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

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MOTHER'S BIBLE

My mother's Bible, cover
frayed,
Some pages torn, some
others loose,
Her constant help, unfailing
aid,
Worn not with age but daily
use,
This book twifold is dear
to me:
For words she marked,
voiced by her Lord;
I hear each speak when these
I see—
His words that she has un-
derscored.
Endorsed, His Word thus
comes to me
Through one who lived it
day by day—
Important parts marked care-
fully
To guide me safely on my
way.

—Christian Advocate

In Old Kentucky

Charles S. Price

● THERE WERE two old farms on a hillside. On the one there lived a little widow with an only boy, George, who was the apple of her eye. She would rise in the gray dawn of the early morning, and she would pile up the rocks, and clear the land. She could be seen digging in the garden, setting out vegetables. She tended the chickens; she milked the cows; and all in order that as her son grew up, he might be able to take his place in the world. It was the dream of her life to provide for him, and, after he was through high school, to send him to college, that he might have the education that had been denied her. For she was just an unlearned Kentucky mother, and it had been hard ever since her husband had died.

When high school days were over she said to her boy, "My boy, I've saved. I don't have much money laid away. I have just a little. But I have my health, and I'm going to invest that and what little money I have in you, Son. I'm going to send you to college. I've never been to a college town, and they tell me you can spend an awful lot of money there; but I know you will be careful, Son." And the boy broke into tears, and threw his arms around his mother's neck, and said, "When college days are over I'll make it up, Mother. It's wonderful of you."

So she bought him a suit of clothes, packed his grip, and, when the day came, he left. But the boy soon "found himself" in the new world he entered—and the new surroundings. More and more he forgot about the life he had known back in his old Kentucky home. He became popular in the college social life. And as he mingled more and more with the younger set, the mother working like a slave to keep him there was beginning to fade out of the picture. His letters came frequently enough, but scarcely did his mother get a letter that did not contain a demand for money. Money, and more money! and still more money. And as she saw her little hoard depleted, she said, "Well, I'll have to get up earlier and work later." And she wrote to him saying, "Mother is working hard. Harder than I thought I would ever have to work." And the boy wrote back saying, "I am careful. Send me all you can. I need it." And (because she loved him with all her heart) she sent it.

As the weeks passed, and the months,

there was a hunger in her heart to see her boy. She saved up the fare there and back—*eleven dollars!* And then one day she started, dressed in an old-fashioned dress, an old poke bonnet, her lunch in the old carpet bag. And the train arrived in the college town, and, because she was going to see her boy, her heart was glad. "Just a little while now!" she thought, as she stepped on to the platform.

But the college town bewildered her. She inquired her way of the first official, and he directed her to the campus, about a mile distant. Though she didn't even know what a campus was, she thanked him, and started out, the old rattan umbrella in one hand, and the carpet bag in the other.

She came to the open campus, and continued to cross it till she came to the nearest college building. It was a co-educational institution, and the college



THE OLDEST UNIVERSITY

The oldest university
Was not on India's strand,
Nor in the valley of the Nile,
Nor on Arabia's sand.
From Time's beginning it has taught
And still it teaches free
Its learning mild to every child—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest school to teach the law—
And teach it deeply, too,
Dividing what should not be done
From what each one should do,
Was not in Rome or Ispahan,
Nor by the Euxine Sea;
But held its sway ere history's day—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest seminary
Where theology was taught,
Where love to God, and reverent prayer,
And the Eternal Ought
Were deep impressed on youthful hearts
In pure sincerity,
Came to earth ere Abel's birth—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest and the newest too,
It still maintains its place,
And from its classes, ever full,
It graduates the race.
Without its teachings, where would all
The best of living be?
'Twas planned by heav'n, this earth to leaven—
The School of Mother's Knee.

—Author Unknown.



youth were coming down the steps. And, could it be true! coming down the steps she saw her George—a girl on either side. Her heart commenced to palpitate. As they descended the steps she noted the fashion of the clothes they wore. One of the girls likewise noted the clothes *she* wore—the bonnet, the dress, the carpet bag and the umbrella. She called the attention of the other two to the object that had attracted her curiosity: "Look at that funny old woman coming across the campus! Now isn't she a picture out of the past!"

All three were now looking at the mother of the boy, and as one girl snickered and the other giggled, his own face flushed. He was looking at the carpet bag. A matter of not more than twenty paces separated them. The mother had stopped a little timidly; and now she was holding out her arms—to her boy! The girl exclaimed, "Who is that funny old woman?" And George said, "Come on, girls. I don't know. *I think there must be some mistake!*" And, without so much as according her a look of recognition, so homely was her presence, he turned his steps away—*ashamed!*

Tears stood in her eyes. She understood. She must go back now. But—he he was still her boy! The one object of her love. Anyway, she had seen him. Just to continue to work for him—she would be satisfied. She understood! And I never think of her—and I never think of the old poke bonnet, and the old dress, and the old carpet bag, but I think of a cross, a crown of thorns, the marks (the *stripes!*) of the Roman lash—and His bleeding face! And, because some one was going to ask *you* to become a Christian, you turned away from Him—(He was holding out His arms of love to you!) He said, "Come!" but, because "He hath no form nor comeliness, and when you saw Him, there was no beauty, that you should desire Him" you turned away—*ashamed*. But "He was wounded for your transgressions, He was bruised for your iniquities; the chastisement of your peace was upon Him, and by *His stripes* you were healed."

On the adjacent farm, there lived the other mother. She lived alone with her only boy—Jack. His father was dead. And she called him to her, and said, "My boy, your schooling's over now. I've been saving. I can't promise, but I'm going to try to put you through college. But, I don't want you to forget your mother, Jack!" And Jack broke in, "*Forget you, Mother!* Never. God bless you, Mother." And he took her in his arms, and hugged her to his breast, and her head was upon his shoulder. And he kissed the *silver* threads among the gold! And he hugged her again, and protested again, in a very passion of love, "Forget you, Mother!—*never.*"

The day for his departure hastened, and he went away. A month later she sent him his first allowance money, and (to her amazement!) it was returned to her, with just this hurried word of explanation, "Dear old Mumsey! I've got a job. I'm sawing wood, and taking care of a furnace. I'll work my way through. God has been good. I wasn't here a week before I got a job after school hours, and, you know! Mother, working with you on the farm has made me robust and strong. I'm sending back the money, Mother." And never a week passed but on love's pinions a letter winged its way back to the *Old Kentucky Home!* And never a letter arrived, but the dear old mother would read it, and weep for joy, and after the supper was over, she would get her glasses and, by the light of the candle she would write a much misspelled letter in reply. And when they would see him kissing it, the college chums of his would laugh in high glee, and call out to one another, "Jack's got another letter from mother, an Old Kentuk!" And Jack would call back, and say, "Yes; and there's a tear-stain on the third page!" And the days passed, and the weeks—and the months!—And *commencement day* drew on!

It was only a week away now! And in the *delirium* of his joy, Jack vowed a vow! *Mother's just got to come!* "Here's her letter," he called to his roommate, "and she says she can't come. She says she can't afford it! She's got nothing but an old poke bonnet, and an old dress to wear. She says she'll hold a little *home coming* after graduation; but, you know, if Mother wasn't there, I couldn't enjoy it. Oh, I know she'll not look like the other ladies, but *it's coming to her*. She's bought and paid for it. I'm going to get her. Loan me ten dollars. You'll trust me!"

And a few days later he was bundling her into her wraps, overruling every protest! "The chickens? The neighbors will feed and care for them. I've attended to that already. We'll lock the place up. I won't take 'No' for an answer." And down to the train he went, that little bundle of motherhood he so loyally loved on his arm.

Came *commencement day!* He was valedictorian. Her boy! Gentlemen in evening dress, ladies in evening gowns on her right hand and on her left! And in the midst, a little old Kentucky mother wait-

OUR STRONG LINE OF DEFENSE



ing for the curtain to go up, and for the program to start. And now the buzz of voices subsides and *dies!* The program starts. The eyes of her boy (the tears gathering in them) are searching for her. He is looking into her eyes. Her hands are clasped, and he knows she is saying, "Thank you, thank you, Jesus!" He knows what had been the burden of her prayer; and the applause surged through her heart *responsively!*

A moment of breathless expectancy followed. The president was going to speak: "Mr. Chairman, alumni, fellow faculty members, ladies and gentlemen! In this co-educational institution, it is the custom to give a school medal to the most exemplary student in the institution. It perhaps is unnecessary to inform you that (outside of the faculty), no one in the building knows on whom this signal honor is to be bestowed on this occasion; but I will leave you in suspense no longer than it takes to make the announcement. The valedictorian of the graduating class will please step forward." And Jack came proudly forth, and yet strangely subdued. Her boy!—*the honor man.*

"The years that have gone by have played their part in what has transpired tonight," the president remarked as he pinned the medal of honor on the distinguished student. "Man is but the *composite* of all his yesterdays, and the resi-

dues of ancestral personalities."

The "years gone by," his "yesterdays!"—and the youth was now looking at his mother—at the clasped hands—the tear trickling down her cheek. Focused in the "years gone by" and in his "yesterdays," as a face might be etched in a *cameo*, his *mother* stood out. The revelation flashed out of his heart, and the sum of all he was *confirmed it!* "Then pardon me, Mr. President, this medal does not belong to me. With your permission I will bear it to its rightful owner." And he vaulted from the platform, conveyed it to her, and pinned it on his mother. "Mr. President, faculty, alumni, ladies and gentlemen!" (with a wave of identification)—"My mother!" And in the silence, the kiss he gave her sounded through the building.

The student body rose *en masse!* They picked him up, transferred him to their shoulders, paraded the aisle, sang the song of their *alma mater*; and returned him to the side

of the mother they had snatched him from. The ceremonies concluded, the concourse passed out, and a great athletic boy and his little mother crossed the campus together. She couldn't speak. And he couldn't speak. Her arm was locked in his, and every once in a while he squeezed it. And all the way to the railroad station, and all the way back to the Old Kentucky home, their joy abounded, and they communed more by their silence than their words. And as he gave her a last good-night hug, a tear drop fell on her old gray head!

Wouldn't you like to shake the hand of a fellow like that! But you couldn't pal with the fellow that was ashamed of his mother! I couldn't.

Honor your mother. It's a divine command and there's a promise attached to it too. God's grand old Book says, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

And oh, brother of mine! Sister of mine! Never be ashamed of your Savior. The Man with the nail prints in His hands has come down through the years, and tonight He stands waiting at your heart's door. He is saying, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." He will fill every need you have if you will let Him in.

