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A striking air view of Seattle, Wash., where the General Council will convene September 8 to 15, 1949.

The SANCTIFICATION of the SOUL

● SANCTIFICATION IS not just a theory; it is an experience. No person can read the Word of God, and believe it, and not believe in sanctification. He may not agree with some as to just what the character of sanctification is, or as to just how it is received, whether instantaneously or progressively, but he *must believe* in sanctification if he believes the Word.

Since there is such a thing as *entire* sanctification there must be such a thing as *partial* sanctification; otherwise the term "entire" is redundant. And that there is such a thing as partial sanctification is apparent from the words of Paul, "The very God of peace sanctify you *wholly*; and I pray God your *whole* spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23.

Entire sanctification, it appears, consists in the sanctification of spirit, soul and body. The study of the trichotomistic division of human nature is indeed interesting, although it must be confessed that it is sometimes perplexing or even mystifying. That man is a tripartite being, however, must be conceded. If not distinctly taught, it is most certainly implied in many passages of the Word, and particularly in the passage above quoted.

At the beginning of human history God, the triune God, *Elohim*, formed man's body out of the dust of the ground, and into the body thus formed He breathed the breath of life, and man became a living soul. Gen. 2:7. This is the first passage in which there is an intimation that man is a threefold being. God made man's body out of the dust of the ground; so his body is earthly in its nature, and has to be nourished by that which grows out of the earth. Then God breathed into man's body the breath of life; thus man was given a spirit, which is to be regarded as an impartation more than as a creation. God imparted spirit unto man when He breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; thus man became a living soul. He became a living soul as a result of the impartation of spirit when God breathed into his nostrils. We must not, however, get the idea that the body came into existence prior to the soul. God has used language that we can understand. He always adapts His words to our understanding.

The account of the creation of man has been held up to ridicule. "Do you think," it has been asked, "that God got down on His knees, and took some dirt, and mixed it with water, so as to make mud, and then with His hands formed a mud

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man; and that He then stooped over and breathed into the nostrils of the mud man, so that he was made to live?" Of course we do not believe that. Somebody has expressed our thought of the manner in which God created man, thus: "By an act of divine omnipotence man arose from the dust; and in the same moment in which the dust, by virtue of creative omnipotence, shaped itself into a human form, it was pervaded by the divine breath of life, and created a living being, so that we cannot say that the body was earlier than the soul."

Man, then, is a tripartite being, composed of spirit, soul and body. When our Lord died upon the cross He died that man might be redeemed. He provided a perfect redemption, a redemption for the entire man. And the sanctification which has been made possible through the atoning sacrifice of our Lord is *entire* sanctification. But how many among us have availed themselves of only a part of the benefits accruing from the sacrifice Christ made! The benefits must be *appropriated* in order that they may be possessed, and enjoyed, and they can be appropriated only by faith.

Sanctification, as already stated, is an experience that is entered into; and which, having been entered into, must be lived: otherwise it will be but a theory or a dogma, and of very little practical value, if any. There are good reasons to believe that many among us who appropriate the sanctification that God has provided, appropriate it *in a measure only*, and so there are among us many who are only *partially* sanctified.

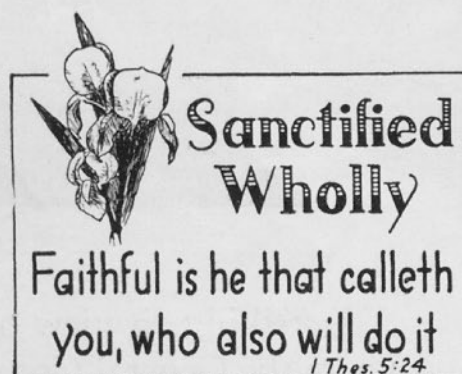
In what respect does man differ from an irrational animal? In that he has a spirit that has been imparted by God. But that we have much in common with irrational animals there can be no ques-

tion. It has been well said that "animals have something, which may be called a soul—that is, something besides a body—for they can love and hate; they can be pleased or made angry; they have various wonderful instincts, and they evidently possess memory." If the spirit of man were taken away from him he would be like one of these animals; he would then have what might be called an animal soul. It is this animal soul of man, as well as his spirit, that is in need of sanctification and that in so many of us is not sanctified.

Edward Payson was one of the most saintly characters of modern times. He discoursed upon 1 Thess. 5:23, and in the course of his sermon he said:

"What is commonly called natural temper seems to belong chiefly to the animal soul. I say, *chiefly*, for some of the passions which affect the temper, such as pride, ambition, avarice, envy, malice, and revenge, evidently belong to the spirit, or immortal part; for we are taught that evil spirits, who have no animal soul, are subject to these passions. But setting these passions aside, there is something in the natural temper or disposition of men which may be, and which indeed often is, called constitutional. In this respect different persons differ very widely, even from their birth. Some appear to be constitutionally timid, mild, gentle, quiet, affectionate, and yielding; while others are bold, boisterous, restless, irritable, and obstinate.

"In a word, some have naturally an amiable, and others an unamiable temper. Now that this difference of temper depends upon the animal soul appears, to say the least, highly probable from the fact that we find a similar difference among irrational animals, even among those of the same specie. For instance among the domestic animals, which are employed by man, there seems to be as great a diversity of natural temper as is found among human beings. Some animals are mild, quiet, gentle, and tractable. Others of the same species, are irritable, quarrelsome, and perverse. What renders it still more probable that the temper belongs to the animal soul is the well-known fact that it seems to be much affected by the state of health. Persons who, while in good health, appear to be mild, affectionate, and contented, will often, when assailed by disease, become peevish, fretful, irritable and querulous. This is especially the case with children, who are less careful than older persons to conceal their feelings. Now everyone will probably acknowledge that when the



temper is naturally unamiable and bad, it needs to be sanctified. When persons of such a temper profess to have become Christians, an amelioration of their temper is always expected. This is, perhaps, one of the first proofs of their sincerity for which their acquaintances look; and if it is not found, their professions are naturally supposed to be insincere."

It was the above passage which I have transcribed at length from the discourse by Payson that led me to meditate upon the importance of the sanctification of the soul, and also to see the reason why many of the Lord's disciples are not amiable, but manifest a disposition that is very frequently out of harmony with the mind of the Master who said, "I am meek and lowly in heart"—the Master who, "When He was reviled, reviled not again," and who has been characterized as "holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners." That each of His disciples should have a character such as He possessed there can be no question. As is evident from what has already been written, and from what each of us has observed as we have mingled with other Christians, and as we have looked down into the depths of our own hearts, there is a lamentable lack of conformity to the divine image, that image in which man was originally created, and from which he by transgression fell. The object of our Lord's Calvary sacrifice was that the divine image might be restored, that the old man, the old carnal nature, might be crucified, and that we might "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4:24.

The terms "spirit" and "soul" have been regarded by many as synonymous, but that the terms are not synonymous, and that God would have us recognize a distinction between them is evident from the Scripture which tells us that "the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of *soul* and *spirit*, and of the joints and marrow" (by which is meant the body) "and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Heb. 4:12.

The spirit of every unregenerated man is dead, "dead in trespasses and sins," and there must be a resurrection through the power of Him who is "the Resurrection and the Life" before the spirit that is dead can live. The spirit should be regarded as the part of man that is spiritual, the soul as the part that is natural. All natural affections, desires, appetites and passions are to be looked upon as soulish. The soul, by means of the body, has access to the outer world—and it has access also to the inner chamber of the being, the abode of the spirit, that inner chamber being, as al-

ready indicated, a death chamber in the case of the unregenerated man.

The tabernacle in the wilderness was a type of man. There was the outer court which represents man's body, the Holy Place which represents his soul, and the Most Holy Place (or "Holy of Holies") which represents his spirit. When the Divine Presence came, after the completion of the tabernacle, it took possession of that "Holy of Holies" and filled it. There was life there then, "the life that is the life indeed."

The sense faculties of the spirit have been listed as faith, hope, reverence, prayer and worship, but all the faculties and characteristics of man that are natural, or that man has in common with the animals that belong to the brute creation, must be regarded as soulish, or as belonging to the soul. It will be seen, then, how important it is that the soul be sanctified. It is not enough that life be imparted to the spirit, that man become alive spiritually—the soul, which is called in Scripture "the natural man," and apart from which it is impossible for the spirit to contact the outer world, or for the outer world to contact the spirit, must be

made a partaker of that life, and must be sanctified; otherwise the spirit will be shut off from communion with its Maker, and will die (or at least will cease to develop; and, at the same time, there will be many manifestations of the old man, the carnal nature, bringing much reproach upon the cause of Christ).

The subject is interesting. There remains much to be said, but space is limited. I will only add that the fact that many Christians often manifest certain characteristics of the natural man does not necessarily prove that they have not been born again, or that they are not real Christians, but rather that their souls have not been wholly sanctified. They may be sanctified Christians, but only partially sanctified. My prayer is the prayer of Paul, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Lord, thus sanctify us, and thus preserve us after we shall have been sanctified!

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Pray for the Coming General Council



The biennial General Council of the Assemblies of God will convene in Seattle's Civic Auditorium (shown above) September 8 to 15.

No doubt it will be a historic occasion, inasmuch as a number of vital matters will have to be decided.

The election of officers to serve as Executive Presbyters for the coming two years will be a serious matter, in view of Ernest S. Williams' statement that he wishes to retire from office. Brother Williams is now in his twentieth year of service as General Superintendent and he does not desire re-election. We should pray earnestly that God's choice for Brother Williams' successor in this responsible position shall be made known.

Another important matter is the growing number of aged Assemblies of God ministers and their families needing assistance from the Ministers' Benevolence

Fund. At present there are 120 families being helped, at a cost of about \$4,000 a month. But the number is increasing steadily, due to the growth of the General Council. In 1920 there were only 800 ministers in the Council, whereas today there are 6,159. It is easy to see that the cost of continuing this ministry of the Benevolence Fund will become a staggering burden in years to come, if the Lord tarries. We need an adequate plan for helping our aged ministers during that period of life when they are no longer able to continue in public ministry, and so this will be the first order of business when the General Council begins.

