirit harbored neither murmuring nor complaining. Yet He was touched with the feelings of human infirmities, tempted in all points like as we are, *yet without sin.*

The secret of His spotless life lay in that He bore not His own life to men, but the life, and utterance, of the Eternal Spirit, through which He "offered Himself without spot unto God." He condescended to humanity's lowest depths, feeling its needs in His very nature, meeting all that was and is against us; in true humility passing through all, presenting Himself without spot to God.

This same Eternal Spirit knocks at the door of your heart and seeks an abiding place in your life. Will you receive and give Him control of your life? He is the spirit of humility. He understands these proud spirits of ours and will transform them into sweetest humility. He cannot abide in a heart that is lifted up in itself or even in its God-given achievements. This "high and lofty One" dwells with HIM THAT IS OF A CONTRITE AND HUMBLE SPIRIT. King David gives a picture of this in his penitential psalm. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise."

A contrite spirit is one "beaten out." In both words "broken" and "contrite" the hammer is necessarily implied, breaking to pieces the ore first and then plating out the metal after it has been separated from the ore. Brokenness and contrition are two essential characteristics of the truly repentant heart. It is this sacrifice that God is looking for. It is easier to give Him our hearts. We may give Him our hearts, but it is the heart that is "broken and contrite" that He delights in, for it is a heart that is like unto His own heart.

Some things may be the worse for the breaking. Who can drink from a broken glass? Who can lean upon a broken staff? But the heart is never at its best until it is broken. Was it not when Mary broke her alabaster box that the room was filled with fragrance? Nothing so deeply touched the heart of our Lord as a heart whose affection flows out to Him in brokenness of heart. "He is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Vessels of honor are made of that clay which is broken into the smallest parts.

A contrite spirit is one that is broken into powder. With that spirit we shall be well pleasing to Him whose heart was broken to bring up into this fellowship with Himself, and to abide there we must keep this spirit of brokenness, of contrition, that is made manifest by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Have you received Him? He will give you the power to yield to the working of His spirit to become a broken and contrite vessel for the Master.

"While you choose you are not willing,
Consecration yieldeth all.
Consecration means obedience
To the Spirit's every call;

"Meaneth dying, meaneth living,
Death of self, and life in God;
Meaneth work, or patient waiting,
Or submission 'neath the rod;

"Meaneth such a full surrender,
We shall never dare to ask
Why God gives our faith such testing,
Or assigns so hard a task.

"We are here to be perfected,
Only Christ our needs can see,
Rarest gems bear hardest grinding,
God's own workmanship are we.

"He loves harmony, not discord,
And whatever may befall
Life's grand psalm He is perfecting,
Let us praise Him for it all."

—Reuben A. Gibson

Seek ye first the kingdom of
God, and his righteousness; and
all these things shall be added
unto you.

Matt. 6:33

Send Me Down

Surely the mountaintop experience of the disciples at the Transfiguration and needs of the multitudes in the valley were not far from the thoughts of one who wrote and prayed:

"Lord, let me not stay at the top of the ladder though the top be heaven. Send me down to days of danger, send me down to nights of sorrow, send me down to souls that are sad, send me down to places where the shadows are, send me down to people bound with burdens, send me down with a breath of Paradise, send me down with a flower from Eden, send me down with a cluster of the grapes of Canaan."

Send me down to hearts that are homeless, to homes that are heartless, to lives that are loveless, to loves that are lifeless, to crowds without a compass, to ranks without a refuge, to prodigals at the hog trough, to churches that are drifting sepulchers manned by frozen crews, to multitudes unled and misled. Send me down to be a blessing. Send me down from the peaks to the perishing. Send me down from the summits to the sinning. Send me down from the spiritual peaks to participation in the affairs of men, helping them to bear life's burdens with greater strength—the strength of Christ—and to face life's perilous situations with braver hearts—the courage that the indwelling Savior imparts.—*The King's Business.*

HELL

There was a time when the belief in hell provided a powerful stimulus to Christian enterprise. Mary Slessor was driven into the kingdom by such a reminder of the burning torments of the damned, and she was but one of a great host. And widely was it believed that all who died without Christ in the darkness of heathen lands were destined for the flames of hell. To men who held that faith the call to the proclamation of the gospel was grimly urgent.

But in our day hell is largely banished from our pulpits and from our belief, and our faith has become an emasculated sentimentality that has lost much of its challenge. The love of God is thought of as a shallow sentimentality, and we slip easily into the view that so forgiving a God will not shut anyone out of His kingdom. We need to preserve the truth that he who rejects Christ does so to his infinite undoing, and that the choice set before him is of vast and vital moment.—*H. N. Rowley*

The World's Need for Missions

Noel Perkin

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

A CROWDED street car came to a stop at a busy intersection and the people seemingly were jostling one another in their haste to get out. Among them was a little fellow who uttered a wail that attracted the attention of all, as he cried out, "I have lost my faith in God." He had been in some church meeting and had been given a wall motto bearing the words, "Have faith in God." Fortunately his motto was picked up and it was passed through the crowd to the boy, whose troubles were temporarily over.

One of our big troubles today is that people have lost faith in one another, and have no knowledge of the One who will never fail those who put their trust in Him. In the Book of Revelation there is an exhortation to one of the churches, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." It is a tragic situation when a person becomes so skeptical of mankind, because of a few disappointments, that he cannot have faith in anyone. Frequently we judge others according to our own principles of doing things. It is therefore well to give one another the benefit of the doubt and put our trust in one another.

In our dealings with God, however, we can be full of faith (or faith-full) since He who cannot lie has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." This faithfulness is to be maintained even until death if need be. Some people look upon the persecution of the Church as something that took place in the Dark Ages. If that were so, then they are still in the Dark Ages in many parts of the world. Only a short time back reliable reports came to us of Chinese Christians in Shantung Province who had been tortured, burned, and even some crucified for their faith. From another part of the world we had a letter telling of the imprisonment of faithful Christian believers who evidently were becoming too aggressive in the propagation of their faith. Still another letter from one of our missionary correspondents in a third great continent tells of violence and stonings of missionary churches and residences. The appeal of this correspondent is, "Send us recruits who are willing to suffer, and die if necessary, for the cause of Christ, for only such can endure in the face of present persecutions."

These things, my friends, happened in 1948, and in some sections such persecutions are actually increasing. In the face of such a situation someone may ask, "Is it worthwhile?" The best answer

to this is to ask some of those who have suffered, and hear their glowing testimony to the sense of God's presence they have had in their lives which has far excelled the sorrows and physical pain which they may have suffered.

What a thrill it would be if we could bring back some of the martyrs of past ages, such as the apostle Paul, Peter, or Stephen, or some of the missionary martyrs such as Hannington, John Williams, David Livingstone, and a host of others. The song of the redeemed that is recorded for us in Revelation is, "Thou art worthy, O Lord." In other words, He has fully justified Himself and has vindicated the confidence that has been placed in Him.

The need of our present day is not atomic power but God's power to help a poor, struggling world that is in terrible confusion. There is One who can bring order out of chaos for all who will put their trust in Him. On this day, in a large number of Assemblies of God churches, there is to be a special appeal for help to be given that we might make a great missionary advance throughout the world. Any of our listeners who wish to send an offering for missions will have their offering used 100% for world evangelism. Let us take the exhortation of the Scripture to ourselves, "Be thou faithful unto death." This is not something to leave to the preacher or to the other fellow. It is to you—every person within hearing of my voice. "Be thou faithful." Put your trust in God. He will not fail you.

My friend, it is a principle of life that as we give to others, God will see that we ourselves will not lack. The need of the world spiritually, as well as materially, is appalling. Why not do your part? Send an offering for Missionary Advance today.

ANDREW MURRAY ON DIVINE HEALING

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7. Because our body is delivered from the power of Satan, and because the Holy Spirit reveals His power even in the body. "Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" 1 Cor. 6:19.

8. Because the healing of the body and the hallowing of the soul are very closely connected, and because in union with each other they enable us fully to know and glorify Jesus. "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God I will put none of these diseases upon thee, for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26. See also Psalm 103:3.