Transformed by the Lord

● ESAU FOLLOWED the way of his own carnal desires. He took to himself wives of the daughters of the idolatrous Hittites. This was a grief to both Isaac and Rebecca. Isaac said to Jacob, "Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Padanaram . . . take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Laban." Jacob honored his father by obeying him. He chose the will of God even though it might mean a long exile from his home.

There were no palatial hotels *en route*; he lay down on the cold ground at Beth-el with nothing but stones for his pillow. But there the angels of God met him. He had a vision of them ascending and descending a ladder that reached into heaven. The Lord spoke to him and gave him the promise, "In thee and in thy seed" (and that seed is Christ, the only ladder by which man can reach heaven) "shall all the families of the earth be blessed." The Lord also said to him, "I am with thee, and will keep thee . . . I will not leave thee."

You ask, "Was not Jacob very carnal?" Yes. And the Lord was perfectly aware of his carnality. In His own time and way He dealt with Jacob. In His own time and way He will deal with you. We read that at a later date "Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day." And that Man, that God-Man, that night transformed Jacob, the supplanter, into Israel, a prince of God. The one thing He asks you to do is this: instead of following the example of Esau who always chose the will of the flesh and the things his carnal nature preferred, ever choose that which is highest and best—the will of God as shown forth in His Word. The law of God, which is perfect, shows you what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. It indicates that God wants a life of entire separation from all that is harmful—that which is of the world, the flesh, and the devil. It indicates that you must at no time be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. When Esau became unequally yoked it was a grief to his parents. If you become unequally

yoked it will bring grief to the heart of God.

The Son of God, when He came to earth, always chose the will of His Father. He spent much time in the Father's presence, to commune with Him and learn His will. He lived by every word His Father had given. His whole purpose is summed up in this, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." This blessed ever-obedient Son of God desires to be to you an all-sufficient portion. He will be to

A METHODIST RESOLUTION

(In the handwriting of John Wesley)

It is agreed by us whose names are underwritten:

1. That we will not listen or willingly inquire after any ill concerning each other.
2. That if we do hear any ill of each other we will not be forward to believe it.
3. That as soon as possible we will communicate what we hear by speaking or writing to the person concerned.
4. That till we have done this we will not write or speak a syllable of it to any other person whatever.
5. That neither will we mention it after we have done this to any other person.
6. That we will not make any exception to any of these rules unless we think ourselves absolutely obliged in conscience so to do.

John Wesley.
Charles Wesley.
Thos. Maxfield.
J. Downes, etc.

you a ladder to heaven, upon which the angels ascend with requests and descend continually with the daily load of benefits that He sees you need. He promises to keep you. He promises that His presence shall go with you. He will bring you into the secret place of the Most High, and in that secret place He will

pour into your heart His light and life and love.

"But," you say, "I am so desperately carnal. I have such a covetous disposition. My temper is untamed. My tongue runs away with me. I find in my heart constant criticism of those I should love." Yes, the Lord knows your nature. He knew Jacob's. He asked him, "What is your name?" and he answered, "Jacob—Supplanter!" Confess out your name, your innermost nature, to Him. Tell Him, as did Isaiah, of your uncleanness. Tell Him, as did Job, "I abhor myself." The Lord said to Jacob, "Thy name shall be no more Jacob—Supplanter; but Israel—a prince of God." And He will change you from what you are and make you what He wants you to be, cleansing you completely in His all-efficacious blood and making you a king and priest unto God.

Jacob came face to face that night with the Lord. He declared, "I have seen God face to face." And as you draw nigh unto God, He will draw nigh unto you. You will find in His presence that all bondage, the bondage of the old carnal nature, will give place to freedom, the glorious freedom of the sons of God. As you with open face behold as in a glass the glory of the Lord, you will be changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. He who transformed the supplanter and made him a prince, will transform you and make you like unto Himself. The promise is certain and sure, "We shall be like Him." 1 John 3:2.—S. H. F.

THE TRUMP OF GOD

I look upon this world as a wrecked vessel. Its ruin is getting nearer and nearer. God said to me: "Moody, here is a lifeboat; go out and rescue as many as you can before the crash comes." The churches are asleep. I know of no better way to awaken them than to get them to look for the return of their Lord from heaven. Nowhere in the Scriptures is it claimed that the whole world will be brought to the feet of Christ in this dispensation. I do not find any place in the Bible where God says the world is to grow better and better. The first thing Christ is to do at His coming is to take the Church out of the world. The trump of God may be sounded, for anything we know, before I have finished this address.—D. L. Moody.

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Heavenly Treasure in Earthen Vessels

We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 2 Cor. 4:7.

● IT IS QUITE reasonable for us to ask, "What treasure?" To answer this, we must look at the Scripture which precedes this statement. It would be profitable to get your Bible and see what the Lord is saying to us in verses 3 to 7. We are clearly taught that those who do not believe the gospel are lost; blinded by Satan who knows what the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ can do in the heart and life of a human being; hence, he is active and determined in his continual efforts to keep men in the dark. But God, our loving God, is always ready to give deliverance, light, and life to everyone who will receive—and He does definitely bring men out of darkness into His marvelous light. He wants mouthpieces that will preach not themselves, or their theories, but the truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

Note what He clearly says in verse 6; note and believingly rejoice; "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." God who in the beginning said, "Let there be light," and there was light, is the same God who hath shined in our hearts; think of it! God hath shined in our hearts to give us something. The light of the glorious gospel shines in the face, or person, of Jesus Christ. God has no other channel of shining into dark hearts. All that we know and have in our hearts from God comes to us through Jesus Christ. How truly, how sweetly it comes, *and we have something*. It is tremendous; it is precious treasure. Let me give you the Weymouth translation of our text: "We have this treasure in a fragile vase of clay in order that the surpassing greatness of the power may be seen to belong to God and not to originate in us."

We have this treasure. Present possession! With all that is coming to us in the future, we now have this possession! It is given to us through God's shining into our hearts. Every one *born again* has something right now. Everyone who has tarried under the shining of His face until he has received *the incoming and upon-coming of the Holy Ghost* has something, a rich possession, a heavenly treasure. Now, we are not mere human beings with

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only natural life and natural gifts; but we have life from God, received by the new birth. *We have Christ within us*, enthroned by the Holy Spirit. He is the treasure in the earthen vessel. He is within us the hope of glory. Christ is the One who occupies the throne of our hearts if we give Him that place. God's continual shining in our hearts makes us want Christ Jesus Himself to have full control of our whole being—and enables us to yield it to Him. Heaven's greatest treasure is given to us.

A sweet story is told us of a humble home in Scotland once visited by a friend who stopped for a little rest. When he entered the front room, his first inclination was to be seated in a comfortable chair which occupied a prominent place in the room; but just as he was about to sit down, the old Scottish mother sprang up to the chair and, throwing up her hands in an excited gesture, exclaimed, "Nay, nay, man! don't sit there!" She pointed to the scarlet cord fastened around the chair, which the friend had not noticed before, and said, "One day Her Majesty, the Queen, left her carriage and came into this house, because a sudden storm had overtaken her." And with a look of great reverence, she continued, "She sat in this chair, and when she went away, we fastened this scarlet cord about it, and determined to keep it as a relic in our family. No one shall sit in it; is it not wonderful that Her Majesty the Queen has used it?"

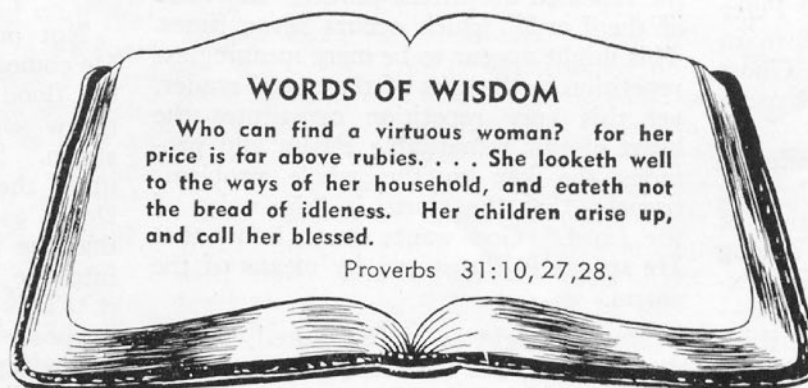
Ah, friends! Let no one occupy the throne of your heart but Jesus. He is the Heavenly Treasure in your earthen vessel. Let no usurper sit there.

The earthen vessel! Let us consider it. Fragile, easily broken, made of clay, not of iron or other unbreakable substance.

Some people spend all their time looking after the earthen vessel, fixing it up, adorning it, petting it, feeding and pampering it, yet it may be empty Godward, although He has made it with great capacity for the heavenly treasure. And while this body is called an earthen vessel, it is not to be abused or defiled or neglected. 1 Cor. 3:17. God warns us not to defile the body; it is meant to be God's temple; it has been bought with a price. We cannot do as we please with our bodies and please God. But He does not judge us or value us according to our physical appearance. We do that often in judging others, even as Samuel did when he went down to Jesse's house at God's command to anoint one to be king. When he saw tall, handsome, kingly-looking Eliab, he thought surely he was God's choice. Not so! This magnificent looking specimen of physical manhood was a splendid earthen vessel on the outside, but empty of all that God wanted.

We are told that when Phillips Brooks was doing his great work for God in Boston, there was a young man who used to see him walking down the street every morning, and he admired his tall height, his splendid physique, and he said to himself, "My, what a man that is!" Nothing else. He was persuaded to go and hear him preach, whereupon he was so charmed by his eloquence and clear, forceful speaking that he said, "What a splendid brain he has; he is a giant in intellect as well as physique!" But as the young man continued to listen to Dr. Brooks' sermons, the Spirit of God used the sword of the Word on his heart; he became greatly troubled about his sins and sought for a personal talk with the preacher. There he opened his heart to him; and the great man's tenderness of heart, his sympathy, his loving presentation of Jesus, swallowed up all the other thoughts of the young man, and his conclusion was, "What a wonderful Savior he has!" God shined into the heart of the young man; he received "this treasure," Christ, into his earthen vessel.

Isn't it a shame for one to whom God has given a good body to be mean and narrow in spirit and to give nothing to God, to make no room for Him in his heart and life? Many mistakes have been made by people in places of authority as they have made their de-



cisions regarding others, because they have judged from the outward appearance. Many of the choicest saints the church has ever known have been those without much physical beauty or strength, but there has been an inner beauty and power about them because they had "this treasure" in their earthen vessels.