The Council will open with a C. A. Rally on Thursday night, September 8. There will be business sessions each morning and afternoon, beginning Friday; communion service Sunday morning; missionary rally Sunday evening; great evangelistic meeting every night, including Sunday. The Council will close with a grand fellowship meeting on Thursday night, September 15.

Pray much for this General Council. Pray that the will of the Lord shall be done in all things. Pray that this may be an occasion when gracious times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord to quicken His people and revive His work.

Offering the Sacrifice of PRAISE

● WHEN THE Lord Jesus was upon the earth, going about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, how little appreciation and gratitude were given to Him for all His services of love. At His birth wise men came and gave adoration, worship and praise; and wise are they who have been taught of God to give to the Son the worship and praise that are due to Him.

Ten lepers sought Him. Hear them, "Isn't that the One that is performing such astounding miracles everywhere? Why cannot we get our share? Let us shout out to Him and see whether He will not help us." And so they cried, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." He was indeed merciful to them and bade them go to the priest and show themselves. As they went, they were healed. Did they return and with grateful hearts express their overflowing thankfulness to the One who had given them such benefit? Only one of them—and that a Samaritan—did. Falling down on his face before Him who had so graciously healed him, this healed leper gave Him thanks.

How grieved must have been the heart of the loving Savior who had done so much for all of the ten, when He saw their gross ingratitude. He inquired, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" Expressing His amazement He said, "There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger." But to the grateful one He said, "Go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole"—and the faith that renders praise to the One who forgives all iniquities and heals all diseases, receives as a reward wholeness and holiness in spirit, soul, and body. Do you go back daily, and many times daily, to thank Him for all He does for you?

The Son of God received but little thanks and gratitude for His many acts of goodness and grace during His days of sojourn upon the earth. But it is written, "Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Sion." On the other side—the heavenly side—they have learned to appreciate the infinite sacrifice of Him who is alike the Son of God and God the Son. John heard the assembled com-

panies in heaven giving equal honor to Him who sat upon the throne and to the Son of God, God's holy Lamb. There in Sion the spirits of just men made perfect render to Him who gave the Son, and to the Son, their constant praise.

But whose is that remarkable voice that is heard above all in giving praise and worship and adoration to God the Father? It is the voice of the Son of God. After His Calvary sacrifice and burial, He was raised from the dead and was caused to ascend to the Sion that is above, and there He causes the courts of heaven to ring with His praises. Listen to Him as He says, "I will declare Thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee." Psalm 22:22; Heb. 2:12. And since



**I will offer to thee the
sacrifice of thanksgiving**

Ps. 116:17

we have been raised up to dwell with Him in this heavenly Sion (Heb. 12:22), let us constantly engage in the heavenly occupation of rendering our heartfelt praises unto the Father by Him.

And will not He who leads the chorus of praise in Sion above be in the midst of the congregation on earth to lead us to give true praise and worship in the Spirit to our God and Father? Let us obey our "Greater than David" as He bids us "Magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt His name together." Where two or three are gathered together He is in their midst, to train them to give glory unto our God in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

David the man after God's own heart, declared: "I will sing and give praise. Awake up, my glory (our tongues, which are our shame when we murmur, become

our glory when we praise); awake, psalter and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people." Psalm 57:8, 9. In another place he says, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Like David, command your soul and all that is within you to give constant praises unto God for all His daily load of benefits.

A father gives a special gift to one of his children. It has cost him much, but that gift is an expression of his love to his child. When he makes the gift he is delighted to see how pleased the child is with it, as it opens the parcel and handles the gift with pleasure and delight. But when the little one turns from the gift to the giver, and throwing its arms around the father's neck, says "Oh, Dad, I know it has cost you an awful lot; I do thank you with all my heart for all the love that is back of that gift; Dad, I love you ever so much; I think you are just the grandest Dad that ever lived," how the father's heart is thrilled by this expression of gratitude.

And don't you think our heavenly Father will appreciate a like expression of love and praise rendered to Him for all His loving gifts? He does not withhold anything from us. It is written, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Is He not worthy of thanks for this unspeakable gift? He surely has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. He has given us that most wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit, and it is through the blessed Spirit that we shall be able to constantly render worthy praise and thanksgiving unto Him.—S.H.F.

A STATESMAN'S TRIBUTE

"If asked *what* is the remedy for the deeper sorrows of the human heart, *what* a man should chiefly look to in his progress as the power that is to sustain him under trials and enable him to confront his inevitable afflictions, I must point him to something which in a well-known hymn is called 'The old, old story,' told in an old, old Book, which is the greatest and best gift ever given to mankind."—Wm. E. Gladstone, three times Premier of Great Britain.

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REBUILDING the NATION and TEMPLE

● ON MONDAY, February 14, 1949 the opening of the first Parliament of the restored Hebrew State took place. It was undoubtedly a great historic event in the history of the Jewish people, as well as of the world, and not of little significance to Bible-loving Christians who are interested in the study of prophecy. There are several interesting points in connection with the opening of the first national assembly in the re-established State of Israel.

1. The name of the Parliament is "Keneseth," meaning "assembly," the root of which is "konath," to gather or assemble. "Keneseth Haggdolah" means the Great Synod: "Keneseth Yisrael"—the Nation Israel. "Keneseth" was the name used for the legislative assembly when the Jews returned to Palestine from Babylon during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.

2. The date of the opening was February 14, which is the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, a minor Jewish feast known as Chamisha Asar B'Shevat. It is a Spring festival of the trees. On the 15th day of Shevat the sap begins to run in the trees in Palestine, and this is the signal of Spring, and an occasion of rejoicing for Palestinian citizens. To the Jewish people it was a significant date—the budding of the fig tree, the beginning of Israel's organized national life after the long, dark, cold exile in the dispersion.

The Christian will immediately think of the passage in Matthew 24:32: "Now learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors."

3. The scene of the opening of the Assembly was in the city of Jerusalem. It was in the "new" city, as the "old" city is at the present held under Arab control. While the all Jewish city of Tel Aviv is considered the provisional capital of Israel, yet the Jewish people will always consider Jerusalem as the chief city of the land of Is-

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rael, and will use all means to obtain and establish it as the capital of the new Hebrew State. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning," has assumed a new significance, a fulfillment of a 2,000-year pledge and dream.

4. The ceremony of the opening of the first Keneseth in 2,000 years, many Christians thought, would climax in religious fervor and ecstasy; but, according to the newspaper reports, while there was much joy, fanfare and jubilation, there was a minimum of prayer or recognition of the mercy of God and divine blessing. Frankly, it was a most disappointing omission on the occasion of such an important happening in the history of the Jewish people and of the world.

If any elaborate religious rites or ceremonies took place, the fact was strangely omitted in the Jewish Press. *Der Morgen Journal*, outstanding Orthodox religious Jewish daily in the world, merely reported that a traditionally dressed Orthodox Jew blew the ram's horn, and the President was received by a delegation of twelve members of the Keneseth. Some English newspaper reporters saw in this representation a symbol of the twelve tribes of Israel; but, unfortunately, there were only eleven Jews among them, the twelfth being the Arab member of the Keneseth, Muhammed El Sabi Sait Eldin.

Of the actual religious service in the

Keneseth it is reported that the Shofar (ram's horn) was sounded, and they "made" *Shechoyonu*, a blessing that is pronounced on novel occasions, feasts, or on partaking for the first time of fruit in season, a thanksgiving for having been preserved for the special event. The literal translation reads, "Blessed be Thou, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who hast (kept) us alive and sustained us and caused us to reach this season;" surely a minimum recognition of God from a people who have been brought up to recite thrice daily, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one," and "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength."

5. THE OATH OF THE PRESIDENT. The Speaker of the Keneseth, Joseph Shprinzak, turned to the President and addressed him, "President, we will now administer the oath on assuming your duties, and I will recite before you the text of the oath." Thereupon the President or "Nasi" stood up, raised his right hand, and repeated the following pledge. "I, Chaim ben Ozer Weizmann, as President of the new kingdom, swear loyalty to the land of Israel and its laws." Deputy Rabbi Zwebner then pronounced the above-mentioned *Shechoyonu*, and the Speaker of the Keneseth exclaimed, "Long live the President," upon which all present burst into clapping of hands.

6. The President began his address thus: "With the feeling of reverence (fear) for the Glory and Holiness I rise to open the constituting assembly of the State of Israel, the first Keneseth Israel

in our times in this eternal city Jerusalem. This is a great moment in our history. Let us thank and praise the God of Israel who by His grace gave us the privilege to see the redemption of our people after hundreds of years of troubles and sufferings." After this he gave a resume of the history of Zionism from its beginning to this eventful day.

7. The Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, took the oath of office, which was administered by President Weizmann in these words: "I pledge to be loyal to



THE JEW

Scattered by God's avenging hand,
Afflicted and forlorn,
Sad wand'ers from their pleasant land,
Did Judah's children mourn.
And e'en in Christian countries, few
Breathed thoughts of pity for the Jew.

Yet listen! Gentile, do you love
The Bible's precious page?
Then let your hearts with kindness move
To Israel's heritage;
Who traced those lines of love for you?
Each sacred writer was a Jew.

And then, as years and ages passed,
And nations rose and fell,
Though clouds and darkness oft were cast
O'er captive Israel,
The oracles of God for you
Were kept in safety by the Jew.

And when the Great Redeemer came
For guilty man to bleed,
He did not take an angel's name;
No—born of Abraham's seed.
Jesus, who gave His life for you,
The gentle Savior was a Jew.

And though His own received Him not,
And turned in pride away,
Whence is the Gentile's happier lot?
Are you more just than they?
No; God in pity turned to you—
Have you no pity for the Jews?

Go, then, and bend your knee to pray
For Israel's ancient race;
Ask the dear Savior ev'ry day
To call them by His grace;
Go, for a debt of love is due
From Christian Gentiles to the Jew.

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the land of Israel and I undertake to loyally fulfill my commission." This promise is evidently affirmed by the uplifted hand only. The same pledge was administered to all the members of the Keneseth.

The United Religious Party in the Keneseth, while third in strength, seems to have a strong influence, and is at the present aggressively demanding attention to the religious needs of the people of Israel. Just how much of their demands will meet with the approval of the majority in the Keneseth is difficult to foretell at this time. They are, however, vociferous in their demands for the strict observance of the Sabbath, and the introduction of ancient religious institutions.