9. Because the Church must expect great outpourings of the Spirit in these days, and may reckon upon this gift likewise. "I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed and My blessing upon thine offspring." Isa. 44:3. Pentecost was but a commencement; the promise is "upon all flesh." Now that the Lord is beginning to bestow His Spirit, we may certainly expect a new manifestation of His wondrous power.

To each one who is ready to accept these promises of God, we now give brief indications of the manner in which the believing sick may obtain healing from their Lord.

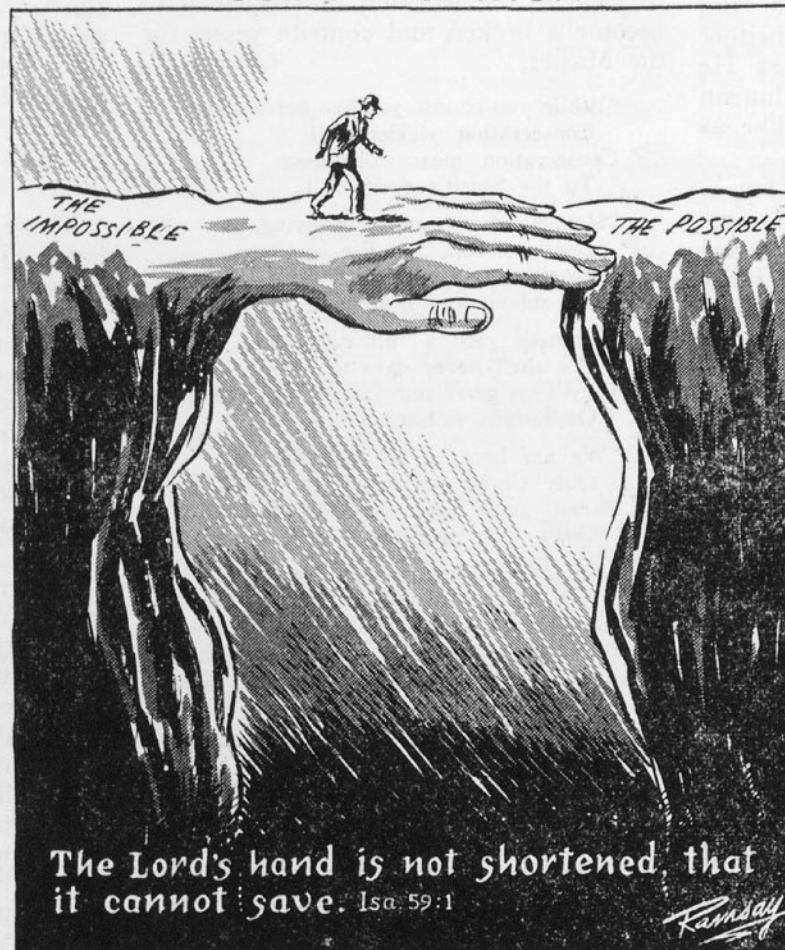
II. The Rules for Faith Healing.

1. Let the Word of God be your guide in this matter. Faith can build upon nothing other than the Word of the living God. The instruction and the encouragement which God's children give are of great value, but if you found upon the word of men, men may soon also cause you to doubt. God's Word commands us to seek the imposition of hands, or the intercessory prayer of His believing people: this is needful and brings great blessing. But our confidence is not to be built upon them, but upon the Word of God. In that case, too, we will betake ourselves to the Lord straightway, if there should be no true believers at hand. Seek to know what God Himself speaks to you in His Word. You have here to do with God Himself, who says, "I am the Lord thy Healer."

2. Understand that sickness is a chastisement on account of sin. God makes use of the disease as a rod of correction, in order to reveal to us our sin and to draw us to Himself. 1 Cor. 11:30-32. In times of sickness we must suffer the Holy Spirit to search our hearts, and so we must discover, confess and renounce our sins. When sin has been confessed and forsaken, the Lord is able to remove the chastisement. He chastises only until His purpose has been attained. When sin has been confessed and renounced, forgiveness and the cure of the disease can follow at the same time.

3. Be assured, upon the strength of God's Word and God's promises, that it is the will of God to heal

GOD'S PROVISION



you. Unless I am firmly persuaded that something is the will of God, I cannot pray for it in full assurance of faith. I may indeed trust that God will do what is good and right, but I cannot pray the prayer of faith. We are so accustomed to think that we cannot know the will of God with reference to the removal of disease, that we do not believe His promise concerning it. Seek to obtain an insight into what the Word promises—what it says about the work and the person of Jesus as Physician, and about the new life of the Holy Spirit as affecting the body not less than the soul—and you will obtain the assurance that the healing power of Jesus will restore health to your body.

4. *Accept by an act of faith the Lord Jesus as your Physician;* submit your body to Him, and claim healing for yourself. Healing is as much a matter of faith as is the forgiveness of sins. The sinner accepts Jesus, surrenders his soul and all his sins to Him, and, upon the ground of God's Word, claims by faith the forgiveness of sins. Just so with faith healing. Though the sinner feels no change and finds no light in his heart, he says "Upon God's Word I know that forgiveness is mine." So, too, the sick one says, "I have confessed and renounced my sin; Jesus has pardoned me; He who pardons is also He who heals; believing in Him I say, I have the healing; by faith I see that healing granted me in heaven in my Jesus, and he commences to sing, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, who healeth all my diseases."

5. *Exercise your faith.* "Stretch forth thine hand." "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." So Jesus commanded the sick. He who believes that he is healed, even though he may feel no better, must exercise his will and commence to act as one who realizes that health is beginning to return. Do this in confidence in Christ's word, with the eye of faith upon Him, to His glory, and you will not be disappointed.

6. *Do not be surprised if your faith is tested.* Health by faith is an inseparable part of the life of faith, and therefore here, too, faith must be strengthened by being tested. Do not be astonished if the disease does not immediately take a turn for the better. And if after some improvement the disease grows worse, do not imagine that it is all a mistake. If restoration to health is longer in coming than you expect, do not be discouraged. These trials are indications that Satan is unwilling to relinquish his power over your body (see Mark 9:26), but are also a proof that God is willing to strengthen you to be healed wholly and solely by faith in Jesus.

7. *Dedicate yourself now, in the power of your Lord, to a new life of faith.* This health, this new power, is something exceedingly sacred. This new life is none other than the Holy Spirit in the body. Your body is not your own any longer. You have no rights over it. Walk in tender obedience to the voice of the Spirit. Healing and sanctification are closely united. Let your motto for every day be, with quite new emphasis, "The body for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."

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8. *Be a witness for Him who heals you.* Do not speak much to those who do not understand you. Do not argue with those who have no longing for the Physician. Rather offer yourself to the Lord to acquaint those whom He may bring to you with His glory. Be not ashamed to testify, as a witness to the faith who knows what he says. Above all, work for Jesus with your renewed strength, and bring poor sinners to the Savior. Follow Jesus as one who has been healed, and glorify God.

These are the main outlines of the doctrine of faith healing, as we have attempted to explain them from Scripture. May it please the Lord to open the eyes of His believing people, by His Holy Spirit, that they may see His glory and, by the Spirit's quiet power to reveal in their hearts, His great name, "The Lord thy Healer."

The Lord's Healing

If God has healed you recently and you wish to let others know about His goodness, send your testimony to The Pentecostal Evangel, 434 W. Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri. Ask your pastor or some other responsible party to sign it as a witness.

HEALED OF TUMORS

In the summer of 1947, I began to be afflicted in my body, and my condition grew worse until October, when it seemed I would have to discontinue my work as school teacher.

In desperation, I went to a surgeon in a nearby city. After examining me, he told me as gently as possible that I had tumors, and he suggested making a test for malignancy (which, of course, was one way of saying that perhaps I had cancer). I was to return home, set my little earthly house in order, and return to the city for a further checkup, which would include chest X-ray, and removal of a small piece of the tissue for a laboratory test for cancer cells. I was to phone in a day or two ahead, so the doctor could be ready for me.