God has made provision and given promises for the earthen vessels, our bodies. And the Son of God, Himself, tabernacled in an earthen vessel, in a human body, that He might live among men and open up the way to glory. He became flesh and blood, that He might meet and put away that awful thing that had broken the fellowship between God and man. He suffered in the body for us, and we read the clear declaration in 1 Peter 2:24, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." The provision is complete for our healing in soul and body! And that body of His, bruised, killed by beating and the cruel nails, and thrust with the sword, that earthen vessel was laid away in the tomb. But it was raised up, resurrected and glorified, living today in the Glory. Because He lives, we live also. Because He arose from the grave, all those who fall asleep in Him shall also be raised from the grave. And one day we'll see Him as He is. These earthen vessels, these bodies of our humiliation, shall be changed and made like unto His glorious body. Don't despise the earthen vessel; it is precious because it contains the treasure. The treasure, Christ Himself, may so dominate the body that disease is conquered. God asks for it to be yielded unto Him that He may use it in His service, His Holy service.

There is one more thing for us to consider in this Scripture: the excellency of the power—whose is it? Not ours on any occasion, but always the power that is manifested through our earthen vessels is God's power. Let us be most emphatic in saying that the excellency of spiritual power is always God's power; it does not originate in us. Note that story in Acts 3:1-13, of the healing of the lame man at the temple gate. Peter and John certainly had the treasure in their earthen vessels; the Holy Ghost had mightily come upon them and made the living Christ real to them. God's excellent power was truly manifested through those two apostles in the healing of the lame man. The manifestation of this power caused no small stir among the people, but note Peter's clear explanation that it was not their power—"Ye men of Israel, why marvel at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we

had made this man to walk?" Nay, Nay! "God hath glorified His Son Jesus." The power is in His name, His triumphant name. And any power that God may choose to manifest through us, as we live with "this treasure" in our earthen vessels, must bring glory to Him alone, and never glorify the human.

We are convinced that our God wants to show forth the excellency of His power

in these hard, perplexing days. Let us get out of His way, and in our inner beings hear, as did the Psalmist of old, that "power belongeth unto God." Let us rejoice in the treasure within, the living Christ. Let us yield to His authority, and know the victory and the divine sustaining in all of life, because He lives in us.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The Voice of the Lord in the Storm

Walter H. Beuttler

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. . . . The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars. . . . The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness. . . . The voice of the Lord . . . discovereth the forests. Psalm 29:3-9.

● IN THIS PSALM David describes a thunderstorm sweeping over the Palestinian countryside in a fury of lightning and thunder, accompanied by heavy rains and resultant flood and destruction. Read it through and you will see that the Psalm as a whole is but a graphic setting in which God seeks to instruct His children when they find themselves in circumstances comparable to such a storm; e.g., the flames of the fire of testing, the rumbling thunder of fearful events, and floods of unexpected reverses and innocent sufferings.

In such circumstances it is of paramount importance that we be properly oriented. A Christian who is not sure of his position in the storm in relation to God is open to additional though unnecessary difficulties. He becomes an easy prey to the wiles of the enemy and a possible victim of the counsel of ignorant advisers. In order to preclude any such eventuality one must turn to the repeated use of the phrase, "the voice of the Lord," which occurs seven times. This might appear to be mere meaningless repetition in the eyes of the casual reader, yet this very repetition constitutes the heart of this remarkable Psalm and provides the key to the whole problem; namely, that the storm is "the voice of the Lord." God wants us to know that He speaks in the storm, by means of the storm.

Now it might be rightly asked, "What does God say in the storm?" In answer to this question another repetition must

be observed. The name "Lord" is used eighteen times. The meaning of the name "Lord" as used in this Psalm is said to be, "He (who) is." This is very suggestive and so appropriate because the enemy of our souls will seek to defeat us in the storm by casting an aspersion on God as regards His promises, endeavoring to make us believe that God is the God who isn't. But in this Psalm God declares that He is "He who is." "He who is divideth the flames of fire" (lit., "sendeth forth the lightnings"). "The voice of the He who is breaketh the cedars." "The voice of the He who is is upon the waters," etc., etc. This repetition of "Lord" leads us to the primary cause of the storm—God, who seeks to reveal Himself as "the He (who) is."

It must further be noted that there is a reference to God, not merely in every verse, but in every statement. Altogether there are twenty-two direct and two indirect references to God. The entire Psalm is saturated with God, so to speak. What is the meaning of this? That God is in the storm; that He is *He who is* when it seems He isn't. That He is in the lightning, in the thunder, in the water, in all. The Psalm, we repeat, is saturated with God; so is the experience. The believer in the storm must see and believe that *He who is* sent it; that *He who is* is in it; and that *He who is* speaks by it.

Not only does God send the storm; He comes with it. "The Lord *sitteth* upon the flood." v. 10. This verse begins to throw some light on the purpose of the storm. Since God is pictured as sitting upon the flood, He evidently uses the flood as a means of conveyance, so that the flood of the storm which comes into the believer's life brings God with it. This remains true, whether God's purpose is to bring us more into the fellowship of the sufferings of Christ, as in Phil. 3:10, or whether God seeks

to teach us lessons in order to give us a ministry of help and comfort to those in distress, as in 2 Cor. 1:4-5. This remains true, whether God needs to demonstrate to Satan that we serve Him because of what He means to us (and not merely because of what He does for us) as in Job 1:1 to 2:10, or whether His purpose is to enlarge our capacity and desire for Him.

The storm will often effect this by tearing us loose from encumbrances that retard our progress, and from preoccupation with things that compete with God for our attention and affection. Thus the storm becomes a means whereby we are conditioned for a closer walk with God, as well as a medium of conveyance, bringing God with it. "The Lord hath His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet." Nahum 1:3. After the sky has cleared and the flood has subsided, the trusting believer will be conscious of a fresh deposit of the reality of the presence of God in his heart, for "the Lord sitteth upon the flood."

"... the Lord sitteth King forever." v. 10. Hallelujah! Not only does *He who is* come with it and sit upon it; He sits upon it as King, as Ruler, as Sovereign. In other words, He controls the flood. The same Lord who uses the storm as a vehicle, who thus conveys Himself into the believer's heart by a means and in a manner which probably could not be as well accomplished in any other way, exercises such a providential control that the flood, while it is great enough to accomplish His purpose, is not so great that the believer would be engulfed beyond his ability to stand it. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able," the apostle assures us. *He who is* is completely Sovereign of the flood. He sits upon it, so He comes with it; He sits King, so He holds it in control; He sits King "forever," so He is always in control. This is the believer's assurance in the storm.

"The Lord will give strength unto His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." v. 10. *Strength and peace* is the believer's provision for the storm. God who sends the storm also grants the strength to endure it. He "will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Cor. 10:13. This way of escape is not so much a deliverance FROM the storm as it is a deliverance IN the storm. The grace and strength of God enables us to bear the storm while the purpose of God is being accomplished.

This strength will be imparted as we wait upon Him, not as we wait for the sympathy of the people. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

Isa. 40:31. Waiting upon God is as indispensable (and as delightful) a Christian exercise as it ever was. There is no substitute. Israel complained (in Isa. 40:27) in the same manner in which a Christian might be tempted to complain in the storm: "My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God." In other words, they complained that God does not see, God does not care; and as another version has it, "the justice due me is passed away." This questions the justice of God. There is great danger in such an attitude. The context uses the words "faint," "weary," and "fall."

As far as the passage in Isaiah goes, this fainting, wearying and threatened falling is due to lack of confidence in the attributes of God (Isa. 40:28); failure to realize that God provides the ability to walk with Him (Isa. 40:29). We are doomed to failure, even at the



Fear not,
I have redeemed thee,
thou art mine

Isa. 43:1

height of our own resources (Isa. 40:30), unless we wait upon God for enabling by His strength. "The Lord will give strength unto His people."

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles . . ." It has been said that in an approaching storm all the birds will scurry for cover in fright, except the eagle. He will face the storm, with wings spread, and will allow the howling, contrary wind to carry him to great heights. This is the Christian's privilege in the storm. Such an achievement takes the strength which only God can give, it requires spending time in waiting before Him.

"The Lord will bless His people with peace." v. 11. This is the promise of a tranquil mind and heart in the middle of the storm. Peace, not just after the storm, but during the storm. The kind of peace that Christ had when "he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow," during a storm that filled the ship with water and threatened their lives. Mark 4:38; Luke 8:23. Let it be noted that these disciples were in the will of God, despite wind, waves, and danger; for they had obeyed His command, "Let

us go over unto the other side of the lake." Our very obedience to God may lead us into a storm which we would not otherwise experience, but it also leads to a compensating revelation of His power which we would not otherwise experience either.

The peace of God is not something negative, not a mere absence of disturbance. It is something positive—the conscious presence of a supernatural calm produced in our hearts by the Spirit. This peace is "not as the world giveth"; it is not dependent on favorable circumstances. In fact, it is independent of both favorable and unfavorable circumstances alike. In short, it is truly *His* peace, the peace of God.

This peace acts as an insulator, as a defense against the disturbance of the storm. The strength of the Lord enables us to bear the pressure of the storm, but the peace of God which passes all understanding (and all misunderstanding too) keeps the disturbing elements of the outer storm from penetrating within the periphery of our being.

This twin provision of strength and peace logically leads to the consideration of our activity in the storm.

"Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." vv. 1, 2. This then should be our activity in the storm—to give unto the Lord worship, to give Him glory. The angels are doing it. ". . . and in His temple doth every one speak of His glory." v. 9. In the storm God calls for worship; we owe it to Him.

"Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty." Who are the mighty in the storm? Those who know that it is the "stormy wind fulfilling His word" (Psalm 148:8); those who see God in the storm and wait upon Him for strength. They are called upon to give Him strength, the fruit of the strength He gave them, even praise in the midst of the storm, and despite the storm—and even because of the storm. The mighty in His strength will give Him glory and praise while they behold the effects of the storm, the broken cedars of their fondest hopes. They worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness without charging God foolishly, though their hearts are oppressed with a terrible sense of loneliness. They may feel as bleak within as is the desolation without. Though the spirit may be crushed, and the will may falter because the future may seem empty, God calls for worship with repeated emphasis. "Give unto the Lord," He calls, "Give unto the Lord." Faith will respond and say, "It is the voice of the Lord in the storm; therefore will I join the angels, giving God glory!"

GREEN LANE, PA.

Can You Deny the Gospel of Christ?

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● I STARTED TO SAY, *Dare* you deny the gospel of Christ? Then I thought I ought not to be so pugnacious, so I have decided to say "Can you?" instead.