8. THE SANHEDRIN TO BE RE-ESTABLISHED.

At a Conference of Orthodox Jews in New York, the leader of Hapoel Mizrachi (Orthodox Labor Party) in Palestine, Z. Sh. Shagai, called upon delegates to immediately petition the Palestine Rabbinical Synod "to convene a Sanhedrin, which shall, after 2,000 years' exile assume the highest religious authority in Jewry." The members of this Sanhedrin are to be the overseers of the religious conditions of Jews, not only in Palestine, but the world over. The speaker further said, "The Sanhedrin will, for the first time after 2,000 years in exile, have a real meaning in strengthening the Jewish religion, in restoration, and in solving problems which were neglected in the course of centuries during which it was impossible to convene a Sanhedrin."

9. THE TEMPLE AND SACRIFICE. Many Christians are watching hopefully to see what will transpire next in the State of Israel. At the present there is a great influx of Orthodox Jews. The several combined religious groups in Palestine, while only a minority in the Keneseth, are nevertheless an influential and strong element in the land. Among them are extreme zealots and religious pietists who are imbued with the spirit of the prayer book liturgy.

A Gentile cannot imagine what the Hebrew prayer book means to a Jew. Children are taught to recite the prayers as soon as they are able to pronounce the monosyllable "Da" or "Ma." Later in adult life they recite daily the morning (Shachrith), the afternoon (Mincha), and evening (Maariv) prayers; and, bye-and-bye, without any conscious attempt to memorize them, they have them indelibly in-

scribed upon their minds and hearts, so that they can recite them without looking at the book.

These prayers are part of the life of the Jew. The merchant unconsciously intones them as he straightens up the shelves in his store. The tailor chants them as he sews a garment, and the shoe-maker sings them and keeps time with his hammer as he mends the soles of shoes. For well-nigh 2,000 years pious Jews have recited prayers daily in the synagogue. Some of these prayers were intended as a vicarious libation unto God, instead of the daily offering for sin, which they could no longer offer because the temple was demolished, the altar destroyed, the priesthood abolished, and the nation dispersed in exile.

Prayer Substitutes for Sacrifice

At the morning (Shachrith) prayer, after a few recitations of contrition, the "Seder Hakorbonith" or Order of Sacrifices is read, with an introductory "Yehi Ratzon"—"May it be Thy will." It is difficult for a Bible Christian to fully appreciate the significance of a "Yehi Ratzon," for it is an "intention," or rather a substitute for an act of sacrifice, and a verbal apology for a material debt that cannot be repaid.

Most Orthodox prayer books begin with Exodus 30:17-21, after which the following "Yehi Ratzon" is recited. It is called "Yehi Ratzon" from the first two words in the prayer, and reads as follows, "May it be the will before Thee, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, to have mercy on us, and to forgive us all our sins, and absolve us from all our transgressions, and pardon all our iniquities, and build the holy temple speedily in our days, and we shall offer before Thee daily sacrifice to make atonement for us as Thou hast written in Thy Torah through Thy servant Moses from the mouth of Thy glory." They then read from the Book of Numbers, Chapter 28:1-8, and also Leviticus 1:11.

Then follows the "Yehi Ratzon" that is offered as an apology and substitute for the sacrifice: "May it be the will before Thee, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, that this reading be counted and accepted and pleasing before Thee, as if we had sacrificed the daily offering at its appointed time and in its proper place and according to its law. Thou art Lord our God before whom our fathers offered the incense of spices at the time the

holy temple stood, as Thou hast commanded them through Thy prophet Moses as it is written in Thy law."

This prayer is followed by reading Exodus 30:34-36, Exodus 30:7-8, and other passages from the Talmud dealing with the preparation of the incense, after which a third (penitential) "Yehi Ratzon" is recited which reads thus: "Creator of the world, Thou hast commanded us to offer the continual sacrifice in its appointed time, and that the priests shall be at their service and the Levites present at the chanting, and the Israelites in their position. And now on account of our sins, the holy temple was destroyed and the daily sacrifice discontinued, and we have no priest and his offerings, and no Levite with his chanting, nor an Israelite standing in his appointed position, and Thou hast said, "So will we render the calves of our lips (Hosea 14:2)." Therefore, may it be the will before Thee, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, that the prayer of our lips shall be accounted and received and favored before Thee as if we had offered the daily sacrifice in its appointed time, and stood at our appointed place."

The above mentioned "Yehi Ratzons" are prayers of confession and penitence. Now follows a "Yehi Ratzon" of intercession, and the form of petition for the restoration of the holy temple, and a definite promise that if the Lord rebuilds the temple they will resume the services of sacrifice in the temple "as in the days of old." This prayer reads, "May it be the will before Thee, O Lord our God and God of our fathers, to rebuild the holy temple speedily in our days; and grant our portion in Thy law, and there we will serve Thee in fear as in the days of old and as in former years."

Will the Sacrifice Be Resumed?

Now it remains to be seen whether Orthodox Jewry will fulfill the promise in the prayer they have recited for almost 2,000 years. Now that they have returned to the land of their fathers, will they rebuild the temple, will they reorganize the sacrificial services, will the Levites do the chanting, will the Israelites stand in their appointed place, and will the priest offer the daily sacrifice?

Many Christian people are thrilled with the thought that there is a likelihood that the temple in Jerusalem may be rebuilt in the near future. Wonderful as temple and sacrifice were in the past in the golden age of the Hebrews, and more wonderful as it may be in the future if it is rebuilt, the born-again Christian has yet a more amazing temple that was destroyed and was raised up again in three days—even Jesus Christ. *The great heresy of this age is religion without God, and Christianity without Christ.* It is the tendency now in many pre-millennial circles to look for the earthly Jerusalem and forget the heavenly Jerusalem. Some long to see the temple made by hands, reconstructed by the efforts of the Jewish people, caring little for the fact that it is referred to in the New Testament as a mere shadow of the true temple which is not made by hands of men.

The teaching of the New Testament, specifically the teaching of the Epistle to the Hebrews, directs Christians to Jesus Christ. He is the Author and Finisher, the Beginning and the End. Jesus Christ is the true Tabernacle and the only true High Priest to be de-

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Parents of America-- LISTEN!

Ernest S. Williams

on National Radio Hour, "Sermons in Song"

● FOR OUR message today we wish to quote from James A. Bryant, Director of the Christian Home League:

"We have, by our direct disobedience to God—by our failure to establish family worship and Bible reading for and with our children regularly—caused irreparable harm to our churches, our homes, our children, and our nation. As a result irreverent, unthankful, and unholy offspring have jam-packed our jails, peopled our penitentiaries, violated our laws, desecrated our homes, and dragged our nation to the very edge of the abyss of hell itself.

"We have denied the faith of our fathers because we have not taught it to our children. By default in this regard we have made sure that 37,000,000 young people under 25 years of age at this hour in America know practically nothing about the Word of God. This appalling ignorance of what God says about life, death, judgment and eternity, has left our young people adrift in this godless age of moral insanity without mental and spiritual equipment to chart or steer their course."

We quote also from Horace F. Dean, President of Christ for America:

"A recent survey in New York City showed that of one million young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five, 1% attend Jewish religious services; less than 2% attend Protestant services; nearly 5% attend Catholic services; while 92% are not being reached by any religious group whatever."

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is quoted as saying: "I want to direct your thought to the serious consideration of the rapid rise in crime. Like a tidal wave it is gathering momentum throughout our entire nation. Last evening I had occasion to study detailed reports on the extent of crime in eleven of our most important and largest cities. The reports were startling. Six of the cities reported an increase in murder ranging as high as 115%. Robberies in the same survey were reported to be 161% increased. Arrests for prostitution increased 357%, and drunkenness and driving while intoxicated increased 174% among girls under 18 in the wartime years."

We need not to quote more. Do these things not indicate that the only safeguard for our homes and families is a return to God and His gospel? Christ, who came to save the sinner, is also the Savior of the home and of the nation. God help us to throw off our carelessness. God help us to turn from

our unbelief. May we revive the family altar, teach our children the ways of the Lord, and earnestly pray that God will send a mighty revival. Is your home such as glorifies the Lord? When your family leaves home, will they always remember it as a place of benediction? Eighty per cent of what we call criminals come from unhappy homes.

Jesus turned the water into wine at a wedding at Cana. He frequented the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. He brought salvation to the home of Zacchaeus. He wants to bless *your* home. He has left this instruction to parents, "Bring up your children in the fear and admonition of the Lord," and, "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath." If your home lacks peace and happiness, unite with us in prayer as we ask God for His blessing.

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

RE-BURIAL IN ISRAEL

The remains of Doctor Theodore Herzl, founder of the modern Zionist movement, will be transferred to Israel this year and interred on Mount Carmel, according to his wishes. The news reminds us of Joseph's dying wish that when the children of Israel left Egypt they should take his bones to be buried in the Promised Land. Dr. Herzl died in 1904 and was buried in Vienna. There burns in the Jewish heart a flaming passion to reach Palestine—alive or dead.

SHADOW OF THE FUTURE



The Precious Blood of Christ

C. H. Spurgeon

● TWO SOLDIERS were on duty in the citadel of Gibraltar. One of them had obtained peace through the blood of Jesus; the other was in very great distress of mind.

It happened to be their turn to stand both of them, sentinel the same night; and there are very many long passages in the rock, which passages are adapted to carry sounds a very great distance. The soldier in distress of mind was ready to beat his breast for grief; he felt he had rebelled against God, and could not find how he could be reconciled, when suddenly there came through the air what seemed to him to be a mysterious voice from heaven saying these words, "The precious blood of Christ."

In a moment he saw it all: it was that Blood which reconciled us to God; and he rejoiced with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Now did these words come directly from God? No. They did, as far as the effect was concerned—they did come from the Holy Spirit.

Who was it that had spoken these words? Curiously enough, the other sentinel at the far end of the passage was standing still and meditating, when an officer came by. It was the sentinel's duty, of course, to give the word for the night, and with soldierlike promptitude he did give it, but not accurately; for instead of giving the proper word, he was so taken up by his meditations that he said to the officer, "The precious blood of Christ."