That was on Saturday, and the next day I went to Sunday School as usual to teach my class. When the church learned what the physician had said, they took hold on the Lord in prayer for my healing. Some of the members fasted and prayed for me. Mother and I also prayed, with some fasting, until Wednesday afternoon, when suddenly the Holy Spirit seemed to impress me to take my Bible and rush to a nearby cabin to pray.

There the Lord met me with a wonderful blessing, much like the initial infilling with the Holy Spirit. Between two and three o'clock that afternoon God healed my right breast of the terrible swelling and tumorous condition from which I had suffered for about three months.

Instead of calling the physician on the phone to make an appointment, I sat down and wrote him a letter—one of the gladdest letters I ever wrote. In it I told him just what had happened.

In the early part of December, 1947, a nurse friend arranged for me to have a brief checkup by an eminent cancer specialist. It took him only two or three minutes to tell me that he could not find traces of anything that might be cancer. To our Lord and Savior, by whose stripes we are healed, be all the praise.—Mildred H. Mizelle, R. 2, Box 195, Pascagoula, Mississippi.

(Pastor W. Grady Mizelle, of the Magnolia Springs Assembly of God, Hurley, Mississippi, states that Miss Mildred Mizelle is a teacher in the public school at Hurley and is a member of his church. He is her brother, and states: "The fact of her illness and subsequent healing without an operation, after a well-known Mobile surgeon deemed an operation necessary, is well known to me.")

Evidence of Development

Ralph D. Williams, El Salvador

I HAD just partaken of a native supper of tortillas, cheese, rice, black beans and a piece of chicken which had been served on a wide rough board for a table. Wanting to pray and meditate before the evening service I slipped off through the small corn patch to the edge of the banana plantation. Reaching a slightly higher elevation the panorama that stretched out before me arrested my attention and I turned to enjoy it. The sun had set and a heavy cloudmass covered the western half of the sky, but to the north and east there were no clouds and a soft misty light reflected from the clear blue. Ridge after ridge of purple-green hills ran across the country, rising finally to the highest of them all, the long line of blue mountains that were silhouetted against the sky about thirty miles away. This range forms the continental divide and also marks the frontier line between El Salvador and Honduras. The scene is beautiful, and though I have contemplated it many times it still stirs my heart. Yet it is not the beauty of God's handiwork alone that stirs me but the thought of hundreds of little villages clinging to the slopes and nestling in the hollows of

those hills whose people have not yet heard the message of salvation.

I had cut short my classes in the Bible Institute in order to come out over the week end to the fellowship meeting held at Savana Redonda. There were not more than threescore believers present, for Savana Redonda is a remote spot, but God was present and He gave us a profitable time. As I dropped to my knees in prayer my thoughts ran over the details of the sessions and I could not help but notice evidence of God's power in the lives of some of these people, and evidence of real development in the leadership of the churches.

My mind went back to this testimony of healing given by our colporteur-evangelist:

Jose-Maria Monterrosa had a gathering in his groin that had caused him intense suffering and had kept him in bed for three weeks while he and others prayed for healing. His faith had wavered and at last he said he could bear the pain no longer, and was going to the hospital. He called for men to carry him to the train and to the hospital. While the men were preparing for the trip our evangelist came to the village and went to pray for Jose-Maria. Jose-Maria said it was no use to pray, for he was all ready to go to the hospital. The evangelist said he should wait until morning. It was decided that if he were not healed by morning he should go to the hospital. The next morning the evangelist came by just in time to see the men carrying Jose-Maria out of his bed to the hammock. He asked, "Have you prayed this morning?" "No," they confessed, so the evangelist insisted on their putting the sick man on his bed for prayer. As

they prayed the gathering burst. Jose-Maria was completely healed.

A detail of the business session came to my mind: Pastor Francisco Jimenez, who is also a District Presbyterian, asked the approval of the district workers to a plan to organize one of his outstations, El Botoncial, into a new church. He explained that about twenty-five members living near El Botoncial wanted to be organized, and to rent or buy a place of worship in the near-by town, have their own pastor and begin to open up a new series of outstations of their own. The brethren gave their approval. Of course this would take members away from the mother church, El Gramal, but Pastor Jimenez said that he was not disturbed over that for when they had organized another of their outstations into an assembly the Lord had soon made up their numbers again.

These men are simple national workers from our Bible Institute yet in faith and outlook they are more like apostles.

Another item of business in the same session was the arrangement to change the center or home base of Miguel Flores, one of the workers, so that he would be more centrally located for his four outstations. From one extreme to the other of his field is about twenty miles, and although for about half of this distance he could take a train he has been making the rounds afoot because he could not afford to ride the train. Now three of the outstations will be within a radius of ten miles while he will visit the more distant point one week each month. During the afternoon we had gone down to the river to baptize four of Miguel Flores' people who were now ready for membership. Miguel was quite happy.

While I was on my knees I could hear Miguel's voice on the still evening air, passing on some information he had heard me giving earlier in the day. He had "Pharaoh" and "Nebuchadnezzar" mixed up a little in their relationship to Israel and had the "captivity" in Babylon as a seven-year instead of a seventy-year period of correction, but despite these errors he was getting the lesson of "faithfulness" home to his hearers. It made me smile to hear him, but not with depreciation for in reality my heart was too full of gratitude for what God was doing through these simple, yet great men, who are so effectively bringing the light of salvation to souls in darkness, establishing them in little groups and then organizing them into churches, churches that from their inception have an unusually clear understanding of their responsibility to their fellowmen and to God.

Do not discount the value of your missionary prayers. We may never know when you pray and it is quite possible that you may never learn of the results of your prayer, but we know that these things of which I write are definite answers to someone's crying out to God. With the opportunities we have before us to bring souls into the Kingdom, may we urge you to keep us constantly held up before the Lord.

Packages and gifts for the missionaries should not be sent to Springfield to be taken aboard the AMBASSADOR to the mission fields. The plane is being used for passenger service and it is impossible to take such packages.



Top: Twelve graduates from the Central American Bible Institute Santa Ana, El Salvador.



Middle: Teachers and students of the Central American Bible Institute.



Bottom: Directors and General Presbytery of the Salvador Conference. Ralph D. Williams is Superintendent of the Central American Field, and Principal of the Central American Bible Institute.

Between the Two

Leslie E. Bedell, Northwest China

THIS is a land of contrasts and extremes, where one might see a modern airliner overhead, and at the same time a camel or mule caravan slowly making its way over plains, deserts, or mountains, all headed for the same destination. The airliner makes the trip in an hour or so, while the caravan will take weeks or months.

There is an "Old China" and a "New China" within the same country. The people of the "New China" are quite the same as those of the Western World in their ideology, but the people of the "Old China" still retain their ancient traditions. Yet the two live together!

The present civil war is not a battle between the "Old and New," but a battle between "right and wrong," a battle between Communism and Democracy, and the same battle is being waged all over the world. But thank God, we as Christians have the hope and assurance that some day soon we will have something better than anything this world has to offer. We will live and reign with Christ!

Often here in China we meet funeral processions on their way to the hillside graves, and how hopeless are the expressions on the faces of the mourners. A few yards behind the procession a man strews papers along the pathway. These papers are full of small holes and are believed to detain the evil spirits in their chase after the deceased one, as the spirits must go through all the holes before they can reach the body in the casket. After the wind blows the papers in all directions, it makes it very difficult for the evil spirits to get at the body. At the graveyard firecrackers are set off so that the evil spirits, lurking around in that vicinity, may be driven away from molesting the spirit of the one being buried.

Chinese funeral ceremonies are quite complicated affairs. Religious ceremonies are held night and day for as many as forty-nine consecutive days. Professional mourners are hired to mourn and wail so as to fill the house with the highest degree of tragic atmosphere. At the climax of the service Chinese arrange to have a prominent person put a red mark on the "soul tablet," which is a piece of wood bearing the name of the deceased. By this red mark the soul is supposed to be given a "letter of recommendation" that will enable it to get the best treatment in the other world.

What superstition! If only they could realize that the blood of Jesus Christ atones for sin, and that accepting Him gives full assurance of a life of eternal happiness beyond the grave! Instead of utter despair in their thought of life hereafter, and in the place of their awful fear of the wrath of the gods, would be the hope, faith, and assurance that Jesus gives.