Can you deny the supernatural evidences of Christianity? If you have not given serious thought to this, you may say, "I can." But wait a minute. What are you going to do with the testimony of those who have recorded for us the history of Christ, the works which He did, the death He died, and the resurrection which followed? If they were honest, their words ought to be trusted, for they declared themselves to be "eye witnesses" of these things.

I had a friend, the minister who gave me my first opening into Christian service. He had become an infidel. He went to Alaska in the Gold Rush of many years ago. He, with two companions, lived in their hut, cut off from outside communication during the long, cold winter. To pass the time away they took up reading a New Testament which they found. As they read, one morning the Spirit of God broke their hearts in conviction. It was through reading God's word that my friend was won to Christ. If you, with an open heart, will read in the New Testament, the life and teachings of Jesus, it will lead you to God.

Can you deny miracles which attested the truth of the gospel? We shall pass over the miracles performed by Christ, which were so many and so wonderful, and refer only to the miracles which accompanied the lives of the apostles. Touched by the shadow of Peter, the sick were healed. The lame man who had never walked, begging alms before the temple gate, was immediately healed and ran leaping into the temple. How was this brought about? Peter gives the answer, "His name (Christ's) through faith in His name hath made this man strong." Acts 3:16.

Can you deny the personal experience received by the disciples on the day of Pentecost? "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." This is one of the most remarkable evidences of Christianity that we have. "It is the personal experience of people meeting with God. They were so filled that the Spirit from God possessed their every part. And this was not done in a corner. It happened on the day of Pentecost when multitudes from various lands would be gathered at the great metropolis for worship, and it took place before them all.

Do not deny, but believe. God

bless you. God is interested in you as much as in those who lived long ago. Christ died for us, for you and me who live now. Saving knowledge of sins forgiven is the one thing that leaves no doubt. God sends His Spirit to us. With the apostles we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and His saving grace becomes a reality in our lives as it was in theirs. As you must meet God, you need the salvation of God. Deny it not, but give your heart to Him. God through Christ saves today as definitely as when the disciples were filled with the Spirit in Bible times. Turn to God with all your heart and you will know that the redemption made by Christ is real.

God still works miracles. Many are the testimonies of healing received through faith in Christ. Many are they who can testify to an entirely new outlook on life. But among the greatest miracles is the fact that God saves sinners—everyone that believes. A great leader has well defined the difference between belief and faith. He says belief is the acceptance of a map. Faith is taking the voyage. No doubt you believe the Bible; you believe that Christ saves sinners. That is good, but it will not get you anywhere. You must take the voyage. In other words, you must take Jesus as your personal Savior by faith. Step out on the promises of God now as we pray together.

(Correspondence and contributions toward the support of "Sermons in Song" should be addressed to the Radio Department, P. O. Box 70, Springfield, Missouri.)

Give, not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.

Doing Your Best

J. Russell Howden

● MANY FOLKS when asked if they are Christians will reply that they are doing their best. Perhaps it seems a harsh thing to say, but to do our best to be a Christian is no good.

Did you do your best to be your mother's child? Of course you didn't. You were hers by right of birth, and though you may grieve her you are still her child. In the same way you cannot be God's child by doing your best.

First of all, our best is never good enough. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Isa. 64:6. I can understand when God says my sins are as scarlet; but here I am told my very goodness is not good enough.

In the next place, to set up our best as an acceptable offering to God means a lowering of the divine standard. If my best were good enough, God would have no reason to demand that any one should be better than I am; and the world would be a sorrier place than it is!

But also, to do our best requires an effort which is beyond our unaided power to sustain. None of us is at his best for long. We have our "off" days, days when we are not at our best. Our moods fluctuate, our powers of resistance to evil vary. We cannot really count upon ourselves.

And finally, we do not need to do anything. We are God's children not by doing, but by being; not by effort but by receiving.

This is so gloriously simple that we stumble over it. But just adopt the method and see. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12. "Doing your best" is not the way of salvation, and it is a fatal mistake to trust for acceptance to "doing your best." God has given One altogether good, whose entire goodness is counted to all who receive Him, because He took their whole guilt and doom.

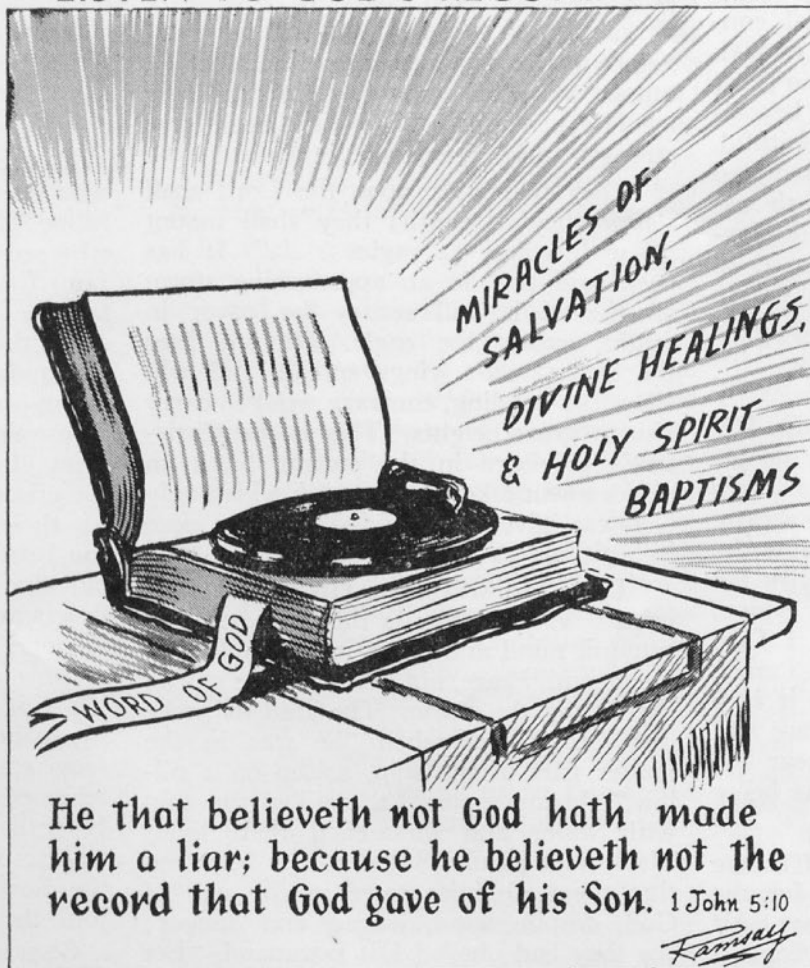
Not because of our best, but in spite of our worst, God can righteously receive all who come unto Him through Christ.

Our best is a broken law, an ideal unreached, aspirations unfulfilled. But the entire and perfect goodness of the Lord Jesus is counted to every one who is humble enough and practical enough to put God's method to the test; it also becomes operative in every such person.

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

If we love God deeply, everything that He wants us to do is a joy for us to do. If we love not God, then even the commonest, simplest duties which His will requires are hard and dreary tasks for us.—J. R. Miller.

LISTEN TO GOD'S RECORD PLAYER



THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN ISRAEL

David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel, said on February 1 that "complete civic equality for women—Jewish, Christian, and Moslem," would be granted in Israel "on the basis of full equality for all citizens regardless of race, religion, nationality or sex."

FRESH FISH IN ISRAEL

According to *The Jews in the News*, Israel has access to the Gulf of Akabah, which is reputed to be one of the most fertile fishing grounds in the world. Fresh fish from this area would prove of inestimable value to the country's economy.

SOVIET UNION AGAINST ZIONISM

An article in the Moscow Literary Gazette listed Zionism together with Catholicism and Pan-Americanism as "active servants in the interest of the imperialist reaction and American monopolists." Is Gog taking sides with the Arabs? A number of the lands mentioned in Ezekiel 38 as being with him are Moham-medan lands.

THE SABBATH IN ISRAEL

A Pentecostal missionary in Palestine writes that the Sabbath in Israel is a real day of rest. Shops are closed and work ceases. But comparatively few of the people go to the synagogues. Instead, the streets are filled with people who are out for a walk, or going to visit their friends. The irreligious spirit of the people gives the rabbis great concern.

BUYING FIELDS FOR MONEY

It is written, "Men shall buy fields for money . . . for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord." Jer. 32:44. That is exactly what is happening in Israel today. Every acre of land owned by the Jews in Palestine has been bought from the Arabs, it is reported. This year the Jews are spending \$100,000,000 on one project alone—a scheme to convert 25,000 acres of neglected Arab-owned land into fertile, productive areas. The land will be bought by the Jewish National Fund and the Israeli Government will hold the money in trust for the Arab owners, most of whom have fled the country.

TO THE CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

In a Christmas message broadcast over the Israeli radio and published in all papers, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared:

"I greet our citizens of the Christian faith and extend to them the good wishes of the season. This past year was one of battle and hardship forced upon us by all those who spurned international obligations and chose the sword as arbiter of this country's future. Providentially this evil design has been frustrated. I pray fervently that the peace and good will longed for by all citizens may soon be realized, and that men and women of all creeds in Israel may soon be able to dedicate themselves in wholehearted unity to the constructive tasks of peace."

CHILDREN DYING IN THE STREETS

Some 5,800 human bodies had been picked up from the streets of Shanghai this winter, up to January 15. Of these, about 4,000 were the bodies of children who were overcome with cold and hunger, reported Royce Brier in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

"IT IS FOR OUR GOD"

A missionary saw the people of India building a temple, and asked a low-caste woman how much the temple would cost. She turned to the missionary with surprise that he should ask such a question. "We don't know," she said. "It is for our God, so we don't count the cost." Let us not count the cost of the gospel work; let us gladly sacrifice for our Lord.

CAPACITY OF PALESTINE

History proves that Palestine can hold all the Jews now living. A. H. Goldberg says: "At Ein Gev, a beautiful fishing settlement on Lake Tiberias, I was shown ancient Hebrew ruins, which archaeologists say were the center of a large area, and from the ruins they estimate that more than 3,000,000 Jews lived within sight of the Sea of Tiberias.

"Josephus, the historian who lived in the first century A.D., estimates that at the time of the Jerusalem siege by Titus there were more than 2,700,000 Jews within the walls of the city. He wrote that there were more than 3,000,000 Jews in Galilee, and the total estimate for the country was 12,000,000."

That the total number of Jews on earth today is around 12,000,000 makes the parallel at the two Advents of Christ quite remarkable.