He corrected himself in a moment. However, he had said it, and it had reached the ear for which God meant it, and the man found peace and spent his life in the fear of God. In after years he was the means of completing one of our excellent translations of the Word of God into the Hindi language.

Who can tell how much peace you may give by only telling the story of our Savior. If I only had about a dozen words to speak and knew I must die, I would say, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." The doctrine of substitution is the pith and marrow of the gospel, and if you can hold that forth, you will prove the value of the precious Blood by its peace-giving power.

A SHAME!

There is buried in gold and silver plate and useless ornaments, within Christian homes, enough to build a fleet of fifty thousand vessels, ballast them with Bibles and crowd them with missionaries; build a church in every destitute hamlet, and supply every living soul with the Gospel within a score of years.—A. T. Pierson.



The San Luis Potosi Assembly of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Andres Sanchez, pastor, is in the upper left corner.

Congregation Outgrows Building

The San Luis Potosi Assembly of San Luis Potosi, Mexico has started a fund to erect a new church. It was less than two years ago that the present structure was erected. Now it is too small.

Two years ago there was no assembly at all in San Luis Potosi. That was before Andres Sanchez, a national Pentecostal minister, rented a hall for services and began to work among the people. The area is predominantly Catholic, so it was not long after the hall was rented before pressure was brought to bear on the

owner of the hall for renting to Protestants. Andres Sanchez and his small group of believers had to seek another place to worship. They decided to build. A dirt-block structure, plastered over, with a seating capacity of sixty, was the result. The building cannot be registered, so there is always a possibility that the government will declare services illegal.

The building now being planned will be considerably larger, and of material that will permit registration.

A Will to Help

Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Crouch, Egypt

● THE LAST DAY of February we moved from Cairo to Assiut to help in the Assiut Orphanage. The move was made at an opportune time as Miss Lillian Trasher, founder of the orphanage, has not been well since our arrival. At first she was ill from high blood pressure, and then she came down with influenza; however, she is much better now.

Assiut is about two hundred and fifty miles south of Cairo. Cairo has many modern sections. Living conditions there are similar to what one finds in some of our American cities, but Assiut is anything but modern. While Assiut has a population of possibly three hundred thousand, it can scarcely be called a city. It is more like an overgrown village. The orphanage is on the east bank of the Nile, and the city proper is on the west side of the Nile. A little suburban district of around three hundred population has grown up near the orphanage. The houses are made of mud-

brick, built directly on the dusty ground. The people of the district are of the peasant class, and extremely poor. They know nothing of sanitation. Buildings of the orphanage are also made of mud-brick; however, we do have tile floors, painted walls, and sanitation.

It is almost correct to say that it never rains here. Once in a great while a rain is swept south from the Mediterranean. Agriculture is carried on by irrigation. Irrigation canals are cut in all directions in Egypt.

One somehow picks up the tempo of the orphanage and moves with it. This past week we were away for a few days. Coming back we were made to realize just how fast the tempo really is, so sharp was the contrast with the outside. We were hardly inside the house when a veterinary arrived. He had come to see one of the cows. The cow was partially paralyzed, and could not recover, therefore, had to be shot—a minor tragedy, for the milk

was needed for the babies, and the cow was valued at \$300.

About the time the excitement died down over the cow a physician arrived to see the husband of one of the girls reared in the orphanage. The wife had been away from the orphanage for twenty years, but when trouble came to her home she brought her troubles to "Mama." Where else does a daughter go for help? Nothing can be done for the husband and father of five. He has what is called here "water on the stomach." The mother plans to reconstruct her life by moving back to the orphanage with her family.

Another daughter, who lives in the village, rushed in after the doctor had gone. Her two-year-old child had fallen from the housetop. Miss Trasher calmed the mother, examined the child, prayed, and called for the doctor to return to determine whether any bones were broken. Fortunately the child had just suffered a shock.

Thus it is here. From morning until night something is happening. It is a large family and many things can happen in a large family. Each member of the family has a background of woe. They came destitute, cast out, forsaken. All were in need of a home, care, and love. Here they find all they need and more. They find sympathetic understanding, and a will to help for the glory of God.

"Here Am I"

Gail P. Winters, Belgian Congo

● For five months I have been in Belgium studying French preparatory to going to my field, Belgian Congo. Martha A. Underwood is with me, and we will likely be sailing for Belgian Congo within the next two months as the missionaries there have indicated that they would like to have us as soon as possible.

Naturally most of us do not think of Europe as a mission field, and no doubt the Europeans would resent anyone working in Europe being called a missionary, but what a needy continent! In Belgium alone there are only about two hundred full-time Protestant workers, only ten or twelve of whom, we are told, are Pentecostal. What a challenge! A population of 8,300,000 and ten or twelve Pentecostal workers!

We feel almost guilty in leaving Belgium for Congo when there are far more Protestant missionaries and workers in Congo than there are in Belgium. And yet we feel Congo is the Lord's place for us. But we wonder why our young men and women at home do not catch a vision of this needy continent. There are young people graduating from our Bible Schools each year. It is certain the Lord has not forgotten this part of His harvest. The failure must lie in the lack of vision. I wonder how many pray with Isaiah, "Here am I; send me." Perhaps too many say, "Here am I," and forget the rest.

Missionaries to Congo are able to do so little for the Lord in Belgium during their short stay studying the language. They can distribute tracts and testify in the open-air meetings, but it is not much. May the Lord somehow bless the little we can do.

Will you join with us in prayer that laborers will be thrust forth?

An "Art" of Preservation

Elva L. Vanderbout, Philippine Islands

The Egyptian method of preserving bodies is said to be a lost art. Elva L. Vanderbout tells of another method of preservation that would be better lost, too.

● THE MOTHER OF ONE of our church members died last Friday. She was quite old, and I doubt if she ever really understood the gospel message; however, she requested that our young people sing at her home when she died. Yesterday we went to the home to pay our last respects. I wish that you could have been with us that you might better understand the conditions here.

We went part of the distance to the home in the station wagon, and walked the last lap down a steep mountain trail. As we approached the house from the trail we could hear people shouting. A large group had gathered, as is the custom here when someone dies. It is a festive occasion. The men were in the process of killing a pig when we arrived. Death feasts sometimes last two or three weeks.

Upon reaching the house we were taken immediately to see the body. I had been told a little of what to expect, but I must say that I had not been adequately prepared. The body of the old woman had been placed in a special-made chair. The elbows rested on the chair arms with the hands and forearms pointed upward. The body was nude to the waist. All the skin had been removed from the body, and in some fashion the body had been roasted—in order to preserve it, I was told, only it was far from being preserved. The woman had been dead for five days and had not been embalmed. The stench was so terrible I almost fainted.

Just in front of the body was a large pan. In the pan wood was kept burning day and night. The room was filled with smoke, but the people did not seem to mind the smoke. Someone stood by the body all the time to fan it. The fan was made of streamers from a newspaper fastened to the end of a bamboo stick.

While we were at the home a dinner was served. There was boiled pig, rice, sweet potatoes, and broth. As well as I could determine every portion of the pig must have been cooked with the exception of the hair which had been singed off. Even the blood was drained into a large bowl and later poured into the intestines, boiled, and eaten with great relish. Food was dished up on plates, and the plates placed on the ground for the people to claim. A number of dogs were moving around near, stirring up the dust. How happy I was that I was not offered a plate. Someone did ask if we had eaten. We could truthfully say that we had. A number of the people ate in the room where the body was processing.

The killing of the pig is quite a ceremony in itself. A "mediator" examines the liver. If it is not exactly as he thinks it should be another pig must be killed. It is just a trick to get plenty to eat, for actually all the pigs are eaten.

We spent five hours at the home. During our stay there I tried to get some pictures. I attempted to take a picture of the body, but I fear the room was too dark. I do not have a flashlight attachment for my camera. Twice when I stepped inside the room with the body I became sick, and had to leave.

At the request of the Christians we tried to have a service, but there was so much disturbance we had to give up the idea. A number of old men were sitting on the porch drinking liquor—gin and tapey. They were quite noisy.

As I was changing films in my camera I could not help but weep for these poor souls in darkness. It seems that the very air that we breathe is charged with the powers of Satan. The need is so great! Many are perishing without Christ. Please remember the Philippines when you pray.

I have moved to Tuding, which is about four miles from Baguio, and am now living right among the Igorots with whom we are working. My house is just across the road from the schoolhouse, and only about one hundred and fifty yards from our church property.

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One of our faithful national ministers, Juan B. Soriano, through X ray has been found to have a spot on his left lung. He will need much rest, and plenty of nourishing food to recover. If anyone would like to send some powdered milk, or money to buy milk or other food it would be a great blessing as Pastor Soriano can ill afford the needed items. The powdered milk costs \$1 a pound here in the Philippines. If powdered milk is sent it should be sent direct to Elva L. Vanderbout, Bethel Chapel, Baguio, Philippines. Offerings should be sent to *Foreign Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield 1, Missouri*, designated "Special" for Juan B. Soriano.

Missionary Aviation Council

International Aviation Convention Scheduled for Springfield, July 26-28

● THE GENERAL COUNCIL of the Assemblies of God will be host to an International Aviation Convention at Springfield, Missouri, July 26-28, this year, according to an announcement made a few days ago by Rev. Paul C. Hartford, Executive Secretary of the World Missionary Aviation Council. Representatives of mission boards, and aviation schools, private pilots, and others connected with aviation will consider problems, and possibilities for future development of global aviation in God's work at that time. There will be devotional sessions as well as business sessions. The program also includes inspection of the largest missionary

transport plane in present-day operation, the Foreign Missions Department of the Assemblies of God's AMBASSADOR, which has several transoceanic flights to its credit; and inspection and demonstration by delegates of late model light aircraft.

The Private Pilot Committee of the WMAC has sponsored three pilot fellowship meetings and dinners to date, looking toward the convention at Springfield, one in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; one at New Milford, Pennsylvania; and one at Detroit, Michigan. Other meetings scheduled are as follows: a special fly-in church service and picnic at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 4; a breakfast fellowship at Kansas City, Missouri, July 11; a dinner at Phoenix, Arizona, July 13; a gathering in Los Angeles, California, July 19; and a fly-in picnic and regional rally at Turlock, California, July 21.