Masses Come for Healing

Mollie Baird, Lucknow, U. P., India

IN APRIL of last year we felt a very definite urge in our souls to ask the Lord to do the "exceeding abundant" thing in our lives here in Tiwariganj—the little nook we call "Rufard Sheltering Wing." How to reach the masses



Carl D. Holleman
South India



Mrs. Carl D. Holleman
South India



Mrs. Leonard Lanphear
Netherlands E. Indies



Leonard Lanphear
Netherlands E. Indies

News Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Holleman sailed for South India on January 22.

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Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary, and Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, have been traveling on schedule thus far on their trip to the Far East. Leaving San Francisco on January 15, they had touched at the following points on February 4: Honolulu, Tokyo, Shanghai, Taipeh, and Hong Kong. They had yet to visit Manila, Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, New Delhi and other points in India and Africa.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lanphear sailed for Java February 1.

was our problem, but as we waited on God, He solved the problem.

One day our sweeper woman came to us for medicine for some minor ailment. We had nothing but told her we could pray. We did. God answered. She told others. Thus it began. For more than six months now God has sent the masses to our doors, thousands and thousands. On one day we had 1,500 sick persons for whom to pray. People have come for many miles, and at times it seemed we would be crushed as they crowded about begging us to pray. We tried to control the crowds by giving out tickets, and I wish you could have seen the stamped when tickets were given. We thought to solve the problem by giving them out through the iron bars of the cook house and bathroom windows, but folk got their arms jammed in the bars so they could not get them out, and we had to go away and refuse to give tickets for a while.

After tickets were given, Mr. Barrick, his wife and daughter, the Indian evangelist and his wife and I took long lines of folk and began to pray. Often it seemed the lines would never end. Oh, the suffering of these dear people! Sometimes for hours we were encircled by the throngs and could not move toward the shade. Perspiration poured from our bodies, and we felt faint and sick as the stench from lepers and all sorts of folk pressed in on us. But oh, the joy, the glory, the inexpressible happiness to see their faces lighten and to hear them shout praises to our God!

I shall never forget one dear old woman who was suffering with rheumatism in her hips and legs. Her pain was great, but when we prayed she jumped up and began laughing and crying and saying, "Oh this Yisu Masih Babu does wonderful work—it's gone, it's gone!"

MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS

January, 1949

Alabama	985.67	Nevada	105.64
Arizona	3,742.06	New Hampshire	39.90
Arkansas	2,302.55	New Jersey	3,696.27
California	59,496.58	New Mexico	768.47
Colorado	2,232.23	New York	8,982.60
Connecticut	746.62	North Carolina	148.50
Delaware	1,044.50	North Dakota	1,558.71
District of Columbia	492.00	Ohio	10,686.08
Florida	3,782.03	Oklahoma	8,943.32
Georgia	761.83	Oregon	4,980.37
German Branch	549.63	Pennsylvania	9,254.88
Hungarian Branch	159.88	Polish Branch	591.06
Idaho	1,343.63	Rhode Island	214.72
Illinois	5,135.51	Russian Branch	600.00
Indiana	3,669.44	South Carolina	103.93
Iowa	2,098.12	South Dakota	1,445.61
Kansas	4,816.04	Tennessee	556.77
Kentucky	588.86	Texas	14,113.50
Latin American Branch	2.00	Ukrainian Branch	115.25
Louisiana	650.99	Utah	17.00
Maine	176.21	Vermont	45.29
Maryland	742.92	Virginia	971.95
Massachusetts	1,888.18	Washington	11,461.57
Michigan	7,332.01	West Virginia	400.34
Minnesota	6,400.55	Wisconsin	3,752.09
Mississippi	505.50	Wyoming	295.37
Missouri	8,648.87	Alaska	66.54
Montana	2,328.18	Canada	2,601.64
Nebraska	1,732.36	Foreign	278.85
		Legacies	1,019.77
		Miscellaneous	17,125.34

Total Amount Reported	229,332.28
District Fund	10,112.77
National Home Missions	1,660.52
Office Expense Fund	3,119.35
Literature Expense Fund	200.75
Given Direct to Missionaries	53,358.58
	68,451.97

Amount Received for Foreign Missions	160,880.31
Amount Received for Home Missions	12,413.31

FOREIGN MISSIONS DISBURSEMENTS

for January, 1949

Belgian Congo	\$ 2,300.44	Colombia	487.13
Dahomey	1,020.04	Paraguay	389.00
Egypt	3,740.50	Peru	4,176.63
French Togo	215.43	Uruguay	3,065.39
Gold Coast	11,830.70	Venezuela	2,020.36
Liberia	5,510.67	British West Indies	2,340.10
Nigeria	5,499.22	Burma	380.00
Nyasaland	1,081.10	Fiji Islands	495.50
Sierra Leone	689.52	Hawaiian Islands	1,629.38
Tanganyika	216.00	Japan	1,674.91
Union of South Africa	2,219.55	Malaya	234.50
Upper Volta	6,019.51	Netherlands East Indies	2,474.00
China	16,663.88	Philippine Islands	3,372.62
Ceylon	3,822.98	Samoa	1,356.57
India	26,358.66	Retired Missionaries	1,168.00
Europe	5,643.38	Entertainment of Missionaries	1,706.08
Palestine and Near East	915.58	General Transportation	9,080.45
West Indies	5,554.97	Spanish Literature	38.20
Mexican Work in United States	485.00	Non-Council Missionaries	9,567.39
Mexico	1,992.68	Miscellaneous	9,843.05
Central America	7,977.73		
Argentina	2,355.67		
Bolivia	774.00		
Brazil	5,548.82		
Chile	1,693.25		

Total Disbursements	\$175,628.54
Total Receipts	160,880.31

Charged from Hold Accounts \$ 14,748.23

The Passing and the Permanent

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

A CRUSADE FOR SOULS

A four-year evangelism crusade, to be known as the "Mid-Century Crusade for Souls," was launched in January by the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene. The denomination's 4,000 preachers and 210,000 members have been asked to give full support to the crusade by seeking to win souls to Christ in every community.

"AN ASTONISHMENT, A PROVERB"

"Only recently," said Dr. Weizmann, "I walked through the streets of Paris and I heard the familiar cry: 'Mort aux Juifs!' Death to the Jews! It is a dreadful feeling to know that one is always liable to become an object of scrutiny, that one is being dissected and watched, that one's right to live may be challenged at any moment." Yes, it must be dreadful, but God warned the people (in Deuteronomy 28:37) of this very thing.

REVIVAL IN A CATHEDRAL

Perhaps it should not be called a revival. But, according to *Our Hope*, a "revival mission" was held in the massive Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, in December, and the 40,000 people who crowded into the meetings heard some straight gospel preaching. The evangelist was Bryan Green, an evangelical who is considered to be the most gifted evangelist in the Church of England. The nightly attendance was about 6,000—mostly Episcopalians.

"The kind of evangelism that they listened to was as dignified as Episcopalians would want it to be, and much more stirring than they had any idea it would be. There was no sawdust trail, no mourners' bench, no public testifying, but Mr. Green gave clear gospel messages and an invitation to receive Christ as Savior and Lord."

In reporting the unusual event, *Time* declared: "Such crowds carried an obvious inference: modern congregations might be ready for some good old-fashioned preaching from the pulpit."

TELEGRAM OF TOMORROW

Western Union is developing a new machine, on the same principle as ultra-fax, which can send pictures of a telegram so fast that an entire book can be sent across the country in two minutes! Thus the recipient will receive a photostatic copy of the original telegram, rather than a typewritten copy, and in much less time.

As a commentary on modern times, it is worth noting that at the public test of ultra-fax a worldly book was chosen for the experiment. The entire volume of *Gone With the Wind* was hurled through space in a matter of minutes.

When the telegraph was first invented, the first message sent over it was, "What hath God wrought!" That was a century ago. In those days it was considered proper to give God the glory for a new invention. They remembered His promise, "Them that honor Me I will honor, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed." 1 Sam. 2:30.

"THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST"

A new church organization, to be known as "The United Church of Christ," will be formed by the merging of the Evangelical and Reformed Church with the Congregational Christian Church. The new church will have two million members.

CHRISTIANS IN THE CONGO

Statistics released by the Congo Protestant Council a few weeks ago show that the Protestant Christian community has increased to well over a million. There are 44 missions engaged in the work, with 1,516 missionaries occupying 249 stations.

ROME'S TEN-YEAR PLAN

According to *Revelation*, the Roman Catholic Church in America plans to spend ten billion dollars in the next ten years in a great building program. Hospitals, schools, churches, and recreation centers will be built and remodeled. More money will be spent for new hospitals and high schools than for any other type of building. Churches will come third.

GOD AND TELEVISION

According to *The Missionary Worker*, forty television stations now operate in the United States. Thirty more have licenses to begin operation. People today wonder at the mysteries of television just as they marveled a few decades ago at the almost unbelievable performance of telephone and radio.

Scientists tell us that the principle of television is copied after the workings of the human eye. Simply stated, when light strikes the "retina" (orthicon) of a television camera, electrons are knocked out of it just as when light strikes the retina of an eye, and when the image registers, instead of being transferred to a brain, it is transmitted by electrical impulse to a fluorescent screen. In other words, long before scientists ever began to think about television, God installed the perfect principle in every human body. Isn't it wonderful how far God keeps ahead of scientists?

OPEN DOORS IN ITALY

Oswald J. Smith recently preached in Rome at a Youth for Christ rally which was held in the Roman College where the Pope was educated. About 1,000 were present, a remarkably large attendance for a Protestant meeting. According to the London *Prophetic News*, Catholic youths were stationed back of the parapet, under the roof, and in the middle of the rally they shouted, "Long live the Pope." Outside a number of priests addressed the crowds, trying to keep them from entering. The police had to interfere. Throughout the entire meeting there was great tension, no one knowing what might happen.

When the invitation was given, 252 signed decision cards. Next day two of Rome's largest newspapers carried big three-column stories of the rally, reporting in full what they called the violent opposition from the Catholics, and showing the Youth for Christ in a favorable light.

One paper also published a lengthy interview with Mr. Smith and printed his picture.

At a rally in Naples, some 300 signed decision cards, and there was such a crush when New Testaments were offered that it threatened to break the platform. He said that Italy is wide open to the gospel. He found the people eager to listen and ready to respond, but reported that the physical poverty, like the spiritual poverty, is indescribable. Pray for the people of Italy.

THE NEW ISRAEL

Prophecy is being fulfilled by the Zionist's return to the Holy Land but in a different way than most people think says *United Evangelical Action*.

The Bible teaches us that Israel is to return to her land in *unbelief* (Ezek. 36:24-27; Zech. 12:10; 13:1). "Many" will make a covenant with the Antichrist (Dan. 9:27), though some will certainly oppose this (Dan. 11:32-35) and will be persecuted (Dan. 12:1; Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:21, etc.). These, the faithful remnant, will be saved by the coming of the Lord Messiah (Zech. 13:8, 9) while the rest, the "many" will share Antichrist's fate (Zech. 13:8).

Do we not see in the setting up of the state of Israel by Zionist effort just this return in unbelief? If the Zionists are in the majority, atheistic and Communistic this majority provides the "many" of Dan. 9:27, while the orthodox minority may furnish the faithful remnant which will oppose the Antichrist.

In order for the Antichrist to make a covenant with Israel there must be a State with a recognized government. A Temple also will be built and worship restored in Jerusalem, even during this period *before* the Second Coming of Christ. Antichrist defiles this Temple and interferes with the worship (Dan. 11:31; Matt. 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:6, 14, 15).

To this extent, prophecy is being fulfilled today before our eyes. Much will remain to be fulfilled at, and after, Christ's Coming, including the conversion of the remnant above mentioned (see Zech. 12:9-14; 13:1, 8, 9), and all God's purposes of blessing in and through converted Israel.

CONTROLLING THE WEATHER

Men have learned to do many things. They have even boasted that they will control the weather; but they have yet to show real evidence of being able to do so. *King's Business* reports:

"The U. S. Weather Bureau, as well as our Air Force, has given scientific rain-making a thorough tryout, with results far from successful. An 8x20 mile area in Ohio was chosen as an experimental station. Out of 79 tries rain resulted in 18, and even in most of these rain was already falling within 30 miles of the area before the experiments. In some cases, the dry ice produced the opposite effect, dispersing the clouds."

The weather-makers have decided that "artificial weather modification processes are of relatively little economic importance." So it seems that men will have to continue to allow an all-wise powerful God to control the weather as He has been doing for centuries past. If drouth comes they will have to use the Bible way of getting rain—repentance and prayer. The Bible says, "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them." Isaiah 41:17.

In Partnership With God

Kenneth S. Keyes

On February 1, 1926, I started in the real estate business on the balcony of another real estate office in Miami, Florida. I knew almost nothing about real estate and I was broke, having lost what little savings I had previously accumulated in an advertising agency when the Florida real estate boom collapsed in the fall of 1925.

I was a salesman, rental man, collector, book-keeper and stenographer. It was a one-man business in every sense of the word.

Today our company is one of the largest real estate organizations in the South, doing a volume of business in sales, leases, mortgages and management in 1947 in excess of \$15,000,000. And we have other interests including an insurance agency, a hotel, a large Persian lime and avocado grove, and a radio station.

I give God all the glory for the business success that has come to me. It was He who gave me the time in which to work and the health and energy that have kept me going through the years. He has blessed our business enterprises far beyond my expectations and I am grateful to Him.

But there is something that means much more to me than any material success. That is the salvation which I have through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. I praise God for the blessed assurance that Christ paid the penalty for my many sins when He shed His blood on the Cross of Calvary—that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven for all time and eternity.

Next to my gratitude to God for the salvation that I have through His Son, I thank Him most for leading me to see that my time, my energy, my ability, and my money and material possessions all belong to Him and are to be used for His honor and glory. When the lawyer asked Jesus what was the most important of all the Commandments, He replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." We are to love God above everything else—to put His will ahead of our will—to subordinate our lives, our abilities and our possessions to Him.

Truly, God should have first claim on our time, because He controls the years that we will spend here on earth. He should have first claim on our energy because our health, from which we derive our energy, is in His hands. And He should have first claim on our abilities, because He gives us our talents of varying kinds.

1. Our Attitude Toward Our Money

For many of us, the most difficult thing of all to surrender is our money. That's easy to understand, because in a very real sense the money we earn is our lives converted into dollars—it's our time, our energy and our ability—our life blood, if you will—minted into coin.

When we face the facts fairly and squarely, we must admit that our money isn't ours at all in any lasting sense. We can't take it with us when we die; we can't even be sure of keeping it while we live, for sudden reverses can sweep it all away. In the final analysis, then, money is simply something that God entrusts to us and allows us to use during our lifetime

and God wants us to remember that fact and to render a proper accounting to Him.

God gives us in His word a simple, practical and businesslike plan that you and I can adopt with the assurance that we are rendering a proper accounting to Him. This plan is known as tithing—the setting aside of one tenth of our income or profits, dedicating this tenth to the glory of God and using it for the advancement of His cause on the earth.

2. The Tithe

When God organized the Hebrew people into a nation, He gave them a law which said, "And all of the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. Note that it doesn't say the tithe should be given to the Lord. It says it "is" the Lord's. The noun "tithe" as used above means "a tenth part" and it is interesting to read that Webster defines the verb "tithe" to pay or give a tenth part of. He places the word "pay" ahead of the word "give."

Years later the prophet Malachi was rebuking the Jewish people for indifference and disobedience to the laws of God. In Mal. 3:7-9 God speaks through the prophet about this law of the tithe. He doesn't accuse the people of neglecting their duty. He doesn't suggest that they have not been liberal enough. He says, "Ye have robbed Me in tithes and offerings."

This plain statement certainly implies that when they withheld a part of that tenth—when they offered God the "leftovers" instead of the "first fruits"—they were taking from God something that belonged to Him.