LOOKING FOR THE ANTICHRIST

D. M. Panton, London, England, writes that he has received a pamphlet entitled, "The Return of the Christ," by Alice A. Bailey. But it is a different "Christ" of whom she writes, and not "this same Jesus" as the angels in Acts 1:11 said. The "Christ" who is to reappear is to be an embodiment of all the world's religions. She states:

"He has been for two thousand years the supreme head of the church invisible, the spiritual Hierarchy, composed of disciples of all faiths; and loves those who retain their allegiance to their founders—the Buddha, Mohammed and others. It matters not to Him of what faith a man may call himself. If men look for the Christ who left His disciples centuries ago they will fail to recognize the Christ who is in process of returning.

"His advance guard is already here, and the Plan which they must follow is already made and clear. I set no date or hour. The time is known only to the two or three."

Surely "an embodiment of all the world's religions" would be he whom the Bible calls the Beast (Rev. 13:8) rather than the Lamb of God. Yet there are men today who claim to be ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ who are preaching just such a composite creed!

CHURCH LICENSED TO SELL BEER

According to *Watchman-Examiner*, the city of Miami, Florida recently issued its first license to a church to sell beer. It granted such a license to the church festival committee of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

MORE LIQUOR, MORE CRIME

Every American, on the average, drank 20.92 gallons of beer, wine, and hard liquor during 1947. This was an increase of 4.7% over 1946. During the past 15 years there has been an increasing liquor consumption, and an increasing crime rate as well. The American Business Men's Research Foundation estimates that there were 25 million arrests for drunkenness, driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, and specific liquor law violations since Repeal. Arrests for drunkenness in 1947 were 197% higher than in 1932 (about three times as high).

FREE WORSHIP IN PAKISTAN

The right of an individual to choose his own religion was supported by the Pakistan delegation to the United Nations, during the course of the debate on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Sir Mohammed Khan, a Moslem, head of the Pakistan delegation, said, "Islam . . . claims the right and freedom to persuade any man to change his faith and accept Islam. Surely and obviously it must equally yield to other faiths the free right of conversion."

THE "CONFESSIONS" IN BULGARIA

Dr. Robert P. Shuler has a significant word to say in the April issue of *Methodist Challenge* regarding the Methodists, Pentecostals, and other Protestant leaders recently arrested in Bulgaria on charges of treason:

"While the fifteen ministers who were tried in Bulgaria all confessed to the crimes with which they were charged, it is now common knowledge that such confessions, universal throughout Russia, Hungary, Bulgaria and all Communist countries, are obtained by processes too fiendish and devilish to contemplate.

"Others have been accused of being the instigators of the treasonable acts for which the fifteen Protestant ministers were tried. None of these have confessed. All flatly and positively deny the charges. None of them have been doped, burned, caused to stand for hours on their toes with their hands tied to the ceiling above them. They are fortunately American citizens."

BEYOND AGNOSTICISM

Bernard Iddings Bell says: "Ours is a steam-heated, well-lighted, cunningly upholstered, warm-bathed era. With almost incredible ingenuity we ward off the bumps, plane the corners, 'escalate' the heights. From twilight-sleep birth to narcotized death we insist upon ease. In such a time people are not concerned for 'the sweet by-and-by.' The sweet now-and-now monopolizes their attention. Present comfort eclipses future salvation. Bunyan's Pilgrim does not stir their imagination. They would rather improve living conditions in the City of Destruction than flee from it. The Celestial City is not on their itinerary. This prosperity cuts the prayer nerve of the Church's life. A self-sufficient people have no inclination to seek assistance from without. If 'prayer is the Christian's vital breath' we see a breathless church on every hand."

AMBASSADOR Still Holds Interest

RUBY M. ENYART

● OUR GIANT 38-PASSENGER C-46 Curtiss Wright plane, the AMBASSADOR, has now completed three over-sea flights—two to Africa, and one just recently to India—but Pentecostal Springfieldians, especially General Council Assemblies of God headquarter workers and their families, C.B.I. students and faculty, and local pastors, have not yet tired of honoring the plane, the crew, and passengers with their presence on long-distant-trip take-offs and landings. I have heard a number say at various times concerning the influx on the airport on departure and arrival dates, "It will not last. It will get old," but thus far any waning of interest has not been perceptible.

I was present February 15, the day the AMBASSADOR took off on its last trip—the trip to India. It was damp and cold that day. There had been some precipitation and ice had incased the wings of the plane. Departure had to be delayed until the wings could be scraped clean. The weighing and stowing of equipment and baggage seemed interminable operations, but finally everything was in readiness, and the passengers and crew were assembled for the benediction. A benediction has been pronounced on the plane before each long flight. As prayers were offered and a farewell hymn was sung a solemn stillness settled over a good-sized crowd. Many seemed to be fighting tears. My impression was that only the joking of crew members a few minutes later spared some from having to resort to handkerchiefs. A strained look of one of the departing missionaries, who had been making a gallant effort to keep back tears, turned into a broad smile. When it comes down to the actual departure one must say that it is a sober occasion, but with the return of the plane there is happiness; yet, paradoxical though it may seem, with the happiness tears must again be fought. Why? Because life-drama at its best—a drama of sacrifice—is seen, and it touches to the core. One cannot look upon those missionaries coming home, knowing the sacrifices they have made—the sojourn away from country, relatives, and friends—without feeling deeply. Coupled with that, the realization that the journey is over and God has brought the plane home safely also tugs at the heartstring. "You know, I could hardly keep from crying," one remarked after watching the plane's arrival.

The AMBASSADOR was away on its India hop just one day less than six weeks. A northern route was pursued to India, with stops at New York City; Gander, Newfoundland; the Azores; Lisbon, Portugal; Tunis, Tunisia; Cairo, Egypt; and Sharja, Trucial Oman. More than half of the six weeks was spent in India, two conferences being conducted during the time with Gayle F. Lewis, Assistant General Superintendent, and Noel Perkin, Foreign Missions Secretary. The executives were returning home on the plane. They had preceded the AMBASSADOR to India, and with their stay in India were completing a tour of the East in the interest of missions. On the return trip a southern route was followed. Stops were

made at Masira Island; Djibouti, French Somaliland; Asmara, Eritrea; Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan; Kano, Nigeria; Roberts Field Liberia; Natal, Brazil; Belem, Brazil; Trinidad; and finally Miami, Florida whence the plane was expected in Springfield. A number of the passengers disembarked at Miami.

During the intervening time between the departure date of the AMBASSADOR, and the arrival date the weather in Springfield had taken a decided turn for the better. A strong wind was blowing on March 28, as another good-sized crowd waited for the plane to come in, but the mercury was soaring. Coats were

shed. Some even received sunburns. I was also present that day.

Word had been received that the AMBASSADOR could be expected around three o'clock, but on another return trip the plane had arrived early. The people were not taking any risk of being late for the landing as they had been before. They started arriving at the airport soon after lunch, there to mill about and visit until the plane arrived.

A little before three o'clock there was a blare from the airport loudspeaker, and everyone came to rigid attention. "The missionary plane, the AMBASSADOR is now over Spring-

Top, left to right, Gayle F. Lewis, Mrs. Gayle F. Lewis, Mrs. Noel Perkin, Noel Perkin a few moments after the arrival of the AMBASSADOR. The two executives had just finished a trip around the world.

Bottom, part of the crowd that viewed the AMBASSADOR'S landing on the return flight from India.



field, approaching the airport from the east," came the announcement. As one, everyone in position to do so turned his eyes eastward and strained for a first glimpse. Those not in position to see because of buildings made a dash for the airport lawn.

No plane that could conceivably be the AMBASSADOR was in sight at first, but as the crowd waited, and feverishly scanned the sky, a plane appeared. To me the plane seemed too small for the C-46, but others identified it. Almost immediately after the plane was spotted it began to swing to the north. There was a general exodus from the airport grounds to the runway, but before landing the plane made a wide circle of the airport.

The Central Bible Institute band, under the direction of Elmer G. Bilton, was present to welcome the travelers. During the long wait four numbers were presented: *Under the Double Eagle, Symbol of Honor, Jesus Shall Reign, and Onward Christian Soldiers*. Mr. Bilton had made the announcement over the public address system that when the plane came in the band would play the doxology, *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow, and Blessed Be the Tie*. The people were to sing, but in the excitement of the plane's arrival many forgot to sing.

Several minutes were required to signal the AMBASSADOR into unloading position after the plane had taxied up the runway, but finally the giant bird came to rest. The ramp was quickly brought up, and the door opened to reveal happy faces.

I noticed some ceremony as to which passenger should alight first, but it was not for

long. The crowd watched eagerly as the passengers appeared in the doorway of the plane, there invariably to pause to search the faces in the crowd below before making the descent. Relatives and friends of the passengers and crew gathered close to the ramp.

Two or three times I thought all the passengers were off the plane only a moment or so later to see another appear. Some of the missionaries who had quit the plane at Miami were expected to come on through to Springfield. There were those in the crowd who were plainly disappointed, but for the most part it was a time of great rejoicing.

It was not until the very last person was off the plane, and much of the baggage was unloaded that the faithful crowd seemed satisfied.

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Since the AMBASSADOR has been in operation a great number of missionaries have been saved days and even weeks of travel time. Exhausted ones on the field are quickly brought home, and fresh recruits are hurried to the field to fill the vacancies and to establish new outposts. The AMBASSADOR has been of inestimable value in stepping up the missionary program. In addition it has been a means of strengthening bonds between our fellowship and Pentecostal fellowships of other countries. Many Pentecostal groups have been encouraged with the visit of our plane and our representatives. It has been only through the co-operation of the entire Pentecostal family here in the United States that such service, and such inspiration has been made possible.

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Protection on Trip

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Bolton, Southwest China

● WE HAVE JUST RETURNED to Kunming after a long trip of one thousand miles to Wei Hsi on the Tibetan border, where we formerly were stationed. We went to Wei Hsi in response to an invitation of the Lisu and Chinese of Wei Hsi to visit them and to hold a convention.

Three hundred miles of the trip each direction was made in our car; the other two hundred miles with horses. The road over which we traveled by auto was rough, and winding. There were mountains of nine thousand feet elevation to climb.

At the terminus of Shih Kaan on the way to Wei Hsi we met some Wei Hsi and Tibetan horsemen who offered to furnish us with horses to take us the rest of the journey. It was a ten-day trip on the horses as we could average only about twenty miles each day. Tibetan caravans were coming and going over the route with their merchandise.

A number of the Tibetan, Chinese, and Lisu Christians came to meet us. We had not seen them for eight years. It was good to find that they, and other Christians at Wei Hsi were still trusting in the Lord.