Any (Christian) aviation society or school, private owner, pilot, mechanic, radio operator, person interested in becoming a pilot, or person engaged in any way in aviation may be a member of the World Missionary Aviation Council. The closing date for charter membership in the Council is July 1, 1949. Those interested should contact Rev. Paul C. Hartford, World Missionary Aviation Council, Winona Lake, Indiana. Many tangible benefits, especially to mission boards and private owners, can be derived for a nominal annual fee from membership in the WMAC.

Interested persons, whether members or not of the WMAC, are invited to attend the international convention in Springfield, July 26-28.

Mr. and Mrs. Balthasar T. Bard, Miss Palma Ramsborg and Miss Gwen Hansen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hansen, have arrived in the States from Shanghai. Two Norwegian women, Miss Aasta Thuen, and Mrs. Alvild Bjerva, who cared for the Shanghai Missionary Home for many months, have also arrived.

In the past our churches have been given missionary credit for all offerings sent in for missionary work, even when such offerings have been designated for non-Council missionaries. For some time many have felt that our reports should only indicate what is being done to promote our General Council missionary activities. The General Presbytery, during its last session, decided that in the future missionary credit should be given only for offerings sent in for our General Council missionaries and missionary work, or for projects in which we have a definite interest such as the work of the Bible Societies. In accordance with this decision, as from June 30, missionary credit will be given only for those offerings thus approved. We shall continue to forward offerings designated for non-Council missionaries as we have in the past, but no credit can be given on our records for offerings so designated.

THE PASSING AND THE PERMANENT

Compiled by Robert C. Cunningham

SOME POTATO!

Molly Lyons Bar-David in *Hadassah Newsletter*, tells of receiving a huge parcel from her parents on the Kfar Saba farm in Israel. "When I opened the parcel I gasped, for it contained just one huge potato weighing 17½ pounds," she said. "Not so many years ago that farm was half-swamp and half-desert!"

LAMBS FOR ISRAEL

Americans are supplying lambs for Israel. A news dispatch from Colorado says that lambs are being shipped to the new state from the U.S.A. Each lamb is sprinkled by a rabbi as it goes aboard the ship. The animals are to be the starting of flocks of lambs to be raised over there.

When the Temple is rebuilt and the sacrificing of animals resumed, the Israelis will need a great number of lambs. But God has provided the Lamb which He is pleased to accept as the Sacrifice for sin. John 1:29.

CIRCUMCISION IN ISRAEL

A news item from Tel Aviv, Palestine (recorded in *Alliance Weekly*) states that all male children of immigrants being brought into the new State of Israel will be circumcised at Government expense, by order of Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, if they have not yet been circumcised.

Circumcision may serve some political end, but it is circumcision of the heart that God desires, and in Christ we are "circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh." Col. 2:11.

"TELL ME MORE"

A young man, while purchasing some article of clothing in a Jewish store in Ohio, felt led to speak to the Jewish shopkeeper about Jesus Christ being the true Messiah of Israel. He was startled and overwhelmed by the sudden reaction of the storekeeper. "Thank God," said he, "that you speak to me about Jesus! Tell me more, for He must be my only hope. So terrible have my affairs become that I have repeatedly contemplated suicide, but something said, 'Wait, Jesus may prove to be your help.' But I knew not where to find Him. Now you have spoken to me of Him. Please tell me more."

THE EXODUS, A. D. 1949

The *Jewish Voice* (Los Angeles) compares the exodus of Moses' day and the one taking place this year. "The forerunners of the hundreds of thousands coming today traveled the desert miles by foot. Their descendants come across not only one border, but from all ends of the earth. They come by ship and by plane; they come to the Holy Land from Shanghai, from Aden, from Marseille, from Munich and from Casablanca."

The Jews believe that the rebirth of Israel is a fulfillment of prophecy, and some of them are looking for the Messiah to appear soon. Yet thousands of professing Christians go their way oblivious to the great prophetic events that are taking place—events that must be portents of the consummation of the age!

REACHING THREESCORE AND TEN

A life span of 67 years, a new high, is reported by the National Office of Vital Statistics on the basis of studies of 1946 death rates. Life expectancy at birth for white females is now 70.3 years, the first time that any group in modern history has reached the Biblical "threescore and ten." Psalm 90:10.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS

According to Bishop Ready, of Columbus, Ohio, the circulation of the Catholic press in this country reached a total of 13,495,580 in 1946-47. The Roman Catholics see the possibilities in the printed page, and use it to spread their doctrines and promote their projects. We ought to use it for the gospel's sake more than we do.

OPPORTUNITY IN THE ORIENT

Says General Douglas MacArthur: "America's frontiers are in Asia. We cannot abandon Asia to Communism any more than we can abandon Europe to Communism. As in the war, so in the peace, we must fight on both fronts. In spite of what has happened in China we still have a chance here (in Japan)."

"We have the unique opportunity of making the Japanese people into a good society. They have the old adage here—as Japan goes, so goes Asia. The history of the next 100 years, perhaps the next 1,000 years, may be decided here in the East. . . ."

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

According to *The Christian*, the principals of 90 Christian colleges and middle schools in East China met in Shanghai not long before the Communist armies entered, and in the course of their discussion they agreed that if Communists should ban religious teaching "Christian teachers must continue to preach the gospel through the testimony of their own lives."

To them the message to Smyrna would have real meaning. "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer," the Lord said; "be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.

MARTYRS IN CHINA

"We hear too little of the Chinese martyrs of today," says Thomas Cochrane, in *World Dominion*. "One day the veil may be lifted. Recently a Chinese helped a missionary and he was asked by the Communists, 'Are you a Christian?' 'Yes, I am,' he said. 'How did this Christ whom you follow die?' was the next question. 'He was crucified,' was the answer. 'Well,' said they, 'we will teach you not to believe in Him; you, too, shall be crucified.'"

"They took him and crucified him. Three days later his father came and begged his son's body to bury it. 'Are you also a Christian?' he was asked. 'Yes,' he replied. So instead of giving the old man his son's body they shot him on the spot. These and worse tragedies are taking place in China today."

A REAL PATRIOT

Chief Justice Brewer said: "This American nation from its first settlement at Jamestown to the present hour is based upon and permeated by the principles of the Bible. The one who is engaged in bringing this Bible to the people is a patriot. If it were possible for any organization or number of organizations so to take this Bible and send it through the land that its teachings and precepts could be brought home to the people, the results would be grander than all the victories won in all the wars since the beginning of time."

THE INFLUENCE OF TELEVISION

Moody Monthly, editorially discussing television, refers to an important preliminary survey conducted by *Tide*, one of the important magazines of the advertising industry. "The survey indicates that 80.9% of those who own television sets go to movies less than they did before they purchased the sets; 92.4% listen less regularly to the radio; 58.9% read fewer books; 48.5% read fewer magazines; and 23.9% read newspapers less. On the other hand, 72.1% of the owners of television sets have children visiting in their homes more frequently now, and 76.8% of the set owners have adults visiting them more frequently. This indicates that for the present, at least, television is already significantly changing the reading habits, living habits, and many other habits of those who have sets in their homes."

PRAY FOR THE FAR EAST!

"Events of the Orient are shaping quickly into the climax of the spiritual battle of the ages," writes a missionary. "In China, a great mass of people is being pulled or swept into the dragnet of blasphemous, godless Communism. How much or how little opportunity there will be for Christian witness in China has not been fully answered as yet."

"However, we know the attitude towards Christ by the Communist, and can be assured that if the gospel is preached in its purity it will be throttled and persecuted to the death of the Christian."

"Our job is to enter speedily the highways and byways, and compel them to come into the fold before it is too late. There are millions hungry for the reality of truth and life that can only be found in Christ Jesus."

IRRIGATION WITH SEA WATER

A startling discovery has been made at the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovoth, Palestine. According to *The Jews in the News*, the Jewish scientists have discovered the secret of removing the saline content of sea water. This will enable the Israelis to make great headway in irrigating the much-needed agricultural land in the presently barren Negev area. Its arid wastes will be speedily reclaimed; its old brackish or salty water wells can be used. It will now be possible to pipe sea water into the Negev desert and convert it for irrigation purposes. Huge groves of castor trees can now dot large stretches of the Negev and many other sections of Israel, producing sufficient castor bean oil for export!

The prophet told of the day when Israel would be regathered, saying: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." Isaiah 35:1. Has that day arrived?

MAN! USE BOTH OARS!



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These great fields of evangelism constitute a heavy responsibility for the National Home Missions Department, and FUNDS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED to maintain our present work, and to reach other untouched areas. Home Missionaries are dependent upon this department for support, and other workers are ready to go out when funds are available.

Appeals are coming to us constantly for just a little financial assistance or a small loan in order that a church may be erected in a new field. How much could be accomplished if we could give them a little assistance!

A small offering from each member of our fellowship, or a regular home missionary offering from each of our churches, would prove to be of immeasurable value toward the salvation of souls.

Please send your offering **SOON**. It is desperately needed!

PREPARING FOR ANTICHRIST

We of the United States must face the fact that we have been living through a revolution in this country during the past twenty years, and that the casualty has been the free enterprise system.

People still talk about America as though free enterprise were still our system. But a close study of our life will reveal the fact that we have abandoned free enterprise for what has been called safe enterprise. Our economy is no longer free in many respects. The Government now insures bank deposits against failure. The Government has put a floor on agricultural prices so that they are no longer free to go down. Most of the great manufacturing industries have price-fixing schemes of some sort in order to control wildcat competition. Under the Miller-Tydings Act, manufacturers are now permitted to fix the price at which their products can be retailed to the public. Patents are being used increasingly as the basis for widespread price-fixing. Monopoly and government supports have replaced free enterprise.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has been created to keep the railroads from being absolutely free enterprises. The Public Utility Commis-

sions do the same thing for the public utilities. The Aeronautics Commission now controls the air. Companies are not free to fly where and when they will.