If our Federal Government has the right to levy a tax on our incomes, surely He who gives us time, energy and ability and provides the materials with which we earn those incomes has a perfect right to claim a definite part of them for His work.



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But it seems to me that we should give God His tenth for a greater reason than either law or duty. Our gratitude for the salvation that we have through His Son, and our appreciation for the many blessings that we receive daily at His hand, should prompt us to use at least a tenth of our incomes for His honor and glory.

3. The Practical Side—Does Tithing Pay?

Looking at tithing from the practical side—does tithing pay? Does it bring dollars and cents dividends in addition to its spiritual blessings?

It seems logical to me to believe that God would bless financially those who recognize His ownership and who honor Him by dedicating at least a tenth of their incomes to His work here on earth. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse—and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Proverbs 3:9, 10 says, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst out with new wine."

Tithing helps us to remember that all belongs to God and serves to make us more economical and systematic in our use of money. Furthermore, the man who thinks of his time and ability as belonging to God will ordinarily be a better workman and will deserve promotion and increased responsibility.

That tithing does pay financially as well as spiritually has been the experience and the testimony of many of our country's great business and financial leaders.

William Colgate left home when he was sixteen years old to seek his fortune. As he was starting out, a canal boat captain gave him this advice: "Someone will soon be the leading soap maker in New York. It can be you as well as anyone. I hope it may. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap; give a full pound, and I am certain you will yet be a prosperous and rich man."

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Arriving in New York he got a job in a soap factory—the only trade he knew. He united with a church. His wages were very small but he gave ten cents out of every dollar to the Lord. He advanced rapidly; soon he became a partner in the business; after a few more years his partner died and he became the sole owner. The business grew. Today Colgate's soap, tooth paste and other toilet preparations are known all over the world. As he made more money he gave God 2/10ths and prospered more than ever. Then he gave 3/10ths, then 4/10ths, then 5/10ths. Finally when his children were educated, he gave all of his income to the Lord. He honored God and built a great business and a great fortune.

One time when John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was asked if he tithed, he replied: "Yes, I tithe. I had to begin work as a small boy to help support my mother. My first wages amounted to \$1.50 a week. The first week I took the \$1.50 home to my mother, and she held the money in her lap, and explained to me that she would be happy if I would give a tenth of it to the Lord. I did and from that week to this day I have tithed every dollar that God has entrusted to me, and I want to say to you that if I had not tithed the first dollar I made, I would not have tithed the first million dollars I made. Train the children to tithe and they will grow up to be faithful stewards of the Lord."

Heinz of "57 varieties" and pickle fame; Henry P. Crowell of Quaker Oats; A. A. Hyde, manufacturer of Mentholatum; James L. Kraft of Kraft Cheese; John S. Huyler, the candy manufacturer; Matthias W. Baldwin of the great Baldwin Locomotive Works; Hershey, manu-

facturer of Hershey chocolate; R. L. LeTourneau of road building machine fame—these are just a few of the well-known business and financial leaders who honored God with their tithes and offerings.

Back in 1935 a salesman in my organization was \$500 in debt. He started tithing. In 1936 he paid off the loan before it was due and had \$1200 in cash which he used to open a real estate office in his home city. In 1937 he earned \$7,890; in 1938, \$10,842; in 1939, \$15,143; and in 1940, \$17,499. As his income increased he gave approximately one-fourth of his income to church and charitable organizations. The more he gave, the more God entrusted to him.

A Virginia farmer wrote me: "I have been tithing for nearly fifty years. I started this way: I told God I would tithe. I had \$20 saved up for a new suit. I gave up the idea and brought the \$2 to the altar. Three days later my employer told me he had a coat made by a London tailor which was too small for him. He invited me to come to his house and try it on. It fit me and the price was \$1.00. I still had \$17.00. I went to town and bought a pair of pants to go with it for \$7.00. I had my suit, paid \$2.00 to the church and had \$10 in my pocket. So it has gone all these years. Last year I brought my first-fruits of my stock. Forty-five cows brought 45 calves, 100%. One calf died, but a cow had twins. I doubt if any farmer did as well in this country. It pays to serve Jesus; brother, I know it.

A young Christian from Georgia writes: "For five years I have been a Christian. But I have been tithing for only four years. At first it seemed hard, but I kept paying tithes and the

Lord kept pouring out His blessings. I have never expected anything for paying tithes and putting back into the Lord's work what was already His. But I can say that since I have been a Christian and have been paying tithes the Lord has given me back four-fold. I have more than I have ever made in my life. Truly, 9/10ths has gone much farther than 10/10ths would have gone. And what's more, I have been a happy, joyful Christian ever since."

A Florida truck farmer has this to say: "For 41 years the tenth of my net income has been used for the glory of the Lord and for the spread of His kingdom in the earth. The way I have been prospered is little short of a miracle. At this place are a number of farmers who plant from 50 to 100 acres a year (he had only 20 acres) but none of them has made as much as I have. For many years I have averaged about \$5,000 net profit. I have enough in money and Government bonds to keep us in comfort the rest of our lives. So all I make from now on goes to spread the kingdom of my glorious Lord."

In my own experience, tithing has brought financial blessing. After giving God the left-overs for many years, we started taking out His share first during the depression in 1932. It wasn't easy to do at first. My income was barely enough for my family's needs. But it wasn't long before 9/10ths was greater than 10/10ths was before.

During that first year my income increased 60%. The second year it was more than double what it had been before we started tithing; the third year it was more than three times. Today it is many times greater.

Then we decided to tithe our company income, too. The first year after our tithing resolution was adopted we made more money than in any previous year in the company's existence. The next year our profits were larger still and they continued to increase.

Of course a skeptic can say, "Haven't business conditions generally improved? Wouldn't your income have increased just as much if you had not tithed?" I doubt it. It just seems good, sound business reasoning to believe that God will bless financially the man or woman, or the business firm, that honors Him and tries to further His program on earth; and I honestly do not believe that my income would have increased as much as it has, if I had withheld the tithe.

4. The Spiritual Side of Tithing

But the financial blessing that so often comes to the tither is not the main thing. The spiritual blessing is far more important.

When we tithe, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we are putting God first in this vitally important part of our lives. With this knowledge comes the realization that we are actually in partnership with God and that He is in partnership with us. It's glorious to have God as a partner. An ever-present God to whom we can take our problems any time, any place, anywhere we happen to be! An all-knowing God who knows what is best for us—knows which prayers should be granted and which denied! An all-powerful God who can bring to pass those things that are best for our spiritual, our physical and our financial advantage.

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We need never fear the outcome of events when we have God for our partner. We need not worry about business deals when He is at the helm of our ship.

If you are a child of God and want greater happiness in your Christian faith—if you want a richer, fuller Christian life—if you desire that inward peace that comes when we relegate the things of the world to their proper place, and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness—you will find them when you recognize that all that you have belongs to God and dedicate a liberal part of your income for the advancement of His kingdom.

5. How to Tithe

For those of us who have salaries, figuring the tithe is easy. Simply set aside 1/10th of our pay as we receive it—separating it from the money that we spend for ourselves. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." 1 Cor. 16:2.

If we are engaged in business or a profession, the tithe would be figured on our net incomes—the amount remaining after our actual business or professional expenses are deducted. Usually we will know each month just what our profit has been and the tithe can be set aside then.

But if you happen to be farming or in a business where you do not know how much you have made until the end of the year, don't deny yourself the blessings of partnership over such a long period, but estimate your earnings and spend your estimated tithe for the glory of God. And I suggest that you estimate it on

the high side rather than the low side. God usually helps to make such liberal estimates come true.

Many questions are asked about what items may be deducted in figuring the net income. The best answer to all these questions is—"Be as fair with God as you would expect a business partner to be with you"—and if you adopt this principle there is little likelihood of your being led astray in your application of the plan.

Summary

Let's summarize briefly the reasons why you and I as believers should tithe our incomes:

1. It is God's plan handed down to us in His Word.

2. It was endorsed by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

3. It is the only practical businesslike way that we can recognize God's ownership of our possessions.

4. It will enrich our lives spiritually.

5. It usually brings financial blessing.

6. It is a most vital step if we are to try to fulfill the first and great commandment—"to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind."