It was with sad hearts that we stood by Katherine Lewer's grave during our visit. Her father, who gave his life for the people twenty-five years ago, and our baby son are buried alongside Katherine's grave.

Our two daughters, who accompanied us on the trip, were born in Wei Hsi. It was a pleasure to them to be back to the place where they were born.

Upon our arrival at Shih Kaan, where we had left our car, on the trip back to Kunming, we heard rumors of Communist activity along the Burma Road. God had given us the text, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." Psalm 112:7. So trusting the Lord to take care of us we started out. God's hand was upon us. At one place we had to clear the road of branches and piles of earth. Robbers had placed the obstructions in the road to stop traffic, but we were not disturbed. Another time ascending a high mountain we suddenly drove into a heavy fog. We were puzzled as it had been bright and clear. After an hour or more of driving we arrived at Sandy Bridge. Trucks were parked there. The drivers were afraid to travel the road over which we had just come because robbers were reported to be on top of the mountain. When we learned that we understood the purpose of the fog.

Our missionaries' children's school started last week with twenty-eight enrolled. It is a busy place here now with the twenty-eight children, guests, and people coming in and out all day.

Remember all of us in prayer that we will not have to leave China. These are days of nervous strain, but the Lord is able.

Twenty Leaders of Advance

● THE 1949 MISSIONARY ADVANCE program was profitable to the Foreign and Home Missions Departments, also to The Missionary CHALLENGE. As the funds received are applied to the ten projects of the ADVANCE program many will be blessed.

It was stated by Foreign Missions Secretary, Noel Perkin, on the phonograph record mailed to our churches that the names of the twenty churches having the largest ADVANCE offerings would be published. We are submitting below the names of the twenty leading churches as of April 15. The co-operation of our churches in the ADVANCE program is greatly appreciated.

Church, Pastor, Address	Amount
Magnolia Park Assembly, E. M. Yeats Houston, Texas	\$ 3,798.09
Full Gospel Assembly, A. W. Erickson Maywood, California	980.13
Bethel Temple, R. Carrington Turlock, California	760.66
Central Assembly, E. A. Balliet Springfield, Missouri	620.26
Gospel Tabernacle, H. P. Holdridge Hope, Arkansas	516.00
Bethel Temple, P. J. Emery Dayton, Ohio	405.90

Glad Tidings Temple, L. R. Keys San Francisco, California	384.61
Christian Assembly, E. L. Phillips Zion, Illinois	370.45
First Assembly of God, A. M. Alber Sioux City, Iowa	298.30
Assembly of God Church, C. H. Asher Bartlesville, Oklahoma	223.00
First Assembly of God, N. Davidson Portland, Oregon	216.00
Highway Mission Tabernacle, W. S. Bragg Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	208.50
Assembly of God Church, L. D. Dickinson Lincoln, Nebraska	200.35
Gospel Tabernacle, H. A. Hamilton Alton, Illinois	200.00
Evangel Temple, R. F. Ashworth Seattle, Washington	188.31
First Assembly of God Church, D. P. Holloway Cincinnati, Ohio	177.36
First Assembly of God, E. R. Foster Amarillo, Texas	172.00
Assembly of God Church, W. P. Steelberg Escalon, California	163.00



WESLEY R. STEELBERG

National C. A. Director

The majority of us are very much alike in our human tendencies. Among other similarities we have this in common, that we are not too greatly concerned over that which does not affect us personally or touch any of our immediate loved ones. So the fact that thirty-one District C. A. Presidents and several other youth officers assembled at Springfield, Missouri, for a youth leaders seminar and conference might not interest you were we not to tell you that it may result in a mighty youth awakening that will reach into your church and home. It may bring salvation to your boy and girl, if they are unsaved, as well as inspire all those who are saved to do even greater things for God than have ever been attempted before.

These enthusiastic youth leaders gathered for the sessions felt the atmosphere charged with the presence of God; and though they were solemnized by the consideration of weighty matters affecting the evangelization of tens of thousands of the young people of America, they were also conscious that their dependence was wholly upon God who alone can give wisdom, inspiration, and skill. There was definitely a Pentecostal touch upon the meeting; in the midst of discussion and instruction there would be a burst of praise, and the whole group would become lost in worship and spiritual rejoicing.

Amidst such an atmosphere you can readily understand that they would be inspired to lay plans for greater youth camps, more glorious C. A. Conventions, and a determined effort to reach the teen-age youth who are slipping through our fingers to such an appalling degree that only a small percentage are preserved to our churches and the cause of Christ.

Your District C. A. President may have been merely one of the younger ministers who was chosen to fill a place of leadership among the young people. But he has a very responsible post to fill; and he is striving continually to avail himself of knowledge and understanding in the realm of youth leadership so that he may promote a youth program which will encourage and develop the Christ's Ambassadors of your district, until they as individuals and also as a body become a powerful spiritual vehicle for the perpetuation of Pentecost in our movement. He needs your prayers, your interest, and your co-operation.

The purpose of the Conference was to provide an intensive concentrated program of inspiration, information, and instruction. Outstanding leaders from among our executive brethren, our Bible school instructors, and leading ministers gave freely of their time, and out of their great fund of wisdom and experience they presented

prepared messages dealing with such subjects as Missions, Youth Counseling, Public Speaking, Youth Camps and Conventions, Radio Technique, Gospel Advertising, and many other highly instructive and intensely profitable matters. All of this took hours of preparation and careful planning; but every one who contributed felt it was well worth the while to encourage and assist our youth leaders, that they in turn might be prepared to kindle such a fire of revival ere Jesus comes that the young people of our whole nation may be stirred.

The Presidents were so moved by the inspiration of the various addresses and reports that they set a goal of \$200,000 as the missionary objective for the C. A. Speed-the-Light project for this year, and it is their purpose to have raised an over-all total of one million dollars for Speed-the-Light by 1951, if Jesus tarries.

We appeal to our district officers, our pastors, and all our beloved constituency to take time to interest yourself in the youth program of your district. It will pay you dividends of untold blessing; and if you can encourage your District C. A. Officers in the promotion of a wide-awake, thoroughly Pentecostal program in your home district, you may reap a greater harvest of souls than you can now conceive or imagine.

GOD SO LOVED . . .

Norman McLeod tells the story of a Highland mother, a widow, who took her babe and started to walk across the mountains, some ten miles, to the home of a relative. A terrible snow-storm suddenly fell upon the hills, and little by little the mother's strength failed. Next day, when men found her body, it was almost stripped of clothing. Her chilled hands had wrapped her own clothing about the child, which was found in a sheltering nook, safe and sound.

Years afterward, the son of the minister who had conducted the mother's funeral went to Glasgow to preach a preparatory sermon. Somehow he was reminded of the story he had often heard his father tell. Instead of preaching the sermon he had prepared, he simply told the story of the Highland mother's love.

A few days later, he was summoned to the bed of a dying man. "You do not know me," said the man. "Although I have lived in Glasgow many years, I have never attended a church. The other day I happened to pass your door as the snow came down. I heard the singing and slipped into the back seat. There I heard the story of the widow and her son."

The man paused; his voice was choking; his eyes were filling. "I am that son," he sobbed at last. "Never did I forget my mother's love, but I never saw the love of God in giving Himself for me until now. It was God who made you tell that story. My mother did not die in vain. Her prayer is answered."

HE KEEPS US

Most people think the gospel is an invitation to do something for God. There could be no greater mistake. A drunkard, very conscious of his weakness and helplessness, was urged by a lady to sign the pledge and keep it. "But," cried the distressed man, "I don't want something to keep! I need something to keep me!" Thank God, he soon did get, not something, but Someone who kept him—that Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, of whom it is said, "He is able to keep."—*Sunday School Times.*

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GOD MOVING ON AMERICAN INDIANS

The greatest moving of the Spirit of God among the American Indians ever known to us, is occurring at the present time. Response on the part of the Indian people is so marked because in general the Indians have been very slow to comprehend God's great provision for their salvation, and likewise unresponsive to gospel teaching.

Through the years some have come to a saving knowledge of Christ as Savior, and some have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, beyond any revival which we have known among the Indian people, reports are coming to us from practically all of our Indian fields, telling of unusual blessing and power from God in the services on the reservations.

GREAT CONFERENCE IN ARIZONA

One of the greatest outpourings of the Holy Spirit among the Indians was witnessed a few weeks ago at the Regional Indian Conference among the Apaches at San Carlos, Arizona. Besides the local congregation, groups of Indians came from surrounding reservations. From the very first day of the conference, about two hundred Indians crowded into the San Carlos Apache church. God came down among them in power in the first service, and the altar was filled with seekers.

For five wonderful days the Indians drank in the Word of God and yielded themselves to the moving of the Holy Spirit. Ten were gloriously baptized with the Holy Ghost during the conference. Of special note was the number of Indian men who sought the Lord most earnestly. The men's prayer room was full after every service, as was the women's prayer room.

A delegation of twenty Apaches with their pastor came from the new church at Whiteriver, and smaller delegations came from other Indian congregations. The services were conducted by the Home Missions Secretary with the assistance of some of the brethren of the Arizona District and missionaries.

REMARKABLE PROGRESS AT WHITERIVER

The Apache church at Whiteriver, Arizona, reports 113 in Sunday School, and a fine congregation of Christian men and women—all this the outcome of a tent meeting two years ago.

Brother and Sister Suhl first began to work among the Indians on the reservation at Whiteriver about four years ago, ministering to them individually and inviting the interested ones into their trailer house for further teaching. Within two years the crowds were coming to hear the Word of God, and in the absence of any shelter for them, they sat or stood in the yard in front of the trailer. The Home Missions Depart-

ment provided a tent for them, and a year later the Indians began building their own church. Now their church is finished, and already filled with fine Christian Apaches, many of them filled with the Holy Spirit.

SPACE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Three rooms which are greatly needed for Sunday School classes are now being used for living quarters. In order to make this space available for the rapidly growing Sunday School, Brother Suhl and the church people are undertaking to build a simple parsonage. They will need a little help.

In view of the marvelous way God has blessed these Indians and raised up this fine Apache congregation which is growing so rapidly, we feel sure some of our Evangel readers will be glad to give them a little lift by sending an offering to help them erect the parsonage. We must act quickly, and provide materials for them while they have men available to donate the labor. Kindly send your offerings, desig-

nated for the Whiteriver Apache Parsonage, to the Home Missions Department. We will forward to them 100% all offerings which come in for this purpose, and missionary credit will be given.