Under the system that has now been adopted, the Government is required to put up more than a billion dollars this year to keep prices up at a moment when most people want them to come down. The producers want floors, but no ceilings. The consumer would like ceilings, but no floors. Free enterprise would allow prices to drop with a bang. Our present safe enterprise system will not allow it.

The Social Security Act has provided a floor under which the salaries of industrial workers may not fall, even during unemployment. For those who work, the wages and hour law has put a floor under wages and a ceiling over the number of work hours.

In our present prosperity the government is pumping more than \$40,000,000,000 a year into the economy, and this figure would rise ten billions more if State and local expenditures are considered.

All of these are simple facts of our present way of living. Biblically, the situation points to the time when there shall be universal governmental control. We doubt that our system

could survive another great war. The movement is so definitely set in the direction of domination that the nation has moved into it, often without knowing it, and with most people still using the language of a system which has been legislated out of being.

Ultimately, we know that no man will be permitted to buy or sell without the brand of Antichrist on his hand or forehead. The movement is in that direction in every part of the world, even in what was once our free enterprise system. Our great fear of depression is leading us to the framework for oppression.—*Revelation*.

On one occasion C. H. Spurgeon went into Scotland and stopped at a wayside inn. There he picked up an old worm-eaten Bible. He held it up between himself and the sun, and there was just one place that he could see the light clear through. One worm had begun at Genesis and eaten right through to Revelation. Mr. Spurgeon said, "Lord, make me a bookworm like that." Oh, that we all could just eat into the Bible a little section at a time! But if you study it word for word, you will be enriched. Word studies of the Bible are like picking up pearls and diamonds.—*A. C. Dixon*.

An Ancient Prophecy

Gentile Treatment of the Jews, and the Effects

W. E. VINE

● Just as God's earthly people, having finished their wilderness journeys, were about to enter the land of Canaan, a prophecy was uttered which has been fulfilled ever since and will have a fulfillment until Gentile dominion is overthrown and the Lord establishes His Millennial Kingdom, with the Jews at the head of the nations.

The prophecy was uttered, not by a person with good will toward Israel, but by an enemy and by divine compulsion. It is contained in the third of the inspired declarations concerning God's people by Balaam, whom Balak, king of Moab, had summoned to curse Israel. On this occasion Balaam lifted up his eyes, and "saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him." Num. 24:2, R.V.

The closing pronouncement of that prophecy was of worldwide application, whether to individuals or to nations and their governments. It was the irrevocable decree: "Blessed be every one that blesseth thee, and cursed be every one that curseth thee." It signified that the blessing of God would be given to all who do good to the Jews, and that all who antagonized them or did them evil would receive retribution at His hand. It was not merely a matter of pronouncing blessing or malediction; the blessing and the cursing have a wider significance, one of deed as well as word, of favor shown and of judgment inflicted.

As an instance of the blessing granted to individual Gentiles for their kindness to Jews, there is the case of the centurion of Capernaum, who sent elders of the Jews to the Lord with the request that He would come and heal His servant. The elders, in beseeching Him to do so said of the centurion: "He is worthy that Thou shouldest do this for him: for he loveth our nation and himself built us our synagogue." Luke 7:4, 5, R.V. Balaam's prophecy received fulfillment in the divine blessing of the immediate healing of the servant, with the Lord's testimony to the multitude concerning the centurion's humility and faith: "I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

Then there is the case of Cornelius, the centurion of Caesarea. He not only feared God with all his house, but "gave much alms to the people." The blessing came to him in another way. An angel of God came to tell him that his prayers and his alms had "gone up for a memorial before God." He and "his kinsmen and his near friends" received the blessing of the gospel and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 10.

The history of nations provides constant and remarkable examples. When Gentile powers whom God, in judgment upon His people, permitted to take them into captivity and occupy their land, overstepped the limits of the authority committed to them, and treated the Jews with cruelty and brutality, they were visited with divine vengeance. Their power and authority were wrested from them. So it was with the Assyrians, and afterwards with the Chaldeans.

Under the Persians there came a change of attitude, resulting, in one particular instance, in the fulfillment of Balaam's prophecy of blessing. In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, owing to the operation of the Lord upon his spirit, he made a proclamation, testifying that he owed his power to the God of heaven, and that He had charged him to build Him a house in Jerusalem (he must have been a man who had come to know the true God). He showed such favor to God's people that he did his utmost to help them in the restoration of the Temple and their worship, making provision of materials and beasts and precious things, as well as giving back the vessels which Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon. Ezra 1. The Eastern monarch was sure to come in for blessing in consequence. This was decreed for him through Isaiah. The Lord, by that prophet, calls Cyrus His "shepherd," His "anointed," and promises that He will "loose the loins of kings," will "open the doors before him," will "go before him and make the rugged places plain," will give him "the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places." Isa. 44:28 to 45:1-3. Thus was the word fulfilled: "Blessed be every one that blesseth thee."

The Roman power was permitted to occupy Palestine and rule over the Jews, and that Empire prospered while they showed them mercy. The consummate guilt of God's people in their rejection and crucifixion of His Son brought upon them the calamities at the hands of the Romans which Christ Himself had foretold. Yet in this very retribution they overstepped the mark and went to the extreme of cruelty. In A.D. 70 the Roman General Titus crucified thousands of Jews all round Jerusalem, and the nation suffered terribly under the Empire. The Lord in consequence brought about the complete overthrow of this the mightiest Empire hitherto in human history.

Limits of space prevent our mentioning further illustrations of the fulfillment of God's decree through Balaam. We might do so in recording facts of past and recent European history. For instance, the working out of the prophecy was seen strikingly at the close of the German War, 1939-45. Under the Hitler regime the Jews of Central Europe and Poland suffered nameless horrors in internment camps and were butchered in vast numbers by the Nazi power.

The eventual overthrow of that power was utter and complete. Its leader perished miserably in the overthrow of his citadel. All his lieutenants suffered death as criminals on the gallows, save one or two who contrived to outwit justice by suicide. The name of the regime is now universally reprobated.

At the present time, is it not significant that America, which is especially adopting an attitude of favor towards the Jews, is being so abundantly prospered that it can finance impoverished nations in Europe?

The ultimate efforts of the coming ruler of the federated nations of the world to exterminate the Jews will bring upon him and his associates the irreparable judgments destined to be exercised at the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Rev. 19:11-21), and thus will be fulfilled the ancient word: "Cursed be every one that curseth thee."

Crises do not make character; they only discover it.

Too Deep a Channel

F. HELEN JARVIS

● As the great Columbia River crosses the state of Washington, it takes a great curve which is known as the "Big Bend." In years past before the construction of the "Big Coulee" project, great stretches of this particular section of country were quite barren of vegetation and even of plants found normally in arid regions. A sheep would have had to travel many miles to find a meager meal.

What was the reason? The answer is interesting and almost odd. The rainfall was limited and there was no water. No water! yet there for many miles the mighty Columbia River wended its way across the land! True, but that magnificent stream which had its source in the mountains of Canada, by the time it reached the "Big Bend" country had cut such a deep channel that high barren river banks kept the waters from flowing out to the thirsty soil and being a blessing to the land through which it passed.

How like certain Christians this is. God has intended that the waters of the anointing from heaven which we have as a stream within our being should be dispersed abroad to the thirsty and parched souls about us. Sad to say, there are those who become so occupied with their own personal benefits of the grace of God that they "hug" within themselves the divine rivers which He wishes spread abroad as a blessing to others. Some, while continually talking of a "deeper life," refuse to take the trouble to give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus. Most of us are not Amazonian rivers of spiritual power, but at least we can be helpful to some needy soul in this weary, thirsty world.

The fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah describes a "fast" which, briefly summarized, consists of being helpful, full of good works, and showing mercy to others. The promise is that the one who will so do, shall be "like a watered garden" and like an unfailing spring (verse 11). Wherefore, let us take a little lesson, and visioning the need consider how we are cutting our channel in which the divine rivers are to flow.

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REBUILDING THE NATION AND TEMPLE

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sired and worthy of our longing, praise and adoration. "We have such an High Priest who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man." Heb. 8:1-2. This is the Christian's true tabernacle, and all others, whether built by Jews or not, without Christ, are bound to be false.

The woman of Samaria said to Jesus, "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe Me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. . . . But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for

the Father seeketh such to worship Him." John 4:21-23.

Likewise the sacrifice: there is only one true propitiation for the sins of the world; namely Jesus Christ the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world. Any other, as either substitute, imitation or addition, is blasphemy, or, as the Church of England Article of Faith (No. XXXI) says, "blasphemous fables and dangerous conceits." The Epistle to the Hebrews teaches us that Christ is better than the angels; Christ is better than Old Testament sacrifices; Christ is greater than Aaron. "Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Heb. 9:11-12. "For Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 9:24.

This is the teaching of the New Testament—this is the Christian gospel that the Hebrew people, as well as all others, need so much in these last days, and which, as ministers of the same gospel, we are in duty bound to preach with all our hearts, and all our souls, and all our strength until we meet with Christ and His Bride in the New Jerusalem.—*Scott Mission News.*

*Set our foundations on the holy hills;
Our city found
Firm on the bedrock of Truth; our wills
Settle and ground.
Cause us to stand to our own conscience clear;
Cause us to be the thing that we appear.*

FEAR OF FANATICISM

Some men are afraid of being too religious. What we need today are men who believe down deep in their soul what they profess. The world is tired and sick of sham. Let your whole heart be given up to God's service. Aim high. God wants us all to be His ambassadors. It is a position higher than that of any monarch on earth to be a herald of the cross; but you must be filled with the Holy Ghost. A great many people are afraid to be filled with the Spirit of God—afraid of being called fanatics. *You are not good for anything until the world considers you a fanatic.* Fox said that every Quaker ought to shake the country ten miles around. What does the Scripture say? "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight." It takes about a thousand to chase one now. It takes about a thousand Christians to make one decent one now. Why? Because they are afraid of being too religious. What does this world want today? Men—men that are out and out for God, and not half-hearted in their allegiance and service.—D. L. Moody.

Among the Assemblies

ANADARKO, OKLA.—We have just concluded a very fine revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. R. E. Gilliam of North Little Rock, Ark. No record was kept, but several were saved and several were filled with the Holy Spirit. The entire church was revived, and our all-time Sunday School record was broken with 272 present. Our altar was so filled with seekers that we had to build another altar to accommodate them. Ten men and five women were baptized in water.—Leslie Moore, Pastor.