If you have been giving God the leftovers of your income, instead of His tithe, then you have been depriving yourself of one of the greatest joys in your Christian life. You have been cutting yourself off from the blessings, both spiritual and financial, that come from partnership with God.

Accept God's challenge in Malachi 3:10 and

try His plan during the next twelve months. Just give it a fair trial for a year. I predict that it will be the happiest year in your Christian existence and that you will continue this practice as long as you live.

I thank God for leading me to see that all that I am and have belongs to Him, and to experience the joy that comes when one is in partnership with Him. I have tried God's plan. It works. I urge you to try it, too.

WHO HAS A SUIT TO GIVE?

Quite a number of brethren from European countries would like to attend the International Pentecostal Conference which is to be held at Paris beginning May 23. A letter has come to us saying: "The Basel office has already received notice that there are thirty or more brethren from the poor countries of Europe who plan to attend the Paris Conference. Some of them will not be able to attend unless they are aided and their accommodation at Paris assured!"

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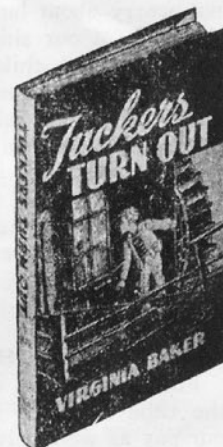
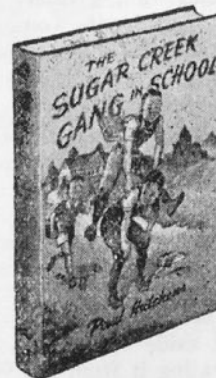
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One of our young men came and gave his heart to the Lord, and he learned to read; that is, he got his first lesson. The first lesson was, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and

thou shalt be saved." This young man learned that scripture, and then he was called away about 200 miles in the bush.

He was away for a couple of years. One day he came back, got up in the service, and testified of the saving grace of God, praising God for keeping Him all the time that he had been away in the bush. The rest of the people were amazed; they couldn't figure out how this young man had stood true to the Lord, and asked him. "You haven't had a pastor to help you," they said. "You haven't been where a missionary is. You haven't even had the fellowship of other Christians. How is it

that you were able to stand? You didn't even have the Bible."

He answered, "Oh, yes I did; I have a Bible: here it is," and he pulled out his lesson sheet that was well worn. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," he repeated in his own language.

He said, "Whenever I got into trouble I would get my Bible out—here it is—and I would get down before God, and I would pray, 'O God, You said that if we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. Now, Lord, save me out of this trouble.' And the Lord saved me out of that trouble."

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"Whenever I got sick, instead of going to the witch doctor I got alone with God. I got out my Bible—here it is—'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,' and I said 'Now, Lord, You just save me out of this sickness,' and the Lord saved me out of that sickness. The Lord just kept on saving me, and I'm still saved."

WITH CHRIST

Our Brother George James, pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle at Alexandria, Virginia, passed away January 25 after a heart attack. Brother James has pastored the church at Alexandria for the past eighteen years and has seen it grow from very small beginnings into a flourishing congregation.

More than sixty-five ministers of the Potomac District served as honorary pallbearers, and his funeral was attended by many leading men of the city.

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KOUNTZE, TEXAS—We have just closed a 2-week meeting with Evangelist Peggy Richards. Seven were saved, and 7 were baptized with the Holy Ghost.—Arthur Brown, Pastor.

CORCORAN, CALIF.—We have just closed a 2-week revival meeting. A goodly number were at the altar services each night, and God manifested His presence in saving and healing power. Floyd Hoole was the evangelist.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reichert, Pastors.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—From January 3 to 30, it was our good fortune to have with us at Trinity Tabernacle, Dexter E. Collins of Fairmont, Minn., in special evangelistic services. The Lord used this able minister of the gospel in bringing great inspiration to the congregation. Extremely bad weather held crowds to a minimum, but the blessing of God was present in all the services. A number were converted, some were healed, several were filled with the Holy Spirit according to the Word, and the faith of the people was built up in the Lord.—Fred Lohmann, Pastor.

ELM SPRINGS, ARK.—In 1945 the Lord led us to Elm Springs, we receiving an appointment from the Arkansas District Home Missions Department to start an assembly.

Our first service was in the new church building which is now finished and has a nice auditorium with four classrooms. We have taken our stand for holiness without compromise, and God has richly blessed in saving souls and filling believers with the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School workers have been receiving training from the textbooks of the Gospel Publishing House.

Two of our young people have been called to preach. Both of them were saved and received the Baptism here. Oletha Fields recently held her first revival meeting here in the home assembly, and souls were saved. Thelma McCullak is our Sunday School Superintendent and has had a fruitful ministry.

In the past 3½ years our evangelists were: G. L. McKinney of Siloam Springs, Katie Wise of Eureka Springs, R. V. Boatright of New Mexico, Jack Wright of Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bruce and daughter of Fayetteville.

There is a sweet spirit of fellowship in this Home Missionary church here in the Ozark hills.—Alberta Nettrour, Home Missionary.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—On December 31 we concluded four wonderful years as pastor of the First Assembly here. During that time God has blessed in every department of the church. There have not been more than five or six Sundays in the four years (and not one in our new building) on which someone has not professed salvation in our services. A large number have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and many have testified to healing.

The church membership has enjoyed a 200% increase. The Sunday School attendance has grown from an average of 125, the quarter we came to 468 the last quarter. We have a goal of an average of 500 this year. God has especially blessed us with a fine group of men. Our men's class numbers 105 at present, and we expect to reach an enrollment of 150 this year.

God has enabled us to purchase a lovely seven-room brick parsonage, and to erect and equip a new church building. Our new church building and furnishings represent an investment of about \$160,000. The church building is buff brick and has a floor space of 14,000 square feet, and when two additional stories are added to the Sunday School building as planned, there will be a floor space of 25,000 square feet. The auditorium, including the balcony, has 1,000 chairs.

Financially, also, God has blessed the work here. Not including receipts for some property sold by the church, the offerings going through the treasury last year amounted to \$43,000.

The young people of our congregation are very active in extension work, holding monthly services in a hospital and at Ft. Pillow Prison where they minister to some 400 inmates. The Men's Bible Class sponsors a weekly radio broadcast from the church.

If Jesus tarries, we believe that the future for the work in Memphis is promising. With our larger facilities and expanding program we expect to reach many thousands with the Full Gospel message. Working with us as evangelists during the past year, we have had Ernie Reb, Martin Luther Davidson, William E. Long, Einar Waermo, and W. F. McPherson. They all were used of God in Memphis.—James E. Hamill, 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.

POCAHONTAS, ILL.—March 6, for 3 weeks; Mrs. Leona Newberry, Springfield, Mo., Evangelist; Bernice Brewer, Musical Assistant.—Herschel Crouch, Pastor.

ELMIRA HEIGHTS, N. Y.—Glad Tidings Assembly, 157 Lewis St.; March 6, for two weeks or more; Bernard Bullock, Evangelist.—Joseph F. Maish, Pastor.

PORTLAND, ORE.—First Assembly of God, S. E. 12th at Taylor St., Feb. 16—; Starland Thomas, La Mesa, Calif., Evangelist.—N. D. Davidson, Pastor.

GARDENA, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 16317 S. Western Ave.; meetings in progress; Bill Durbin of Hollydale, Evangelist.—T. C. Gameson, Pastor.

MINATARE, NEBR.—Assembly of God, Feb. 13—27, or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Chas. E. Frederick, Rapid City, S. Dak.—Elmer R. Burry, Pastor.

The name of every pupil who contributes will be displayed at the Convention.

Space for address or church announcement

LUMBER CITY, GA.—Feb. 21—; Jack Fowler, Evangelist.—H. T. Kesler, Pastor.

BRADENVILLE, PA.—Feb. 15—27; Joseph and Dortha Pittman of Youngwood, Evangelists.—R. J. Volk, Pastor.