ON OTHER RESERVATIONS

From Stone Lake, Wisconsin, our three lady missionaries report a ten-day revival with great blessing from God resting upon the Indians. Seven were saved and two reclaimed during the meeting. The girls report a full schedule, as follows: "We have two prayer meetings here, and also our children's services in New Post every week, besides our regular weekly services here, and in Round Lake."

From Van Hook, North Dakota, P. C. Peterson reports good results, and also thirty Indians out to services at a new mission station.

Norman Rehwinkel, at Gresham, Wisconsin, rejoices in a new awakening among the young people of his Indian congregation, and mentions that testimonies are ringing with sincerity.

MORE REVIVAL FIRES

From Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Clarence Washburn writes as follows: "Holy Ghost fires are burning on several reservations around Phoenix, in the Indian homes and in the churches. Five received the glorious Baptism of the Spirit here in Phoenix last Sunday. One was a dear Apache brother; one was our Pima woman's husband; also their two daughters, and Brother Johnson's daughter. Another one of his girls was very near being filled, and an Apache girl was refilled. Two were saved—one a Hopi Indian and the other a Yavapi.

"We had our Friday night prayer meeting in the McGinnis home. She had the room arranged like a little church, using her wash benches and boxes for seats. There are about 35 in the McGinnis compound. Also there were their friends from the Sacaton Reservation, and the Lehi Reservation, or the Maricopas. The Lord surely saved a worker when he saved Sister McGinnis."

The Lord's Healing

HEALED OF STOMACH ULCERS

I had stomach trouble for twenty years. I had been treated by doctors in Mississippi and Alabama. After moving to North Carolina I grew steadily worse. Again I was under the best of doctors. X rays that I had made of my stomach revealed the scars of many ulcers that had been healed, but always others had appeared.

As my condition became worse, I could hardly stand the diet of milk and soup that I was on. Each night I had to take medicine six to eight times to get relief. For the last two years of my illness I had hardly a moment free from pain.

Early in 1946 the Assembly of God church in Valdese, N. C., was organized. I was invited to visit the church, and did so; I continued to attend, and became a member. Here I heard the full gospel of Jesus Christ preached.

Much was said of Divine Healing. I had given up all hope that any doctor could help me, and I was glad to know that God has promised healing in His Word. I asked prayer, and spent more time in prayer myself.

One night about April 1, 1948, after retiring, I went to sleep praying and fully trusting in God. When I awoke the next morning I knew I was a well man. Since then my diet consists of anything I wish to eat, and I can sleep through the entire night. My health has been restored, and my faith in God is stronger. I shall always praise Him as being the all-sufficient One.—C. D. Bedford, Box 52, Valdese, N. C.

(L. B. Dickson, Jr., one of our Assemblies of God ministers, has endorsed this testimony. He states: "The account of this healing is true. It transpired during our ministry as pastor of the Valdese church.")

HEALED OF HERNIA

For many years I was afflicted with a hernia, and could not work without wearing a truss. Last fall the hernia became constantly worse, and I fervently prayed God to heal me. I had been prayed for many times



Upper left: Our Home Missions Director, Fred Vogler, with New Testament in hand talks with an Apache Indian warrior ninety-four years of age, at San Carlos, Arizona. **Upper right:** A group of fine Apache Christian mothers with their babies. **Below:** Conference group at the Apache church on the reservation at San Carlos.

through the years, by various servants of the Lord, but it seemed the Lord's time had not yet come to heal me.

Then one evening, about December 1, 1948, as I was praying, the Lord suddenly touched me, and instantly and completely healed me. I have not worn the truss once since. I took a construction job requiring very heavy lifting; but, glory to God, He has so strengthened the membranes that His healing stands every physical test. I give all praise and thanksgiving to Him who washed me from my sins in His own blood, and who daily crowns me with His mercies and blessings.—Robert L. Taylor, 180 Nutley St., Ashland, Oregon.

(This testimony is verified by Brother Taylor's wife.)

Among the Assemblies

CLEVELAND, TEXAS—We just closed a 3-week revival meeting with the Franklin Evangelistic Party of Dallas; O. A. Franklin in charge. Over 50 were saved, and 21 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4. Our Sunday School broke all attendance records during the meeting, and over a thousand dollars for a new church was received in one offering.—J. W. Stafford, Pastor; by Mrs. H. C. Walker, Secretary.

CONCORDIA, KANSAS—God has graciously visited Bethel Assembly with a real moving of the Holy Ghost. We have just closed a 4-week meeting with D. C. Branham as the evangelist. Seventeen were saved, 7 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and a large number refilled. God moved in such power that confessions and restitutions were made. Night after night, as our brother ministered under a precious anointing, hearts were moved and our altars were packed with those seeking the Lord.—Wm. D. Saunders Jr., Pastor.

HORSEHEADS, N. Y.—On March 27 we concluded a wonderful 3-week revival meeting here at the Glad Tidings Assembly. Bernard Bullock of Sodus was our evangelist. His messages were heart-searching. The Holy Ghost worked mightily in our midst. Backsliders were reclaimed, souls were saved, and some were refilled. All who attended enjoyed Brother Bullock's Bible teaching. Our congregation has been blessed and strengthened. As a result, we have a great vision.—Jos. F. Maisch, Pastor.

SPRINGFIELD, ORE.—Sunday evening, March 20, our church closed a 7-week revival meeting with G. W. Hooker as the evangelist. This meeting was preceded by a 13-week prayer revival, so our hearts were ready for the Lord to move through our brother's deep teaching ministry. Our young people were particularly stirred, as convicting power rested upon each service. Sixty were saved, and 57 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Twenty-three followed the Lord in water baptism on March 6. There were a number of definite healings. We feel that this was the most outstanding revival meeting our church has ever had.—Mrs. Ethel Manning, Secretary.

POCAHONTAS, ARK.—We have just completed a 2-week revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Tennessee. The Lord's blessing was upon the services nightly. Fourteen testified to salvation, and one received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. We had the largest crowds and best interest in general that we have ever had. The music, chalk artistry, and old-time preaching of Brother and Sister Ogden were enjoyed by all. The saints were greatly encouraged, and every department of the church was blessed.

We came here in 1942, and found a few saints who had a mind to work. We now have a good church building, and a 4-room modern parsonage. We have a fine group of saints. Our church is enjoying a steady growth in number and spirituality.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramsey, Pastors.

BUTTE, MONT.—God has made it possible through the splendid co-operation of the entire Assembly practically to double the Sunday School attendance during the past five months. We are crowded out for room. The attendance at the Sunday evening services has almost filled the church, and the Lord has answered prayer by saving souls.

On February 27 we began a 3-week revival crusade with Evangelist and Mrs. Guilford Mandigo of Bismarck, N. Dak. The meeting was blessed of the Lord to the salvation of several young people and one adult. The church was almost filled every service night, and according to the visitor cards which were handed out at every service, over 60 new people attended. Several testified to having been definitely healed during the meetings.—Elmer M. Trygg, Pastor.

PASADENA, TEXAS—On January 22 we began having prayer in our church each evening. There was real interest from the beginning. Each night the church was stirred still more, and the interest grew. A revival broke out, and God began to save and fill with His Spirit. These prayer meetings lasted two weeks. Then on February 6, Evangelist and Mrs. R. Von Kemp of Russellville, Ark., began a meeting with us. They were here for 6 weeks in one of the greatest revivals the church has ever witnessed. From night to night God poured out His Spirit. Many nights the evangelist did not preach. No two services were alike. Over 65 persons were saved or reclaimed, and 56 were filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance reached an all-time record, there being 351 present.—J. B. Brumbelow, Pastor.



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BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS—We have had a very successful revival meeting with Evangelist D. R. Bates of Dawson, Okla. During the six weeks of the revival, many were saved and filled with the Spirit. Several testified to being healed. The ministry of Brother Bates proved a great blessing to our church.—Forrest M. Lewis, Pastor.

COOLIDGE, ARIZ.—We are praising God for blessings received in a 3-week revival meeting with Evangelist O. E. Carter and family from Willmar, Minn. A number were saved, healed, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Sunday School attendance reached an all-time high of 135. We certainly appreciated the anointed ministry of Brother Carter and the inspirational singing of the family.—William Snider, Pastor.

STAR CITY, ARK.—In February, Evangelist Fern Huffstutler was with us in a service at the Hickory Grove Assembly of God. Despite the bitter cold, the church was filled and some were standing up. Many were healed, and the glory and power of God came down.

On March 13 we concluded a 2-week meeting with Evangelists Margaret Vann and Frances Moss. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Young people came to the altar almost every night, backsliders were reclaimed, and the saints were made to see the need of a deeper consecration.—C. E. Doan, Pastor.

KING CITY, CALIF.—The "Youth Evangels" concluded a 2-week revival meeting here on March 6. Three accepted Christ as their Savior, and two received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Lord used each of the three workers in bringing the Word of God, and inspiration in song, to the congregation.

Since our coming here in November of last year, 10 have been saved, and 7 baptized with the

Holy Spirit. Seven have followed the Lord in water baptism. People were saved in our Tuesday night Bible studies and in our regular Sunday services. The Lord is still blessing in our church and others have found Christ. The Sunday School attendance has doubled. We praise God for answering the prayers of His people.—Lee Trowbridge, Pastor.

DOROTHY, W. VA.—After spending over a year in evangelistic work, we felt led to return to our former pastorate upon the invitation of the church, and came back here the first of December. Since that time we have experienced the blessings of the Lord in most wonderful ways. We began a meeting on March 13 with A. C. Trimble, former Superintendent of the Kentucky District. A number had been saved just prior to the meeting, and during the two weeks of our brother's stay some 35 came to the altar for salvation, and 10 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School record was broken with 307 in attendance on the last Sunday of the meeting, and 25 followed the Lord in water baptism. We feel that every department of the church was blessed and built up through the ministry of Brother Trimble, and give the glory to the Lord for His blessings.—Pastor and Mrs. W. Glenn West.

CARUTHERS, CALIF.—We accepted the pastorate here in August, 1948. We found a fine group of people who were hungry for God. In November we had a revival meeting with Mrs. C. M. Hazelrigg of Ada, Okla. Her heart-searching messages from the Word of God stirred up the people, and the God-given illustrated messages made holiness and the deeper life so plain that folk really began to pray. God commenced to save souls and fill people with the Holy Spirit. The revival continued after Sister Hazelrigg

left, and people found God in our regular services. Our Sunday School was built up to around 200.

In February we called Evangelist J. G. Garland. He was with us for 6 weeks. Around 34 came to the altar for salvation, and 35 received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. Men who had been in the church for many years received the Baptism. There were several definite healings and demons were cast out in the name of the Lord.—Ronald C. Davis, Pastor.