CERES, CALIF.—Just closed a 6-week revival meeting with Evangelist J. G. Garland of Vallejo. Several were saved and 19 were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed with the Word of God.—Pastor and Mrs. Truman Carlton.

WICHITA, KANSAS—We have just closed one of the greatest revival meetings in the history of the Orchard Park Assembly of God. Nine were saved, 29 received the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, and many were refilled. Our evangelist, Eugene Smith, from Cheyenne, Wyo., preached from night to night with a real anointing upon his ministry.—C. W. Shumway, Pastor.

EUDORA, KANSAS—We just closed a 2-week revival meeting with Evangelist Donald Payne of Route 2, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Seven were saved, one was reclaimed, and one received the Baptism according to Acts 2:4. The power of the Lord was present in every service, to save, heal, and baptize. The town was stirred, and many new people came to the meetings.—Orville Grace, Pastor.

LAKEVILLE, IND.—Brother and Sister A. R. Vander Ploeg of Toledo, Ohio, came to us April 20 for a 2-week meeting and God met us so graciously that the revival continued for four weeks. Twenty were saved, and 6 others came back to the Lord. The church was packed out on several occasions. God's healing power was manifested in a marvelous way in our Friday evening divine healing services. The pastor had lost the use of his right arm from the shoulder to the elbow and in answer to prayer the use of the arm was restored.—Ross Simmons, Pastor.

PLACERVILLE, CALIF.—Since our coming to the Full Gospel Church here, the Sunday School has broken the attendance record with a high of 87. The young people have been encouraged to commence their services again, and now have complete charge each Thursday night. A new automatic oil furnace has been installed to heat all the rooms on the three floors. Four Sunday School rooms and a Young People's hall are being constructed in the basement.

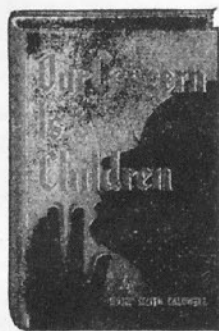
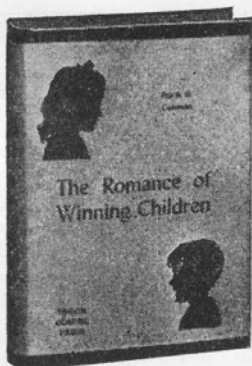
We have resigned the pastorate here, the resignation to take effect June 12 or as soon thereafter as a new pastor can be installed.—G. Oliver Hall and Opal L. Hall.

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METROPOLITAN BIBLE INSTITUTE
COMMENCEMENT

The 37th Annual Commencement of the Metropolitan Bible Institute took place at the Ramapo Gospel Park, Suffern, N. Y., the new home of the school. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by President N. Nikoloff in the school chapel on Sunday, May 29, at 3:30 p.m. The Alumni Association had their annual meeting at 10 a.m., May 30, concluding it with a banquet. The graduation exercises were held in the spacious auditorium of the Suffern High School at 3 p.m. R. Goodwin was in charge of the program and Mrs. F. Knecht conducted the music. The speaker at the 7:30 Fellowship Rally was O. Cope Budge.—N. Nikoloff.

(Near) FAIRFIELD, TEXAS—On the first Sunday in April the Highway Chapel on the grounds of the Daniel Memorial Orphanage held its first service, with 114 present. The Missionary offering was \$30.65. This church is located on Highway 84, about 15 miles east of Fairfield, and the same distance west of Palestine, Texas. At the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the Home, after much prayer and waiting on the Lord, it was voted to organize a church for the community and Home. Services are held in the Administration Building until a church building can be erected. This church is within the bounds of the Texas District Council and the Waco Section of the Assemblies of God. We solicit the prayers of the church at large for this new work. F. L. McGown, Secretary of the Board of Directors.

REPORT FROM WEST AFRICA

Brother and Sister A. N. Trotter report that God has given them an old-fashioned revival in Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. Feeling the burden for evangelizing among the English-speaking towns of West Africa, Brother Trotter cancelled over a year's booking of evangelistic meetings and several camp meetings for the summer of 1949, and they sailed on February 22 for Liberia. They began a revival meeting in the Monrovia church on March 27, which continued 6 weeks. Many were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and marvelous manifestations of the Spirit were in evidence. Several young men feel called to preach, and the revival continues. Brother and Sister Trotter will continue in evangelistic work in Africa for some time, and are scheduled to hold meetings on the Gold Coast and in Nigeria.

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.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—June 12-26; Christian Hild, Evangelist.—Fay Hutchinson, Pastor.

SANFORD, ME.—Sanford Full Gospel Tabernacle, June 5-15; Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Vineyard of Kansas.—Charles Robertson, Pastor.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, June 12—; Jonathan M. Davis, former U. S. Army chaplain.—E. B. and Emma Taylor, Pastors.

SEMINOLE, OKLA.—June 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. D. C. Ogden of Covington, Tenn. Berl Dodd is Pastor.

TRILBY, FLA.—June 26—; C. M. Smitley of Springfield, Mo., Evangelist.—Fred and Gladys Voight, Pastors.

SUNNYVALE, CALIF.—First Assembly of God; June 5, for 2 weeks or longer; Robert Clark of Bakersfield, Evangelist.—S. Albert Ogle, Pastor.

SANTA ANA, CALIF.—First Assembly of God, 1600 W. Third, June 12—; Evangelist and Mrs. Dean E. Duncan, Denver, Colo.—Ben Hardin, Pastor.

ARKANSAS DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Arkansas District Camp Meeting will be held at Ozark-Lithia Camp Ground, 9 miles from Hot Springs, Ark., on Highway 7, July 13-22. Speakers: Evangelist Bracy I. Greer and Evangelist T. J. Jones. Three services each day. D.V.B.S. for the children.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

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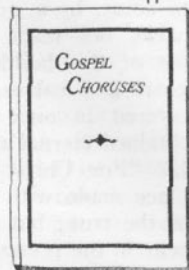
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UTAH CAMP MEETING

The Annual Utah State Camp Meeting will be held June 12-19, at the Daughters of Pioneers Auditorium, Provo, Utah. Evangelist W. M. Stevens of Denver, Colo., guest speaker.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

POTOMAC PARK CAMP MEETING

Potomac Park Camp Meeting, July 24—August 14. Lester Sumrall, South Bend, Ind., Camp Evangelist. John Wright Follette, New Paltz, N. Y., Camp Bible Teacher. For further information or reservations, write: T. B. Pierce, 105 Grigg St., Petersburg, Va. O. L. Harrup, District Superintendent; E. O. Dickerson, Secretary-Treasurer.

NEW MEXICO DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

Seventh Annual Camp Meeting of the New Mexico District, Mountainair, N. Mex., July 15-24. Aaron A. Wilson of Kansas City, Mo., morning and evening speaker. Visiting and District ministers will speak in the afternoon services. Cafeteria on grounds. For further information write District Superintendent H. M. Fulfer, Box 353, Mountainair, N. Mex.—Irvin E. Smith, District Secretary-Treasurer.

KENTUCKY DISTRICT CAMP MEETING AND COUNCIL

STANTON, KY.—Kentucky District Camp Meeting, June 21-30. Virgil Jackson, Camp evangelist. Harry Myers, afternoon C. A. Speaker. H. C. Ball, special speaker at Missionary Rally, Sunday, June 26. Fifteenth Annual Kentucky District Council, June 28-30. For reservations write E. F. Dana, Route 1, Winchester, Ky.—Carl E. Schmidt, District Secretary.

DALLAS, TEXAS—Grace Assembly of God, 2421 Exeter St., June 19, for 2 weeks or longer; E. R. Anderson of Ft. Worth, Evangelist.—Fred Davis, Pastor.

MENA, ARK.—City-wide Revival Meeting sponsored by the Assembly of God, the Pentecostal Church of God, the Free Pentecost Church, and other churches, July 5-31; Christian Jewish Evangelist and Mrs. Lee Krupnick, Tulsa, Okla.—Floyd Ashpole, Pastor.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Annual Camp Meeting of the Rocky Mountain District will be held at the District Headquarters on the Camp Grounds near Denver, August 2-12. W. I. Evans, Springfield, Mo., morning Bible teacher; B. Owen Oslin, Ft. Smith, Ark., evening evangelist. For reservation information write District Secretary, R. G. Fulford, 5700 S. Broadway, Littleton, Colo.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

The Western North Carolina Camp Meeting will be held at Cullasaja, N. C., July 3-17. Thomas B. Don Carlos, evangelist; Andrew Stirling, Bible teacher; Ben Dickson in charge of C.A.'s, and Violet Blum in charge of children's services. Rooms in homes. Meals on camp grounds. For accommodations write Fred Sorrells, Cullasaja, N. C.

ARKANSAS SECTIONAL COUNCILS

Sectional Councils for Arkansas District: Section 14, June 23, Monticello. Section 6, June 27, Morrilton. Section 2, June 30, Harrison. Section 5, June 30, Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith. Section 12, July 1, First Assembly, Texarkana. Section 4, July 6, Black Oak. Section 1, July 28, Rogers. Section 10, Aug. 1, Benton. Section 3, Aug. 8, Tuckerman. Section 8, Aug. 11, Parkin.—H. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

OREGON CAMP MEETING

Oregon District Camp Meeting, Bethel Gospel Park, Brooks, Ore. (9 miles north of Salem, on Highway 99), June 27—July 10. For further information write Assemblies of God, Oregon District, Bethel Gospel Park, Brooks, Ore.—N. D. Davidson, District Secretary.

MICHIGAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CAMPS

FA-HO-LO PARK, GRASS LAKE, MICH.—Boys' Camp, July 9—16; Girls' Camp, July 16—23. Ages 10—14, inclusive. Directors: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. H. Scott. Religious instructors: Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearsall. A time of spiritual instruction and delightful recreation for boys and girls. Entire cost only \$14.50. Mail applications to Michigan District Council, 209 N. Wallace Blvd., Ypsilanti, Mich.—D. G. Foote, Secretary-Treasurer.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Assemblies of God will meet in the Civic 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 R. F. Ashworth, Housing Committee Chairman, 648 West 80th St., Seattle 7, Wash.