TAYLORSVILLE, KY.—Meetings in progress; Helen Cox and Mabel Brown, Evangelists.—George Sutherland, Pastor.

NEW KENSINGTON, PA.—Gospel Tabernacle; Feb. 17—March 6; Harvey McAlister, Evangelist.—A. W. Buckley, Pastor.

GREELEY, COLO.—First Assembly of God, 9th St. and 13th Ave., Feb. 13—; Asa A. Allen, Corpus Christi, Texas, Evangelist.—Verne J. Crews, Pastor.

DETROIT, MICH.—Berea Tabernacle, 4638 Fourth Ave., Feb. 20—; C. S. Tubby, Evangelist.—S. H. Wilson, Pastor.

MT. OLIVE (near Birmingham) ALA.—Hicks Chapel Assembly, Feb. 20—; Donald Brankel, Moreland, Okla., Evangelist.—J. E. Hopkins, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—201-3 Chalmers St.; March 2, for two weeks or longer; Bob McCutchen, Evangelist.—Vernon E. Wilson, Pastor.

MARSING, IDAHO—Assembly of God; Feb. 27, for 2 weeks or longer; Glenn and Katie McClure, Evangelists.—Kelly Campbell, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO—Bethel Temple, 108 Buckeye St., March 2—20; John G. Warton, former missionary to Persia, special speaker. Neighboring friends cordially invited.—Paul J. Emery, Pastor.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—First Assembly of God, 3100 E. 31st St., Feb. 16—20; McPherson—Ferguson Evangelistic Party (Stanley and Ethel McPherson, and Bob and Ruth Ferguson).—A. A. Wilson, Pastor.

SASKATOON, YORKTON, MELVILLE, TISTDALE, AND PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada have made arrangements with Evangelist Joseph Wilderman of Santa Barbara, Calif., for protracted meetings, Jan. 23—Apr. 3. For information write A. J. McAlister, Prince Albert, Sask., Canada.

SEVENTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Seventh National Sunday School Convention, Shrine Mosque Auditorium, Springfield, Missouri, March 6—10. Street meetings, Saturday night; C. A. Rally, Sunday afternoon; Missionary Rally, Sunday evening. Service at New Gospel Publishing House, Monday morning; motorecade, Monday afternoon. Opening session of Convention, Monday night. The three sessions daily, 9 a.m., 2 and 7 p.m. Outstanding speakers and separate conference leaders. Those who will attend are urged to register now. Write: Sunday School Convention Committee, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri.

TEXAS SPRING CONVENTIONS

Texas Spring Conventions: Two nights, one day; first service 7:30 p.m. Corpus Christi Section, March 1—2, Hill Crest Assembly, Corpus Christi. Valley Section, March 3—4, Raymondville. Yoakum Section, March 8—9, Victoria. San Antonio Section, March 10—11, Seguin. Paris Section, March 15—16, Rose Hill Assembly, Texarkana.

Two days, one night; first service 10:30 a.m. Dallas Section March 17—18, Bethel Temple, Dallas. Austin Section, March 22—23, First Assembly, Austin. Waco Section, March 24—25, Fairfield. Beaumont Section, March 29—30, First Assembly, Beaumont. Houston Section, March 31—April 1, Trinity Tabernacle, Baytown. Tyler Section, April 5—6, First Assembly, Tyler. Lufkin Section, April 7—8, First Assembly, Lufkin. Greenville Section, April 12—13, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m., First Assembly, Greenville. Ft. Worth Section, April 14—15, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m., North Side Assembly, Ft. Worth. Wichita Falls Section, April 19—20, two days, one night, first service 10:30 a.m., Southside Assembly, Wichita Falls. San Angelo Section, April 21—22, two nights, one day, first service 7:30 p.m., Brownwood.

All our ministers are required to renew their fellowship with the District at this time, and we are requesting each one, whether exhorter, licensed or ordained, to attend the convention in his respective section. Those desiring ordination at the June Council must be present and make application and be examined at this time. For further information write your Sectional Presbyter or the District Office.—James O. Savell, Superintendent; E. B. Crump, Secretary-Treasurer, 1300 Sycamore St., Waxahachie, Texas.

WOODBINE, IOWA—Feb. 27, for 2 weeks or longer; E. C. Lagmay, Filipino Evangelist.—J. E. Tacy, Pastor.

VENICE, CALIF.—Assembly of God, 57 Market St; March 1, for two weeks or longer; Robert Perryman, Evangelist.—Robert E. Bloom, Pastor.

WICHITA, KANSAS—Central Assembly, 2225 E. Central, Feb. 20—Mar. 13; Gay Benson, Philadelphia, Pa., Evangelist.—J. Boyd Wolverton, Pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Glad Tidings Temple, 1451 Ellis St., Feb. 13—27; Otto J. Klink, Evangelist.—Leland R. Keys, Pastor.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Fremont Tabernacle, Fremont at 25th Ave. N., March 6—; Anna B. Lock, Evangelist.—Russell H. Olson, Pastor.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Upper Room Assembly of God, 94th and San Pedro, Feb. 13—; Robert Perryman, Evangelist.—Henry C. Gotcher, Pastor.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—City-wide Divine Healing Meeting, Central Assembly of God, Quitman and Keene Sts.; March 6, for 3 weeks; Tom B. Myers Party. Services: 2:30 p.m., Judson Cornwall in charge of instruction and preparation service; 7:30 p.m., Tom Myers will be praying for the sick. For information write Marvin Smith, Chairman, 2207 Chestnut St., Houston, Texas.

BARTLESVILLE, OKLA.—Missionary Convention, West Third and Virginia Sts., Feb. 25—27. Services: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Robert Cummings of India, Melvin Hodges of Central America, and T. F. Zimmerman, Springfield, Mo., speakers. Special music by Sermons in Song Quartet. Neighboring ministers and saints invited.—C. H. Asher, Pastor.

EASTERN DISTRICT PRAYER CONFERENCE

Eastern District Prayer Conference, Church of the Lighted Cross, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 31—April 3. Guest speakers: District Superintendent A. Newton Chase, Assistant Superintendent Ray S. Armstrong, Prayer League Leader Earl W. Winand. Former District Superintendent Flem Van Meter, evening speaker. Rooms provided as far as possible. For reservations write Byron D. Jones, Host Pastor, 79 Mary St., Ashley, Pa. Dial Wilkes-Barre 37280.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Youth Rally, Highway Mission Tabernacle, 19th and Green Sts., Feb. 26, 7:45 p.m. Alfred D. Boyd, Moosic, Pa., speaker. Students of EBI will take part.—Anthony A. Marinacci, Chairman, C. A. Youth Fellowship.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—20 Ripley St., Rochester, N. Y. "Have been called to the pastorate of Bethel Full Gospel Church, N. Goodman and Ripley Sts., Rochester, N. Y."—Warren B. Straton.

BROADCAST—"The Family Altar Broadcast," Station KWBC, Ft. Worth, Texas, 970 Kilos., Monday through Saturday, 10:45—11:00 a.m.; Sunday, 12:00—12:30 p.m.—Leonard L. Norville, Pastor, First Assembly of God.

NOTICE—We are near Fort Riley and the four camps here. Would be glad to contact friends or loved ones upon receipt of names and addresses.—E. F. Hofer, Pastor-Evangelist, 1235 W. 8th St., Junction City, Kansas.

NOTICE—Due to the many requests that have come to me the past year for services and special meetings, we have decided together that the Lord would have us give up the work at Elizabeth, N. J., where we have labored for the past eight years. It is our conviction that we should give our attention to a more general ministry and therefore we are open for calls as the Lord may continue to guide us. New Address: P. O. Box 84, Audubon, Pa.—D. H. McDowell, Pastor-Evangelist.

OPEN FOR CALLS

Evangelistic

Evangelist and Mrs. John H. Giere, 2938 Niagara St., Corpus Christi, Texas.—"Open for evangelistic calls after Feb. 20th. We travel alone."

Wilbur Weygandt, Box 252, Collinsville, Okla.—"Travel alone with Oklahoma District Council. Good references."

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