FRANKSTON, TEXAS—We began our revival meeting the last night of 1948 with a watch-night service, Vera Holmes of Granbury was our evangelist. Our special meetings lasted one month.

The first week there were no visible results. Through fasting and prayer the powers of darkness were driven back. The first night of the break-through, 4 received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. God stretched forth His hand to heal. From then on, night after night, souls were saved or reclaimed, and believers filled with the Holy Spirit. One night 13 received the Baptism, and 7 were saved. The next night 12 were saved, and 7 were filled with the Holy Spirit. In all, about 40 were saved, and 57 received the Baptism.

It has been a month and a half since the meetings closed, and folk are still being saved and filled. Two were filled with the Spirit Sunday night.

Our Sunday School is growing and the attendance at our C. A. service on Wednesday night is as large as at the regular service. One sister has answered the call to preach, who had been called seventeen years ago. She has started prayer meetings in a little country church. The first night the house was packed out, and one man was saved and received the Baptism. Two of our young women have answered the call to preach, and our newly elected C. A. President is doing some preaching. The project of the C. A.'s and the WMC for a dining-room and rest room is almost complete.

At the out-stations all previous records have been broken in Sunday School.

On a Sunday night 37 new members were taken into the church.—Pastor and Mrs. R. L. Tumlinson.

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.

COLUMBUS, GA.—Riverview Assembly of God; April 24, for 2 weeks or longer; M. W. Wilson, Granite City, Ill., Evangelist.—W. T. Johnson, Pastor.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Calvary Pentecostal Church, May 8—29; Fred Numrick, Springfield, Ill., Evangelist.—Phillip G. Barnard, Pastor.

LINCOLN, NEBR.—12th and D Sts.; April 26, for 2 weeks; N. D. Sheneman, Evangelist.—Lester W. Dickinson, Pastor.

CONRAD, MONT.—Assembly of God, May 10—22; Evangelist and Mrs. Bennie Harris, Fort Morgan, Colo.—Paul Willisroft, Pastor.

AUBURN, CALIF.—Full Gospel Tabernacle, 1443 Lincoln Way, May 3—; Floyd R. Hoole, Evangelist.—T. L. Mendenhall, Pastor.

AUSTIN, TEXAS—201-3 Chalmers, May 8—22; Martin B. Netzel, Evangelist.—Vernon E. Wilson, Pastor.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 6th and Fir Sts., May 8—; Evangelist and Mrs. Ernie Reb, of Dallas, Texas.—Gene Martin, Pastor.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—April 17, for 3 weeks; Bessie L. Fisher and Nell Gaines Cheek of Memphis, Evangelists.—W. T. Garner, Pastor.

AUSTIN, MINN.—Austin Assembly of God, Second and Grove Sts., April 19—; Oren Fuller of Faribault, Evangelist.—Wm. R. Kamppi, Pastor.

AJO, ARIZ.—April 19—May 1; Virgil and Edythe Warens, Evangelists. April 25—30; children's revival with the Warens.—D. Graf, Pastor.

CLEAR LAKE, WIS.—"Back to the Bible and God" Campaign; May 8, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. Emil Lindquist of Berlin, Wis. Peter Ohlin is Pastor.

DANBURY, CONN.—Pentecostal Tabernacle, 149 Deer Hill Ave.; May 8, for 2 weeks; Louise Nankivell of Chicago, Ill., Evangelist.—Godfrey Berggren, Pastor.

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ST. CLOUD, MINN.—May 1—15; Anna C. Berg, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Evangelist.—Fred R. Gottwald, Pastor.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—First Assembly of God, 218 W. Scott St., May 9—22; George G. Preslar of Munford, Evangelist.—E. Turner, Pastor.

MODESTO, CALIF.—Bethel Church, 15th and G Sts., April 19—; Floyd R. Hoole, Evangelist.—Donald G. Weston, Pastor.

GRANITE CITY, ILL.—First Assembly of God Tabernacle, 24th and Grand; meeting in progress; Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. Andrews, Seattle, Wash.—Hilliard G. Griffin, Pastor.

SISETON, S. DAK.—Gospel Tabernacle, May 1—15; Herman B. Pencovic, Superintendent of Hebrew Mission, Chicago, special speaker.—D. H. Waggoner, Pastor.

GIRARD, OHIO—Assembly of God, 240 S. Market St.; meeting in progress; La Dow-Henderson Evangelistic Party of Cleveland, Ohio.—George G. Martin, Pastor.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—First Assembly of God, 1084 E. McLemore, at Somerville; May 8—22; J. B. McIntosh of Nashville, Evangelist.—James E. Hamill, Pastor.

McALESTER, OKLA.—Assembly of God Tabernacle, Third and Delaware; May 1, for 2 weeks or longer; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn.—L. H. Arnold, Pastor.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Calvary Tabernacle, 2715 North Ave.; May 1, for several weeks; Fern Huffstutler, Evangelist. Early in the meeting we will move to Belden and N. Halstead building.—Loren D. Doss, Pastor.

LITTLE FALLS, MINN.—Sectional Sunday School Conference, Assembly of God, May 23, 7:30 p.m. Arvid Kingsriter, Host Pastor.—R. S. Peterson, Sectional S. S. Promoter.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Fortieth Annual Missionary Convention, Stone Church, 70th St. and Stewart Ave., May 8—22. Glenn Horst, guest speaker. Missionaries from Central and South America, China and Africa.—E. C. Sumrall, Pastor.

At the present time legislation is pending in Washington which will enlarge the scope of the Social Security law. The provisions of this new bill will give old age benefits to many who have never received them before.

Will ministers qualify for this? The answer is in the negative. Since most religious denominations feel that the principle of separation of church and state should remain intact, ministers will not be included in the enlarged Social Security Act. Thus the burden of old age assistance falls squarely on the shoulders of the church.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 1949

has been designated as the day when offerings for such a benevolence will be received in our Assemblies. The needs of this assistance are constantly growing. May we count on the support of every congregation in helping us meet this need? Send all offerings for this purpose to Wilfred A. Brown, General Treasurer, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Municipal Auditorium, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 8 to 15, 1949. It will open with a C. A. Rally on Thursday night, Sept. 8, and close with a grand fellowship meeting on Thursday night, Sept. 15. For information concerning accommodations, write J. A. Bogue, Northwest District Secretary, 817 E. 2d St., Seattle 5, Wash.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTIONS

Northwest District Sunday School Conventions: Kelso, May 9; Hoquiam, May 10; Kingston, May 11; Sedro Woolley, May 12; Seattle, May 13; Tacoma, May 16; Coulee City, May 17; Wapato, May 18; Walla Walla, May 19; Spokane, May 20. Afternoon and night meeting in each city. Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, National Representatives, will be the speakers.—Vernon W. Skaggs, District Representative.

PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE

Pentecostal World Conference, Paris, France, May 21—29. For hotel reservations, write Pastor Rene Fauvel, 26 Avenue Aubert, Vincennes, Seine, France. For other information, write David J. du Plessis, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bethel Tabernacle, 12th and C Sts., S.W., May 1—15; Stanley H. Frodsham, Editor of Pentecostal Evangel, guest speaker. Tourists are invited to visit our new location between the capitol and Washington Monument, facing the Agricultural Department, within two blocks of Smithsonian Institution and Bureau of Engraving. Write your Washington friends and relatives to attend these meetings. Mailing address: 230 12th St., S. W. (4).—Harry V. Schaeffer, Pastor.

MISSISSIPPI SPRING CONVENTIONS

Mississippi Spring Conventions: May 6—7, Waynesboro, South-Central Section. May 12—13, Greenwood, Northwest Section. May 16—17, Tupelo, Northeast Section. May 18—19, Meridian (Highland Park Assembly), Central Section. All licensed ministers and exhorters are required to renew their fellowship card at these Spring Conventions.—Jeff Gibbs, District Superintendent, P. O. Box 52, Laurel, Miss.

ALABAMA W. M. C. CONVENTION

The Women's Missionary Council of the Alabama District will convene Monday night, May 16, and Tuesday, May 17, at the First Assembly of God, Montgomery, Ala. All Sectional Representatives, Class Officers, and as many women as possible, plan to be with us. Sister J. R. Flower of Springfield, Mo., main speaker. For further information write Mrs. A. T. Hickman, State President, 301 Second Ave., Clanton, Ala., or Pastor Carl Perry, 24 Polk St., Montgomery, Ala.—Mrs. A. T. Hickman.

POLISH BRANCH FELLOWSHIP

The Fifteenth Annual Fellowship Meeting of the Polish Branch of the Assemblies of God will be held at the new church building of the Polish Branch Full Gospel Church, 12132 Conant, Detroit, Mich. These meetings will be open to the public and all delegates on May 27—28. All ministers requested to be present on May 26.

For further information write N. Stecewicz, Secretary, 18690 Hickory St., Detroit 5, Mich.

GEORGIA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The 16th Annual Georgia District Council will meet in Community House, an auditorium seating about 1,000, Bainbridge, Ga., May 10—12. Opening rally, Tuesday night, with Arthur Graves, President of SEBI, bringing the message. The school choir and quartet will render special numbers.

The District Board and other committees will meet at noon, Tuesday, for a fellowship luncheon and then draft their reports for the Council in the afternoon. All ministerial candidates will meet the District Board at this time.

For room reservations write Pastor Wm. Vaughn, Simms St., Bainbridge, Ga. For other information write R. C. "Keetah" Jones, District Superintendent, 848 Piedmont Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—We have accepted the pastorate of Bethel Temple, 12th and S. Boulder, Tulsa, Okla.—William A. Ward.

NEW ADDRESS—409 E. Hancock Ave., Tucumcari, N. Mex. "We have accepted the pastorate here."—Pastor and Mrs. E. R. Winter.

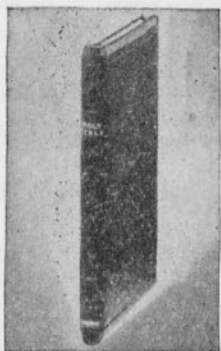
NEW ADDRESS—1028 Highland Park Blvd., Lorain, Ohio. "We have resigned the pastorate of the Assembly of God Tabernacle, Third and Chase Sts., Bridgeport, Ohio, and have accepted the pastorate of the Lorain Gospel Tabernacle, Lorain, Ohio."—Earl J. Hance.

NEW ADDRESS—"We are now located at 1304 Phelps St., Red Wing, Minn., opening a new work here. Will those having relatives or friends in Red Wing please send us their names and addresses so that we may contact them for God."—Walter and Viola Clifford, former missionaries to Ceylon.

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