WESTERN SLOPE SECTIONAL CAMP MEETING

The Sectional Camp Meeting for the Western Slope of Colorado will be held June 24—July 4, at the Sectional Camp site, one mile north and one mile west of Grand Junction, Colo. J. B. Lindsey, pastor at Russellville, Ark., special speaker. For room information write the local pastor, Ralph M. Hutchinson, 408 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, Colo.—J. E. Austell, District Superintendent.

GOOD SAMARITAN CAMP MEETING

Good Samaritan Camp Meeting, between Hammondsville, Bergholz and Salineville, Ohio, July 26—31. Look for sings along country roads. J. G. Warton, evangelist and Bible teacher. A. Woluewich, song leader and in charge of young people's services. James Hengoid, pianist; Mrs. Hengoid will conduct children's church. Cafeteria in dining hall. Rooms, tents, and cottages for rent. For further information write A. B. McCausland, Route 1, Hammondsville, Ohio.

MONTANA CAMP MEETING

The 14th Annual Camp Meeting of the Montana District will be held at Glacier Assemblies of God Bible Camp, July 1—10. J. Wright Follette, Bible teacher; Robert F. Fierro, camp evangelist. Camp located ¼ mile north of Highway 2, at Hungry Horse, Mont., 11 miles west of Belton (west entrance to Glacier Park). Closest point on Great Northern Railway is Columbia Falls, Mont. Intermountain and Grayhound buses stop on the highway. For further information write Lyle B. Spradley, District Secretary, P.O. Box 1549, Great Falls Mont.

EASTERN DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

GREEN LANE, PA.—The 30th Annual Eastern District Camp Meeting, July 15 to August 14. Prayer Conference, July 15—16. Home Missions Day, July 31. Eastern Bible Institute Day, August 6. Foreign Missions Day, August 7. Speakers: Ralph Jeffrey, Maryland; B. E. Mahan, Washington, D. C.; Edgar Bethany, Georgia; and others. Paid workers wanted, men and women, including waitresses and experienced chefs; apply to Manager, giving age and pastor's recommendation. Write for camp folder.—Byron D. Jones, Manager, 79 Mary St., Ashley, Pa.

WISCONSIN-NORTH MICHIGAN COUNCIL AND CAMP MEETING

The 16th Annual Wisconsin-North Michigan District Council and Camp Meeting will be held at Spencer Lake Bible Camp, 5 miles south of Waupaca, Wis. Speakers include T. J. Jones, Clifton Erickson, and Tom Johnstone, Camp Meeting, July 28—August 7. Preceding the Camp Meeting will be the annual business meeting of the District Council, July 26—27. For further information write B. E. Stroud, Waupaca, Wis.—L. E. Curtis, District Secretary, 1208 Twelfth St., Monroe, Wis.

OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING

(Near) FAIRFIELD, TEXAS—Old-fashioned Pentecostal Camp Meeting, beginning July 13, on grounds of Daniel Memorial Orphanage, about 15 miles east of Fairfield. Services morning, afternoon, and evening in 60x90 tent. Speakers to be selected by pulpit committee from the brethren attending. Tents, cots, and meals available but campers should bring linens, pillows and bed covers. For information write Daniel Memorial Orphanage, Fairfield, Texas.—J. B. Daniel, President.

SOUTH FLORIDA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Sixth Annual Camp Meeting of the South Florida District will be held in the newly completed tabernacle on Lake Bonny Bible Camp Grounds, Lakeland, Fla., June 13—24. Our Camp Evangelist and Bible Teacher will be Philip J. Brauchler of Wollaston, Mass. Special afternoon Youth Rallies with Clifford T. Burkett of Oklahoma as special speaker. For further information or reservations write J. W. Collins, District Secretary, P.O. Box 428, Lakeland, Fla.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT CAMP MEETING

The Northern California and Nevada District Camp Meeting will be held at Bethany Park, 7 miles north of Santa Cruz on the Los Gatos Highway, July 1—17. D. H. McLaughlin of Tacoma, Wash., camp evangelist; W. I. Evans of C. B. L., Springfield, Mo., Bible teacher. Missionary Day, July 10. Missionaries will receive a cordial welcome and accommodations will be provided.—R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, 1475 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif.

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT COUNCIL

The South Carolina District Council will convene June 27—29 at the First Assembly of God, 1412 Richland St., Columbia, S. C. Ernest S. Williams, General Superintendent, special speaker. Rooms furnished as far as possible. Hotel reservations made by request. For further information write Pastor J. C. Hunnicutt, 1414 Richland St., Columbia, S. C.—C. L. Duck, District Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA CAMP MEETING

The 15th Annual Camp Meeting of the Assemblies of God in North Dakota will open June 21 and continue through July 4, at the Assemblies of God Camp Grounds, in Lakewood Park, near Devils Lake, N. Dak. T. J. Jones of Minneapolis, Minn., and Allen Mallory of Kitchener, Ontario, main speakers. We solicit your prayers. Cabins to rent; large cafeteria serves fine meals. Mail delivery daily. Write G. L. Riffe, Box 900, Devils Lake, N. Dak., for room reservations.—Herman G. Johnson, District Superintendent.

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WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT CAMP AND COUNCIL

The West Florida District Camp Meeting will convene on our Blue Springs Camp Grounds, Marianna, Fla., July 25-Aug. 3, followed by the District Council August 4-5. Gayle F. Lewis, Springfield, Mo., and R. C. "Keetah" Jones, Atlanta, Ga., guest speakers. For further information write G. H. Blair, District Secretary, P. O. Box 465, Marianna, Fla.

HUNTINGTON LAKE, CALIF.—Family Camp, held at Lakeview Lodge, in High Sierras, 65 miles east of Fresno on Highway 168, July 2-9; L. R. Keys, San Francisco, speaker. Pastor H. Benson Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moyer of Fresno will assist. Bible study, rest and recreation for the entire family. For information and reservations address Lakeview Lodge, P. O. Box 7, Fresno, Calif. —Floyd L. Hawkins, Committee Chairman.

LAKE GENEVA CAMP MEETING AND NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT COUNCIL ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—North Central District Council, June 20. Camp Meeting, June 22-July 4. Special speakers: Tom Johnstone and W. E. Kirschke. Afternoon services given to special features: Missionary, Sunday School, C. A., N.C.B.I., Alumni, Home Missions. Ordination service, July 2, 10 a.m. Camp grounds and facilities have been enlarged and improved. For further information write H. R. Snyder, Treasurer, 910 Elliot Ave., Minneapolis 4, Minn.—G. Raymond Carlson, District Superintendent.

UKRAINIAN BRANCH COUNCIL

The Ukrainian Branch Council will meet at the First Ukrainian Evangelical Pentecostal Church, Third Ave. and Seventh St., New York City, N.Y., June 16-18. William Melnychuk of Canada, special speaker. Devotional services daily at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Business sessions at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Fred Smolchuck, returning from Europe, is expected to give a report of work among D.P.'s in Germany. For accommodations write B. E. Hutzaluk, Secretary, 9 East Seventh St., New York 3, N.Y. All invited. Special services for young people at 6:15 p.m.—Fred Smolchuck, Superintendent; by Miss C. Wowk.

OHIO STATE CAMP, BIG PRAIRIE, OHIO

Main Camp, June 27-July 10. Chas. E. Butterfield, morning and night speaker. Gay Benson, afternoon speaker. For reservations write C. W. Hahn, 1184 E. Third St., Salem, Ohio.

Girls' camp, July 12-19. Boys' camp, July 19-26. Lou Bina Stoner and Edwina Pollock, children's workers. Write District Office, 110 Buckeye St., Dayton 2, Ohio, for application blanks for the Girls' or the Boys' Camp.

Youth Conference, July 30-August 6. C. C. Burnett, evening speaker. Make application to Ruth Ridgeway, 148 Grove St., Marysville, Ohio.—Paul J. Emery, District Secretary-Treasurer.

SOUTHERN IDAHO CAMP MEETING

The Fourth Annual Southern Idaho District Camp Meeting will be held June 28-July 7. U. S. Grant Kansas City, Kansas, morning and evening speaker. Robert Cummings, returned missionary from North Idaho, afternoon speaker. Evangelist and Mrs. L. N. Pearsall will conduct children's meetings. Tents, cots, straw, groceries and meals may be obtained on camp grounds, located 18 miles west of Boise on Highway 20, one mile south of Wright's corner service station. All paved road. For further information write O. C. Arneson, District Superintendent, 524 E. Jefferson St., Boise, Idaho.—J. E. Shaw, District Secretary.

BLACK HILLS CAMP MEETING AND BIBLE CONFERENCE

Black Hills Camp Meeting and Bible Conference, Assembly of God Camp Grounds, Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, S. Dak., June 24-July 4. J. B. McIntosh Camp evangelist. John Johnson, Camp Bible Teacher and Missionary speaker. M. M. Brewer, C. A. speaker. Services daily, 9 and 10:30 a.m., 2:30, 6:45 and 8 p. m. Accommodations include dining hall, lunch stand, cabins and camping space. For further information write W. E. Cummings, District Superintendent, 410 East Sixth Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak., or R. C. Zink, Caretaker, Assembly Road, Rapid City, S. Dak.—W. E. Cummings, Superintendent.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

NEW ADDRESS—We have located at 626 S. 10th St., Kansas City, Kansas.—E. L. Slavens.

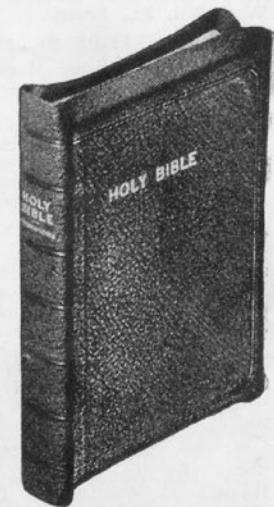
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19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate val-

the river, strong and many, king of As-syr'i-á, and all he and he shall come up over channels, and go over all his 8 And he shall pass through dah; he shall overflow and he shall reach even to the stretching out of his wi

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